Stratton, Bolt, Prizes Given For Creative Work In Humanities

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The Humanities Department has honored eight undergraduates for their outstanding creative work during the 1956-1957 year.

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The Stratton Prizes were established by the Humanities Department at MIT in 1955 by a bequest from Albert T. Bolt of Brookline, made "to stimulate interest in the best use of the English language."