

KACP: 2008 Student Journalists Awards Competition Winners

JOURNALISTS OF THE YEAR

2-year yearbook/magazine:

Journalist of the Year: Chris Neal, Butler County Community College

First runner-up: Courtney Unruh, Hutchinson Community College

2-year newspaper:

Journalist of the Year: Luke Wempe, Seward County Community College

First runner-up: Alexia Stout-Lang, Johnson County Community College

Second runner-up: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson Community College

4-year newspaper:

Journalist of the Year: Jenalea Myers, Baker University

First runner-up: Adrielle Harvey, McPherson College

Second runner-up: Nicole Lemons, Ottawa University

4-YEAR PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEWSPAPERS

Overall:

All-Kansas: Daily Kansan, KU

Gold: Collegio, Pittsburg State University

Silver: University Leader, Fort Hays State University

Silver: Sunflower, Wichita State University

Bronze: Bulletin, Emporia State University

Bronze: Washburn Review, Washburn University

Review writing:

1st: Corey Jones, Washburn

2nd: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

3rd: Doug Graham, Pittsburg

H.M.: Phillip Van Horn, Fort Hays

H.M.: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

H.M.: Doug Graham, Pittsburg

H.M.: Josh Rouse, Washburn

Column writing:

1st: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

2nd: Curtis Thom, Pittsburg

3rd: Betsy McLeod Cutliff, KU

H.M.: Doug Graham, Pittsburg

H.M.: Lisa Norris, Pittsburg

H.M.: Phillip Van Horn, Fort Hays

H.M.: Jessica Speer, Fort Hays

Illustrations:

1st: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

2nd: Aaron Anders, Pittsburg

3rd: Caron Handcock, Washburn

JUDGE'S OVERALL COMMENT: "Some good attempt at photo illustration. But I'd really like to see more student publications use traditional illustration – computer-generated, as well as pen, ink and paint."

Sports column writing:

1st: Travis Robinett, KU
2nd: Nathan Miller, Washburn
3rd: Mike Hammett, Fort Hays
H.M.: Garrett Scott, Wichita
H.M.: Mike Hammett, Fort Hays
H.M.: Will Manly, Fort Hays
H.M.: Corey Jones, Washburn

JUDGE'S OVERALL COMMENT: "Robinett's column was far and away the best."

Sports news writing:

1st: Asher Fusco, KU
2nd: Mark Dent, KU
3rd: Asher Fusco, KU
H.M.: Mike Hammett, Fort Hays
H.M.: Mike Hammett, Fort Hays
H.M.: Ryan Atkinson, Pittsburg
H.M.: Mark Dent, KU

JUDGE'S OVERALL COMMENT: "Very difficult to pick the top three. There were eight to 10 that were worthy."

Infographics:

1st: Candice Tullis, Wichita
2nd: Sho Omiya, Pittsburg
3rd: Luciano Garafano, Fort Hays
H.M.: Todd Vogts, Wichita
H.M.: Josh Rouse, Washburn
H.M.: ReAnne Utemark, Washburn
H.M.: Travis Perry, Washburn

JUDGE'S OVERALL COMMENT: "It was good to see students incorporate and, in some cases tell, the story with graphics. Now I would like to see the design of the graphics pushed a little further."

News writing:

1st: Molly Heavner, Emporia
2nd: Curtis Thom & Doug Graham, Pittsburg
3rd: Todd Vogts, Wichita
H.M.: Sasha Roe & Mark Dent, KU
H.M.: Klint Spiller, Fort Hays
H.M.: Travis Perry, Washburn
H.M.: Doug Graham & Krystel Pakitsos, Pittsburg

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: "There really wasn't a bad story in the bunch. The ones not in the top three all could have been honorable mentions. This was a very talented group of writers, any of which could work at our paper."

