

English

Vince Grafton

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The English Department is proud to honor Vince Grafton as this year's outstanding student, both for the quality of his writing and for his role as a leader in the classroom. Vince's work demonstrates insightful close-reading as well as creative, big-picture thinking about the larger ideas a text explores. He also writes powerfully about the ongoing relevance of these ideas. A returning student—he is back at SBCC after working full-time for the Forest Service for many years—Vince models an inspiring work ethic as well as a dedication to fostering the classroom community. He comes to class ready to share nuanced details from the assigned texts and to draw connections among the ideas raised by others during discussion.