

2009 National Federation of Press Women Youth Competition Winners

1. EDITORIAL

First place: William Miller, Kent Denver High School, Englewood, Colo., “Help wanted: Newspapers”

Second place: Jessica Springer and Chelsea Turlington, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C.,
“Opinions divided over how dancing issue is handled”

Third place: Chelsea Erven, Sandia Preparatory School, Albuquerque, N.M., “America got greedy”

HM: Clariza Pauline Abrena, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “Our view: Do more than tolerate differences”

HM: Lizzy Lee and Sunni Rosen, The Charter School of Wilmington, Wilmington, Del., “Charter cheating
overwhelming”

Judge: Sue Ann Staake-Wayne, Producer for WETA, Washington, D.C., Herndon, Va.

2. OPINION

First place: Jonathan Safron, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Ill., “Out of life’s deep end”

Second place: Gabby Reed, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N.C., “Women’s rights still in background”

Third place: Eran Moore Rea, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., “College visits no longer school-related”

HM: Alejandra Oliva A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, Texas, “Freedom of press story inspired student
journalist”

HM: Kyle McDaniel, Rock Canyon High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “Compassion at home”

HM: Krislyn Erickson, Sandra Day O’Connor High School, Phoenix, Ariz., “Save money right now, stabilize your
future”

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

3. NEWS STORY

First place: John Sisser, Findlay High School, Findlay, Ohio, “We are living in hell”

Second place: Peyge Wolf, Muncie Central High School, Muncie, Ind., “Fight club”

Third place: Tanner Ward, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Scheduling changes”

HM: Christie Nguyen, Jersey Village High School, Houston, Texas, “International recognition”

Judge: Tran Ha, Editor, Chicago Tribune Red Eye

4. FEATURE STORY

First place: Billy Lawton, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Miracle on 4th Street”

Second place: Danny Ge, University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill., “With fire and passion: A profile of
Daniel Cheng, pianist extraordinaire”

Third place: K C Harding, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “The story of a Holocaust survivor”

HM: William Bauer, Bergen County Academies, Hackensack, N.J., “Mmmm.. How sweet it is”

HM: Jessica Hargis, Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Ark., “International art exhibit visits Fayetteville”

HM: Katlin Allsbrook, First Flight High School, Kill Devil Hills, N.C., “Daughter gives the gift of life”

HM: Yanni Kaliakin, Wilmington Christian School, Hockessin, Del., “Tell it like Shakespeare”

Judge: Susan Wade, Magazine Columnist and Owner/1320TV, Snohomish, Wash.

5. SPORTS STORY

First place: Joe Meader, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., “Glory days”

Second place: Malaika Drebin, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Making the cut”

Third place: Rich Costello, Findlay High School, Findlay, Ohio, “Wanted”

HM: Trevor David, Mountain Vista High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “Few fans see minor sports”

HM: Leah Christensen, Desert Mountain High School, Scottsdale, Ariz., “Stitched, torn, broken and bruised”

Judge: Lewis Franck, Columnist, Sports Illustrated, New York City

6. COLUMNS

First place: Kate Jones, Rock Canyon High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “America is losing its innocence; The
wrong kind of change; Jay-walking through life”

Second place: David McNeill Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “McBama: the next superhero?’ For peace on
Earth, people need war; Technology: a more efficient way for going backwards”

Third place: Melanie Mazuc, Kaneland High School, Maple Park, Ill., “Call the authorities; Busted! The Kaneland curse;
One way ticket to failure”

HM: Matthew Chase, Charles E. Jordan High School, Durham, N.C., “The Chase Report: Big brother; Wall Street,
March madness”

HM: Cody Wopshall, Muncie Central High School, Muncie, Ind., “Fights romanticized; Quit flicking his Bic; Unintentional segregation”

HM: Katrina Ragsdale, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Reality found behind grumpy mask; Teen discovers a life renewed, redefined; Just a piece of paper captures spirit of Christmas”

Judge: Robin Miller, Commentator and Columnist for Speed TV, Indianapolis, Ind.

7. FEATURE PHOTO

First place: Matthew Chase, Charles E. Jordan High School, Durham, N.C., “Americans swarm to inauguration”

Second place: Maddie Silverstein, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, Ill., “Faculty, students showcase talent”

Third place: Melanie Burke, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “Behind the scenes of Les Miserables”

HM: Lauren Thompson, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., “An American tale”

HM: Kate Jones, Rock Canyon High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “DNC – All eyes were on Denver”

HM: Lauren Kreigh, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Ind. “Shall we dance”

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

8. SPORTS PHOTO

First place: Kristyn Kocsis, Marian High School, Omaha, Neb., “Miracle catch”

Second place: Tyler Berry, C.E. Byrd High School, Shreveport, La., “Juliana Pettiette”

Third place: Samantha Peterman, Muncie Central High School, Muncie, Ind., “As the seconds run down...”

