



National Federation of Press Women, Inc. Education Fund

2019 NFPW HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS CONTEST WINNERS 125 STUDENTS TAKE NATIONAL HONORS

MECHANICSVILLE, Va. – The National Federation of Press Women Education Fund, sponsor of the 2019 NFPW High School Communications Contest, has announced national awards to 125 student winners. The national Youth Awards Luncheon, hosted by the NFPW Education Fund Board, will be held June 29 at the 2019 NFPW Communications Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The annual NFPW high school competition is one of only a few nationwide communications contests for high school students. The competition offers 23 categories, including news, feature, sports, and column writing, photography, radio and television, videos, and graphic design. Students initially compete at the state level, with first-place winners advancing to the national competition.

In 2019, the students who individually or as teams created 154 of the 1,598 entries in statewide affiliate contests, advanced to the national level. Of them, 125 students received national honors for the 89 print-based or online entries published in a newspaper, yearbook, or via a website, or were broadcast on a high school radio or television station.

One entry, an opinion piece from Padua Academy in Wilmington, Delaware, was named winner of the NFPW High School Communications Award of Excellence (“Best of the Best”). The first-place entries from all 23 categories were judged for this third tier of the competition to determine the sole winner. Judging was based on how successfully each entry had fulfilled the requirements of its individual category descriptor.

NFPW – a nationwide organization of women and men with diverse roles in the field of communications – provides the three-tier contest in the belief that it is vital to encourage the next generation to pursue excellence and perhaps careers in the rapidly changing field of journalism and the broader field of communications.

The NFPW Education Fund Board is pleased to announce the 2019 NFPW High School Communications Contest national award winners. Below are the results of the national judging in this year’s NFPW high school communications competition.

NFPW HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (BEST OF THE BEST)

Stella White

“The Reality of ‘Never Again’” (opinion category)

Padua Academy – Wilmington, Delaware

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1. EDITORIAL

1st Place	Blueprint Editorial Board "To the Survivors in Florida: We Stand with You" Acalanes High School Lafayette, California
2nd Place	Helen Rummel "Nationwide study pushes for higher safety standards" Fishers High School Fishers, Indiana
3rd Place	Natalie Gill "A Fresh Start" Westside High School Omaha, Nebraska
Honorable Mention	Kate Carroll "RNC will hurt Charlotte more than help" East Mecklenburg High School Charlotte, North Carolina

2. OPINION

1st Place	Stella White "The Reality of 'Never Again'" Padua Academy Wilmington, Delaware
2nd Place	Tiffany To "Clank. Clank. Pop." Bryant High School Bryant, Arkansas
3rd Place	Nelson Liu "Common Sense Gun Regulation" The Haverford School Haverford, Pennsylvania
Honorable Mention	Harrison Snyder "Unite Divided Nation" R. Nelson Snider High School Fort Wayne, Indiana

3. NEWS STORY

1st Place	Emma Herwehe, Julia Brookshire "Lost in Southport" Southport High School Indianapolis, Indiana
2nd Place	Lars Lonnroth, Pilar Valdes "Pregnancy Center opens in La Grange" Lyons Township High School La Grange, Illinois
3rd Place	Vanessa Gurrola "State bill aims to melt ICE threats"

Eastside College Preparatory School
Palo Alto, California

Honorable Mention

Emily Fey
“Correcting Communication”
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

4. FEATURE STORY

1st Place

Anushka Dasgupta
“No Weigh to Live”
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

2nd Place

Courtney Kernick, Riya Matta, Jenny Tseng
“Asking for It”
Palo Alto High School
Palo Alto, California

3rd Place

Jackie Cameron
“A True Friendship”
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

Honorable Mention

Anshuman Nandy
“Path to Citizenship”
Haas Hall Academy
Fayetteville, Arkansas

5. SPORTS STORY

1st Place

Ojasvi Saxena, Emily Lu
“No Place for Hate”
Adlai E. Stevenson High School
Lincolnshire, Illinois

2nd Place

Julian Bartlebaugh
“Under Pressure”
Bellwood-Antis High School
Bellwood, Pennsylvania

3rd Place

Logan Zrebiec
“So Much to Play For”
Southport High School
Indianapolis, Indiana

Honorable Mention

Kade Rogerson
“Game Changer”
Haas Hall Academy
Fayetteville, Arkansas

6. COLUMNS/BLOGS

1st Place

Jackson Williams
“Red faces in a sea of blue shirts”
“The ghost in the machine is sad and drunk”

Har-Ber High School
Springdale, Arkansas

2nd Place

John Kalil
"Kalil's Korner: The Legalization of Sports Betting"
"Kalil's Korner: eSports Degrade the Olympic Tradition"
Acalanes High School
Lafayette, California

