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***2019 Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop Graduates to
Appear at the Magic City Poetry Festival***

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The 2019 graduates of the Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop will give readings at the Magic City Poetry Festival April 26, at 11 a.m., on the Magic City Art Connection Event Stage.

The 2019 cohort of the Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop represents over 15 Alabama schools including the Alabama School of Fine Arts, Bessemer Academy, Clay Chalkville High School, Gadsden City School, Ramsay High School, and more. Only thirty students are selected every summer to work closely with nationally acclaimed novelists, essayists, and poets in small groups and one-on-one.

This year's workshop will take place June 1-19. Rising high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors can visit go.uab.edu/ada to apply.

The Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop provides inspiration, guidance, and support to help high school students express their ideas. They are encouraged to explore and find inspiration in Birmingham's rich culture and history through field trips, creative activities, and presentations. Students are able to explore different genres such as poetry, fiction, memoir, and magazine production. They draft, critique, and revise original works weekly, culminating in a published piece in *The Writer's Block*, the workshop's yearly anthology. Students can earn up to one hour of college credit.

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The Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop is sponsored by the UAB Department of English. It is named in honor of Dr. Ada Long, founding Director of the UAB Honors Program, Professor of English, and lifelong advocate for community outreach, the value of a liberal education, and the enduring significance of literature.