

1. EDITORIAL

First place: Connor Morgan, Kent Denver School, Englewood, Colo., "The definition of a hero"

Second place: Elizabeth Harms, Southside High School, Fort Smith, Ark., "Tests need refined focus on learning"

Third place: George Brown and Dustin Nizamian, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "JV star or varsity benchwarmer?"

Honorable mention: Robby Stephany Smith, A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, Texas, "Students should work to end school fights"

Judge: George Peters, noted researcher and author, Hazelwood, Mo.

2. OPINION

First place: Caleb Cunningham, Kent Denver School, Englewood, Colo., "The new news"

Second place: Olivia Gulino and Kara Ramsey, St. Joseph's Academy, Baton Rouge, La., "Point - Counterpoint: Should schools use Web filters?"

Third place: Shannon Carroll, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., "News crossing a line"

Honorable mention: Jonathon Schmidt, Wynne High School, Wynne, Ark., "War on Wikipedia"

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

3. NEWS STORY

First place: Rachel Ferencz, Rachel Alvey and Lauren Komer, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, Kan., "Teaching with new technology"

Second place: Mary Susman, Omaha Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., "Threatening video"

Third place: Tom Meyer and Matthew Glowicki, Lyons Township High School, LaGrange, Ill., "Bring on the prisoners"

Honorable mention: Anna McLean, Longmont High School, Longmont, Colo., "Severe budget cuts loom"

Honorable mention: Jake Downey, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Deficit will impact schools throughout Perry Township"

Honorable mention: Chelsea Fetterhoff and Sallie Snyder, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., "Losing my religion"

Honorable mention: Lisa Liu, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "Grade point agnst"

Judge: Mike Harris, retired national AP reporter, Wake Forest, N.C.

4. FEATURE STORY

First place: Kaylie Sautter, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., "Imagine perfection"

Second place: Hannah Smith, Bear Creek Senior High School, Lakewood, Colo., "Reunion prompts alum to give the gift of life"

Third place: Katrina Ragsdale, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ark., "Dealing with PTSD"

Honorable mention: Liam Martin, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Ariz., "Community reaches out to grad in need"

Honorable mention: Christopher Heady, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Love for Del"

Honorable mention: Stacie Hamilton, Duncanville High School, Duncanville, Texas, "Trehan focuses on positive after death of parents"

Judges: Marisa Urrutia Gedney, programs director, 826 Valencia (The Writing Center), San Francisco
Miranda Tsang, programs assistant, 826 Valencia (The Writing Center), San Francisco

5. SPORTS STORY

First place: Cassie Pholeau and George Brown, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Paly Green. Olympic gold. Fade to black”

Second place: Ian Wiseman, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., “43 Super Bowls ... and then some”

Third place: Adam Eisenberg, Sandia Preparatory School, N.M., “Quarterbacks make controversial comeback”

Honorable mention: Cara Wilwerding, Omaha Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., “Horsin’ around”

Honorable mention: Allie Nash and Nick Petr, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Reaching for sectionals”

Honorable mention: Anna McClean, Longmont High School, Longmont, Colo., “Guys wrestling girls appropriate?”

Judge: Bob Jenkins, veteran motorsports television and radio announcer, and lead commentator for the IndyCar Series on Versus , Carmel, Ind.

6. COLUMNS

First place: Jackie Randell, Jordan High, Durham, N.C., “Technology generation lacks Woodstock spirit,” “Looming college essays make horror story come to life,” “Brush with death reveals that odds work against us”

Second place: Mike Bingham, Borah High School, Boise, Idaho, “LGBT who?” “2010 made easy,” “Merry Rama-hannu-kwans-mas!”

Third place: Will Miller, Kent Denver School, Englewood, Colo., “Kennedy's death ends an era,” “Free market not the cure,” “What Massachusetts means for health”

Honorable mention: Rachel Rhodes, St. Joseph's Academy, Baton Rouge, La., “Eye on the Tigers,” “Tigers look for breakout season,” “More than just football and put down the pitchforks, Tiger fans”

Honorable mention: Skylar Peterson, Sandia Preparatory School, Albuquerque, N.M., “No more holy wars,” “The activist in all of us,” “Acceptance is key to a cohesive society”

Honorable mention: Ryan Flanagan, Verde, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Don’t fear the chair,” “Could you please control yourself?” “Bridezillas attack!”

Judge: Tammy Swift, columnist, reporter and features writer, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Fargo, N.D.

7. FEATURE PHOTO

First place: Gareth Patterson, Bryant High School, Bryant, Ariz., “Practicing routine”

Second place: Caitlyn Massy, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, Kan., “Sophomore Amada Hedrick plays her violin ...”

Third place: Ryan Yu, Lowell High School, San Francisco, Calif., “Sail away”

Honorable mention: Ana Muniz, Duncanville North High School, Duncanville, Texas, “Lively example”

Honorable mention: Hannah Baker, Lawrence High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Ride of her life”

Judge: Ron McQueeney, director of photo operations, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

8. SPORTS PHOTO

First place: Eric Muenchen, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Pedro Powell”

Second place: Brandon Dukovic, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., “Ernesto Cruz”

Third place: Jack Leibovitz, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “Senior Isaiah Roundtree dives to the end zone”

Honorable mention: Andrew Ahearne, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Ariz., “Josh Dennard leaps to bring down a pass”

Honorable mention: Ryan Williams, Irmo High School, Columbia, S.C., “New mascot”

Judge: Ron McQueeney, director of photo operations, Indianapolis Motor Speedway

9. CARTOONING

First place: Zach Partilla, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., "I don't have health care ..."