3rd Place

Ellie Albin
"Stirring up treble: Marching band cannot be sport"
"Sports most important part of Indiana's culture"
Fishers High School
Fishers, Indiana

Honorable Mention

Bradley Locker
"The Locker Room: Road Warriors"
"The Locker Room: Personalized Pride "
Adlai E. Stevenson High School
Lincolnshire, Illinois

7. REVIEW

1st Place

Maddox Mogenson
"Year of the Grande"
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

2nd Place

Jacob Wiese
"New 'Celeste' game speaks volumes"
Southport High School
Indianapolis, Indiana

3rd Place

Kirsten Wandrey
"Ravishing Rare Ramen"
Millard North High School
Omaha, Nebraska

Honorable Mention

Wyatt Zwik
"Punk Lyricism returns with Idles' 'Joy as an Act of Resistance'"
Niles West High School
Skokie, Illinois

8. NEWS/FEATURE PHOTO

1st Place

Elise Baker
"No More Silence"
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

2nd Place

Jared Rigdon
"You Could Be Next"
Lawrence North High School
Indianapolis, Indiana

3rd Place Emily Malone
"The Future of Calling in a Text Message World"
Padua Academy
Wilmington, Delaware

Honorable Mention Andrew Wittkower
"Woolsey Fire forces two-day school closure"
El Camino Real Charter High School
Woodland Hills, California

9. SPORTS PHOTO

1st Place Beau Brittain
"Falcons Win Big over Cinco Ranch"
Jersey Village High School
Houston, Texas

2nd Place Hannah Bena
"Volleyball State"
Marian High School
Omaha, Nebraska

3rd Place Elise Baker
"Football Leap"
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

10. CARTOONING

1st Place Isaac Naylor
"Am I busy? You could say that"
East Mecklenburg High School
Charlotte, North Carolina

2nd Place Kennedy Homan
"Issue 3 Editorial Cartoon"
Metea Valley High School
Aurora, Illinois

3rd Place Adam Hart
"A Little Shady"
Haas Hall Academy
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Honorable Mention Olivia Buchtenkirch
"Public Arts programs provide more than color"
Fishers High School
Fishers, Indiana

11. GRAPHICS/PHOTO ILLUSTRATION

1st Place Jackie Hur
"Cramming for Midterms"

Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

2nd Place Claire Guo, Neil Goldenthal
"Restaurants of the King of Prussia Town Center"
Conestoga High School
Berwyn, Pennsylvania

3rd Place Kennedy Homan
"'BlacKkKlansman' review graphic"
Metea Valley High School
Aurora, Illinois

Honorable Mention Ramya Iyer
"Freshman issue cover"
Westside High School
Omaha, Nebraska

12. SINGLE-PAGE LAYOUT

1st Place Jackie Hur, Angela Li
"Silent Illness"
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

2nd Place Emily Fey, Grace Goldman
"Cover, Issue 2 of the Harbinger"
Shawnee Mission East High School
Prairie Village, Kansas

3rd Place Audrey Kim
"Seniors show school spirit during homecoming"
Conestoga High School
Berwyn, Pennsylvania

Honorable Mention Cole Kalkowski
"Front page layout: October"
Mount Michael Benedictine High School
Elkhorn, Nebraska

13. DOUBLE-TRUCK LAYOUT

1st Place Allison Brannan
"Street Art Unifies Town"
Southside High School
Fort Smith, Arkansas

2nd Place Uday Lomada
"Us Against the World"
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

3rd Place Molly Murch
"Not for Sale"

Millard North High School
Omaha, Nebraska

Honorable Mention Josephine Rozzelle
"Year of the Woman"
Convent of the Sacred Heart
San Francisco, California

14. ENVIRONMENT

1st Place Megan Chen
"Sustainable gardens are changing college campuses"
Newark Charter School
Newark, Delaware

2nd Place Ashleigh Fields
"Water quality concerns prompt testing"
East Mecklenburg High School
Charlotte, North Carolina

3rd Place Taylor Poe
"Green Team takes charge"
Haas Hall Academy
Fayetteville, Arkansas

Honorable Mention Ivonne Sanchez
"Countries Promote a Bigger Change"
Maine West High School
Des Plaines, Illinois

15. RADIO PREPARED REPORT (soft feature/audio postcard)

1st Place Kelly VanEtten
"Surrogacy"
Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Flossmoor, Illinois

2nd Place Shawn Coulter
"Juuling"
Mount Pleasant High School
Wilmington, Delaware

16. RADIO/TELEVISION INTERVIEW OR TALK SHOW

1st Place Citlaly Rodrigues
"Spartan News Christmas Series: Episode 4"
Porter High School
Porter, Texas

