



## 2013 High School Communications Contest Winners (by category)

### Editorial

First: Staff, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., “The Policy for Punishment Should Accurately Reflect the Crime Committed”

Second: Lucie Wall, Wando High School, Mount Pleasant, S.C., “Green for Grades”

Third: Jacob Hoepner, Andover Central High School, Andover, Kansas, “The British Aren’t Coming”

Honorable Mention: Soo Song and Jacqueline Woo, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Online Shaming Needs to Stop”

*Judge: Marie Dillon, editorial page staff, The Tribune, Chicago, Ill.*

### Opinion

First: Mitchell Kaskie, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kansas, “Finishing Up Hill”

Second: Evan Goodrich, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Fight for Your Right”

Third: Taylor Blatchford, Mountain Vista High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “Overachieving”

Honorable Mention: Carly Wood, Cy-Fair High School, Cypress, Texas, “Shakespearean Stupidity”

*Judge: Lanny Keller, editorial page staff, The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.*

### News Story

First: Eliza Llewelyn, Staples High School, Westport, Conn., “Legacies: Investigating a College Application Controversy”

Second: Megan Lucas, Allen High School, Parker, Texas, “From Russia With Love ... No More”

Third: Emma Stancey and Eloise Fischer-Fortney, Naperville North High School, Naperville, Ill., “Achievement Gap”

Honorable Mention: Clare Varellas, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., “Boy Scout Denied Membership and Eagle Award Due to Sexuality”; and Sophia Li, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Dornan’s Army: Back for Another Year”

*Judge: Ed Anderson, former Capital Bureau reporter, The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, La.*

## **Feature Story**

First: Claire Schomaker, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “The Fourth Step”

Second: Matt Hanson, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kansas, “Water Changes Everything”

Third: Claire Fahy, Convent of the Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, Calif., “Bullying and Depression Take On a New Meaning”

*Judges: Miranda Tsang, communications manager, and Molly Parent, programs assistant, 826 Valencia, San Francisco, Calif.*

## **Sports Story**

First: Julia Poe, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kansas, “Watching Her Fly”

Second: Carissa Chan and Alaina Lui, Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, Calif., “Playing Through the Pain”

Third: Hannah Lieberman, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N.C., “Concussions Handled With Care at East”

Honorable Mention: Natasha Rausch, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Game Changer”

*Judge: Bob Neese, promotions manager, Louisiana Public Broadcasting; sports desk copyeditor, The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.*

## **Columns**

First: Alexis Vinton, Marian High School, Omaha, Neb., “Scrolling Through Life: Children Lose Imagination Between www. and the .com; Introducing Introverts: There *Are* Perks to Being a Wallflower; Feminism: Uncalled-For Radicalism or Cry for Equality?”

Second: Joshua Shi, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Social Media; Jumping Higher and Higher; Lipstick on a Dead Dog”

Third: Madison Lowe, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Tears Are Not Enough; Growing From the Pain; It Only Took 75 Cents”

Honorable Mention: Caroline Varie, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “A ‘Simpler’ Life, a Chilean Life; A Proud Culture of Cultures; A Positive Side of Graffiti”; and Sarah Hirsch, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, Kansas, “Discovering the New Normal; Congratulations for Nothing; No, LGBT Is Not a Type of Sandwich”

*Judge: JR Ball, executive vice president, Louisiana Business Inc.; executive editor, The Greater Baton Rouge Business Report, Baton Rouge, La.*

## **Feature Photo**

First: Brad Walsh, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., “Brett Olson Memorial Vigil”

Second: Miranda Wieczorek, Grand Island Senior High School, Grand Island, Neb., “Nerveless Nocks Nocks Thrill Show performs Friday, Aug., 31, at the Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island. This stunt act was just one of the many free entertainment shows performed daily.”

Third: Alissa Ousley, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “Philosopher Pangloss (Austin Anderson) and Chambermaid Paquette (Sabrina Garrison) flirtatiously discuss physics and Newton’s third law.”

Honorable Mention: Michaela O’Connor, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, Kansas, “Warming up her performance at the Korean Folk Festival on Sept. 29, junior Julie Kim practices her routine.”

*Judge: John Ballance, photography editor, The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.*

### **Sports Photo**

First: Brad Walsh, Acalanes High School, Lafayette, Calif., “Wide receiver Stephen Main fields a catch, ignoring the attempts of an Alhambra player to distract Main from his goal.”

Second: Ashley Collins, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Senior football players Blain Jackson and Ian Shuttleworth celebrate after the team’s 49-14 win against the Lake Hamilton Wolves.”

Third: Olivia Davila, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas, “Some of the same starters that played on last year’s state Championship team returned this year and will be looking to return to Austin again this year for the State Championship for the Pantherettes.”

Honorable Mention: Nick Kanaly, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Jordan Combs negotiates the bar on his record-breaking 13-foot vault at the GMC Track and Field meet on May 11.

*Judge: Ron McQueeney, retired director/photography, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, Ind.*

### **Cartooning**

First: Lydia Fama, University High, Chicago, Ill., “Dolor Sit Amet .....

