

National Federation of Press Women
2016 High School Communications Contest
National Award Winners

Note: All winners are invited to attend the Youth Awards Luncheon at the 2016 NFPW National Communications Conference on Saturday, September 10, in Wichita, Kansas.

Editorial:

- 1st place: Justice Bennett, Ben Yankelitis
Malvern Preparatory School – Malvern, Pennsylvania
"Remembering 9/11"
- 2nd place: Anna Schecterson
East Mecklenburg High School – Charlotte, North Carolina
"Reaction to Paris, Beirut attacks shows our bias"
- 3rd place: Katelynn Williams
Chesterton High School – Chesterton, Indiana
"Stores boycott consumer America"
- Honorable Mention: Paulina Jeng
Haas Hall Academy – Fayetteville, Arkansas
"Even 'good' stereotypes can have negative effects"

Opinion:

- 1st place: Nicole Saner
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
"Dear Me: A letter to my past self"
- 2nd place: Alia Cuadros-Contreras
Palo Alto High School – Palo Alto, California
"Success is not always spelled S-T-E-M"
- 3rd place: Amanda Shen
Great Neck South High School – Great Neck, New York
"Applying SMARts: Science Meets Arts"
- Honorable Mention: Mitchell Reeves
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
"I Wonder"

News:

- 1st place: Libby Seline
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
"The Aftermath"
- 2nd place: Colleen Grablick
Emmaus High School – Emmaus, Pennsylvania
"50 bullets, 1 lockdown, and many questions"
- 3rd place: Emma Stiefel
Lakota East High School – Liberty Township, Ohio
"Weed The People"
- Honorable Mention: Hannah Holzer
Granite Bay High School – Granite Bay, California
"When suspicious becomes serious"

Feature story:

- 1st place: Justice Bennett
Malvern Preparatory School – Malvern, Pennsylvania
“A Light of Exposure”
- 2nd place: Natalija Ward
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“In the nick of time: Senior faces repercussions after serious car accident”
- 3rd place: Brittany Meister
Lakota East High School – Liberty Township, Ohio
“Sacrifice and Sexuality”
- Honorable Mention: Grace Casey
Padua Academy – Wilmington, Delaware
“Being a non-Catholic at Padua”

Sports story:

- 1st place: Aly Thomas
Lakota East High School – Liberty Township, Ohio
“Setting the tempo”
- 2nd place: Megan Fisher
Fremont High School – Fremont, Nebraska
“Lambert feature”
- 3rd place: Zila Sanchez
East Mecklenburg High School – Charlotte, North Carolina
“Racial stereotypes in sports are only skin deep”
- Honorable Mention: Genevieve Moran
Chesterton High School – Chesterton, Indiana
“Crumb rubber turf alleged to contain carcinogens”

Columns/Blogs:

- 1st place: Liana Lum
Convent of the Sacred Heart – San Francisco, California
“Teens need to take notice”
“Improper use of mobility aids degrading, offensive”
- 2nd place: Mary Orsak
The Hockaday School – Dallas, Texas
“The greatest election you may not have heard of”
“Paris talks offer hope in global warming”
- 3rd place: Gary Brock
Timberline High School – Boise, Idaho
“Why are the wolves unwashed?”
“Avoiding a first date fiasco”
- Honorable Mention: Jazzmyn Peterson
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
“Finding middle ground”
“Learning the language”

News/Feature Photo:

- 1st place: William Dougall
Palo Alto High School – Palo Alto, California
“An Athlete’s Journey to the International Spotlight”

2nd place: Sydney Radar
Lakota East High School – Liberty Township, Ohio
“Loren Long”

3rd place: Vedha Batta
Haas Hall Academy – Fayetteville, Arkansas
“Musicians’ photo”

Honorable Mention: Hannah Bowes
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“Obama visit”

Sports Photo:

1st place: Karla Estrada
Duncanville High School – Duncanville, Texas
“Fighting for possession”

2nd place: Isabel Hanewicz
Robinson High School – Tampa, Florida
“Bench erupts after last minute shot”

3rd place: Lauren Humphrey
Southside High School – Fort Smith, Arkansas
“Final drive”

Honorable Mention: Jaylin Finch
Ben Davis High School – Indianapolis, Indiana
“Gang tackle”

Cartooning:

1st place: Angie Stein
Emmaus High School – Emmaus, Pennsylvania
“PDA (Please Desist Affection)”

2nd place: Diana Blanco
Har-Ber High School – Springdale, Arkansas
“Baby powder”

3rd place: Destini Ross
Warren Central High School – Indianapolis, Indiana
“Picture this”

Honorable Mention: Clara Vamvulescu
University High School – Los Angeles, California
“Sleep deprivation”

Review:

1st place: Macey Moghadam Henry
Haas Hall Academy – Fayetteville, Arkansas
“The gift review”

2nd place: Samantha Bouvier
Alexis I. DuPont High School – Hockessin, Delaware
“SOMA Review: Into the Depths”

3rd place: Aurelia Han
The Hockaday School – Dallas, Texas
“Best of the Brunch”

Honorable mention: Libby Seline
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“How not to carve pumpkins”

Graphics/Photo Illustration:

