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Students win national recognition for communications work
PURCELLVILLE, VA – Students from throughout the United States are being honored for their outstanding communications efforts.

Nearly 2,000 students participated in this year’s contest sponsored by the National Federation of Press Women Education Fund. Students first competed in a state-wide communications contest and first place winners were selected to advance to the national round of competition. In states where a contest was not offered, NFPW hosted an at-large contest which the first place winners also advancing to the national competition.

Winner of the Julie Hoffman Best of the Best award were the graphics art team of Darshini Shankar, Rose Clark, Tsion Daniel, and Jane Martens, of Carmel, Indiana. They were honored for their graphic illustration in HiLite Newsmagazine, Do You Get Deja Vu? They are splitting a $250 cash award and their school communications program will also receive a $250 check.

The first-place winners in each category will receive a $100 cash prize.

The national winners, announced May 17 in a Zoom ceremony, include:

Editorial
First place – Southwest Career & Technical Academy Editorial Board, Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada, Affirmative Action — If Ended, Then Mend It
Second place -- Vivian Zhu, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, Challenging the Court of Law
Third place – Justin Ha, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, California, GBHS Shouldn’t Remove Content From the English Curriculum
Honorable mention – Maggie Hoppel, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Indiana V. Education; Jaya Khullar, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, A Question for the Culture.

Opinion
First place – Isabella Xu, The Nueva School, Los Altos, California, Figure skating's expiration date;


**News Story**

First place – Jessy Gone, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, Stay Positive Dawgs
Second place – Bailee Conway, Bellwood-Antis High School, Bellwood, Pennsylvania, Covid’s lingering effects: Test scores fall with the rest of the nation, but improvements are in place
Third place – Bhakti Patel, Midway High School, Waco, Texas, Better ID Than Sorry
Honorable mentions – Ainsley Meyerson, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Memorial Soccer Game; Elise Fisher, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, California, Parents protest current English curriculum content at recent Site Council meeting.

**Feature Story**

First place – Audrey Marvin, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Student rises above behavioral struggles and redefines stereotypes
Second place – Joey Kauffman, The Haverford School, Haverford, Pennsylvania, Controversy swirls around fan section nickname
Third place – Vanessa Moreno, McHenry Community High School, McHenry, Illinois, At the center of ‘the drug triangle’
Honorable mentions – Katherine Heitmann, Sophie Henschel, Campbell Wood and Lyda Cosgrove, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kansas, The Experience and Evolution; Lyanne Wang and Melina Nath, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, California, Learning to Weather the Storm of Mental Illness; Kimberly MacDonald, Sparkman High School, Huntsville, Alabama, One Donor at a Time.

**Sports story**

First place – Michael Messele, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, Hohm swims his way to UNC commitment
Second place – Jacob Hawn, Bellwood-Antis High School, Bellwood, Pennsylvania, Referee shortage sweeps the state
Third place – Ivan Ijzerman, Grace Gormley, and Takumi Weimann, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, California: Taking a Gamble?

**Columns or Blog**

First place – Isabella Xu, The Nueva School, Los Altos, California, Must-read books from 2022
Second place – Karis Chen and Lydia Tong, Bellaire High School, Bellaire, Texas, ‘She’s not going anywhere’
Third place – Audrey Poynter, Greenwood High School, Greenwood, Indiana, It's time to normalize getting help
Honorable mentions – Teagan Lynch, Millard North High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Twisted Reality; Greer McAllister, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Real Life; Kyla Davidson, Sparkman High School, Harvest, Alabama, Senior Talks Mental Health.

Review
First place – Hidaya Fatao, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, North Carolina, Teens relate to HBO's Euphoria, not corrupted by it
Second place – Danielle Shumar, Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, Johnson has another hit on her hands
Third place – Kashvi Nagpal and Camden Wright, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, Spooky Specials.”

News or Feature Photo
First place – Riley Eck, Shawnee Mission East High School, Fairway, Kansas, Tireless Fun
Second place – Cayden Gu, Palo Alto Senior High School, Palo Alto, California, Spirit Week – Sophomore class dance
Third place – Chenyao Liu, Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana, Photo for story on stigma, perception of African-American Vernacular English

Sports Photo
First place – Kelly Montague, Strath Haven High School, West Chester, Pennsylvania, They Can't Stop What They Can't Catch
Second place – Mason Smith, Auburn High School, Auburn, Alabama, Game Winning Touchdown in the Final Four
Third place – Cecilia Gerard, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Making Waves
Honorable mention – Amy Luttrell, Greenwood High School, Greenwood, Indiana, Fighting for the Ball; Tess Hubbard, Kirkwood High School, Kirkwood, Missouri, Turkey Day Game Nov. 24, 2022.

Cartooning
First place – Arcade Encarnacion, Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada, TRUMPCORE 2022
Second place – Cecilia Urbanski, Marian High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Proud to be an American
Third place – Aila Cashatt, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Carrying the Load.

Graphics/Photo Illustration
First place – Darshini Shankar, Rose Clark, Tsion Daniel, and Jane Martens, HiLite Newsmagazine, Carmel, Indiana, Do You Get Deja Vu?
Second place – Esther Chung, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, Cover for Lasting Legacies
Third place – Olivia Lake, Sparkman High School, Madison, Alabama, Serial Killers Should Not Be Admired

Single Page Layout
First place – Jennifer Huang and Kelly Liu, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, Pencils Down
Second place – Lily Groover, Susan Giltsbacht, and Avery Diaz, Northern Lehigh High School, Slatington, Pennsylvania, The Slate front page
Third place – Sydney Fuehringer-Rolles, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Bow Tie Boys
Honorable mention – Darshini Shankar, HiLite Newsmagazine, Carmel, Athlete Spotlight: Pole vaulter, junior Julia Dong steps into varsity, looks forward to track season; Adya Burdick, Shawnee Mission East High School, Overland Park, Kansas, All About the Music.