Interior page design:

1st: Candice Tullis, Wichita

2nd: Lindy Davison, Pittsburg
3rd: Angie Hine, Pittsburg
H.M.: Gayle Weber, Fort Hays
H.M.: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

Sports features:

1st: Mark Dent, KU
2nd: Taylor Eldridge, Wichita
3rd: Thor Nystrom, KU
H.M.: Mark Dent, KU
H.M.: Jamie Arthur, Pittsburg
H.M.: Curtis Thom, Pittsburg
H.M.: Klint Spiller, Fort Hays

Series writing:

1st: Kristin Mehler, Wichita
2nd: Andrew Bauer, Fort Hays
3rd: Mallory Livingston & Christi Hays, Emporia

Feature writing:

1st: Brian Lewis-Jones, KU
2nd: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg
3rd: Sarah Neff, KU
H.M.: Stacy Goble, Wichita
H.M.: Molly Heavner, Emporia
H.M.: Courtney Condron, KU
H.M.: Matt Lindberg, KU
H.M.: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

Headline writing:

1st: Travis Perry, Washburn
2nd: Michelle Ireton, Fort Hays
3rd: Elizabeth Cattell, KU
H.M.: Greg Grisolano, Pittsburg
H.M.: Elizabeth Cattell, KU
H.M.: Todd Vogts, Wichita
H.M.: Dianne Smith, KU

Cartoons:

1st: John Pirtle, Wichita
2nd: Ram Hull, Wichita
3rd: John Pirtle, Wichita
H.M.: Pat Becker, Emporia
H.M.: Taryn Trousdale, Emporia
H.M.: Chris Marshall, Washburn
H.M.: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

Feature photography:

1st: Aaron Anders, Pittsburg
2nd: Chris Hamm, Washburn
3rd: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg

Front page design:

1st: Brenna Hawley, KU
2nd: Drew Bergman, KU
3rd: Drew Bergman, KU
H.M.: Brenna Hawley, KU
H.M.: Brenna Hawley, KU

Sports photography:

1st: Daniel Pankratz, Wichita
2nd: Bill Rhodes, Wichita
3rd: Chris Hunter, Emporia
H.M.: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays
H.M.: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays
H.M.: Chris Hunter, Emporia
H.M.: Chris Hamm, Washburn

Photo essay:

1st: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg
2nd: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays
3rd: ReAnne Utemark, Washburn
H.M.: Salman Alkhulif & Shiho Itooka, Pittsburg

News photography:

1st: Danielle Smith, Washburn
2nd: Salman Alkhulif, Pittsburg
3rd: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays
H.M.: Landon Taylor, Wichita
H.M.: Landon Taylor, Wichita
H.M.: Patrick Furey, Pittsburg
H.M.: Katie Ritter, Wichita

Special sections:

1st: University Daily Kansan, KU
2nd: Career Guide, Wichita
3rd: Homecoming, Pittsburg
H.M.: Fall Sports, Pittsburg
H.M.: Sideliner, Washburn
H.M.: ARGO, Washburn
H.M.: Shocker Basketball, Wichita

2-YEAR PUBLIC NEWSPAPERS**Overall:**

All-Kansas: The Campus Ledge, Johnson County Community College
Silver: The Crusader, Seward County Community College
Silver: The Silhouette, Garden City Community College
Bronze: The Hutchinson Collegian, Hutchinson Community College
Bronze: The Lantern, Butler County Community College
Bronze: The T-Bird Times, Cloud County Community College
Bronze: The Pratt American, Pratt Community College

Bronze: The Conquistador, Dodge City Community College

Sports features:

1st: Justin Millard, Johnson County
2nd: Stephen Montemayor, Johnson County
3rd: Lacy Adams, Seward County
H.M.: Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
H.M.: Stephen Montemayor, Johnson County
H.M.: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
H.M.: Luke Wempe, Seward County

Sports column:

1st: Stephen Montemayor, Johnson County
2nd: Sanela Dejanovic, Seward County
3rd: Vincent Marshall, Dodge City
H.M.: Luke Wempe, Seward County
H.M.: Luke Wempe, Seward County
H.M.: Vincent Marshall, Dodge City
H.M.: Erinn Abernathy, Garden City
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Some of the pieces were a little too 'newsy.'"

