



Featuring the Quill Awards

Calling all editors, reporters and writers: Discover and explore your passion at Adelphi University's Press Day! We invite you to submit your work for consideration in the Quill Awards competition. Be sure to follow the instructions listed below. Any materials received that are not in accordance with these guidelines may be disqualified.

- Each school may enter up to **six categories**, with a maximum of **one entry per category**.
- To be considered for an award, all submissions must have been produced between February 2024 and January 2025.
- For Most Outstanding Newspaper and Most Outstanding Reporter, please submit three different examples of completed work.
- Be sure that all submissions, including editorials, layout design and cartoons, have a byline and title, as submissions will not be eligible for a Quill Award without this information.
- A copy of the Quill Awards Competition Form must be attached to your email submission and labeled.
- All Quill Awards submission materials must be emailed as a PDF document to **infoevents@adelphi.edu** by **Friday, January 24, 2025**, with the subject "Quill Awards Submission." We cannot open Google or Microsoft Word documents.

Contest Submission Advice

We strongly prefer content that focuses on your school or community rather than national events already covered by the national media. Proximity is a major element of news, and you can provide unique value by covering stories from your local perspective. For example, reporting on the high school sports teams, the school play, local events like a battle of the bands, or conflicts involving your school board is highly encouraged. These are stories only you can tell, as you are often the only source of such coverage. While national events such as the war in Ukraine, Taylor Swift concerts, or the New York Giants are newsworthy, they are typically covered extensively and promptly by national media. If you choose to submit a story about a national event, ensure it has a local school tie, such as involving an alum or student from your school.

AWARD CATEGORIES

1. Most Outstanding Newspaper (Print or Online)

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 their 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 Opinion Piece (Column or Editorial)

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

6. 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.

7. Best Visual (Photograph or Artwork)

This award will be judged on the clarity and quality of photograph or illustration/cartoon, as well as its news impact and human interest.

8. 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.

9. Best Layout

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

10. Best News Video

This award will be given to a news video that has been published on a newspaper website or broadcasted at your school. Upload the video to YouTube and provide the link with your entry. Ensure the video is set to public view.

11. Best Use of Social Media

This award is for newspaper website stories that feature embedded social media posts or standalone social media posts/accounts used for sharing news. Demonstrate how effectively you use social media to engage and inform your audience.



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Quill Awards Competition Submission Form

Most Outstanding Newspaper*

Publication name _____

Most Outstanding Reporter*

Name _____

Best News Article

Author _____

Title _____

Best Feature Article

Author _____

Title _____

Best Sports Story or Column

Author _____

Title _____

Best Opinion Piece (Column or Editorial)

Author _____

Title _____

Best Visual (Photograph or Artwork)

Author _____

Title _____

Best Arts Review

Author _____

Title _____

Best Layout

Designer _____

Best News Video

Video _____

Best Use of Social Media

Article _____

*Please submit three examples.