Double-truck Layout
First place – Bria Howard, Sparkman High School, Huntsville, Alabama, Creating Confidence
Second place – Timothy Bui, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, Coaching Off-Court
Third place – Alexa Leiting, Millard South High School, Omaha, Nebraska, The Hubbub Surrounding Grub
Honorable mention – Chenyao Liu, Carmel High School, Carmel, Indiana, "SOUR" Discography; Lily Daniel and Brooke Hudacek, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, Off the Slopes.

Environment
First place – Kaila Chun, Kylie Tzeng, and McKenna Rausch, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, The Place We Call Home
Second place – Anna Olp, Kaneland High School, Elburn, Illinois, What climate change looks like in the midwest region
Third place – Madeline Phuong, Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana, The Reality of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle
Honorable mention – Cecelia Urbanski, Marian High School, Papillion, Nebraska, How far is too far? Resisting climate change; Steele Matthews and Gryffyn May, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Board Considers Solar Energy at Schools; Julia Barbati and Danielle Berdik, Shaler Area High School, Glenshaw, Pennsylvania, Sustainability class helps preserve another green space; Nathen Going, Caesar Rodney High School, Camden, Delaware, Earth Day - Be Our Change; Rileigh Glassman, Sparkman High School, Harvest, Alabama, It Is Up To The People To Make Changes to the Environment; and Sama Lilo, Albuquerque School of Excellence, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "ICE STUPAS," Will it Help Mother Earth?

Radio or Podcast Prepared Report
First place -- Farhana Khan, Mount Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware, Frozen at MPHS TCC
Second place – Carolina Cuadros, Katya Dubinin, and Collin Fan, Carlmont High School, Belmont, California, Insulin Prices are on the Rise
Radio/Television Interview or Talk Show
First place -- Patrice St. Jean, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, Student Activists;
Second place – Max Coughlin, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Full Court Press
Third place -- Gemma Calabria, Mount Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware, GSA TCC
Honorable mention – Sofia Reyes, Ally Williams, Madds Dittmer, Tyree Anthony, and Spencer Smith, Oakland Unified School District, Oakland, California, The Town Talks Season 2 Episode 2 Rafael Casal;
Marcela Aju Mejia, Stamford High School, Stamford, Connecticut, Getting to know our Superintendent.

Best Newscast: Radio or Television
First place – Nevaeh Robinson and Carsyn Hobson, Bryant High School, Bryant, Arkansas, Hornet News Now Episode 2 2022
Third place – Umanga Ghimire and Emily Jasa, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Warrior Television Broadcast Package

Video News Story
First place – Ellie Lakatos and Travis McGinnis, Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada, ‘GIRLS IN TECH’ Promotes STEM Careers
Second place – Alexis Gleim and Alex Foster, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Classroom Changes
Third place – Chelsea Jensen and Carsyn Hobson, Bryant High School, Bryant, Arkansas, Financial Reality Fair
Honorable mentions – Aneesh Tiwari, Palo Alto Senior High School, Palo Alto, California, Palo Alto Renames Columbus Day Holiday; Azam Hostetler, Joseph A. Foran High School, Milford, Connecticut, Holocaust Survivor Interview; Jadyn Paul and Maddie McGee, Millard North High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Extra Extra On Stage; Ethan Petro, Caesar Rodney High School, Camden, Delaware, World History Pumpkins.

Video Feature Story
First place – Sylvan Prey-Harbaugh and Joyce Huang, Strath Haven High School, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, Haven on TikTok
Second place – Aubrey Griffin, Donna Unger and McKenzie Vitale, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Ms. Mechanic
Third place – Linda Lin, Carlmont High School, San Carlos, California, Street Fruit: Peeling back the layers to the street vendor phenomenon
Honorable mention – Lydia Bruckner, Millard South High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Ready, set, march!; Presley Hudson, Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Mr. Orr as Santa; Lea Ryndak, Homewood-
Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, Sewing; and Nadine Akumiah, Padua Academy, Wilmington, Delaware, First State Delaware.

**Video Sports Story**
First place – Nate Locker and Kalel Fargo, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, Bigger Than Basketball
Second place – Nikhil Behal, Max Bonnstetter, Emily Neumann, Nelda Kerr and Mario Capitelli, Palo Alto Senior High School, Palo Alto, California, Long Shot
Third place – Trace Downs and Carter Maksymovitch, Noblesville High School, Westfield, Indiana, "It's Video Games, Man..."

**Yearbook Layout**
First place – Brooklyn Lul, Lexington High School, Lexington, Nebraska, Created to Create
Second Place – Katie Word, Sparkman High School, Madison, Alabama, Go Big Red
Third place – Sophia Scarpaci, Archmere Academy, Wilmington, Delaware, Halloween Page

**Yearbook Photo**
First place – Josie Torres, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, Kansas, No More Waiting
Second place – Erica Williams, Sparkman High School, Madison, Alabama, Tuesday Night Lights
Third place – Jesse Navarette, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Best Show on Turf
Honorable mention – Gabby Theis, Dorchester High School, Friend, Nebraska, Baylor making a chemistry mixture.

**Yearbook Copywriting**
First place – Nina Kudlacz, Ralston High School, Ralston, Nebraska, For Tanner
Second place – Anna Marciniak, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, Community Contributions
Third place – Mary Kate Gulley, Midway High School, Waco, Texas, Teacher of the Year Cantwell.