Second place: Tiffany Do, Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, Ill., "Pet peeves persist in hallways"

Third place: Brian Baltis, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "Swine flew"

Honorable mention: Corbin Wicktor, Independence High School, Glendale, Ariz., "The fisher"

Judge: Summerlea Kasher, acting director, The Cartoon Museum, San Francisco

10. REVIEW

First place: Leslie Shen, Palo Alto High School, Palo Alto, Calif., "Pixar's UP soars above and beyond"

Second place: Duncan McHenry, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "5 days of fashion"

Third place: Alexander Alesi and Ben Rosen, East Chapel Hill High School, Chapel Hill, N.C., "French fry frolickers fret over locally frequented fries"

Honorable mention: Liam Martin, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Ariz., "'The Shack' definitely not 'Pilgrims Progress'"

Honorable mention: Logan Galansky and Sophie Matusiewicz, Kent Denver School, Englewood, Colo., "Precious intensely stunning"

Judge: Laura Merlo, former copy editor at the *San Francisco Chronicle* and currently head of Eagle Eye Editing, San Rafael, Calif.

11. GRAPHICS

First place: Maria Straus, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Insight"

Second place: Natasha Smith, LBJ/LASA High School, Austin, Texas, "Stepping into another dimension"

Third place: Tyler Caster and Radhika Madhavan, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, "R.E.M. sleep"

Honorable mention: Jonathan James, Blue Valley Northwest High School, Overland Park, Kan., "The high side of high school"

Honorable mention: Joseph Mullen, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., "Truth of the matter"

Honorable mention: Taylor Snyder, South Point High School, Rock Hill, S.C., "Winter athletes are ready for the new season"

Judge: Dennis Gallagher, partner, Visual Strategies, San Francisco

12. SINGLE-PAGE LAYOUT

First place: Meriwether Joyner, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., "Surf"

Second place: Lauren Cooper, Lawrence North High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Vancouver 2010"

Third place: Kaley Hansen, Granite Bay High School, Granite Bay, Calif., "Networking newbies"

Honorable mention: Tim Shedor, Shawnee Mission East High School, Prairie Village, Kan., "Not an average walk in the park"

Honorable mention: Ben Scuderi, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, N.M., "Front page"

Honorable mention: Santiago Azpurna-Borras, Brophy College Preparatory, Phoenix, Ariz., "The roundup"

Judge: Patti Mangan, principal creative director, Imagine That Design Studio, San Francisco

13. DOUBLE-TRUCK LAYOUT

First place: Nick Schuler, Wando High School, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., "Around the world through 24 eyes"

Second place: Jinny Zhang and Arjuna Capulong, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., "We can do it!"

Third place: Katie Smith, Fayetteville High School, Fayetteville, Ark., "Painting the town"

Honorable mention: Alex Rowe, Rock Canyon High School, Highlands Ranch, Colo., "400 years of stargazing"

Honorable mention: Ashley Lane, Shawnee Mission Northwest High School, Shawnee, Kan., “You are what you write”

Honorable mention: Sarah Zins, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Rediscover the lost art of farming for a living”

Honorable mention: Natasha Smith, Abigail Cain and Alana Hauser, LBJ/LASA High School, Austin, Texas, “Searching for the right fit”

Judge: Patti Mangan, principal creative director, Imagine That Design Studio, San Francisco

14. ENVIRONMENT

First place: Natasha Smith, Abigail Cain and Alana Hauser, LBJ/LASA High School, Austin, Texas, “Getting to the root of things”

Second place: Suchin Gururangan, East Chapel Hill School, Chapel Hill, N.C., “Wreathed in uncooperativeness: Can world leaders embrace cooperation on climate change in Denmark?”

Third place: Justine Chu, Lakota East High School, Liberty Township, Ohio, “Going green”

Honorable mention: Ella Wood, Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, N.M., “Copin’ with global warming”

Honorable mention: Justin Schwabedissen, Skyline High School, Idaho Falls, Idaho, “Justin Time”

Honorable mention: Andie Behling, Belvidere North High School, Belvidere, Ill., “The bigger picture”

Judge: Tom Valtin, senior editor, Sierra Club, San Francisco

15. VIDEO NEWS STORY

First place: Julia Duke, Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, “Bright mentors”

Second place: Rebecca Conrad and Karly Sorys, Papillion LaVista South High School, Papillion, Neb., “Black Friday”

Third place: Lierin Ehmke and Sean Jordan, Lawrence Central High School, Indianapolis, Ind., “LC’s vandalism issue”

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

16. VIDEO FEATURE STORY

First place: Ryan Schoeneberg, Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, “Cave music”

Second place: Natashia Lang, Timberline High School, Boise, Idaho, “No means know”

Third place: Olivia Babe, Omaha Westside High School, Omaha, Neb., “Omaha ballet”

Honorable mention: Marianna Cooper, Carmel High School, Carmel, Ind., “15 minutes of fame: Lawrence Yeh”

Honorable mention: Veronica J. Murphy, Snowflake High School, Snowflake, Ariz., “Go out and read”

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

17. VIDEO SPORTS STORY

First place: Kellen Wright and Ryan Schoeneberg, Frisco ISD Career and Technical Education Center, Frisco, Texas, "Gary Burns fun run"

Second place: Emily Barnes, Ryan Daly and Joseph Fabian, Papillion LaVista South High School, Papillion, Neb., "Wrestling"

Third place: Marcus Yellowhair, Snowflake High School, Snowflake, Ariz., "Snowflake High School football"

Honorable mention: Clayton Leslie, Southport High School, Indianapolis, Ind., "Enterline feature"

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