HM: Mackie Hayman, Wake Forest-Rolesville High School, Wake Forest, N.C., “Senior Peter Christensen”

HM: Loren Kole, University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill., “Swimming series”

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

9. CARTOONING

First Place: Bailey Meyers, California High School, San Ramon, Calif., “In God we trusted... and now we’re busted”

Second Place: Brian Baltis, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Editorial art”

Third Place: Cody Autterson, Kent Denver High School, Englewood, Colo., “Global hunger?!”

Honorable Mention: Tanner Lauerman, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “Drawing by Tanner Lauerman”

Judge: Summerlea Kasher, Acting Director, Cartoon Art Museum, San Francisco

Andrew Farago, Curator, Cartoon Art Museum

10. REVIEW

First place: Anton Barnett, Warren Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Mission pending... shall you proceed to your current objective 007?”

Second place: Olivia Haberman, Lewiston High School, Lewiston, Idaho, “Twilight: Scourge of modern literature”

Third place: Kevin Kaminski, Salesianum School, Wilmington, Del., “Watchmen: Much more than your average comic”

HM: Natalie Burns, John Jay High School, Cross River, N.Y., “High School Musical 3: Senior Year”

HM: Laura Dripps, University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill., “CD review: A heartbreaking release for Kanye fans”

HM: Julianne Caldarera, Sandia Preparatory School, Albuquerque, N.M., “Listen, read and watch”

HM: Aimee Peng, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “How to Read Like a Conservative”

HM: Yiren Lu, Maria Carrillo High School, Santa Rosa, Calif., “My Sister’s Keeper”

HM: Savannah Thomas, Sandra Day O’Connor High School, Phoenix, Ariz., “New Panic CD more unique, mature”

Judge: Jay Cooke, Editor, Lonely Planet, San Francisco

11. GRAPHICS

First place: Vasiliki Mitrakos, Northside College Preparatory High School, Chicago, Ill., “Center pages”

Second place: Mattie Nobles, Rock Canyon High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “Your hand in history”

Third place: Kealy Jaynes, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., “Which way will you vote?”

HM: Nettie Fisher, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C., “Music to my ears”

HM: Katie Tamboer, Thunderbird High School, Phoenix, Ariz., “Barack and roll”

HM: Samantha Edwards, Irmo High School, Columbia, S.C., “Rock ‘em sock ‘em Barack ‘em”

Judge: Katie Elenberger, Graphic Artist, North Dakota State University, Fargo

12. SINGLE-PAGE LAYOUT

First place: Kate Schroeder, Prospect High School, Prospect, Ill., “Busted”

Second place: Stephanie Hodgkin, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., “The amazing comic world of Kevin Anderson”

Third place: Kelsey Sejkora, Hastings High School, Hastings, Neb., “Suicide”

HM: Emily Rivest, Findlay High School, Findlay, Ohio, “Christmas Classics”

HM: Wendy Gu, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., “Sarah Palin Dress-Up”

Judge: Patti Mangan, Principal Creative Director, Imagine That Design Studio, San Francisco

13. DOUBLE-TRUCK LAYOUT

First place: Reuben Shorser, John Jay High School, Cross River, N.Y., “In the public eye: Celebrities as role models”

Second place: Kelsey Sejkora, Hastings High School, Hastings, Neb., “Citizen Ming Chen”

Third place: Samantha Lee, Eagle High School, Eagle, Idaho, "What do your jeans say about your genes"

HM: Kelsey O'Briant, Jersey Village High School, Houston, Texas, "Econome"

HM: Julian Prokofiev, McClintock High School, Tempe, Ariz., "Features"

HM: Ryan Byrum, First Flight High School, Kill Devil Hills, N.C., "Features"

Judge: Patti Mangan, Principal Creative Director, Imagine That Design Studio, San Francisco

14. ENVIRONMENT

First place: Melanie Maemura and Tim Qin, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Paly's carbon footprint"

Second place: Hadley Hauser, University Laboratory High School, Urbana, Ill., "Saving our state parks:

Kickapoo's future still looks bleak

Third place: Jamie Song, John Jay High School, Cross River, N.Y., "Back to school: Operation green"

HM: Tanner Ward, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Electronic waste"

HM: Hannah Langdon, Omaha Westside, Neb., "Going green"

HM: Katy Wiley, West Brook High School, Beaumont, Texas, "Gone green"

Judges: Michael Fox, Researcher and Writer, Sierra (the national magazine of the Sierra Club)

Tom Valtin, Senior Editor, Communications Department, Sierra.