Feature photo:

1st: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
2nd: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
3rd: Liz Perkins, Garden City
H.M.: Adam Shrimplin, Garden City
H.M.: Jennifer Mace, Hutchinson
H.M.: Randa Brown, Pratt
H.M.: Jackie Hutchinson, Cowley County

Single ad design:

1st: Jenny Koch, Garden City
2nd: Kat Callaway, Butler County
3rd: Jackie Hutchinson, Cowley County
H.M.: Melissa Roberts, Butler County
H.M.: Ben Whitner, Cowley County
H.M.: Josh Roesener, Dodge City
H.M.: Cassie Rupp, Garden City

Special sections:

1st: Crusader staff, Seward County
2nd: Cayla Thomlinson, Chelsi Valdez, Luke Wempe, Seward County
3rd: Carissa Nelson, Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Ledger staff, Johnson County
H.M.: Ledger staff, Johnson County

News photo:

1st: Nathan Long, Johnson County
2nd: Chris Neal, Butler County
3rd: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Melissa Knox, Cloud County

H.M.: Melissa Knox, Cloud County
H.M.: Carissa Nelson, Seward County
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Much better than last year! Need to see more creativity to make some static assignments more interesting."

Photo essay:

1st: Silhouette staff, Garden City
2nd: Jen Mace, Mayra Garcia, Danita Culver, Hutchinson
3rd: Brandon Jones, Andrae Coleman, Seward County
H.M.: Josh Roesener, Dodge City
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Josh Roesener, Evelyn Munoz, Dodge City
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Excellent pages! Good ideas for pages. Need to shoot some tight shots – saw very few."

Sports photo:

1st: Melissa Knox, Cloud County
2nd: Carissa Nelson, Seward County
3rd: Adam Shrimplin, Garden City
H.M.: Jackie Hutchinson, Cowley County
H.M.: Chris Neal, Butler County
H.M.: Ronda Brown, Pratt
H.M.: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Very nice photos! There were no poor photos. Cropping hurt many of the photos and that may be out of the photographer's hands."

Feature writing:

1st: Liz Perkins, Garden City
2nd: Erinn Abernathy, Garden City
3rd: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
H.M.: Lacy Adams, Seward County
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "I was surprised by the lack of 'standout' entries. Many of these entries didn't even include quotes!"

Front page design:

1st: Jordan Watson, Butler County
2nd: Cassie Rupp, Garden City
3rd: Mendi Egging, Pratt
H.M.: Carissa Nelson, Cayla Thomlinson, Jordan Beeson, Seward County

Interior page design:

1st: Davina Barr, Seward County
2nd: Katherine Kramer, Johnson County
3rd: Carissa Nelson, Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Jackie Hutchinson, Victoria Ukoama, Cowley County
H.M.: Omar Angeles, Garden City
H.M.: Katherine Kramer, Johnson County

Sports news:

1st: Liz Perkins, Garden City
2nd: Luke Wempe, Seward County
3rd: Nick Kjellberg, Hutchinson
H.M.: Justin Burns, Garden City
H.M.: Justin Millard, Johnson County
H.M.: Christian Lucero, Garden City
H.M.: Homer Green, Pratt

Review writing:

1st: Vincent Marshall, Dodge City
2nd: Mitch Mailloux, Hutchinson
3rd: Chansi Long, Cowley County
H.M.: Ashley Muench, Hutchinson
H.M.: Alexia Stout, Johnson County
H.M.: Emily McIntosh, Pratt
H.M.: Emily McIntosh, Pratt

Column writing:

1st: Miguel Morales, Johnson County
2nd: Miguel Morales, Johnson County
3rd: Sanela Dejanovic, Seward County
H.M.: Alexia Stout, Johnson County
H.M.: Kat Callaway, Butler County
H.M.: Jordan Watson, Butler County

News writing:

1st: Liz Perkins, Garden City
2nd: Miguel Morales, Johnson County
3rd: Jessica Brucken, Cloud County
H.M.: Ledger staff, Johnson County
H.M.: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
H.M.: Miguel Morales, Kevin Nimms, Johnson County
H.M.: Josh Roesener, Dodge City

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The judging criteria for this category seems to focus on composition but is silent on other elements to news writing, most notably: Fairness. There were a lot of stories in this category that lacked both sides of the story. Some were thinly veiled commentaries. Also, it would help to have some guidance the issue of anonymous sources. I gave the winning entry the benefit of the doubt in the absence of clear direction, but journalists are usually split on this topic."

