

Arnett Post Visit

By Cami Craig

The 2020 Winter with the Writer's Literary Festival kicked off this past week with New York Times Best-Selling author and Rollins College Alumna, Kristin Arnett. Given that Arnett was a former intern for the festival, the inaugural intern reunion was held on Wednesday, February 12th. With a collective goal to celebrate the successes of our very own, friends and alum of the program gathered for a reception. Carol Frost, director of the festival, greeted everyone with a speech and welcomed Arnett to the stage. Speaking about the formative experience of being an intern, student, and later librarian for Olin library, Arnett tearfully noted how honored she was to be back.

Following the reception, the public was invited to campus in Suntrust Auditorium for the Masterclass run by Arnett. Prior to the week's festivities, six current interns Annie Baumm, Hannah Butcher, Kendall Clarke, Alex Candage, Anne Miller, and Cami Craig submitted short excerpts of their own work to be reviewed and critiqued by the acclaimed author. According to Frost, there is no other college to her knowledge that offers such an opportunity to their students. Making special note of what the strongest and weakest portion of each piece, Arnett spoke a great deal to understanding where a story begins.

In conclusion to the first week of Rollins College's celebration of the literary arts, the public was welcomed into Bush Auditorium to hear a reading done by Arnett, a Q&A, and a book signing. Selecting an array of pages from her novel, the public was delighted to hear the enthusiastic reading of a work that has become so cherished by the community. Through the course of this first week, it has become evident that the 2020 season of Winter with the Writers is not going to disappoint.