Second: Molly Wade, Cinco Ranch High School, Katy, Texas, “True Supporters of Politics”

Third: David Choe, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., “Graphic Perspective”

Honorable Mention: Reyes Brian, Century High School, Pocatello, Idaho, “Space Dudes”

*Judges: Jeremy White, owner/publisher, Red Shtick Magazine, Baton Rouge, La.*

### **Review**

First: Evelyn Wang, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Found Spinning in Grave”

Second: Taylor Blatchford, Mountain Vista High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., “Jason Mraz Concert Review”

Third: Tom Heagney, Huntley High School, Huntley, Ill., “Music—Kendrick Lamar”

Honorable Mention: Abigail Kutlas, Grand Island Senior High School, Grand Island, Neb., “Nutella: Peanut Butter’s New Nemesis”; and Erica Jordan, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N.C., “Beta a Great Read for Sci-Fi Fans”

*Judge: Paulette Senior, co-founder, The Ripe Report blog; retired owner/publisher, South Baton Rouge Journal, Baton Rouge, La.*

## **Graphics**

First: Jeffrey Back, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Distracted Driving: What Text Is Worth Your Life?”

Second: Diana Connolly, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Race and Education: Addressing the Elephant in the Classroom”

Third: Jake Knight, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “The Hurt & the Heal”

Honorable Mention: Leah Arenz, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Using Digital Devices for Schoolwork”; and Alyssa Chapin, East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, N.C., “Faces of the Middle East”

*Judges: Jeremy White, owner/publisher, Red Shtick Magazine, Baton Rouge, La.*

## **Single-Page Layout**

First: Jake Knight, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Prospective—Page 1”

Second: Madison Riehle, Convent of the Sacred Heart High School, San Francisco, Calif., “Local Icon Turns 75—Page 2”

Third: Jeffrey Back, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Eye on the Defense”

Honorable Mention: Davis Haithcock, Wando High School, Mount Pleasant, S.C., “The Tribal Tribune—Page 1”

*Judge: Denise Jennings, former news editor, The Palm Beach Post; former news editor, the Gwinnett Daily News, Lawrenceville, Ga.*

## **Double-Track Layout**

First: Ashton Eley, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “Sleep: Everything You Need to Know”

Second: Amrutha Dorai and Howard Lee, Monta Vista High School, Cupertino, Calif., “Wrestling Revolution”

Third: Jeffrey Back, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Year of the Defense”

Honorable Mention: Emily Lor, Wando High School, Mount Pleasant, S.C., “Who Would You Choose?”; and Julia Carroll, Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, Idaho, “Gun Control Debate Heats Up”

*Judge: Denise Jennings, former news editor, The Palm Beach Post, West Palm Beach, Fla., and the Gwinnett Daily News, Lawrenceville, Ga.*

## **Environment**

First: Charu Srivastava, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Water, Water Everywhere, But Not a Drop to Spare”

Second: Vanessa Abplanalp; Katie Hinh; Moira McKinney; Tori Updike, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Are We Making It Hotter?”

Third: Kellie Wasikowski, Omaha Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., “Education Key to Recycling Effort”

Honorable Mention: Jake Knight, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., “New Building Comes With Fuel-Efficient Parking”

*Judge: Amy Wold, environmental reporter, The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La.*

### **Video News Story**

First: Shane Samuelson, Hastings High School, Hastings, Neb., “A Test of Social Security”

Second: Madeline Eggers, Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, “Chil Out”

Third: Monica Castro, Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif., “30-Game Simultaneous Chess Exhibition”

Honorable Mention: Phillip Macdonald, Oakbrook Preparatory School, Spartanburg, S.C., “Washington, D.C., Day 1”

*Judge: Susan Wade, magazine columnist and owner, 1320TV, Snohomish, Wash.*

### **Video Feature Story**

First: Sam Stockard, Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, “Blessed Union”

Second: Sophie Keyes, “Clinton High School, Clinton, S.C., “Ask My Name”

Third: David J. Klick, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “College Tips”

Honorable Mention: Henry Jackson, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., “Color Me Impressed”

*Judge: Susan Wade, magazine columnist and owner, 1320TV, Snohomish, Wash.*

### **Video Sports Story**

First: Danny Sheehan, Frisco ISD Career & Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, “Techno Physical Ed”

Second: Aungelina Dahm, Prospect High School, Mount Prospect, Ill., “Boys Basketball Defeats Elk Grove, Leads East Division”

Third: Phillip Macdonald, Oakbrook Preparatory School, Spartanburg, S.C., “Varsity Cheer State Competition”

*Judge: Susan Wade, magazine columnist and owner, 1320TV, Snohomish, Wash.*

### **Yearbook Layout**

First: Ali Self, Andover Central High School, Andover, Kansas, “Sizzling Summer Days”

Second: Demiana Khoury and Annabelle Carberry, Mercy High School, Burlingame, Calif., “Pinktober”

Third: Emily Fisher, Marian High School, Omaha, Neb., “Communication Innovation”

Honorable Mention: Estelle Dailey, Midway High School, Waco, Texas, “Organizations”

*Judges: Dr. Reginald Owens, chair, Department of Journalism, and Phillip Michael LeBlanc, production manager, Department of Journalism, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, La.*

### **Yearbook Photo**

First: Faith Ford, Andover High School, Andover, Kansas, “Running through the tall grass, sophomore Elise Larson competes in the Buhler Invitational cross country meet.”

Second: Montana Cooley, Oakbrook Preparatory School, Spartanburg, S.C., “Skidding against the lake water, junior Adam Rollins goes down the zip line.”

Third: Jeleny Solorzano, Jersey Village High School, Houston, Texas, “Taking his turn in the physics lab, **Dylan Golvach**, senior, places his hands on the electromagnetic ball and lets out a scream in agony as he gets a quick shock.”

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### **Yearbook Copywriting**

First: Sydney Pelster, Marian High School, Omaha, Neb., “The Girl Behind the Guitar”

Second: Rebecca Jenkins, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, Kansas, “Seniority Majority”

Third: Patrick Stanek, McHenry High School, McHenry, Ill., “Performing Under Pressure”

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