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**National Federation of Press Women
Announces High School Student Contest Winners**

DENVER – Sept. 9, 2006 – The National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) has announced the national winners in its annual High School Communications Competition. Sixty-seven students from 20 state affiliates were honored at the annual awards luncheon during the conference held Sept. 7-9 in Denver.

Illinois, with six, had the most winners. A total of 230 first-place entrants from state contests competed in the NFPW national contest. Many of the contests were held in cooperation with scholastic press associations. Students competed in 12 categories: editorial, opinion, news, features, cartooning, reviews, graphics, single-page layout, sports, columns, feature photos and sports photos. Most entries ran in student and community newspapers. Professional communicators and journalism educators judged the contest, which is sanctioned by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

All national first-place winners received a \$100 cash award; second- and third-place winners received plaques; and honorable mention awardees received certificates.

The national winners, listed by state, are:

Alaska

- Michelle Stewart, Anchorage, South Anchorage High School, Feature Photo, Third Place, “Polished Performance.”
- Jessica Agi, Anchorage, Alyeska Central School, Reviews, Honorable Mention, “Admit it--you watch ‘Degrassi’ too.”

Arizona

- Virginia Tena, Phoenix, Carl Hayden High School, News, Honorable Mention, “Grant not enough to fund fitness center.”
- Nic Rodriguez, Tucson, Salponte Catholic High School, Sports Story, Honorable Mention, “Club vs. Scholastic Sports.”
- Caitlin Clifton, Tucson, Salponte Catholic High School, Feature Story, Honorable Mention, “Holiday Drinking.”

- Brian Klug, Tucson, Salpointe Catholic High School, Graphics, Honorable Mention, “Students respond” and clock.

Arkansas

- Anna K. Hallsell, Bryant, Bryant High School, Editorial, First Place, “Cure the ignorance virus: abstinence program, lack of sex ed course trivialize teen sexuality.”
- Colton Croy, Alexander, Bryant High School, Single Page Layout, Second Place, “Straight Vintage.”
- Celeste Lander, Rogers, Rogers High School, Reviews, Second Place, “Renting a little bit of Bohemia.”
- Divesh S. Brahmhatt, Bryant, Bryant High School, Honorable Mention, Sports Photo, “Get the ball.”

Northern California

- Kelly Mendez and Heather Langley, Granite Bay, Granite Bay High School, News, Second Place, “Sex?”
- Christina Hsu, San Francisco, Convent of the Scared Heart High School, Graphics, Honorable Mention, “You are what you eat.”

Southern California

- Diana Seung, Fullerton, Sunny Hills High School, Graphics, First Place, “Relationships: the bonds that hold our lives together.”
- Anthony Choi, Fullerton, Sunny Hills High School, Columns, Third Place, Y not Tony: “Senior sees discipline as justified,” “Senior hopes for security,” and “Wheelchair gives senior toughness.”
- Robin Lam, Pomona, Troy High School, Single Page Layout, Honorable Mention, “San Andreas Fault: Are we ready for the Big One?”
- Ketki Warudkar, Irvine, Irvine High School, Editorial, Honorable Mention, “Addiction to MySpace.com site proves harmful to students.”
- Chirag Desai, Fullerton, Troy High School, Sports Story, Honorable Mention, “Quarterback turns to God.”

Colorado

- Emily Kearl and Jennifer Binder, Grand Junction, Grand Junction High School, News, First Place, “Help available for Grand Junction teens.”
- Susie Typher, Highlands Ranch, Rock Canyon High School, Feature Story, Third Place, “A teacher remembers.”
- Katy Wolfe, Parker, Ponderosa High School, Editorial, Honorable Mention, “Throwing away sportsmanship.”

Delaware

- Tierra Fair, Bear, The Charter School of Wilmington, News, Honorable Mention, “Non-citizens lose out.”
- Lindsay Kenton, Milford, Milford High School, Columns, Honorable Mention, A Column With A View: “Graduation day brings more than diplomas,” “Weight-related issues complicate health, tip scales in America,” and “Referendum may cut substantial funding.”

Illinois

- Ally Markowski, Chicago, Northside College Preparatory, Opinion, Second Place, “Mark My Words.”
- Annie Fehrenbacher, Urbana, University of Illinois Laboratory High School, Opinion, Third Place, “Sports writing illustrates modern sexism.”
- Philip Jacobson, Chicago, University High School, Feature Story, Honorable Mention, “Food court manager.”
- Mary Shyne, Des Plaines, Reviews, Honorable Mention “Harry Potter and the literature question.”
- Paul Mueller, Naperville, Naperville Central High School, Single Page Layout, Honorable Mention, “Tricks of the trail.”
- Sean Redding and Erin Keane, Hoffman Estates, Hoffman Estates High School, Columns, Honorable Mention, The Great Debates: “What is the proper course of action in Iraq?,” “Gun Control: What should be done?,” and “Rights of Safety: where is the line?”

