

Overall Combined Results

KACP Student Journalist Awards Competition

April 2009

Two-Year School Newspapers

OVERALL

All-Kansas: The Campus Ledger, Johnson County Community College
Gold: The Campus Ledger, Johnson County
Silver: The Crusader, Seward County Community College
Bronze: The Collegian, Hutchinson Community College
Bronze: The Pratt American, Pratt Community College

EDITORIAL WRITING

First: Josh Patton, Cowley County Community College
Second: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
Third: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
H.M.: Dacee Kentner, Seward County
H.M.: Chelsi Valdez, Seward County

INTERIOR PAGE DESIGN

First: Samantha Peters and Rob Mitchell, Johnson County
Second: Cayla Thomlinson and Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
Third: Rob Mitchell, Johnson County
H.M.: Samantha Peters, Johnson County
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County

FRONT PAGE DESIGN

First: Caitlin Nelson, Butler County
Second: Rob Mitchell and Autumn MorningSky, Hutchinson
Third: Ashley Bailey, Hutchinson
H.M.: Jessica Hay and Christian Waro, Cloud County
H.M.: Adam Shrimplin, Garden City

NEWS WRITING

First: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
Second: Jessica Brucken, Cloud County
Third: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
H.M.: Tyler Savely, Seward County
H.M.: Ashlie L'Homme, Cowley County

FEATURE WRITING

First: Samantha Riddler, Hutchinson
Second: Mario Abasolo, Butler County
Third: Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
H.M.: Caitlin Nelson, Butler County
H.M.: Matt Galloway, Johnson County

COLUMN WRITING

First: Joe Lusk, Hutchinson
Second: Tim Savely, Seward County
Third: Mario Abasolo, Butler County
H.M.: Tim Cooper, Butler County
H.M.: Paige Stegman, Dodge City

SPORTS PHOTO

First: Melissa Knox, Cloud County
Second: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
Third: Logan Jones, Butler County
H.M.: Adam Shrimplin, Garden City
H.M.: John Young, Johnson County

PHOTO ESSAY

First: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
Second: Abe Rosales, Luke Wempe, Cayla Thomlinson, Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
Third: John Young, Johnson County
H.M.: Jennifer Mace, Hutchinson
H.M.: Aneal Vohsa, Johnson County

NEWS PHOTO

First: Eric Halleran, Johnson County
Second: John Young, Johnson County
Third: Eric Halleran, Johnson County
H.M.: Ronda Brown, Pratt Community College
H.M.: Jessica Lulf, Seward County

SPECIAL SECTION

First: Matt Galloway, Whitney Shaffer, Vince Medellin and Tyler Conner, Johnson County
Second: Crusader Staff, Seward County
Third: James McElvania and The Crusader Staff, Seward County

SINGLE AD

First: Staff, Johnson County
Second: Staff, Johnson County
Third: Jessica Lulf, Seward County

FEATURE PHOTO

First: Tanika Townsend, Johnson County
Second: John Young, Johnson County
Third: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
H.M.: Tanika Townsend, Johnson County
H.M.: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County

SPORTS COLUMN

First: S. Montemayor, Johnson County
Second: Cameron Fletcher, Johnson County
Third: S. Montemayor, Johnson County
H.M.: S. Montemayor, Johnson County
H.M.: Jeff Wurtz, Johnson County

SPORTS NEWS

First: Chelsi Valdez, Seward County
Second: Josh Dockendorf, Cloud County
Third: Skylar Nosker, Cloud County
H.M.: Joe Francis, Butler County
H.M.: S. Montemayor, Johnson County

SPORTS FEATURE

First: Cameron Fletcher, Johnson County
Second: Justin Millard, Johnson County
Third: Skylar Nosker, Cloud County
H.M.: Ashely Hines and Jessica Gonzales, Seward County
H.M.: Tanner Woods, Seward County