Series writing:

1st: Dacee Kentner, James McKinley, Seward County
2nd: Jennifer Little, Mayra Garcia, Hutchinson
3rd: Luke Wempe, Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
H.M.: Davina Barr, Seward County
H.M.: Autumn MorningSky, Jennifer Little, Ashley DiLorenzo, Jennifer Mace, Katy Sparkman, Hutchinson

Infographics:

1st: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County

2nd: Silhouette staff, Garden City
3rd: Nicole Mason, Butler County
H.M.: Rudy Ornelas, Garden City
H.M.: Liz Perkins, Garden City
H.M: Luke Wempe, Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County

Headlines:

1st: Nathan Long, Johnson County
2nd: Jason Rose, Garden City
3rd: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
H.M.: Miguel Morales, Johnson County
H.M.: Dacee Kentner, Seward County

Illustrations:

1st: Juniper Tangpuz, Johnson County
2nd: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City
3rd: Davina Barr, Seward County
H.M.: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City
H.M.: Mareus Hase, Hutchinson
H.M: Jason Rose, Garden City

Cartoons:

1st: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City
2nd: Juniper Tangpuz, Johnson County
3rd: Mareus Hase, Hutchinson
H.M.: Juniper Tangpuz, Johnson County
H.M.: Mallory Anderson, Dodge City

Editorial writing:

1st: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
2nd: Dacee Kentner, Seward County
3rd: Dacee Kentner, Seward County
H.M.: Silhouette staff, Garden City
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Too many students didn't seem to understand difference between columns and editorials."

YEARBOOKS

Overall:

All-Kansas: Kanza, Pittsburg
Gold: Kaw, Washburn
Silver: Moundbuilder, Southwestern
Silver: Raven, Benedictine
Bronze: Talisman, Friends

Academic page design:

1st: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
2nd: Melissa Treolo, Washburn
3rd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg

Event coverage:

1st: Doug Graham, Pittsburg
2nd: Samantha Greif, Washburn
3rd: Victoria Ukaoma, Washburn

Theme development:

1st: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
2nd: Susan Loveall, Diane Dixon, Southwestern
3rd: Melissa Treolo, Washburn

Feature photography:

1st: Sarah Morton, Southwestern
2nd: Haydn Barnes, Pittsburg
3rd: Katie Allender, Southwestern
H.M.: Amber Bernard, Pittsburg
H.M.: Raymond Hillegas, Pittsburg
H.M.: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg
H.M.: Erin Pohlenz, Friends
H.M.: Chris Schuckenbrock, Benedictine

Sports photography:

1st: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg
2nd: Diane Dixon, Southwestern
3rd: Meridith Nelsen, Benedictine
H.M.: Raymond Hillegas, Pittsburg
H.M.: Chris Schuckenbrock, Benedictine
H.M.: Alex Sirridge, Benedictine
H.M.: Chris Schuckenbrock, Benedictine

Sports season writing:

1st: Kaydee Johnson, Southwestern
2nd: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg
3rd: Jamie Arthur, Pittsburg
H.M.: Jami Frantz, Friends

Feature writing:

1st: Carrie Koch, Washburn
2nd: Shalyn Marsch, Washburn
3rd: Doug Graham, Pittsburg
H.M.: Ashley Bergner, Friends
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Recommendation: More sources! One-source stories are content weak, no matter how strong the writing is."