2nd Place Lars Lonnroth
"Point Counterpoint S01E01 Lion Newspaper and LTTV"
Lyons Township High School
La Grange, Illinois

3rd Place Mya Decker
"2 Cool 4 School"
Bellwood-Antis High School

Bellwood, Pennsylvania

Honorable Mention Finn Mennuti
"Palo Alto on Pot"
Palo Alto High School
Palo Alto, California

17. BEST NEWSCAST: RADIO OR TELEVISION

1st Place Mari Forbes, Kate Furney, Jake Steele, Madison McFarlane, Giullian Canlas,
Morgan Rhodes, Jared Gonzalez-Yapp
"Frisco ISD-TV (Episode #085)"
Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center
Frisco, Texas

2nd Place Molly Stineman, Shelby Tiernan, Cambryn Carvin
"December 20th Lakeside in Focus"
Lakeside High School
Hot Springs, Arkansas

3rd Place Lars Lonnroth
"Lion/WLTL News: Happenings of the Hall – Teacher Contracts"
Lyons Township High School
La Grange, Illinois

Honorable Mention Missy Marazzo, Rebecca Baker, Keeley Dugan, Meghan Doyle, Summer Gearhart,
Gabriella DiSabatino
"PATV Jan. 28, 2019"
Padua Academy
Wilmington, Delaware

18. VIDEO NEWS STORY

1st Place Josie Bachus
"MLK Day"
Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Flossmoor, Illinois

2nd Place Swan Swindle
"Take a Legislator to School"
Lakeside High School
Hot Springs, Arkansas

3rd Place LeAnne Bugay, Ayanna Solomon-Smith
"Bellevue Pubic Schools receives National Math + Science Initiative Grant"
Bellevue West High School
Bellevue, Nebraska

Honorable Mention Jai Vaughnee Moreno, Antonio Bocanegra II
"Kingwood Emergency Center"
Porter High School
Porter, Texas

19. VIDEO FEATURE STORY

1st Place Haidyn McKenzie, Bradley Davis

"More than Meets the Eye"
Lovejoy High School
Lucas, Texas

2nd Place Molly Stineman
"A Special Bond"
Lakeside High School
Hot Springs, Arkansas

3rd Place Missy Marazzo
"Faithful Friends Animal Society"
Padua Academy
Wilmington, Delaware

Honorable Mention Mandy Hitchcock
"Renown cellist Jeremy Tai inspires Carlmont instrumental music students"
Carlmont High School
Belmont, California

20. VIDEO SPORTS STORY

1st Place Chris Speeks, Dre Hill
"The Takeover: A Chase Thompson Story"
Westside High School
Omaha, Nebraska

2nd Place Jalen Robinson
"Overcoming Injury"
Homewood-Flossmoor High School
Flossmoor, Illinois

3rd Place Mandy Hitchcock
"Student gymnast flips training hours" and "Students tackle balancing multiple sports"
Carlmont High School
Belmont, California

Honorable Mention Madison Hildreth
"Marathoners at Padua"
Padua Academy
Wilmington, Delaware

Sam Kim, Ayman Bolad
"Us Against the World"
Carmel High School
Carmel, Indiana

Samantha Richards
"Crosstown Showdown"
McKinney High School
McKinney, Texas

21. YEARBOOK LAYOUT

1st Place Kayla Thompson
"Flying Solo"

McKinney High School
McKinney, Texas

2nd Place Savannah Allen
"Math"
Noblesville High School
Noblesville, Indiana

3rd Place Katrina Troy
"Metamorphoses"
Huntley High School
Huntley, Illinois

Honorable Mention Raquel Thompson
"Saturday Night Lights"
Bryant High School
Bryant, Arkansas

22. YEARBOOK PHOTO

1st Place Scout Wampler
"Storming the Floor"
Richmond High School
Richmond, Indiana

2nd Place Veronica Palacios
"Concentration"
Jersey Village High School
Houston, Texas

3rd Place Anjali Nooka
"Show Choir"
Millard North High School
Omaha, Nebraska

Honorable Mention Alina Peret
"Breaking Through"
Bryant High School
Bryant, Arkansas

23. YEARBOOK COPY WRITING

1st Place Neelam Bohra
"From One Home to Another"
McKinney High School
McKinney, Texas

2nd Place Kaylee Demlow
"Barely Homecoming"
Fishers High School
Fishers, Indiana

3rd Place Kayla Yakimisky
"Metamorphoses"

Huntley High School
Huntley, Illinois

Honorable Mention

Makenna Bird
“Looking Up at the Sky for a Once-in-a-Lifetime Event”
Dorchester High School
Dorchester, Nebraska