

**JUDGING SHEET**

# Contest F: News Writing



**STEP 1:** please fill in student code here (for instance, "432F005")

# F

| <b>PLACE</b>      |        |          |
|-------------------|--------|----------|
| FIRST             | SECOND | THIRD    |
| HONORABLE MENTION |        | NO AWARD |

**STEP 2:** please score the entry with these criteria

| +         | Area of Strength | ✓ Adequate | - Area of Weakness  |
|-----------|------------------|------------|---|
| <b>1</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Is the story complete and compact?                          |
| <b>2</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Does the lead feature key element(s) of the story?          |
| <b>3</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Is the story well organized?                                |
| <b>4</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Is the story written in third person?                       |
| <b>5</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Does the reporter make effective use of quotes?             |
| <b>6</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Is the story free of editorializing?                        |
| <b>7</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Are paragraphs kept short and easily readable?              |
| <b>8</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Does the story stress the WHY of information?               |
| <b>9</b>  | + ✓ -            |            | Are punctuation, grammar, A.P. style and spelling accurate? |
| <b>10</b> | + ✓ -            |            | Is story information accurate?                              |

**STEP 3:** please provide feedback in the comment boxes (**not optional**)

**AREAS OF STRENGTH**

**AREAS OF WEAKNESS**

**STEP 4:** please staple to **BACK** of student materials