

April 3, 2022

Dear Carla:

Thank you for your submission titled *Barbie Playtime Memoir* to the 2022 Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award, sponsored by the Minnesota State system. Unfortunately your work was not selected, however the committee named two honorable mentions, and your essay was selected as one of the two pieces recognized for 2022 honorable mention. Although this is not a monetary award, please note as an honorable mention for this distinguished award, you have achieved something noteworthy and I congratulate you on this recognition.

The committee of judges, Amy Gort, Zarah Moeggenberg and Jeremy Bandow were impressed by the strong and diverse pool of applicants, making selecting a winner from our university a difficult decision. The State of Minnesota will announce the winners from all the State Colleges and Universities on May 16, 2022.

The Robert L. Carothers Distinguished Writers Award was created in June 1991, to acknowledge Chancellor Carothers' outstanding contribution to the Minnesota State University System and to higher education in Minnesota by providing a way to highlight the work of student writers at the Minnesota state universities. This endowment provides one student at each of the state universities with \$500, awarded in September, 2022.

Thank you, again, for your submission. We wish you all the very best.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Nielsen
Chair of the Carothers Award Selection Committee, 2022