



National Federation of Press Women  
2008 High School Communications Competition

## WINNERS BY CATEGORY

### 1. EDITORIAL

**First place:** **Amaura Mitchell**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Mixed messages on hat rule"

**Second place:** **Dan Schwartz**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "What the VA Tech shootings mean for us"

**Third place:** **Kaley Cook**, Southwest High School, Lincoln, Neb., "Smoking rules don't apply"

**HM:** **Elizabeth Littauer**, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C., "Court decision tragedy for young citizens"

**HM:** **Madison Schaugaard**, Rogers High School, Rogers, Ark., "Viva les vending machines"

**HM:** **Hannah Peceny**, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, N.M., "Got guns?"

**Judge:** **John Diaz**, Editorial Page Editor, **San Francisco Chronicle**

### 2. OPINION

**First place:** **Yiren Lu**, Maria Carrillo High School, Santa Rosa, Calif., "Why young people love Obama"

**Second place:** **Erik Anderson**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "My experience with the R-word"

**Third place:** **Jenni Clafin**, Conway High School, Conway, Ark., "Mich. mandate sends cows to auction block"

**HM:** **Kristine Morgan**, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Families of alcoholics suffer from disease too"

**Judge:** **Jane Ahlin**, Columnist, **The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead**, Fargo, N.D.

### 3. NEWS STORY

**First place:** **Deanna Pan**, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "And Then There Were None: The play by play"

**Second place:** **Libby Nachman**, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Running from reality"

**Third place:** **Jackie Quinn**, Albany High School, Albany, Calif., "The no-fail zone?"

**HM:** **Ashika Kalra & Jessica Sandlund**, East High School, St. Charles, Ill., "Parents tried for teen drinking"

**HM:** **Franz Spillenger**, Central High School, Little Rock, Ark., "Sophomore recognized for gay rights efforts"

**Judge:** **Janell Cole**, Capitol Correspondent, **The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead**, Fargo, N.D.

### 4. FEATURE STORY

**First place:** **Megan Goodson**, Crandall High School, Crandall, Texas, "Crossing the color line"

**Second place:** **Caitlin Watson & Emily Hamilton**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Keep it off the field"

**Third place:** **Lisa Geddie**, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "Dealing with disorders"

**HM:** **Allison Kane**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "10,000K down 40,000K to go"

**HM:** **Kate Harrison**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Africa's world war has claimed millions"

**HM:** **Ashley Lane**, Wilmington Christian High School, Hockessin, Del., "Hope in a hopeless age"

**Judge:** **Jan Yanehiro**, Director, **Communications Department for Academy of Art University**, San Francisco

### 5. SPORTS STORY

**First place:** **Peter Johnson**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Hazing: a look inside the dark side of Paly sports"

**Second place:** **Alia Conley**, Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., "Breaking the ice"

**Third place:** **Brittany Huckaby**, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Keep on cheering: diabetes proves to be no hassle"

**HM:** **Deanna Kelley**, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas, "Fighting for the good"

**HM:** **Briana Gust**, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., "Coaches, colleagues and friends"

**HM:** **Andy Wagaman**, Parkland High School, Allentown, Penn., "Anthony swings his way toward Parkland history"

**Judge:** **Linda Cohn**, Anchor, **ESPN Sports Center (first female national sports anchor in television history)**

### 6. COLUMNS

**First place:** **Sean Griffard**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Sean's satire"

**Second place:** **Michelle Onorato**, Brandywine High School, Wilmington, Del., "Senior experiences"

**Third place:** **Jaelyn Chen**, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., "I tell it like it is"

**HM:** **Kaytee Comée**, Harker High School, San Jose, Calif., "The Comée Report"

**HM:** **Zachary White**, Riverside High School, Durham, N.C., "Pulpits no place for politicians"

**HM:** **Patricia Lee**, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, Calif., "Stand for democracy"

**Judge:** **Ann Killion**, Columnist, **San Jose Mercury News**

### 7. FEATURE PHOTO

**First place:** **Joanne Okonski**, Maine West High School, Des Plaines, Ill., "Culture in motion"

**Second place:** **Sally Drape**, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Senior Meg Sterchi"

**Third place:** **Kara Feistner**, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon Valley, S.D., "Jennifer Larson, mother"