REVIEW WRITING

First: Mario Abasolo, Butler County
Second: Ian Whitley, Cowley County
Third: Sean Chaput, Cloud County
H.M.: Corey Thibodeaux, Johnson County
H.M.: Jard Wall, Johnson County

SERIES WRITING

First: Jennifer Little, Hutchinson
Second: Jessica Lulf, Seward County
Third: Sumya Anani, Johnson County
H.M.: Sabrina McKinney, Cowley County

INFOGRAPHICS

First: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
Second: Morgan Allaman, Seward County
Third: Morgan Allaman, Seward County
H.M.: James McElvania, Seward County

HEADLINES

First: Matt Galloway, Johnson County
Second: Cameron Fletcher, Johnson County
Third: Matt Galloway, Johnson County

ILLUSTRATION

First: Cayla Thomlinson, Seward County
Second: Bryan Timmins, Johnson County
Third: Morgan Allaman, Seward County
H.M.: Bryan Timmins, Johnson County
H.M.: Kris Nuss, Cowley County

CARTOONS

First: Vince Medellin, Johnson County
Second: Bryan Timmins, Johnson County
Third: Marcus Hase, Hutchinson
H.M.: Marcus Hase, Hutchinson
H.M.: Anton Arnhold, Seward County

Magazines

OVERALL

All-Kansas: Dragon's Tale, Hutchinson Community College
Gold: Dragon's Tale, Hutchinson Community College
Silver: Breakaway, Garden City Community College
Silver: The Bolt, Cloud County Community College
Bronze: Grizzly, Butler Community College

SINGLE AD DESIGN

First: Chris Neal, Butler County Community College
Second: Marc Collins, Cloud County Community College
Third: Cody Adams, Cloud County

TABLE OF CONTENTS

First: Jacque Weber, Garden City Community College
Second: The Bolt Staff, Cloud County
Third: Jacque Weber, Garden City

SPORTS PAGE DESIGN

First: Cynthia Pollan, Cloud County
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Dynamic layout. Not afraid to take chances. Most of them worked."

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Logan Jones, Butler
Second: Carpenter, Hutchinson Community College
Third: Logan Jones, Butler
H.M.: Chris Neal, Butler

PHOTO ESSAY

First: J.C. Boyce, Butler
Second: Shawna Napoli, Butler
Third: Jacob Gill, Garden City

OPINION WRITING

No awards given.
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "None of these entries truly fit the guidelines of KACP opinion writing. While some had potential to be great, all lack a clear thesis that challenges readers to accept the author's point of view. Good opinion writing should focus on a specific issue and present a solution or new way of thinking based on sound research, and invite a dialogue from readers. Ideally, the opinion should also focus on an issue that has a direct impact on local readers."

HEADLINES

First: Chris Neal and Logan Jones, Butler
Second: Jacque Weber, Garden City
Third: Kristie Stremel, Garden City
H.M.: Kristie Stremel, Garden City
H.M.: Jacob Gill, Garden City

INFOGRAPHICS

First: Danny Post, Cloud County

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Besides the first-place winner, I found the category lacking and perhaps misunderstood."

ILLUSTRATIONS

First: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

Second: Kristie Stremel, Garden City

Third: Chance Dibben, University of Kansas

MINIFEATURE WRITING

First: Jacque Weber, Garden City

Second: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

Third: Matt Hirschfeld, University of Kansas

H.M.: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

H.M.: Deandra Schirmer, Cloud County

FEATURE WRITING

First: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

Second: Travis Brown, University of Kansas

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Top two entries were head and shoulders above the field. All others need to remember that their stories should focus on the impact made to student readers at their respective schools. A lot of entries missed the opportunity to add student voices to their work and bring impact to audience."

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Joel Plank, Butler

Second: Logan Jones, Butler

Third: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

H.M.: Jacob Gill, Garden City

H.M.: Logan Jones, Butler

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "A mixed group of photos with the best photos rising to the top early in the judging. Photographers covered events that had potential for good moments, they need to look for them."

