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HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALISTS WIN NATIONAL AWARDS

WILMINGTON, DEL. -- Sept. 6, 2003 -- The National Federation of Press Women (NFPW) has announced the national winners in its annual Youth Journalism Competition. Sixty-two students from 23 states were honored at the Youth Projects Awards luncheon on Saturday, Sept. 6, during the annual conference Sept. 4 to 6 in Wilmington, Del.

North Carolina topped the list with six winners from its state.

A total of 255 first-place entrants from state contests, and from competitions in two at-large sections of the country, 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 stories, 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.

National first-place winners each 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:

Arizona

- First place in feature photo: Jessica Tick, Sunnyslope High School, Phoenix, "Charismatic and Rowdy Fans." The judge wrote: "Interesting photo, shows the enthusiasm the group is attempting to provide."
- First place in sports photo: Jessica Tick, Sunnyslope High School, Phoenix, "Sophomore Shannon Leach Dives In to Begin a Race." The judge said: "Super sports shot!...Point of entry into water was incredible and background/foreground of pool adds to effect."
- Honorable mention in news: Clanna Lizarraga, Ironwood High School, Glendale, "Help, Education Available for Pregnant Teens."

Arkansas

- Second place in editorial: Hanna Ricketson, Bryant High School, Bryant, "Pooh Sent Up in Flames."
- Honorable mention in columns: Hanna Ricketson, Bryant High School, Bryant, "Watch Out..."
- Honorable mention in news: Hanna Ricketson, Bryant High School, Bryant, "Controversy Over Book: Cormier Novel Challenged by Parents."

- Honorable mention in feature photo: Crishuna Scott, Mills University Studies, Little Rock, “Comet Pride.”

California

- First place in cartooning: Jeffrey Chang, Glen A. Wilson High School, West Covina, “Sept. 11 Helps Reunify the Nation.” The judge commented: “Excellent use of texture, shadow and perspective. For the one-year anniversary, this message is subtle but effective. Great job!”
- Second place in graphics: Melanie Hardjadiparta, Lowell High School, San Francisco, “Five-Finger Discount.”
- Second place in sports story: Clay Cardozo, Lick-Wilmerding High School, San Francisco, “Clay Porter: Extreme Sports Star.”
- Third place in opinion: Jessie Rubin, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, “I Do Not Like or Understand Religious Threats.”

Delaware

- Honorable mention in editorial: Funbi Fagbami, Charter School of Wilmington, “Student Council Is Disorganized.”
- Honorable mention in sports photo: Rob Shaeffer, Wilmington Christian School, Hockessin, “Warrior Men Prepare for Battle Against Their Foes.”
- Honorable mention in reviews: Michael Honie, Charter School of Wilmington, “The Ring Terrifies Viewers.”
- Honorable mention in cartooning: Chad Christie, Milford High School, Milford, “In _____ We Trust.”

Illinois

- Honorable mention in sports story: Zach Frey, University High School, Chicago, “Bus Problems Not Unusual or Unacceptable?”

Indiana

- First place in editorial: Anjali Rohatgi, R. Nelson Snider High School, Fort Wayne, “Officials Conceal Kidnapping Threat.” The judge commented: “Fabulous lead!...Excellent job on a very critical topic. Sound logic!”
- Third place in columns: Bob Miller, R. Nelson Snider High School, Fort Wayne, “Refuse Making War in Name of Peace.”
- Honorable mention in single-page layout: Andy Kirksey, Riley High School, Granger, “Toilet Troubles: Vandalism Persists in the School.”
- Honorable mention in feature story: Chelsea Schneider, Warren Central High School, Indianapolis, “Special Education Students First, Disabilities Second.”

Iowa

- Third place in reviews: Lindy Dinklage, Lewis Central High School, Malvern, “*Bowling for Columbine* Bowls a Strike.”

Kansas

- Third place in feature story: Robyn Busch, Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park, “Teaching Recovery.”
- Honorable mention in graphics: Chris Jones and Jessica Thomas, Kapaun Mt. Carmel High School, Wichita, “Renovations Complete.”
- Honorable mention in cartooning: Carley Mostar, Shawnee Mission North High School, Overland Park, “Darn Kids.”

Kentucky

- Third place in sports photo: Travis Vincent, Trinity High School, Louisville, “Sophomore Darren Yeagle Battled a Ballard Opponent.”
- Third place in editorial: Michael Rutherford, Trinity High School, Louisville, “Lift the Ban on Hoodies.”
- Third place in news: Kelly George, South Oldham High School, Crestwood, “Flesh Forbidden As Students Forced to Cover Up.”

Missouri

- First place in feature story: Rachel Goldstein, Clayton High School, Clayton, “Dieckhaus Donates Kidney to Fellow Teacher Herman.” The judge commented: “I like the lead paragraph. It sets the stage for the rest of the story.”
- Second place in sports photo: Samantha Stutzman, Harrisonville High School, Harrisonville, “Athletes of the Issue: Ryan Cook.”
- Honorable mention in columns: Nathan Rothwell, Parkway West High School, Chesterfield, “Celebration Gets Too Much Attention.”
- Honorable mention in opinion: Lauren Miller, Mexico Senior High, Mexico, “Kin to Courage.”

