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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 Award of Achievement, commonly called the “Best of the Best” award was Claire Hudnell from Lakeside High School in Hot Springs, Arkansas. She won a \$250 cash award and her school communications program also received a \$250 check.

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

The national winners, announced May 16 in a Zoom ceremony, include:

### **Editorial**

First place – Ellie Armstrong, Kate Alvarado and Amelia Pozniak, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, Credit Recovery: The Easy Way Out

Second place -- The Kirkwood Call Staff, Kirkwood High School, St. Louis, Missouri, Call Ed: White people, you've had your rest

Third place – Panther Editorial Board, Newbury Park High School, Newbury Park, California, US Government Fails to Act After Countless Shootings

Honorable mention – Taylor Swinton, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Eliminate Homework

Honorable mention – Darian Pierre, Millard South High School, Omaha, Nebraska, FERPA amendment needed to better serve LGBT+ youth



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**Opinion**

First place – Olivia Gaziano, Metea Valley High School, Aurora, Illinois, See Something, say something: administrators take no action

Second place – Laura Zhang, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Vienna, Virginia, The Violence Against Asian American Women Needs to Stop Now

Third place – Evelyn Parsonage, Ursuline Academy Chronicle, Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, Delaware entrant, The Importance of Local Art Galleries

Honorable mention – Andy Robinson, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, Lighting the Way

Honorable mention – Magnolia Collins, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Ignorance Isn't Bliss

Honorable mention – Taubah Elebute, Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, Healing takes time, patience

Honorable mention – Harper Treschuk, Fairfield Ludlowe High School, Fairfield, Connecticut, In Place of “Gone with the Wind,” a New Book on the Old South

Honorable mention – Harrison Hollingsworth, Sparkman High School, Madison, Alabama, New LGBTQ+ Flag Gives POC a Voice

**News Story**

First place – Gerson Melton, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Students debate patriotism in wake of 'Star Spangled Banner Act'

Second place – Sophia Pan, Maddie Pulliam and Ben Shapiro, Conestoga High School, Berwyn, Pennsylvania, Conestoga's Cutthroat Culture

Third place – Jason Deng, Bellaire High School, Bellaire, Texas, Business booms for noodle room

Honorable mention – Ed Huang, The Harker School, San Jose, California, James Webb Space Telescope completes 1.5million kilometer journey

Honorable mention – Olivia Bodner, Sparkman High School, Ardmore, Alabama, Mental Health Takes Toll on Teens

**Feature Story**

First place – Greta Miller, Eleanor Creelman and Ari Bowman, Emmaus High School, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, “Self-medication: When substance abuse and mental health collide.”

Second place – Tess Warren, Sparkman High School, Huntsville, Alabama, “Stop Asian Hate, Instead Celebrate.”

Third place – Ellyson Bradford, Henry Chilcoat and Sophia Finkbeiner, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, “Sleep Deprivation An Endless Cycle.”

Honorable mention – Kyla Henige, McHenry Community High School, McHenry, Illinois, “You are not alone”



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**Sports story**

First place – Delaney Cairns, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, “Dancer jumps back in after ATV accident”

Second place – Hyunsung Na, Marcus High School, Flower Mound, Texas, “Leaving the mats.”

Third place – Jane Jeong, Ravneet Kaur and Kendell Simpson, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, “Nevertheless, She Persisted”

Honorable mention – Julius Diossa, Bellwood-Antis High School, Bellwood, Pennsylvania, “In Caracciolo, the Devils have lost a crucial part of their football team.”

Honorable mention – Kyla Davidson, Sparkman High, Harvest, Alabama, "Senior Reaches New Heights for Upcoming Season.”

**Columns or Blog**

First place – Desiree Luo, The Harker School, San Jose, California, “Celebrating Buster Posey/Giants vs Dodgers: a rivalry for the ages.”

Second place – Oliver Shane, Jupiter, Florida, “Oliver's Diabetic Journey.”

Third place -- Anna Rasgorshek, Marian High School, Omaha, Nebraska, “Totally bANNAs: Not-so-dumb blondes; Mental health over medals.”