MINIFEATURE DESIGN

First: Deandra Schirmer, Cloud County

Second: Cherri Dorrell, Butler

Third: Marc Collins, Cloud County

H.M.: Deandra Schirmer, Cloud County

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Very diverse entries. A lot of good work."

FEATURE DESIGN

First: Jeff Blascyk, Garden City

Second: Erica Dirkman, KU

Third: Kristie Stremel, Garden City

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Top three very original. Strong topics."

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Adam Shrimplin, Garden City

EVENT WRITING

First: Jacob Gill, Garden City

Second: J. Ryan Roberts, Cloud County

Third: Olivia Newfarmer and Logan Jones, Butler

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The top entry is far and away the best of the bunch as it was the only story to effectively combine an on-campus event with relevant quotes from students. Several entries seemed more appropriate for feature or op-ed categories."

COVER DESIGN

First: Chris Neal, Butler

Second: Chris Neal, Butler

Third: Marc Collins, Cloud County

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Very strong top covers. Excellent! The other entrants just need to simplify their designs."

CAPTION WRITING

First: Jacob Gill, Garden City

Second: Chris Neal and Logan Jones, Butler

Third: Jacob Gill, Garden City

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Were these questions answered? Who is that? (left to right). Why is the picture in the publication? What's going on? When and where was this? Why does the person in the picture look this way? How did this occur? Where was it taken? When was it taken? Did the author avoid trite writing, editorializing? Did the author avoid writing about the known or obvious and explain the unknown? Was the spelling and grammar correct? Did the author avoid assumptions? Did the author avoid "is shown," "is pictured," or "looks on"? Did the author use present tense? Were descriptions used? If so, were they helpful? Did the caption match the tone of the photo? Did the author avoid clichés?"

Yearbooks

OVERALL

All-Kansas: The Royal Purple, Kansas State University

Gold: The Royal Purple, K-State

Silver: The Kanza, Pittsburg State University

Silver: The Kaw, Washburn University

Silver: Moundbuilder, Southwestern College

Bronze: The Raven, Benedictine College

Bronze: The Coyote, Kansas Wesleyan

THEME DEVELOPMENT

First: Katie Allender, Southwestern College

STUDENT LIFE DESIGN

First: Mandy Toepfer, Pittsburg State

Second: Melissa M. Taylor, Kansas State

Third: Mandy Toepfer, Pittsburg State

H.M.: Alex Yocum, Kansas State

SPORTS SEASON WRITING

First: Kathleen Groves, Pittsburg State
Second: Jamie Arthur, Pittsburg State
Third: Carrie Koch, Washburn
H.M.: Anna Kearn, Kansas State

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg State
Second: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg State
Third: Nathaniel LaRue, Kansas State
H.M.: Michael Newth, Kansas State
H.M.: Matt Wilper, Washburn

SPORTS PAGE DESIGN

First: Ty Cox, Pittsburg State
Second: Alex Yocum, Kansas State
Third: Shalyn Marsh, Washburn
H.M.: Alex Yocum, Kansas State
H.M.: Shalyn Marsh, Washburn

ORGANIZATION PAGE DESIGN

First: Caitlin Burns, Kansas State

INDEX PAGE DESIGN

First: Mark Jansen, Pittsburg State

ILLUSTRATION

First: Melissa Taylor, Kansas State
Second: Kori Reist, Washburn
Third: Joslyn Brown, Kansas State

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Matt Castro, Kansas State
Second: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg State
Third: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg State
H.M.: Lisle Alderton, Kansas State
H.M.: Salman Alkhulif, Pittsburg State

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "These photos are the strongest group of photos in this category that I have seen in years. It has been a pleasure and a challenge to select the winners."

FEATURE WRITING

First: Shalyn Marsh, Washburn
Second: Linda Meyer, Washburn
Third: Emily Langness, Friends University
H.M.: Kori Reist, Washburn
H.M.: Mandy Toepfer, Pittsburg State

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Great features, but a lot used only one source. They need to speak to more people for more complete stories."

