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High School Journalists Win National Awards

BISMARCK, N.D., (Sept. 21, 2002)--The National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) has announced the national winners in its annual Youth Journalism Competition. Sixty-eight students from 21 states were honored today at the NFPW Youth Projects Awards luncheon held during the annual conference in Bismarck, N.D., Sept. 19-21, 2002. California topped the list of students receiving awards, with ten national winners coming from that state.

A total of 229 first place entrants from state contests competed in the NFPW contest, many of which were held in cooperation with their scholastic press associations. Students competed in 12 categories: editorials, opinion, news, features, cartooning, reviews, graphics, single page layout, sports stories, columns, feature photos, and sports photos. Most entries ran in student and community newspapers. The contest is sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, and judging was done by professional communicators and journalism educators.

First place winners receive \$100, second and third place winners receive plaques, and honorable mentions receive certificates. Winners listed by state are:

Alaska

- Honorable Mention in Cartooning: Robert Schrooten, Robert Service High School, Anchorage, AK., "Stergis of Service."

Arizona

- First Place in Reviews: Ashley Morrow, North Canyon High School, Phoenix, Ariz., "Band Barely Skrapes by." The judges commented, "It tells me what I need to know with humor; the writer tells the story in such a way I can almost hear them telling the story."

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California

- First Place in Editorial: Alisa Farenzena, Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif., “District abused power in proposed field trip.” The judges commented: “Well researched and written. This editorial explains why with a logic and tone one would expect to find in a large daily newspaper.”
- First Place in News: Zanan Hussain, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., “Where in the world is John Hooten?” The judges commented: “An unusually exceptional job of covering all the bases, keeping the reader’s interest, and editing a complicated set of facts.”
- First Place in Sports Photo: Kimber Holt, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., “Kicking his heels.” The judges commented: “Great angle and timing for this shot! Cropped to the essentials.”
- Second Place in Feature Photo: Clay Shaw, Redwood High School, Larkspur, Calif., “Let It Snow.”
- Third Place Sports Story: Matt Farrell, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Adrenaline Rush.”
- Third Place in Columns: Toby Louie, Redwood High School, Larkspur, Calif., “Warnings.”
- Third Place in Cartooning: Kristi Mar, Wilson High School, Hacienda Heights, Calif., “U.S Must Remain Strong During Time of Sorrow.”
- Honorable Mention in Editorial: Jonathan Aires, Francis Parker School, San Diego, Calif., “GBU.”
- Honorable Mention in Features: Jennifer Huang, Troy High School, Fullerton, Calif., “Facing Homosexuality.”
- Honorable Mention in Columns: Eric Goepel, Wilson High School, Hacienda Heights, Calif., “Patriotism.”

Delaware

- Third Place in Opinion: Andrew Huddleston, Archmere Academy, Claymont, Del. “The prejudice that dare not speak its name.”
- Honorable Mention in Reviews: Ryan Farrell, Adam Hirzel, Jonathan Stein, Brandywine High School, Wilmington, Del., “3 systems in review.”

Illinois

- Third Place in Editorial: Allison Lehmann, Naperville Central High School, Naperville, Ill., “Administrators must involve students in decision-making.”
- Honorable Mention in Sports Story: Alexandra Robles, Huntley High School, Huntley, Ill., “Dream Season ends a week early, but players should be proud.”
- Honorable Mention in Reviews: Katie Devitt, Wheeling High School, Wheeling, Ill., “‘musicforthemorningafter’ for any time of day.”
- Honorable Mention in Opinion: Shannon Kennedy, Normal Community High School, Bloomington, Ind. “American women should appreciate rights.”

Indiana

- First Place in Opinion: Elizabeth Herndon, R. Nelson Snider High School, Fort Wayne, Ind., “Math doesn’t add up.” The judges commented: “You have a strong introduction; your subhead sets forth your position; your report is good evidence and your conclusion comes through strongly. Your final sentence is a touch of genius.”

- Third Place in Single Page Layout: Ada Wan, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., Front Page.
- Honorable Mention in Sports Photo: Rachel Townsend, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Scoreboard."

Iowa

- Second Place Sports Story: Jennifer Ripslinger, Davenport West High School, Davenport, Iowa, "Players will miss coach."
- Second Place in Sports Photo: Matthew Putney, Johnston High School, Des Moines, Iowa, "Football."
- Third Place in Graphics: Kassi Van Wyk and Cory Vande Kieft, Pella High School, Pella, Iowa, "Teen Problems."
- Honorable Mention in Cartooning: Lisa Willman, Davenport West High School, Davenport, Iowa, "War Veteran."

Kansas

- First Place Sports Story: Robyn Busch, Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park, Kan., "After-school practice."
- Third Place in Reviews: Michelle Henke, Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park, Kan., "Mind & Matter."
- Honorable Mention in Editorial: Missy Dondlinger, Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School, Wichita, Kan., "America needs youth to rise to challenge."
- Honorable Mention in Feature Photo: Derek Klaus, Maize High School, Maize, Kan., "A Christmas Kiss."
- Honorable Mention in Single Page Layout: Vanessa Smith, Phillipsburg High School, Phillipsburg, Kan., "More than a tag."

