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## A Letter from the Editors

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## **A Letter from the Editor:**

Dear Reader,

The editorial and design staff is pleased to present this year's edition of *Calliope*. Not unlike previous years, this year's *Calliope* reflects the creativity and artistic expression of Pacific's finest writers and artists, as well as many hours of editing and careful selection by *Calliope*'s meticulous and demanding staff. Still, without those who bravely submitted their work for the initial reviewing process or the contributions from our generous sponsors, this magazine would not be possible.

After much discussion, the staff came up with the title *Five Minutes to Madalyn: Why Do You Have a Lantern?* for this year's edition of the magazine. Like any good work of art, the literary and visual submissions were filled with tension in numerous forms: the tensions felt between two people, the mental tensions associated with war, and the inner conflicts that reside in each of us. From this general theme the idea of a lantern surfaced as a metaphor to indicate that dark moments ultimately give way to the brighter flame of self-knowing and personal revelation.

Ultimately, each piece that we received represented a "truth" stemming from the unique experiences of each writer and artist. For selections that were not included in this year's edition, we would like to thank you for submitting a portion of your own truths for our review. To those who see their pieces here, the editorial and design staff extends a humble thank you for trusting us with the integrity of your work and the truths they contain.

— The Literary Team