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg State

Second: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg State

Third: Joslyn Brown, Kansas State

H.M.: Rebecca Branstetter, Pittsburg State

H.M.: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg State

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "A great group of photos. All photographers did a good job in this category. You made judge's job difficult, which is good."

EVENT COVERAGE

First: Valerie Caviglia, Washburn

Second: Katelyn Weishaar, Washburn

Third: Eric Smith, Washburn

H.M.: Audrey Wade, Friends University

H.M.: Mandy Toepfer, Pittsburg State

COVER DESIGN

First: Diane Dixon, Southwestern College

CAPTION WRITING

First: Melissa M. Taylor, Kansas State

Second: Melissa M. Taylor, Kansas State

Third: Melissa M. Taylor, Kansas State

H.M.: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg State

H.M.: Teresa Gawrych, Pittsburg State

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Quotes make captions even better."

ACADEMIC PAGE DESIGN

First: Joslyn Brown, Kansas State

Second: Caitlin Burns, Kansas State

Third: Linnzi Fusco, Washburn

4-Year Public Colleges

OVERALL

All-Kansas: Washburn Review, Washburn University

Gold: Washburn Review, Washburn

Gold: The Collegio, Pittsburg State University

Silver: The Sunflower, Wichita State University

Silver: University Leader, Fort Hays State University

Silver: The Bulletin, Emporia State University

ILLUSTRATIONS

First: John Pirtle, Wichita State University

Second: Ryan McGeeney, University of Kansas

Third: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays State University

H.M.: K.J. Thies, Washburn University

H.M.: K.J. Thies, Washburn University

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "There are some really strong illustrations in this category. The artists clearly put a log of time and effort into these entries. Thank you for your hard work!"

CARTOONS

First: Chris Marshall, Washburn

Second: Chris Marshall, Washburn

Third: Taryn Trousdale, Emporia State University

H.M.: John Pirtle, Wichita

H.M.: Chris Marshall, Washburn

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "There is a lot of nice work in this category. Many of the entries seem more suited to the illustration or infographic categories, and many entries addressed issues not related to the school."

NEWS WRITING

First: Kelsey Ryan, Emporia

Second: Krystel Pakitsos, Pittsburg State University

Third: Andrew Bauer, Fort Hays

H.M.: Jeremy Johnson, Pittsburg

H.M.: Alex Pedersen, Emporia

HEADLINE WRITING

First: Taylor Bern, KU

Second: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

Third: Michelle Ireton, Fort Hays

H.M.: Klint Spiller, Fort Hays

H.M.: Krystel Pakitsos, Pittsburg

INTERIOR PAGE DESIGN

First: Drew Bergman, KU

Second: ReAnne Utemark, Washburn

Third: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

H.M.: Ty Cox, Pittsburg

H.M.: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

FRONT PAGE DESIGN

First: Drew Bergman, KU

Second: Brenna Hawley, KU

Third: Candice Tullis, Wichita State

H.M.: Zach Anderson, Pittsburg

H.M.: Travis Perry, Washburn

EDITORIAL WRITING

First: Phil Van Horn, Fort Hays

Second: Phil Van Horn, Fort Hays

Third: Phil Van Horn, Fort Hays

H.M.: Washburn Review Editorial Board, Washburn

H.M.: Michelle Ireton, Fort Hays

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Overall basically good writing. However, there seemed to be a lack of 'sound research and reporting' in many entries. An editorial should move its readers to do something – agree or disagree – with solid facts. Just because an editorial is a venue that writers can share their opinion on a topic, vs. a news story, that doesn't mean it should only be 'about me.' Continue to give your readers the facts. You are still a reporter!"