Cover design:

1st: Kenna Corley, Southwestern
2nd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
3rd: Karl Fundenberger, Washburn

Event photography:

1st: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg

2nd: Raymond Hillegas, Pittsburg
3rd: Amanda Davis, Benedictine
H.M.: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg
H.M.: Meghan Luedtke, Benedictine
H.M.: Diane Dixon, Southwestern

Illustration:

1st: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg
2nd: Thad Lockard, Washburn
3rd: Mylinda Hoover, Friends
H.M.: Mylinda Hoover, Friends
H.M.: Thad Lockard, Washburn
H.M.: Mylinda Hoover, Friends
H.M.: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg

Organization page design:

1st: Lindy Davison, Pittsburg
2nd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
3rd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
H.M.: Mandy Toepfer, Pittsburg

Student life design:

1st: Melissa Treolo, Washburn
2nd: Jeannine Snyder, Washburn
3rd: Melissa Treolo, Jennine Snyder, Washburn
H.M.: Doug Graham, Pittsburg
H.M.: Melissa Treolo, Washburn
H.M.: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
H.M.: Kenna Corley, Southwestern

Index page design:

1st: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
2nd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
3rd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
H.M.: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg

Sports page design:

1st: Tara Schroeder, Washburn
2nd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
3rd: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
H.M.: Kristen VanLeeuwen, Pittsburg
H.M.: Christopher McClellan, Friends
H.M.: April McCormick, Southwestern

Caption writing:

1st: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg
2nd: Raven staff, Benedictine
3rd: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg
H.M.: Raven staff, Benedictine
H.M.: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg

MAGAZINES

Overall:

All-Kansas: Breakaway, Garden City Community College

Silver: Dragon's Tale, Hutchinson Community College

Silver: The Bolt, Cloud County Community College

Bronze: Grizzly, Butler County Community College

Minifeature writing:

1st: Ashley Fairbanks, Garden City

2nd: Roy Martinez, Garden City

3rd: Brian Nelson, Garden City

H.M.: Chelsea Growden, Garden City

H.M.: Roy Martinez, Garden City

Photo essay:

1st: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City

2nd: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City

3rd: Chris Neal, Butler County

H.M. Danny Peter, Garden City

Caption writing:

1st: Julian Ortiz, Brian Nelson, Garden City

2nd: Brian Nelson, Garden City

3rd: Chris Neal, Butler County

H.M.: Julian Ortiz, Brian Nelson, Garden City

Cover design:

1st: Cody Adams, Momoe Nojiri, Cloud County

2nd: Chelsea Growden, Rudy Ornelas, Garden City

3rd: Momoe Nojiri, Cloud County

H.M.: Brian Nelson, Julian Ortiz, Garden City

H.M.: Courtney Unruh, Ashley Bird, Hutchinson

Event writing:

1st: Jacque Weber, Garden City

2nd: Julian Ortiz, Garden City

Event photography:

1st: Julian Ortiz, Garden City

2nd: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City

3rd: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City

H.M.: Ashley Bird, Hutchinson

H.M.: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City

Feature design:

1st: Cody Adams, Cloud County

2nd: Brian Nelson, Garden City

3rd: Momoe Nojiri, Cloud County

H.M.: Kelly Kracht, Hutchinson

Minifeature design:

1st: Julian Ortiz, Garden City
2nd: Momoe Nojiri, Cloud County
3rd: Shawna Napoli, Butler County

Feature photography:

1st: Priscilla Carrillo, Garden City
2nd: Chelsea Weaver, Hutchinson
3rd: Samantha Scribner, Butler County
H.M.: Seth Stringham, Garden City
H.M.: Amber Owen, Hutchinson

Feature writing:

1st: Brian Nelson, Roy Martinez, Garden City
2nd: Ashley Fairbanks, Garden City
3rd: Derik Delgado, Garden City
H.M.: Chelsea Growden, Garden City
H.M.: Jessica Brucken, Cloud County

Illustration:

1st: Julian Ortiz, Garden City
2nd: Jackie Cojon, Garden City
3rd: Courtney Unruh, Hutchinson
H.M.: Amber Owen, Hutchinson

Infographics:

1st: Courtney Unruh, Hutchinson
2nd: Momoe Nojiri, Cloud County
3rd: Kelly Kracht, Hutchinson
H.M.: Rudy Ornelos, Garden City

Headlines:

1st: Cody Adams, Cloud County
2nd: Rudy Ornelas, Garden City
3rd: Kimberly Allen, Brian Nelson, Garden City
H.M.: Elicia Wiles, Hutchinson
H.M.: Ashley Bird, Hutchinson

Single ad design:

1st: Jackie Cojon, Garden City
2nd: Julian Ortiz, Garden City
3rd: Jacque Weber, Garden City
H.M.: Brian Nelson, Jackie Cojon, Kimberly Allen, Garden City

Opinion writing:

No winners

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "None of the entries even remotely fit the criteria for opinion writing."

