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.