REVIEW WRITING

First: Ashley-Michelle Papon, Emporia
Second: Josh Rouse, Washburn
Third: Leia Karimul Bashar, Washburn
H.M.: Lisa Norris, Pittsburg
H.M.: Ashley-Michelle Papon, Emporia

INFOGRAPHICS

First: Candice Tullis, Wichita
Second: Travis Perry, Washburn
Third: Luciano Carafano, Fort Hays
H.M.: Stacy Goble, Wichita
H.M.: Ali Noshatzadeh, Emporia

SINGLE AD DESIGN

First: Luciano Carafano, Fort Hays
Second: Carissa Nelson, Wichita
Third: Andrew Dunlap, Washburn
H.M.: Annie Miller, Fort Hays
H.M.: Andrew Dunlap, Washburn

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "In general, the entries are clean and easy to read. My main criticism of all the entries is that they lack a dominant element. There isn't enough variation in the size and weight of text, and images aren't used effectively. The winning entries had something to catch the reader's eye, and then directed them through the message of the ad."

SPORTS COLUMN WRITING

First: Josh Rouse, Washburn
Second: Alex Beecher, KU
Third: Jeremy Shapiro, Wichita
H.M.: Matt Heilman, Wichita

SPECIAL SECTION

First: Case Keefer, KU
Second: The Sunflower Staff, Wichita
Third: The Sunflower Staff, Wichita
H.M.: The Sunflower Staff, Wichita
H.M.: Zach Anderson, Pittsburg

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "There are some very, very good examples of collegiate journalism in these entries. And, there are some I'd rather forget about. Editorial judgment is key and some of these journalists need to figure out what it is. I am very impressed by a good number of these entries and would welcome these journalists at my newspaper."

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Derrick Schaller, Fort Hays
Second: Ryan McGeeney, KU
Third: Daniel Pankratz, Wichita
H.M.: Corey Jones, Washburn
H.M.: Ryan McGeeney, KU
H.M.: Brett Armbruster, Pittsburg

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: "All the entries were very well done in one way or another, but since this is a contest someone had to win. I did my best to hold all entries to the same standards and in some

cased I had to use cutlines to break a tie or decided which photo would stay and which would go. Remember, a photo without a name is useless. If it's important enough for you to take the photo it should be important enough for you to get information about the people in your shot. Overall, I had to add a third honorable mention because I couldn't narrow it down any further."

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Trisha Pruett, Fort Hays

Second: Daniel Pankratz, Wichita

Third: Katie Swatek, Pittsburg

H.M.: Jerry Wang, KU

H.M.: Aaron Deffenbaugh, Washburn

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Really tough to choose from about six or seven."

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

First: Ryan McGeeney, KU

Second: Allison Richardson, KU

Third: Aaron Anders, Pittsburg

H.M.: Josh Rouse, Washburn University

H.M.: Gary Kirkpatrick, Wichita

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Photographers did a good job overall. The photos that sorted themselves to the top found the moments, combined with good technical aspects, to make the photo. Photos of people are all about the expressions on their faces. You should be able to feel what that person feels, before you read the cutline. Keep up the good work!"

PHOTO ESSAY

First: Ryan McGeeney, KU

Second: Paige Stonerock, Washburn

Third: Aaron Deffenbaugh and Arissa Utemark, Washburn

H.M. Andrew Dunlap, Washburn

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Many of the entries were discombobulated in their presentations. As a judge, it is hard to get a feel for some of these entries – and by that I mean it is hard to understand how they were originally packaged and presented, because many of them are cut haphazardly out of newspaper layouts. I would suggest that all entries in the future be submitted on whole newspaper pages – or on black mounting board, etc."

SPORTS NEWS

First: Mark Dent, KU

Second: Jeremy Shapiro, Wichita

Third: Chris Marshall, Washburn

H.M.: Jeremy Shapiro, Wichita

H.M.: Klint Spiller, Fort Hays

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Overall, not as strong as last year's group. Many of them had pedestrian leads. They did a good job of getting the info and quotes."

