



**2004 High School Communications
Contest National Winners
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EDITORIAL

First Place: Spark Editorial Board, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "From the Staff."

Second Place: Casey Pilgeram, Sandpoint, Idaho, "Our view: school violence on the rise; we must be prepared."

Third Place: Suffie Ikbal, Fletcher, N.C., "Vending machines with healthier choices needed."

Honorable Mentions: Ryan H. Moy, Fullerton, Calif., "Warriors should be more aware of political event."

Ashley Jordan, Bear, Del., "Valedictorian: number 1 or number none?"

OPINION

First Place: Sara Eiesland, Brandon, S.D., "All drivers should be responsible."

Second Place: Greg Back, Monroe, Ohio, "Going up in smoke."

Third Place: Meredith Bowen, Easton, Pa., "Fraud in education-the dumbing down of American students."

Honorable Mention: Luke Beasley, Muncie, Ind., "Patriot Act flawed; personal freedom lost."

NEWS

First Place: Derek Springer, Muncie, Ind., "Allegations lead to Harrell resignation."

Second Place: Anna Messinger, Liberty Township, Ohio, "Second Chance."

Third Place: Julie Schwengler, Rapid City, S.D., "Blues dance on despite controversy."

Honorable Mentions: Pamela Ting, Yorba Linda, Calif., "Waking up to a common problem."

Becca Ticker, Dallas, Texas, "Outfoxing Robin Hood."

Jeffrey O'Donohue, Palo Alto, Calif., "Paying too much."

FEATURES

First Place: Libby Nelson, Leawood, Kan., "Doing Justice."

Second Place: Lindsay Spencer, Landenberg, Pa., "Lyme: A story of suffering, strength and courage."

Third Place: Heiko Yang, Monroe, Ohio, "Two Worlds."

Honorable Mentions: Jessa Grassi, Arlington, Texas, "Autism: A world apart."
Leah Lauber, Saint Petersburg, Fla., "Soccer Dreams."

GRAPHICS

First Place: Paul Burmenko, Kansas City, Kan., "Break Into Motion."
Second Place: Rob Hunter, Omaha, Neb., "Renovations."
Third Place: Katie Morton, Palo Alto, Calif., "Social Phobia."
Honorable Mentions: Robert Bartels, Waterloo, Iowa, "To moon, Mars, infinity and beyond."
Michael Ham, Philadelphia, Penn., "Head."

SINGLE PAGE LAYOUT

First Place: Kirsten Leo and Alex Robb, Mount Prospect, Ill., "Sole Purpose."
Second Place: Nicholas Ilieff, Indianapolis, Ind., "Please don't tell."
Third Place: Julie Christensen, Granite Bay, Calif., "Table of Contents."
Honorable Mentions: Stephanie Mathews and Lisa Assid, Brandon, S.D., "Entertainment."
Bill Pinetta, Fredericksburg, Va., "Hurricane Isabel."

REVIEWS

First Place: Rachel Brown, Fredericksburg, Va., "Duff's 'pop princess' routine boring, fake."
Second Place: Jackie Javerbaum, Palo Alto, Calif., "The glossy underground."
Third Place: Rastko Starcevik, Albuquerque, N.M., "Card concert inspires."
Honorable Mentions: Andrew Somers, Glendale, Ariz., "Old school: the best fraternity flick since Animal House."
Holly Fisher, Garfield, Ark., "Don't let the badge fool you."
Shawn Dugas, Metairie, La., "The perfect score inferior to 1980s classic teen movie."

SPORTS STORY

First Place: Caroline Lam, Pomona, Calif., "Warriors bid farewell to king."
Second Place: Lindsey Carstens, Liberty Township, Ohio, "One Last Pitch."
Third Place: Curt Holloway, Muncie, Ind., "Greatest Game in Town/ESPN covers 50th anniversary."
Honorable Mentions: Maria Hechanova, Glendale, Ariz., "Behind the scenes in Ironwood's wrestling program."
Jonathan Langley, Bryant, Ark., "Volunteer coaches: teaching standards, attitude to seventh graders."
Julie Gerdes, Virginia Beach, Va., "Indoor track season left pointless."

SPORTS PHOTO

First Place: Colleen Flanigan, Sandpoint, Idaho, "Junior Anthony Sorentino."
Second Place: Jennifer Risser, Indianapolis, Ind., "Champions."
Third Place: Celene Reynolds, Kansas City, Kan., "Pump up the volume."
Honorable Mentions Ashley Howe, Omaha, Neb., "Can't stop me."
Justin Ossefoort, Brandon, S.D., "Assistant coach Kelly Scholten."
Jeremy Bemis, Little Rock, Ark., "Freshman Kris Garling takes a break."

COLUMNS

First Place: Melanie Hanson, Davenport, Iowa.
Second Place: Nick Spano, Glendale, Ariz.

Third Place: Luke Beasley, Muncie, Ind.

Honorable Mentions: Christoph Niedermann, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Matt Ehresman, Wichita, Kansas

FEATURE PHOTO

First Place: Nathaniel LaRue, Shawnee, Kan., "Homecoming."

Second Place: Jessica Burnett, Radcliff, Ky., "Ms. Jennifer Bishop gives motherly love...."

Third Place: Eric Richins, Idaho Falls, Idaho, "At the car wash, senior Leo Wilkes leaps into the air."

Honorable Mentions: Rob Hunter, Omaha, Neb., "Ronnie Bonin, welds piping together."

Jenna Garlisch, Davenport, Iowa, "La-dee-frickin-daT"

Kevin Highland, Hacienda Heights, Calif., "KOTA hosts its first battle of the bands."

CARTOONING

First Place: Stephen P. Neary, Indianapolis, Ind., "What ya in for?"

Second Place: James Martell, Davenport, Iowa, "Pledge of Allegiance."

Third Place: Sara Freiberg, Rapid City, S.D., "Grades matter now."

Honorable Mention: Josh Faith, Glendale, Ariz., "Laugh-O-Gram."