



**National Federation of Press Women
2008 High School Communications Competition**

WINNERS BY CATEGORY

1. EDITORIAL

First place: **Amaura Mitchell**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Mixed messages on hat rule"

Second place: **Dan Schwartz**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "What the VA Tech shootings mean for us"

Third place: **Kaley Cook**, Southwest High School, Lincoln, Neb., "Smoking rules don't apply"

Honorable mention: **Elizabeth Littauer**, West Henderson High School, Hendersonville, N.C., "Court decision tragedy for young citizens"

Honorable mention: **Madison Schaugaard**, Rogers High School, Rogers, Ark., "Viva les vending machines"

Honorable mention: **Hannah Peceny**, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, N.M., "Got guns?"

Judge: **John Diaz**, Editorial Page Editor, **San Francisco Chronicle**

2. OPINION

First place: **Yiren Lu**, Maria Carrillo High School, Santa Rosa, Calif., "Why young people love Obama"

Second place: **Erik Anderson**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "My experience with the R-word"

Third place: **Jenni Claflin**, Conway High School, Conway, Ark., "Mich. mandate sends cows to auction block"

Honorable mention: **Kristine Morgan**, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Families of alcoholics suffer from disease too"

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

3. NEWS STORY

First place: **Deanna Pan**, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "And Then There Were None: The play by play"

Second place: **Libby Nachman**, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Running from reality"

Third place: **Jackie Quinn**, Albany High School, Albany, Calif., "The no-fail zone?"

Honorable mention: **Ashika Kalra & Jessica Sandlund**, East High School, St. Charles, Ill., "Parents tried for teen drinking"

Honorable mention: **Franz Spillenger**, Central High School, Little Rock, Ark., "Sophomore recognized for gay rights efforts"

Judge: **Janell Cole**, Capitol Correspondent, **The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead**, Fargo, N.D.

4. FEATURE STORY

First place: **Megan Goodson**, Crandall High School, Crandall, Tex., "Crossing the color line"

Second place: **Caitlin Watson & Emily Hamilton**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Keep it off the field"

Third place: **Lisa Geddie**, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "Dealing with disorders"

Honorable mention: **Allison Kane**, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "10,000K down 40,000K to go"

Honorable mention: **Kate Harrison**, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Africa's world war has claimed millions"

Honorable mention: **Ashley Lane**, Wilmington Christian High School, Hockessin, Del., "Hope in a hopeless age"

Judge: **Jan Yanehiro**, Director, **Communications Department for Academy of Art University**, San Francisco

5. SPORTS STORY

First place: **Peter Johnson**, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Hazing: a look inside the dark side of Paly sports"

Second place: **Alia Conley**, Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., "Breaking the ice"

Third place: **Brittany Huckaby**, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Keep on cheering: diabetes proves to be no hassle"

Honorable mention: **Deanna Kelley**, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Tex., "Fighting for the good"

Honorable mention: **Briana Gust**, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., "Coaches, colleagues and friends"

Honorable mention: **Andy Wagaman**, Parkland High School, Allentown, Penn., "Anthony swings his way toward Parkland history"

Judge: **Linda Cohn**, Anchor, **ESPN Sports Center (first female national sports anchor in television history)**

6. COLUMNS

First place: Sean Griffard, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Sean's satire"

Second place: Michelle Onorato, Brandywine High School, Wilmington, Del., "Senior experiences"

Third place: Jaclyn Chen, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., "I tell it like it is"

Honorable mention: Kaytee Comée, Harker High School, San Jose, Calif., "The Comée Report"

Honorable mention: Zachary White, Riverside High School, Durham, N.C., "Pulpits no place for politicians"

Honorable mention: Patricia Lee, Sunny Hills High School, Fullerton, Calif., "Stand for democracy"

Judge: Ann Killion, columnist, San Jose Mercury News

7. FEATURE PHOTO

First place: Joanne Okonski, Maine West High School, Des Plaines, Ill., "Culture in motion"

