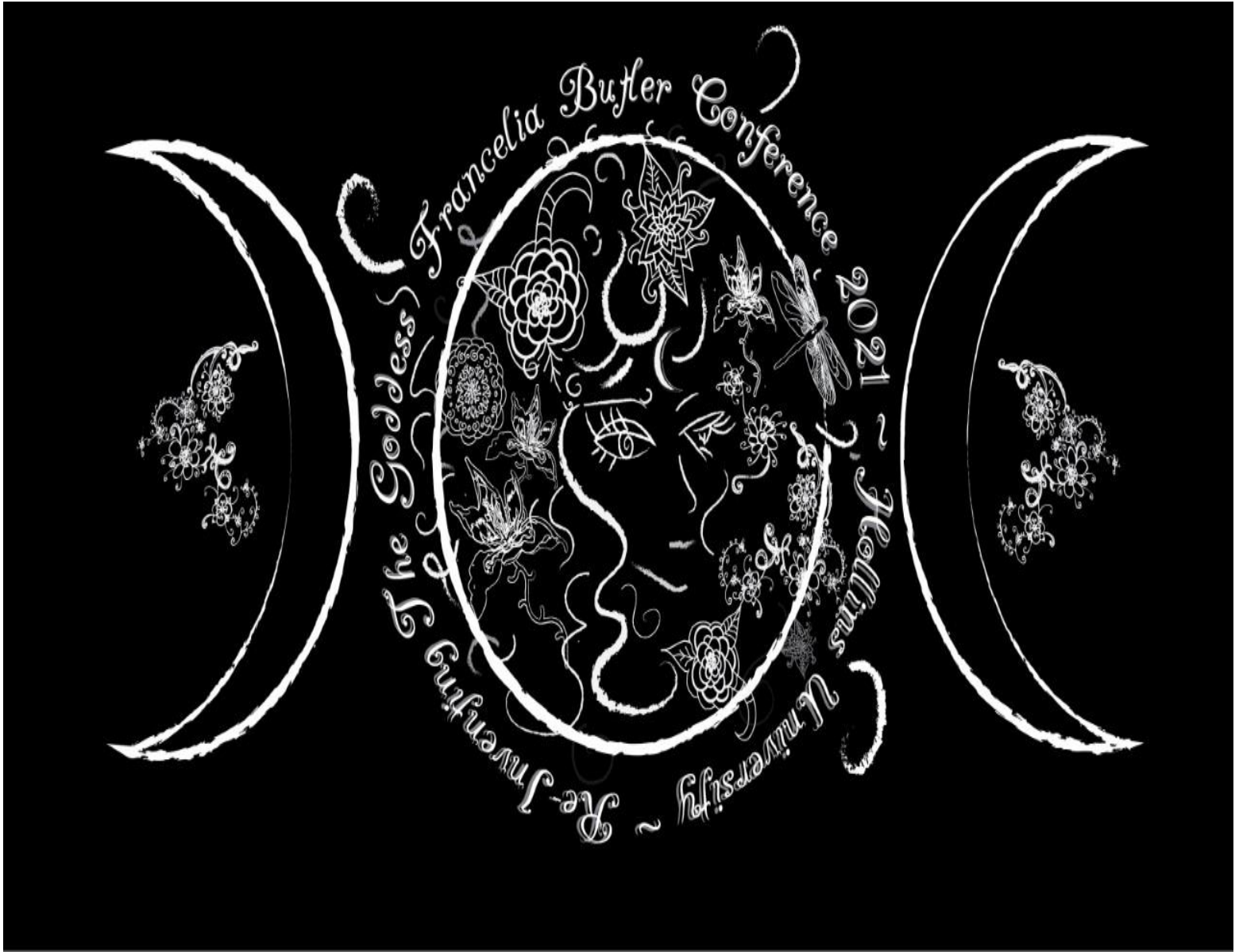


The 27th Annual

Francelia Butler Conference



About FBC

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Francelia Butler Conference is a one-day, student-run conference dedicated to the study of children's literature. Graduate students may submit creative and critical written pieces to be critiqued by a panel of distinguished judges. The Shirley Henn Award, Amanda Cockrell Award, or Margaret Kates Picture Book Award is given to the winner in each category. Students may also submit original artwork to the art show to earn the Margaret Kates Award. Another tradition, the Silent Auction, helps raise funds for future conferences.

ABOUT FRANCELIA BUTLER



Francelia Butler pioneered trails for the scholarly criticism of children's literature. She created the *Children's Literature* journal and was a founding member of the Children's Literature Association (ChLA). In 1992, at Butler's request, Hollins launched a Children's Literature graduate program when the university became the sponsor for Butler's scholarly journal. To this day, graduate students honor Francelia Butler by running this conference in her name, continuing her vision of blazing trails dedicated to the creativity, insight, and academic study of children's literature.