COLUMN WRITING

First: Josh Letner, Pittsburg

Second: Stephen Montemayor, KU

Third: Rebecca Bauman, Pittsburg

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "All opinion benefits from reporting. When a reader finishes a column, he should be swayed, of course, but he also should be more informed. Smother him with facts, build an airtight case! The writing is there, it spine needs stiffened to stir the reader to action."

SERIES WRITING (only 5 entries, so only one award)

First: Kelsey Ryan, Emporia

SPORTS FEATURE WRITING

First: Rustin Dodd, KU

Second: Mark Dent, KU

Third: Klint Spiller, Fort Hays

H.M.: Josh Letner, Pittsburg

H.M.: Chris Marshall, Washburn

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Great variety of feature topics. Several stories seemed to lack 'feature qualities' and were more like extended news stories. Grammar and readability was solid from top to bottom."

FEATURE WRITING

First: Matt Erickson, KU

Second: Megan Hirt, KU

Third: Krystal Pakitsos, Pittsburg

H.M.: Michelle Ireton, Fort Hays

H.M.: Alex Pederson, Emporia

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The students' work contained impressive narratives and well-researched reporting. I was impressed by the skill and organization of the pieces. The first and second place stories were difficult to decide because both were strong."

4-Year Private Colleges

OVERALL

All-Kansas: Baker Orange, Baker University

Gold: Baker Orange, Baker

Gold: The Collegian, Southwestern College

Gold: The Spectator, McPherson College

Gold: The Campus, Ottawa University

Silver: The Circuit, Benedictine College

Silver: The Collegian, Bethel College

Silver: The Advance, Kansas Wesleyan College

SPORTS COLUMN

First: Chris Smith, Baker

Second: Chris Smith, Baker

Third: Paige Carswell, Southwestern

H.M.: Willie Ramsdell, Ottawa

H.M.: Phil Ervin, Benedictine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The college sports columnist's vow: I promise I will write one locally focused opinion piece for every nationally oriented column I churn out. I want to one day work for ESPN, but for now I will focus on the needs/wants of my university audience."

CARTOONS

First: Conor Flecke, Benedictine

Second: Cyrus Oliver, Ottawa

Third: Cyrus Oliver, Ottawa

H.M.: Crystal Snyder, Ottawa

H.M.: Cate Richards, Baker

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Please attach the related article if any. I didn't 'get' what a number of the submissions were about. Take some art and design classes – most were weak in these areas."

ILLUSTRATION

First: Courtney Servaes, Baker

Second: Emily Hink and Ashley Fischer, Baker

Third: Brian Nelson, Southwestern

H.M.: Cyrus Oliver, Ottawa

H.M.: Courtney Servaes, Baker

HEADLINE WRITING

First: Lauren Anderson, Baker

Second: Courtney Servaes, Baker

Third: Courtney Servaes and Ashley Fischer, Baker

H.M.: Lysie Keaton, Ottawa

H.M.: Jeremiah Allan, Ottawa

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Headlines have evolved into a major design element in newspapers. They have begun to blur the line between magazine style and standard news style. Those who took the top awards made the headline a major piece of the package deal creating an appealing and readable article complete with graphics, infoboxes, article and killer headlines."

INFOGRAPHICS

First: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine

Second: Latasha Berry, Ottawa

Third: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine

H.M.: Brian Nelson, Southwestern

SERIES WRITING

First: Ottawa University, election series

Second: Baker University, sports spending

Third: Ottawa University, campus careers

H.M.: Chansi Long, Baker, booze and Baldwin

H.M.: Cobb, Miller and Loughery, Ottawa, school safety

REVIEWS

First: Justin Seiter, Benedictine

Second: Brian Nelson, Southwestern

Third: Cameron Stefkes, Southwestern

H.M.: Jeremiah Allan, Ottawa

H.M.: Samantha Gillis, Southwestern

SPORTS FEATURE

First: Ashley Fischer and Amanda Helm, Baker

Second: Phil Ervin, Benedictine

Third: Kelly Epperson, Baker

H.M. Chris Smith, Baker

H.M.: Leah Frey, Ottawa

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "An interesting mix of functional news and personality pieces, but the winning entry stands alone as an example of fine research and compelling craft. Were I allowed, Baker U. would have had another honorable mention."