Sports photography:

1st: Chris Neal, Butler County

2nd: Julian Ortiz, Garden City
3rd: Courtney Unruh, Hutchinson
H.M. Chris Neal, Butler County
H.M.: Grant Miller, Hutchinson
H.M.: Chris Neal, Butler County

Sports page design:

1st: Jacque Weber, Garden City
2nd: Derik Delgado, Julian Ortiz, Garden City
3rd: Brian Nelson, Vanessa Reyez, Garden City
H.M.: Roy Martinez, Garden City
JUDGE'S COMMENT: " Entries need to be sports. Cars and caching are hobbies, not necessarily sports, but the designs were good."

Table of contents:

1st: Jacque Weber, Garden City
2nd: Courtney Unruh, Hutchinson
3rd: Brian Nelson, Julian Ortiz, Garden City

PRIVATE SCHOOLS – NEWSPAPERS

Overall:

All-Kansas: Baker Orange, Baker University
Silver: The Collegian, Bethel College
Bronze: The Circuit, Benedictine College
Bronze: The Spectator, McPherson College
Bronze: The Stir, Sterling College
Bronze: The Collegian, Southwestern College
Bronze: The Campus, Ottawa University

Photo essay:

1st: Alli Small, Nicole Lemons, Ottawa
2nd: Wes Mikel, Jeff Jones, Baker
3rd: Alli Small, Linda Poe, Marie Miller, Chelseigh Cobb, Sarah Blecha, Ottawa
H.M.: Elizabeth Palmer, Linda Poe, Ottawa
H.M.: Alli Small, Chelseigh Cobb, William Allison, Robert Fleming, Ottawa
H.M: Wes Mikel, Jeff Jones, Baker
H.M.: Emily Hink, Baker
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "All of the groups need to see Ottawa University's approach to photo pages. Now they know how to play photos. Essays need wide, midrange and telephotos to be interesting. One bad image can ruin an otherwise good photo page."

Special sections:

1st: Baker by the Numbers, Baker Orange staff, Baker
2nd: Greensburg Disaster, Nicole Lemons & Alli Small, Ottawa
3rd: None
H.M.: Travel, Campus staff, Ottawa
H.M.: Hoops Preview, Collegian staff, Southwestern
H.M: Basketball Preview, Circuit editorial board, Benedictine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "First and second were very close. Both excellent! Content in most is good. Put more thought into packaging it for ease of readership and creative layouts."

Interior page design:

1st: Taylor Libby, Sterling
2nd: Emily Loughary & Alli Small, Ottawa
3rd: Ashley Fischer, Baker
H.M.: Ashley Fischer, Baker
H.M.: Jonathan Nathan, Bethel College
H.M.: Courtney Servaes, Baker
H.M.: Lawrence Brown, Benedictine

Series writing:

1st: Chansi Long, Baker
2nd: Campus staff, Ottawa
3rd: Courtney Servaes, Baker
H.M.: Jessica Bernhardt, Southwestern
H.M.: Jami Frantz, Friends

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Some very strong entries. The decision boiled down to quality of writing along with how well the story lent itself to series writing. Some were well written, yet did not need a full series."

Review writing:

1st: Amanda Stirn, Baker
2nd: Nathaniel Dory, Sterling
3rd: Jeremiah Allen, Ottawa
H.M.: Jeremiah Allen, Ottawa
H.M.: Nathaniel Dory, Sterling
H.M.: Amanda Helm, Baker
H.M.: Amanda Stirn, Baker

Front page design:

1st: Nicole Lemons, Ottawa
2nd: Jordan Shay, McPherson
3rd: Alyssa Renfro, Sterling
H.M.: Courtney Servaes, Baker

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Most of the entries in this category were very good. I think these are small colleges with small newspaper staffs, and their work is to be commended. It was not easy to assign rankings to the entries.