**Review**

First place – Drake Johnson, Ben Davis High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, This game is a masterpiece

Second place – Alyssa Rose, Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada, Combine Latin, Italian Foods at Padrino’s Latin Bar and Grill

Third place – Owen Silzer, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Halloween Candy Review

Honorable mention – Carli Ahsan, Marian High School, Omaha, Nebraska, 'Selling Tampa' encourages a false narrative for women of color .”

**News or Feature Photo**

First place – Maggie Merckens, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kansas, Candle Lighting

Second place – Ravneet Kaur and Jane Jeong, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Andie Z. portrait

Third place – Trista Truong, Southside High School, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Southern Senior

**Sports Photo**

First place – Zoe Gillespie, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, PHOTO GALLERY: Boys Varsity Basketball vs Millard North

Second place – Rachel Bingham, Shawnee Mission East, Fairway, Kansas, Pop-up Football



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Third place – Alexa Coughlan, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Boys Swim Well at Final Meet

**Cartooning**

First place – Elleiana Green, Marian High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Gerrymandering

Second place – Sadie Kennedy, Emmaus High School, Emmaus, Pennsylvania, Why inclusive sex education is vital to EPSD students and their health

Third place – Samantha Galang, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, California, This is the Lancer Way: Spring Fever

Honorable mention – Livi Nagorka, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Shawnee, Kansas, Barbie in Blue

Honorable mention – Colm Simmons, Little Rock Central High School, Little Rock, Arkansas, Top 10 Birthdays Gone Wrong

**Graphics/Photo Illustration**

First place – Olivia Lake, Sparkman High School, Madison, Alabama, Silent Connection

Second place – Claire Moore, Shawnee Mission Northwest, Lenexa, Kansas, The Bigger Picture

Third place – Gina Bae, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, Gone to the Eggstreme

Honorable mention – Jenny Huang and Aayushi Wadhawan, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, Killing the Game

**Single Page Layout**

First place -- Peyton Moore, Shawnee Mission East, Prairie Village, Kansas, “The Boys (Are Almost) Back.”

Second place – Shannon Moser and Kyla Smith, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, “Worlds Fair.”

Third place – Maddie Adam, Marian High School, Omaha, Nebraska, The Network Front Page Nov/Dec 2021.

Honorable mention -- Claire Tolles, Laguna Blanca School, Santa Barbara, California, “a la mode.”

**Double-truck Layout**

First place – Delaney Davis, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Lademi Davies: How one student manages a complex balancing act

Second place – Kate Schreiber, Kirkwood High School, St. Louis, Missouri, Producing Perfection

Third place – Madeline Phuong, Homestead High School, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Bus Driver Shortage

Honorable mention – Palina Kuzmina, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, Berghout Breaks Out



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Honorable mention – Bria Howard, Sparkman High School, Harvest, Alabama, Designing for the Catwalk

Honorable mention – Natalie King and Malini Pillai, Stevenson High School, Lincolnshire, Illinois, COV-Ingenious or COV-Ignorance?

**Environment**

First place – Rebecca Beckas and Alyssa Hillwig, Shaler Area High School, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, “Sustainability class having impact on students and, community.

Second place – Hudson Fox, Carlmont High School, San Carlos, California, “Climate legislation signals a renewed focus on the San Francisco Bay.”

Third place – Meghan Wysocki, Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, Beyond the Pointes: Modern segregation through environmental racism

Honorable mention -- Madeline Leland, Turner Wittstruck, Alexis Smith, and Haley Johnson, Millard South High School, Omaha, Nebraska, “Conscious Consumerism.”

**Radio Prepared Report**

First place – Nyah Simpson and Malina Wong, Carlmont High School, Belmont, California, Scot Scoop Unsolved Ep. 3: The Mysterious Disappearance of Paul Farmer

Second place – Kevin Young, Mount Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware, Deon - School Dress Code

Third place – Lucy Scorziello, Stamford High School, Stamford, Connecticut, WGCH News Segment - November 2021

**Radio/Television Interview or Talk Show**

First place – Claire Cody and Selma Fuseni, Stamford High School, Stamford, Connecticut, Mayoral Candidates Discuss Education

Second place – Chesney Evert, Carlmont High School, Belmont, California, Red, White, & True Ep.4: You're breaking up with me because I'm too...woke?

