

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.