Photos are generally very weak, often poorly displayed and poorly reproduced. The lead story needs a strong, large photo to establish graphic dominance on the page.

Secondary photos should be significantly smaller to avoid competition with the dominant photo. Most of these layouts use two, three or four weak pictures that compete for attention but fail to tell the story in a compelling way. Two weak pictures will never add up to one good one.

Most of the entries show good awareness of modular design principles. When doing a package involving related stories and/or photos, use white space to isolate the package. Readers should be able to tell at a glance that these stories go together. Use one dominant headline for the package and smaller heads for substories.

Designers should develop a complete and consistent type palette for the publication. Create a type style for every graphic element on the page, and use it consistently from issue to issue and from section to section. Use type styles to organize information and guide the reader through packaged stories.

Break up large expanses of body text with pull quotes.

Be careful with type over graphics or photos. Be sure the content of the graphic is simple and light enough that it doesn't compete with the type. When placing type over color screens, keep the screens very light and increase the point size of the type. Generally, don't set type over news photos."

Sports column writing:

1st: Christopher Smith, Baker

2nd: Christopher Smith, Baker

3rd: William Allison, Ottawa

H.M.: Jeremiah Allan, Ottawa

H.M.: Anthony Cook, Southwestern

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Write what you know is a pretty basic rule of journalism. The best college columnists do this ... focusing on events around them and not on what they see on ESPN. Leave the NFL opinions to the guys in NFL dressing rooms. Your readers want fresh copy – fresh stories, fresh takes and they want you to give them what they can't get on ESPN. Those who focus on telling local stories in compelling ways that grab a reader's attention will eventually get to the big stage."

Sports news writing:

1st: Phil Ervin, Benedictine

2nd: Lauren Shufelberger, Baker

3rd: Phil Ervin, Benedictine

H.M.: Paige Carswell, Southwestern

H.M.: Vince Brennan, Benedictine

H.M.: Jami Frantz, Friends

H.M.: William Allison, Ottawa

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Most seem to get that the games are such a small part of sports. It's about humans, and a great deal of these writers get that. Very pleased with the number of female sports writers. You're doing a great job, Kansas."

Column writing:

1st: Chansi Long, Baker

2nd: Emily Langness, Friends

3rd: Jeremiah Allan, Ottawa

News writing:

1st: Jon Nadeau, McPherson

2nd: Sharon Stauffer, Kirbee Yost, Baker

3rd: Kirbee Yost, Baker

H.M.: Cailin Buerge, Bethel

H.M.: Ashley Bergner, Friends

H.M.: Ashley Bergner, Friends

H.M.: Monica Springer, Southwestern

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "This was a tough competition and in many cases only the slightest details separated one level of award from another. If you received an honorable mention, be proud: I didn't give out any in the columns category, but in this category

many of the submissions were worthy of an award, but I could give only three top awards, so the honorable mention in this case is indeed quote honorable. Well done. Because of the volume of news writing submissions, if the lead worked, I continued reading; if it didn't, I didn't continue, because the reader would not. The lead, whether a summary or news feature form with a nut graf, has to introduce the central point and the latest development, and ultimately answer the questions of who, what, when, where and, if possible, why and how. I then looked to see if the central point was newsworthy, basing that on whether the topic contained elements of timeliness, proximity, importance, relevance, drama and/or the unusual. I also looked for enterprise and level of difficulty or complexity. Other important elements were unity and concise writing: do all of the supporting details (facts, statistics, quotes) relate back to the central point, or are there trivial deviations that sidetrack the reader? I also looked for grammar, punctuation, typos, misspellings and style errors. Next came use of materials (data, statistics, quotations, attribution), and finally the flow and style of the writing. But most of all, the most fundamental point is this: Does your lead answer the unspoken questions every reader has in approaching an article: 'Why should I read this story? What's in it for me?'"

