

# AWARD CATEGORIES

## **1. Most Outstanding Newspaper**

This award is for the outstanding student newspaper that demonstrates excellent reporting, writing and photographic skills, effective layout and design, and a well-balanced and interesting mix of news, features and editorials. Please submit three examples.

## **2. Most Outstanding Reporter**

This will be awarded to the student who has demonstrated excellence in hard news and feature writing, applying the conventions of professional journalism (well-written and focused leads, the use of quotes and attribution, etc.) to his or her pieces. Please submit three examples.

## **3. Best News Article**

This award is given to a well-crafted hard news story that deals with a relevant issue at school or in the world at large.

## **4. Best Feature Article**

This award is given to a human interest story that is clearly written, interesting, entertaining and relevant.

## **5. Best Editorial**

This award is given to an editorial that is written as a statement of the staff (and is not a personal column) and reflects a clear, insightful point of view.

## **6. Best Opinion Piece**

This award is given to a personal column or opinion piece that is thought-provoking, reflects the writer's voice and expresses an issue that affects the high school community.

## **7. Best Arts Review**

This award is given to a critique or review of a movie, play, music, concert, book, performance, exhibit or other creative work that was open to the student community.

## **8. Best Sports Story or Column**

This will be awarded to a well-crafted hard news or feature sports story or a column linked to high school sports.

## **9. Best Page One Layout**

This will be awarded to the best page one design.

## **10. Best Layout**

This award will be given to the best overall newspaper layout and design.

## **11. Best Photograph**

This award will be judged on the clarity and quality of image, as well as its news impact and human interest.

## **12. Best Illustration or Cartoon**

This award will be judged on the quality of the illustration/cartoon and its connection to high school life.

## **13. Best Online Newspaper**

This award is for the outstanding student newspaper designed for online publication.

## **14. Best Online Writing**

This will be awarded to the best article, blog or interactive writing for online publication.

## **15. Best Freelance Work**

This new award will be given to the student who has shown skill and initiative as a freelance journalist contributing to the professional media or in establishing a personal online digital presence. Freelance work includes blogs, podcasts, personal websites, and published print and video stories, columns and editorials.