NOW IN ITS 13TH YEAR, THE CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE YOUNG WRITERS’ CONFERENCE (CCYW), A RESIDENTIAL WRITERS’ WEEKEND FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, CONVENES THIS MAY 24-MAY 26 ON THE HILLSIDE CAMPUS OF BURLINGTON’S CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE. IF YOU ARE AN EMERGING WRITER; IF YOU’VE EVER DREAMED OF STUDYING THE CRAFT WITH CELEBRATED AUTHORS; IF YOU’VE EVER LONGED TO MEET OTHERS WHO SHARE YOUR PASSION FOR STORY, DRAMA, AND SONG; THIS CONFERENCE IS FOR YOU. PARTICIPATE IN OVER TEN HOURS OF INTENSIVE FICTION, POETRY, SONGWRITING, CREATIVE NONFICTION, DRAMATIC WRITING, AND PERFORMANCE/IMPROV WORKSHOPS; EXCHANGE AND CRITIQUE MANUSCRIPTS; ATTEND FACULTY READINGS AND CRAFT SESSIONS; AND MEET ONE-ON-ONE WITH YOUR WORKSHOP LEADER. ON FRIDAY, GO TO THE GOOD PLACE WITH OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER, AWARD-WINNING POET AND ESSAYIST, WESLEY MCNAIR. AND THERE’S MORE: FRIDAY EVENING, READ TO JAZZ WITH MICHAEL CHORNEY’S CELEBRATED LITERARY JAZZ ENSEMBLE, OR READ POEMS AND PROSE TO OPEN MIC. ON SATURDAY, SLAM THE NIGHT AWAY WITH OUR OWN IN-HOUSE ORACLE, THE RENOWNED VERMONT SLAM CHAMPION, GEOF HEWITT. LATER, LET THE BADGER OUT WITH THE YOUNG WRITERS’ IMPROV THEATER, AND KICK UP YOUR HEELS AT THE SPECTACULAR YOUNG WRITERS’ CONTRA DANCE. SPECIAL NOTE: HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND WRITERLY PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY AS CHAPERONES, AND ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THEIR OWN WRITING WORKSHOP WITH POET AND NOVELIST, DANIEL LUSK.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER WESLEY MCNAIR, is the author of nine volumes of poetry, including Lovers of the Lost: New and Selected Poems. He has held grants from the Fulbright and Guggenheim foundations, two Rockefeller Fellowships, two NEA fellowships, and four honorary degrees for literary distinction. In 2006 he was selected for a United States Artists Fellowship as one of “America’s finest living artists.” Other honors include the Robert Frost Award, the Theodore Roethke Prize, an Emmy Award, and the Sarah Josepha Hale Medal. He was recently invited for the second time to read his poetry at the Library of Congress, and has served four times on the nominating committee for the Pulitzer Prize in poetry. McNair’s latest book, his nineteenth, is The Words I Chose, a memoir telling the story of how he became a poet against the odds of a broken home, poverty, and the hardships of family life. He is the Poet Laureate of Maine.
WHO’S QUALIFIED? **APPLICATION** To the Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference is open to all high school-aged students. We’re interested in serious, talented young writers who also show a level of maturity and responsibility appropriate for attending a weekend workshop on a college campus. Along with the application, Poets/Songwriters are asked to submit two copies of a one-page writing sample. Songwriters are encouraged (but not required) to forward a CD or MP3 of their work. Fiction, Non-Fiction, and Dramatic Writing applicants should submit two copies of a writing sample of no more than three pages. Application forms are available on our website: champlain.edu/write. If you have questions regarding the application process, please contact Lesley Wright: ccyw@champlain.edu or (802) 247-5920. **DEADLINE** Applications should be postmarked by February 15, 2013. Early submissions are encouraged. **FEE** The all-inclusive fee for the 2013 Champlain College Young Writers’ Conference is $325, and is due after acceptance. **CHAPERONES** Teachers and writerly parents are invited to attend all events and participate in their own workshop, free of charge.

**FOR A FULL SCHEDULE OF CCYW 2013 EVENTS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT:** CHAMPLAIN.EDU/WRITE

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