Editorial writing:

1st: Amanda Pratt, Baker
2nd: Matt Ehvesman, Sterling
3rd: Katie Bowman, Ottawa
H.M.: Jon Nadeau, McPherson
H.M.: Peggy Williams, Southwestern
H.M: Circuit editorial board, Benedictine
H.M.: Janalea Myers, Baker

Headline writing:

1st: Taylor Freburg, Baker
2nd: Jordan Shay, McPherson
3rd: Ashley Fischer, Baker
H.M.: Mina Tsuboi, Ottawa
H.M.: Kirbee Yost, Baker
H.M: Justin Seiter, Benedictine
H.M.: Monica Springer, Southwestern

Illustrations:

1st: Chad O'Bryhim, Baker
2nd: Courtney Servaes, Ashley Fischer, Baker
3rd: Emily Langness, Friends
H.M.: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
H.M.: Nate Jones, Southwestern
H.M: Travis Walker, McPherson
H.M.: Sarah Blecha, Emily Loughary, Ottawa

Single ad design:

1st: PJ Matulka, Baker
2nd: Shaun Griffin, McPherson
3rd: William Allison, Ottawa
H.M.: Tyler Loong, Ottawa
H.M.: Jessica Bernhardt, Southwestern

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1st: Chad O'Bryhim, Baker
2nd: Courtney Servaes, Baker
3rd: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
H.M.: Christina McPherson, McPherson
H.M.: Jordan Shay, McPherson
H.M: Alli Small, Ottawa

Sports feature writing:

1st: Christopher Smith, Baker
2nd: Jami Frantz, Friends
3rd: Nicole Lemons, Ottawa
H.M.: Phil Ervin, Benedictine
H.M.: Mallory Yungeberg, McPherson
H.M: Kyle Davis, Baker
H.M.: Charles Biederka, McPherson
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Best feature sports pieces took aspects of what happens in athletics and explored those aspects with additional, creative sourcing and writing styles."

Feature writing:

1st: Kirbee Yost, Baker
2nd: Jarrod Tiede, Friends
3rd: Cameron Siefkes, Southwestern
H.M.: Nicole Lemons, Ottawa
H.M.: William Allison, Ottawa
H.M: Courtney Edmonds, Benedictine
H.M.: Amy Wiley, Sterling
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Excellent variety of story topics. Best stories used multiple sources, solid background research that puts the story in context and clear organizational style."

Cartoons:

1st: Shaun Griffin, McPherson
2nd: Cyrus Oliver II, Baker
3rd: Crystal Snyder, Ottawa
H.M.: Matt Shroyer, McPherson
H.M.: Crystal Snyder, Ottawa
H.M: Justin Dawson, Sterling
H.M.: Tori Sessions, Friends

News photography:

1st: Rob Muzyka, Benedictine
2nd: Joel Linscheid, Bethel
3rd: Monica Springer, Southwestern
H.M.: Courtney Harding, Baker
H.M.: Courtney Servaes, Baker
H.M: Elizabeth Palmer, Ottawa
H.M.: Benjamin Denton, McPherson

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Hardest category to actually shoot since most news is general and not hard news. A couple of political pictures were just "famous" people and not showing the real news of the event. I liked the fire photo even if it was a practice burn. Second place did a nice job of making a photo out of general news."

Feature photography:

1st: Laura Langseth, Baker

2nd: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine

3rd: Sarah Blecha, Ottawa

H.M.: Emily Hink, Baker

H.M.: Anthony Cook, Southwestern

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Many were simply very non exciting pictures. A feature needs to make you look and look again. Many of these were close but the photographers need to work the scene more. I picked three portraits that were almost there and then decided that they were not the best efforts college student could make. Only one person truly had a 'different' perspective on a common subject."

Sports photography:

1st: Emily Hink, Baker

2nd: Jerel Fast, Bethel

3rd: Adrielle Harvey, McPherson

H.M.: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine

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JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The best really rose to the top. Some people need to adjust cameras to stop action. The winners all had clear, clean backgrounds and nice expressions on faces, not backs and helmets."