Third place – Talyea Melton, Mount Pleasant High School, Wilmington, Delaware, Talyea - Great Thanksgiving Listen

Honorable mention – Erik Dedo and Dylan Barnas, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, Sports Chat

Honorable mention – Dru Kelley and Will Gordon, Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Run Down Podcast

**Best Newscast: Radio or Television**

First place – Blake Dawson, Marissa Perkins, Hannah Kinkead, and Will Turner, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, round The County May 27, 2021

Second place – Payton Hostetler and Grant Barcheck, Uniontown Area Senior High School, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 3/13/21 UHS News - One Year Later - Social Distance Edition



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Third place – Carson Burnam, Aidan Grigsby, Emma Crowe and James Johnson, Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, A Lakeside TV Special Looking into Education during Pandemic  
Honorable mention -- The Phoenix Times, Albuquerque School of Excellence, Albuquerque, New Mexico,

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Honorable mention – Jared Dillard, Auburn High School, Auburn, Alabama, Tiger TV | Feb 11, 2021

**Video News Story**

First place – Payton Hostetler, Uniontown Area Senior High School, Uniontown, Pennsylvania, The Impact of COVID-19 on UHS

Second place – Aneesh Tiwari, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, The Impact of Palo Alto's Decision to Open University Avenue

Third place – Jacob Habel, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, HHS Journalism Team Wins IHSA State

Honorable mention – Nina Scroggin and Hannah Hiatt, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Pandemic Pets

Honorable mention – Ava Iannucci, Padua Academy, Wilmington, Delaware, Knit-a-Square

**Video Feature Story**

First place – Claire Hudnell, Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Vision Interrupted

Second place – Elizabeth Myers and Hannah Hiatt, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana,

The Triple Threat

Third place – Cameron White, Westside High School, Omaha, Nebraska, Walt and Benny | A Story of Two Unlikely Friends

Honorable mention – Rachel Becker, Pine Crest School, Pompano Beach, Florida, Everyday Heroes: Feeding the Homeless

Honorable mention – Vincent Wong, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, California, The Rise of Podcasts

**Video Sports Story**

First place – Ella Aceves and Eliya Hobson, Homewood-Flossmoor High School, Flossmoor, Illinois, HF Fields Get Turf

Second place – Savannah Jarman and Donovan Powell, Wichita High School Southeast, Wichita, Kansas, Transgender Sports Bill

Third place – Victor Lopez, Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, Rams Football All Access 2021: Episode 6

Honorable mention – Sayne Jeong and Niah Johnson, Noblesville High School, Noblesville, Indiana, Going For The Goal



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**Yearbook Layout**

First place – Lucy Bickel, Eastern Lebanon County School District, Myerstown, Pennsylvania, Like & Comment - Social Media Spread

Second place – Jayanna Curry, Sparkman High School, Harvest, Alabama,

Letting the Cat Out

Third place – Nina Kudlacz, Ralston High School, Ralston, Nebraska, Spring Play

Honorable mention – Alan Ong and Sandra Amores, Southwest Career & Technical Academy, Las Vegas, Nevada, Don't Get Us Started Opening

Honorable mention – Abbey Smith, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, Do It Yourself

Honorable mention – Jeb Chrisman, Gunn High School, Palo Alto, California,

Day 3 double spread

**Yearbook Photo**

First place – Sydney Laput, Huntley High School, Huntley, Illinois, Ready, Aim, Fire

Second place – Nathan Lamkin, Midway High School, Waco, Texas, Teacher Laugh – Graduation

Third place – Kyleigh Southeppmany, Lexington High School, Lexington, Nebraska, Sideline Hype

Honorable mention – Jayden Mattis, Kiski Area High School, Vandergrift, Pennsylvania, Welds well

**Yearbook Copywriting**

First place – Kylie Daniell, Midway High School, Waco, Texas, “Pandemic Club.”

Second place – Abigail Stephenson and Alex Welch, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, “Introducing Nugget.”

Third place – Liah Haines, Lexington High School, Lexington, Nebraska, “At Any Minute We Got This.”

Honorable mention – Counts Shanks, Har-Ber High School, Springdale, Arkansas, “Natalie Davey: From Intern to the Classroom, English Teacher Sparked Community.”

Honorable mention – Sophia Cheng, Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, California, “The Fight for Feminism.”

Honorable mention – Ronan McGuire, Roycemore School, Evanston, Illinois, “What're Your Pronouns?”