Introduction to *Writes of Passage*

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Writing is one of the key forms of expression and communication in society. However, the ability to effectively and eloquently communicate through writing is becoming less popular in our society as professional writing is replaced by slang words, online vernacular, or colloquial speech. The transition to a more relaxed way of writing is leaving many people at a loss when it comes to writing proficiently in the professional fields.

Wheelock College, however, places a considerable emphasis on formal writing and the ability to express oneself in a professional manner. The career fields that many Wheelock students pursue require that employees articulate their thoughts, theories, and ideas in a way that is appropriate for their field. Wheelock prepares its students through writing assignments that allow students to convey their ideas and passions with a professional approach.

*Writes of Passage* was created to celebrate Wheelock students and their writing as they continue through their professional and arts and sciences majors. The student pieces that were selected exhibit the knowledge and enthusiasm each author has for the topic at hand and especially for their chosen profession. Therefore, we present the first installment of *The Writes of Passage*, which not only displays the passion Wheelock students have for their future profession, but for writing as well.