- 1st place: Shiva Vallabhaneni
Carmel High School – Carmel, Indiana
"Deadpool"
- 2nd place: Austria Arnold, Cheryl Hao, Kate Cooper
The Hockaday School – Dallas, Texas
"Castoff"
- 3rd place: Jacob DeFay, Hannah Coffman
Southside High School – Fort Smith, Arkansas
"Overseas visitors immerse in local culture"
- Honorable Mention: Diane Naughton
Fremont High School – Fremont, Nebraska
"Rustler cover"

Single Page Layout:

- 1st place: Shiva Vallabhaneni
Carmel High School – Carmel, Indiana
"Sports Briefs"
- 2nd place: Audrey Gray,
Cy-Fair High School – Cypress, Texas
"Life it what you bake it"
- 3rd place: Spencer Shreeve
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
"December prospective page"
- Honorable mention: James Faunce, Justice Bennett, Ben Yankelitis
Malvern Preparatory School – Malvern, Pennsylvania
"January front page"

Double-Truck Layout:

- 1st place: Kyle Crawford
Carmel High School – Carmel, Indiana
"Innovative Vision"
- 2nd place: Ahana Ganguly, Maya Kandell
Palo Alto High School – Palo Alto, California
"Trump: What is he thinking?"
- 3rd place: Jenna Hynek
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
"Breaking it in: How to add years of wear to your favorite shirts"
- Honorable Mention: Anna Schecterson, Zila Sanchez
East Mecklenburg High School – Charlotte, North Carolina
"Around the world in eleven plates"

Environment:

- 1st place: James Saitz
Archbishop Riordan High School – San Francisco, California
"Autos, bikes battle over the road with environment as grand prize"
- 2nd place: Claire Scott
Haas Hall Academy – Fayetteville, Arkansas
"Natural competitors"

Radio Prepared Report (soft feature/audio podcast):

- 1st place: Mikyhial Clarke

Mount Pleasant High School – Wilmington, Delaware
“Ferguson commentary”

Radio/Television Interview or Talk Show:

- 1st place: Joelle Dong Heller
Palo Alto High School – Palo Alto, California
“Refugee Stories”
- 2nd place: Katherine Clement, Aurelia Han, Lexie Chu, Cheryl Hao
The Hockaday School – Dallas, Texas
“Pop out of the HockaBubble at the Dallas Museum of Art”

Best Newscast Radio or Television:

- 1st place: Nick Wilson, Kiley Wecker, Marisa Thakady, Alana Rood, Matt Mudrick
Coppell High School – Coppell, Texas
“KCBY Show”
- 2nd place: Christian Ellsworth, Katelyn Archer, Coleman Cooper, Austin Dammann,
Mitchell Evans, Blake Gustafson, Katherine Smallwood
Northwest High School – Grand Island, Nebraska
“January newscast”
- 3rd place: Melanie Monzo
Padua Academy – Wilmington, Delaware
“PATV 11/10/15”

Video News Story:

- 1st place: Tyson Clendening
Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center – Frisco, Texas
“Purrfect Time”
- 2nd place: Grace Ward
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“Islamic impact”
- 3rd place: Elena Mateus
Carlmont High School – Belmont, California
“Carlmont combats Islamophobia”

Video Feature Story:

- 1st place: Elias Ginsberg
Westside High School – Omaha Nebraska
“Ellie Furchert : Welder Beats Stereotypes”
- 2nd place: Tori Bates
Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center – Frisco, Texas
“No limbitations”
- 3rd place: Eileen Vega, Julissa Calderon
Springdale High School – Springdale, Arkansas
“Smilin’ with Billie”
- Honorable Mention: Ellie Johnson, Kyle MacKinnon
Ben Davis High School – Indianapolis, Indiana
“PALS”

Video Sports Story:

- 1st place: Erin Davis
Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center – Frisco, Texas

- 2nd place: “Lu’s Gracefulness”
Mitchell Francis, Jack Zipay
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“Breathe – a swim story”
- 3rd place: Blair McClanahan
Wynne High School – Wynne, Arkansas
“Athletic injuries”

Yearbook Layout:

- 1st place: Erika Holding, Joie Li, Lauren Colbert, Kennice Wroblewski, Erika Arakawa
Carmel High School – Carmel, Indiana
“Carmel Atypical”
- 2nd place: Abby Lang
Westside High School – Omaha, Nebraska
“Volleyball yearbook design”
- 3rd place: Lauren Anderson, Jacob Frazier
McKinney High School – McKinney, Texas
“A breath of fresh MacBook air”
- Honorable Mention: Austin Masters
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
“Fourth quarter frenzy”

Yearbook Photo:

- 1st place: Kayla Graves
Noblesville High School – Noblesville, Indiana
“Swimmer”
- 2nd place: Brooke Lasley
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
“Fingers wrapped”
- 3rd place: Nellie Murphy
Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School – Chicago, Illinois
“Lollapalooza”
- Honorable Mention: Zoey Cook
Hastings Senior High School – Hastings, Nebraska
“Science labs”

Yearbook Copywriting:

- 1st place: John Sanchez, Alex Slaid
Cy-Fair High School – Cypress, Texas
“Senior turns life around”
- 2nd place: Jaydn Bernt
Fremont High School – Fremont, Nebraska
“Game-winning shot”
- 3rd place: Brent Barker
Bryant High School – Bryant, Arkansas
“Playing to a draw”