SPORTS NEWS WRITING

First: Chris Smith, Baker
Second: Phil Ervin, Benedictine
Third: Chris Smith, Baker
H.M.: Phil Ervin, Benedictine
H.M.: Matt Royal, Kansas Wesleyan

SINGLE AD DESIGN

First: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
Second: Amanda Helm, Baker
Third: Latasha Berry, Ottawa
H.M.: Amanda Helm, Baker
H.M.: Jessica Stahr, McPherson

NEWS PHOTOS

First: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
Second: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
Third: Brian Nelson, Southwestern
H.M.: Brian Nelson, Southwestern
H.M.: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Two photographers really stood out above all the rest: Alzbeta Voboril of Benedictine and Brian Nelson of Southwestern. Their ability to use different lens, angles and keep the subjects simple and clean easily rose above the rest of the competition. Both have great promise as future photojournalists."

PHOTO ESSAY

First: Sarah Blecha, Ottawa
Second: Emily Hink, Baker
Third: Sarah Blecha and Allison Small, Ottawa
H.M.: Emily Hink, Baker
H.M.: Corley, Cook and Nelson, Southwestern
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Blecha and Hink were above the others. They seem to understand the variety and the connection needed for a good photo essay. There was one image from Becky Shafer of McPherson that would have been a clear winner in the feature category. However, it, like many of these stories, had a bunch of poor pictures with it. Your pages are only as good as your worst photo ... Edit tighter and you'll be better."

SPORTS PHOTOS

First: Sarah Blecha, Ottawa
Second: Emily Hink, Baker
Third: Emily Hink, Baker
H.M.: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
H.M.: Alzbeta Voboril, Benedictine
JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Three photographers were at the head of the pack: Sarah Blecha, Emily Hink and Alzbeta Voboril. This made the judging really tough. Each had two to three excellent pictures. They were sharp, tight, peak moments in action, good grain quality and overall well done. Sports was my specialty and I would have been proud to turn in a group of pictures like the ones from these three."

COLUMNS

First: Jillian Overstake, McPherson

Second: Amanda Pratt, Baker

Third: Chelsea Twietmeyer, Baker

H.M.: Chansi Long, Baker

H.M.: Anthony Cook, Southwestern

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Overall the range of skill is not too wide. What stands out is the way some writers use personal experience so well while others seem to shy from using it so much. Also, a good number of the students are really excellent writers. Many, too, write with punch and coherence. They're getting good instruction."

FEATURE WRITING

First: Kristopher McDonald, Baker

Second: Jordan Shay, McPherson

Third: Jenalea Myers, Baker

H.M.: Ashley Bergner, Friends University

H.M.: Emily Loughary, Ottawa

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Good topics and well structured, overall. Good reporting. More emphasis on emotion, detail and humanizing trends, facts, etc. could help to build stronger feature elements."

NEWS WRITING

First: Chansi Long and Kyle Davis, Baker University

Second: Audrey Secker, McPherson College

Third: Jessie Gorges, Friends University

H.M.: Sharon Stauffer, Baker University

H.M.: Ashley Andrews, McPherson College

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Many of these students are already better than most print journalists in the area. They do, however, need to brush up on the AP style, learn to use quotes and indirect quotes better and review giving attributions when necessary."

EDITORIAL

First: Jeremiah Allen and William Allison, Ottawa

Second: Anna Hindman, Kansas Wesleyan

Third: Jeremiah Allen, Ottawa

H.M.: Ashley Andrews, McPherson

H.M.: Daniel Volk, Benedictine