Kentucky

- Second Place in Reviews: Andrew Ehrig, South Oldham High School, Crestwood, Ky., "Motion Picture Sickness: Iron Monkey rusts."

Missouri

- First Place in Columns: Jennifer Kenning, Pattonville High School, Maryland Heights, Mo., "Everything I needed to Know in Life I Learned from:" The judges commented: "Had the true spirit of journalism, risking it all to find out what happens when you dye your hair purple."
- Honorable Mention in Editorial: Denny Smith, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, Mo., "Belleville administration violates student's freedom of expression."
- Honorable Mention in News: Mazvita Matsiga, Rock Bridge High School, Columbia, Mo., "Students take shot at raising funds."
- Honorable Mention in Single Page Layout: Sara Boul, Francis Howell North High School, St. Charles, Mo., "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibit."

Nebraska

- First Place in Feature Photo: Joseph Meyer, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., “The First Step.” The judges commented: “Unique perspective, shows action in a subtle way causing the viewer to look twice to realize its content.”
- Second Place in News: Matt Wynn, Omaha Central High School, Omaha, Neb., “Athlete plays despite assault charges.”
- Second Place in Single Page Layout: Kaitlin Butz, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., “Shock for Shock.”
- Honorable Mention in Sports Photo: Joe Meyer, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., “Running Strong.”
- Honorable Mention in Graphics: Doug Meigs, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., “Perceptions.”

New Jersey

- Second Place in Graphics: Carl Chen, Hasbrouck Heights Junior/Senior High School, Hasbrouck, N.J., “Secret Rituals.”
- Honorable Mention in Columns: Michael Thompson, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Scotch Plains, N.J., “Why I’m Right.”
- Honorable Mention in Feature Photo: Gabriel Herrera, Hasbrouck Heights Junior and Senior High School, Hasbrouck, N.J., “Inferno Of Terror.”
- Honorable Mention in Single Page Layout: Carl Chen, Hasbrouck Heights Junior/Senior High School, Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., “Basketball: Lady Aviators Slam Dunk.”

New Mexico

- Second Place in Cartooning: Bryan Rountree and Carlos Vigil, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, N.M., “Woozle Und Lorax.”

North Carolina

- First Place in Single Page Layout: Emily Tully, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C., “United in Grief.” The judges commented: “Extraordinary use of various design elements—each effectively enhancing the stories.”
- First Place in Graphics: Gabriella Clift, Manteo High School, Manteo, N.C., “Teens Play Games with Their Lives.”
- Second Place in Editorial: Katie Pennock, W. Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C., “Teachers, students must compromise on homework.”
- Second Place in Opinion: Laura Richardson, A.C. Reynolds High School, Asheville, N.C. “U.S. citizens’ rights should be protected.”
- Second Place in Columns: Alan Van Dyke, Leesville Road High School, Raleigh, N.C., “Abstract Views.”
- Honorable Mention in Features: Merrie Mosedale, Manteo High School, Manteo, N.C., “Watch Your Drinks.”
- Honorable Mention in Reviews: Britt Cloudsdale, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., “The Laramie Project offers comfort in tragic times.”

Ohio

- Honorable Mention in Opinion: Amy Lauer, Rocky River High School, Rocky River, Ohio. “‘Everything’s Archie’ for comic book fan.”
- Honorable Mention in Columns: Katherine Kirkpatrick, Sycamore High School, Cincinnati, Ohio, “Kirkpatrick’s Kolumn.”
- Honorable Mention in Feature Photo: Kim Mansager, Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Ohio, “Man In Mosque.”

Pennsylvania

- Third Place in News: Amanda Hogentogler and Matt Belanger, Central York High School, York, Pa., “Meeting slated to review plans for new school.”
- Third Place in Feature Photo: Dave Sheedy, Southmoreland High School, Alverton, Pa., “Little Patriot.”

South Carolina

- Second Place in Features: Carey Purcell, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., “Restricted?”

Texas

- Honorable Mention in Cartooning: Jesse Franceschini, Langham Creek High School, Houston, Texas, “Freedom.”

Virginia

- First Place in Features: Anna Sprecher, Waynesboro High School, Waynesboro, Va., “Teen Pregnancy: Trouble for Waynesboro.” The judges commented: “Dealt with an important topic in a clear, concise, informative manner.”
- Third Place in Sports Photo: Jon-Michael Rosch, Fauquier High School, Warrenton, Va., “Wrestlers face off at District meet.”
- Honorable Mention in Opinion: Heather Shields, Fauquier High School, Warrenton, Va. “New rules of highway.”
- Honorable Mention in Graphics: Tom Berry, McLean High School, McLean, Va., “Absolut Facts.”

Eastern at Large

- First Place in Cartooning: Sam Ellison, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass., “Thanksgiving 2001.” The judges commented: “A true testament to the phrase “less is more”—this cartoon simply grabbed me and held on with its emotion, its solemn tone and its message. Very impressive work!”
- Third Place in Features: Margo Stein, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass., “When she says she’s hungry, she means it.”

Western at Large

- Honorable Mention in Features: Jennifer Glass, Capital High School, Olympia, Wash., “Targeting Teens.”

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