Second place: Sally Drape, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Senior Meg Sterchi"

Third place: Kara Feistner, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon Valley, S.D., "Jennifer Larson, mother"

Honorable mention: Jennifer Acuff, A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, Tex., "Freshman Patrick Galloway builds a tower"

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

8. SPORTS PHOTO

First place: Sally Drape, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Kneeling on the ground"

Second place: Laura Beahm, Hastings High School, Hastings, Neb., "Celebrating a point"

Third place: Ashley Elson, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., "Quick step"

Honorable mention: Jeff Totten, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., "Athletes of the issue: Joey Anderson"

Honorable mention: Ashley Hensley, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Tex., "Eye on landing"

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

9. CARTOONING

First place: Sanner Patton, Conway High School, Conway, Ark., "The chronicles of Bedhead"

Second place: Marissa Eurek, Loup City High School, Loup City, Neb., "Nebraska thanksgiving"

Third place: Michael Bush, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Volume II - Progress"

Judge: Summerlea Kasher, Assistant Director, The Cartoon Museum, San Francisco

10. REVIEW

First place: J.J. Lang & Sebastian Werner, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., "Boys become men at hands of legendary El Gigante"

Second place: Tesha Kondrat, Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., "YouTube nation"

Third place: Nicole Crapps, South Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska, "Sugarland sours on second CD"

Honorable mention: Matthew Heck, East High School, Wichita, Kan., "The Alchemist"

Honorable mention: Peter Frost, Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., "Voodoo Music Festival"

Honorable mention: Austin Hartsook, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "Who brought the better beats"

Honorable mention: Jeanette Wall, Center Grove High School, Greenwood, Ind., "You kill me, Klosterman"

Judge: Jay Cooke, Editor, Lonely Planet

11. GRAPHICS

First place: Amaura Mitchell, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "Cover"

Second place: Jason Olona, Sandia High School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "Ship"

Third place: Kate Coombs, Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, Ill., "Going green"

Honorable mention: Patrick Breen, Central High School, Omaha, Neb., "Area video games"

Honorable mention: Kyle Baird, Grosse Pointe South High School, Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., "All shook up"

Honorable mention: Stephen Taylor, Glasgow High School, Newark, Del., "Entertainment header"

Honorable mention: Brett Carville, Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., "Taking the plunge"

Judge: Randi Lobdell, title, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, N.D.

12. SINGLE-PAGE LAYOUT

First place: Paige Xu, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., "Love never grows old"

Second place: Sarah Huelskamp, Central High School, Andover, Kan., "Presenting the best & worst of 2007"

Third place: Veronica Heatherly, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "What's next? Choices"

Honorable mention: Ashley Shelling, Brandon Valley High School, Brandon Valley, S.D., "Voices"

Honorable mention: Matt Akins, South Anchorage High School, Anchorage, Alaska, "Entertainment"
Judge: Katie Tamony, Editor in Chief, Sunset Magazine

13. DOUBLE-TRUCK LAYOUT

First place: Sarah Huelskamp, Central High School, Andover, Kan., "I love you baby but not like my guitar"

Second place: Meredith Dover, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Race for equality"

Third place: Brady Renard, C.E. Byrd High School, Shreveport, La., "Factor of five"

Honorable mention: Allison Kane, Johnston High School, Johnston, Iowa, "Work force fashion"

Honorable mention: Briana Gust, Lincoln High School, Sioux Falls, S.D., "Preview to the 2008 election"

Honorable mention: Clariza Abrena, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, "News feature"

Judge: Katie Tamony, Editor in Chief, Sunset Magazine

14. ENVIRONMENT

First place: Rachel Hwang, Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif., "Fresh from the farm"

Second place: Tanner Ward, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Synthetic fuel"

Third place: Katherine McIlwain, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., "Drought inspires conservation"

Judges: Jenny Coyle and Paul Rauber, editors, Sierra Club magazine