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Winner of the 2010 Carlton E. Spitzer Excellence in Writing Award announced

The Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre has named “The ‘R’ Word,” by Ryan Schube the 2010 winner of its annual Carlton E. Spitzer Excellence in Writing Award.

Schube, 22, who lives near Atlanta, has Tourette syndrome. His multi-character play is based on his own life experience, working with adults with developmental disabilities.

“I was a shy youth until a family friend asked me to volunteer in a community center for persons with diverse developmental disabilities,” recalls Schube. “I learned about giving, mutual responsibility, love and hope. That profound experience changed my life and shaped my play.”

“We received several outstanding plays in the 2010 competition and our review panel had a difficult time deciding on a winner,” Executive Director Bob Chauncey noted.

Schube will receive a cash award and plaque. Motivational Theatre will premiere “The ‘R’ Word” on April 29 - May 1, and May 6-8 at the Cadby Theatre on the campus of Chesapeake College.