**HM:** **Jennifer Acuff**, A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, Texas, "Freshman Patrick Galloway builds a tower"

**Judge: Ron McQueeney, Director of Photo Operations, Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

#### **8. SPORTS PHOTO**

**First place: Sally Drape**, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Kneeling on the ground"

**Second place: Laura Beahm**, Hastings High School, Hastings, Neb., "Celebrating a point"

**Third place: Ashley Elson**, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., "Quick step"

**HM: Jeff Totten**, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., "Athletes of the issue: Joey Anderson"

**HM: Ashley Hensley**, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas, "Eye on landing"

**Judge: Ron McQueeney, Director of Photo Operations, Indianapolis Motor Speedway**

#### **9. CARTOONING**

**First place: Sanner Patton**, Conway High School, Conway, Ark., "The chronicles of Bedhead"

**Second place: Marissa Eurek**, Loup City High School, Loup City, Neb., "Nebraska thanksgiving"

**Third place: Michael Bush**, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Volume II - Progress"

**Judge: Summerlea Kasher, Administrator/Assistant Director, Cartoon Art Museum, San Francisco**  
**Andrew Farago, Gallery Manager/Curator/Volunteer Coordinator, Cartoon Art Museum**

#### **10. REVIEW**

**First place: J.J. Lang & Sebastian Werner**, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., "Boys become men at hands of legendary El Gigante"

**Second place: Tesha Kondrat**, Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., "YouTube nation"

**Third place: Nicole Crapps**, South Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska, "Sugarland sours on second CD"

**HM: Matthew Heck**, East High School, Wichita, Kan., "The Alchemist"

**HM: Peter Frost**, Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., "Voodoo Music Festival"

**HM: Austin Hartsook**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "Who brought the better beats"

**HM: Jeanette Wall**, Center Grove High School, Greenwood, Ind., "You kill me, Klosterman"

**Judge: Jay Cooke, Editor, Lonely Planet**

#### **11. GRAPHICS**

**First place: Amaura Mitchell**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Cover"

**Second place: Jason Olona**, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "Ship"

**Third place: Kate Coombs**, Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, Ill., "Going green"

**HM: Patrick Breen**, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., "Area video games"

**HM: Kyle Baird**, Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., "All shook up"

**HM: Stephen Taylor**, Glasgow High School, Newark, Del., "Entertainment header"

**HM: Brett Carville**, Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., "Taking the plunge"

**Judge: Randi Lobdell, Graphic Artist, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, N.D.**

#### **12. SINGLE-PAGE LAYOUT**

**First place: Paige Xu**, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., "Love never grows old"

**Second place: Sarah Huelskamp**, Central High School, Andover, Kan., "Presenting the best & worst of 2007"

**Third place: Veronica Heatherly**, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "What's next? Choices"

**HM: Ashley Shelling**, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon Valley, S.D., "Voices"

**HM: Matt Akins**, South Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska, "Entertainment"

**Judge: Katie Tamony, Editor in Chief, Sunset Magazine**

#### **13. DOUBLE-TRUCK LAYOUT**

**First place: Sarah Huelskamp**, Central High School, Andover, Kan., "I love you baby but not like my guitar"

**Second place: Meredith Dover**, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Race for equality"

**Third place: Brady Renard**, C.E. Byrd High School, Shreveport, La., "Factor of five"

**HM: Allison Kane**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "Work force fashion"

**HM: Briana Gust**, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., "Preview to the 2008 election"

**HM: Clariza Abrena**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Love at THS"

**Judge: Katie Tamony, Editor in Chief, Sunset Magazine**

#### **14. ENVIRONMENT**

**First place: Rachel Hwang**, Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif., "Fresh from the farm"

**Second place: Tanner Ward**, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Synthetic fuel"

**Third place: Katherine McIlwain**, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., "Drought inspires conservation"

**Judges: Paul Rauber, Senior Editor, Sierra (the national magazine of the Sierra Club)**

**Jenny Coyle, Senior Web Producer, Sierra.**