Nebraska

- First place in opinion: Jillian Risavi, Central High School, Omaha, “Senior Shares Pain in Dealing with Mom’s Disease, Death.”
- Second place in single-page layout: Doug Meigs, Central High School, Omaha, “Retro Revival.”
- Second place in feature photo: Doug Meigs, Central High School, Omaha, “A Hawkins Construction Worker.”
- Second place in cartooning: Anjane Giles, North High School, Omaha, “Censorship.”
- Honorable mention in graphics: Connor Meigs, Central High School, Omaha, “No way in, no way out.”

New Jersey

- Third place in graphics: Paulina Prejbisz, Hasbrouck Heights High School, Hasbrouck Heights, “Closets and Other Dark Places.”

New Mexico

- First place in reviews: Christopher Shen, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, “Mystical Computer Game Lays Siege to Player’s Attention.” The judge commented: “Use of detail and examples are excellent. Nice balance between the good and bad points.”
- Honorable mention in single-page layout: Travis Green, Sandia Prep., Albuquerque, “Teen Depression.”

North Carolina

- First place in columns: DeWarren Langley, Jordan High School, Durham, “Teens Don’t Forget Their Rights.” The judge commented: “This read like a voice in the storm. It also had a fine balance of background and facts, mixed with analysis.”
- First place in graphics: Dorothy Allen, Northern High School, Durham, “A Call to Arms.” The judge wrote: “I’m amazed at the overall quality of the rendering in these illustrations...Most were difficult subjects to illustrate – very cerebral.”
- Second place in reviews: Zachary R. DeBoer, East Forsyth High School, Winston-Salem, “British Art-Rock Band, Coldplay, Releases Album: ‘A Rush of Blood to the Head.’”

- Third place in single-page layout: Andrew Armstrong, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, “It’s a Jungle Out There.”
- Honorable mention in cartooning: Johanna Moore, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, “Attendance Policy Creates Paperwork Nightmare.”
- Honorable mention in sports story: Andrew High, C.E. Jordan High School, Durham, “Supplements, Steroids Offer Athletes Edge.”

North Dakota

- First place in sports story: Mike Mullen, Century High School, Bismarck, “The Biggest WIN of His Life.”
- Second place in columns: Amanda King, Bismarck High School, Bismarck, “When Good Parents Go Bad....”
- Second place in feature story: Shayna Melgaard, Bismarck High School, Bismarck, “She’s Losing It: Heupel’s Many Lifestyle Changes Result in Loss of Over 100 Pounds.”
- Honorable mention in sports photo: Mitch Hoesel, Mandan High School, Mandan, “Number One Again.”

Ohio

- First place in single-page layout: David Bailey, Sycamore High School, Cincinnati, “Light Everlasting.” The judge commented: “A great use of an ordinary object to make an impact. Just goes to show, you don’t need color to stand out in the crowd.”
- First place in news: Lauren Sorrows, Lakota East High School, Liberty Twp., “East Censored.” The judge wrote: “Very well done. Lots of information that is documented. Everything works in this story.”
- Honorable mention in sports story: Maggie Beckwith, Lakewood High School, Lakewood, “Should Lakewood Leave the LEL?”

Pennsylvania

- Second place in news: Stephanie Miller, Susquehannock High School, Glen Rock, “Preparing for Life After High School.”
- Second place in opinion: Paul Kita, Parkland High School, Allentown, “Literature As the Enemy?”

South Carolina

- Honorable mention in editorial: Amy Meldau, Lexington High School, Lexington, “Builders vs. Destroyers: Universal Conflict Manifest in Spray Paint.”

Texas

- Third place in sports story: Victoria Williams, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, “Balancing Act.”
- Honorable mention in reviews: Jordan Jacks, Saint Mary’s Hall High School, New Braunfels, “Teen Impressed with Dickens’ ‘A Tale of Two Cities.’”
- Honorable mention in feature photo: Jason Kindig, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, “9/11 Remembered.”
- Honorable mention in opinion: Sarah Chisolm, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, “9/11: Americans Should Remember the Living As Well As the Lost.”

Virginia

- Honorable mention in editorial: Frances Cabrera, Frank W. Cox High School, Virginia Beach, “Political Knowledge Proves Necessary.”
- Honorable mention in feature photo: Ashley Williams, Auburn High School, Riner, “Junior Samantha Akers Works on a Project.”

Wyoming

- Third place in feature photo: Anthony Gamroth, Natrona County High School, Casper, “Angie Jones: Gunsmith Apprentice.”
- Honorable mention in news: Jason Yocum, Natrona County High School, Evansville, “Reverend Phelps Visits Casper.”

Eastern At-Large

- Third place in cartooning: Teresa Hsiao, Thayer Academy, Abington, Mass., “Thayer Academy Summers.”
- Honorable mention in columns: Sarah-Neel Smith, Northbridge High School, Whitinsville, Mass., “Uncle Hasan’s Teahouse.”

Western At-Large

- Honorable mention in reviews: Liberty Peralta, Waianae, Hawaii, “The Hives Rock Like Chicken Pox.”

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