Indiana

- Andrew Chestnut, Indianapolis, Warren Central High School, Single Page Layout, First Place, “Poker.”
- Steve Clark, Ft. Wayne, Carroll High School, Columns, First Place, License to Chill: “Journey of a Lifetime,” “It Runs in the Family,” and “The Coming Days.”

Iowa

- Taylor Bern, Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls High School, Graphics, Second Place, “Roid Rage: Steroids explosion in MLB upsets writer.”
- Sam Schroeder, Johnston, Johnston High School, Sports Photo, Second Place, “Wakeboarder”; and Feature Photo, Honorable Mention, “Swing choir.”
- Kirstin Riggs, Cedar Falls, Cedar Falls High School, Single Page Layout, Honorable Mention, “Llama llove: feature editors embark on llama adventure.”
- Ryan Bentzinger, Pella, Pella High School, Reviews, Honorable Mention, “Guerolito serves several different genres.”

Kansas

- Maygan Maynard, Shawnee, Shawnee Mission East High School, Feature Story, First Place, “At age 15, SM North junior...”
- Bonnie Reynolds, Derby, Derby High School, Feature Photo, Second Place, “Girl putting on makeup in a mirror.”
- Shannon McNeal, Shawnee, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Single Page Layout, Third Place, “Do the crime, Pay the dime.”

Kentucky

- Nathan Price, Louisville, Trinity High School, News, Third Place, “Trinity community part of national relief effort.”
- Megan Swillinger, Crestwood, South Oldham High School, Reviews, Third Place, “Yes, these rocks still roll.”
- Third Place: James Dawson, Louisville, Trinity High School, Sports Photo, Third Place, “Louisville center David Padgett.”

Louisiana

- Michael DeLatin, Brusly, Catholic High School, Cartooning, First Place, “Wallet Deposit.”

- Daniel Morgan, Baton Rouge, Catholic High School, Columns, Second Place, “On the Lighter Side,” “On the Lighter Side,” and “Opposing Views.”
- Johnny Love, Baton Rouge, Catholic High School, Opinion, Honorable Mention, “One Nation “Under God?”
- Elisabeth Clancy, Kenner, La., Grace King High School, Graphics, Honorable Mention, “Evolution vs. Creationsim.”

Massachusetts

- Linna Duan, Longmeadow, Mass., Longmeadow High School, Opinion, First Place, “The Breathalyzer: More Harm Than Help?”

Nebraska

- Zach Pluhacek, Omaha, Omaha Central High School, Sports Story, Third Place, “Tailgating.”
- Bob Al-Greene, Omaha, Omaha Central High School, Graphics, Third Place, “Putting your foot down.”
- Clay Lomneth, Omaha, Omaha Central High School, Feature Photo, Honorable Mention, “Oxycontin.”
- Dana Hamby, Omaha, Omaha Westside High School, Cartooning, Honorable Mention, “ACT scores.”
- Joe Delich, Omaha, Omaha Central High School, Feature Story, Honorable Mention, “Oxycontin.”

New Mexico

- Evan Schultz, Albuquerque, Albuquerque Academy, Reviews, First Place, “Conquer the world in style.”
- Samantha Boatman, Albuquerque, Sandia High School, Sports Photo, First Place, “Stretching yourself.”
- Lindsey Shroff, Albuquerque, Albuquerque Academy, Sports Story, Second Place, “The truth about weighing in.”

North Carolina

- Dani Landskroener, Kill Devil Hills, First Flight High School, Editorial, Second Place, “Student press restricted.”
- Jeremy Freeman, Madison, Dalton L. McMichael High School, Cartooning, Second Place, “2005: A School Odyssey.”
- Thomas Hardison, Durham, Charles P. Jordan High School, Opinion, Honorable Mention, “Media focuses on privileged whites, ignores minorities.”

Ohio

- Brad Engel, Hamilton, Lakota East High School, Sports Story, First Place, “Hurricane Warning.”
- Staff, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Editorial, Third Place, “From the Editor.”
- Ryan Bookstaff, West Chester, Lakota East High School, Opinion, Honorable Mention, “Mr. Big Stuff.”

Pennsylvania

- Cassandra Kane, Tamaqua, Tamaqua Area High School, News, Honorable Mention, “Views vary on SAT essay introduction.”

Texas

- Katie Milewski, Duncanville, Duncanville High School, Feature Photo, First Place, “Closing her eyes.”
- Sarah Tiambeng, Duncanville, Duncanville High School, Feature Story, Second Place, “Students turn to self-motivation.”
- Karen Kuhn, Austin, Akins High School, Cartooning, Third Place, “Texas waits for verdict on Robin Hood while legislators fight.”

NFPW is an organization of professional journalists and communicators. For 69 years, it has promoted the highest ethical standards in communications; provided professional development, youth programs and networking; and advocated for protection of First Amendment rights.

More information regarding the annual contest can be found on the NFPW Web site, www.nfpw.org.

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