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**Vernon Hills High School** took the top prize, the Silver Pen Award, for winning more points for its entries than any other school.

### Cartooning

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Paulina Polek, Prospect High School, "Weightless"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Elle Opitz, Oak Lawn Community High School, "Kommon Cuts"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Marian Streeter, Queen of Peace High School, "In Praise of Laptops"
- Honorable Mention—Patrick Benton, Vernon Hills High School, "Vick, Benoit Disappoint Fans, Future Athletes"

### Column

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Jeff Lerman, Deerfield High School, "For the Love of the Game"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Elizabeth Pierson, Lyons Township High School, "Getting Piersonal"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Patricia Radkowski, Northside College Preparatory High School, "Radtrocity"
- Honorable Mention—Trygve Jensen, Maine West High School,

### Editorial

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place-- Queen of Peace High School (Veronica Eskra), "Mass Transit Madness"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—University Laboratory High School (Pfander, Park, Kharma, Gao, Zielinski, Salehi, Kitanna, Keyes), "Understanding Generation Q"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Kaneland High School (Ben Brown), "Filtering Content or Students' Rights"
- Honorable Mention—Lyons Township High School (Emily Johnson), "Moment of Silence Oversteps Suitable Government Behavior"

### Feature

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place (Tie)—Lizzy Warner/ Deborah Ladd, University Laboratory High School, "Fraternities and Sororities" and Gabriel Bump, University High School, "Gangs Hover in Communities"

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Sommer Ann McCullough, St. Charles East High School, “I’ll Be Home”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Danny Ge, University Laboratory High School, “Lord of the Manja”  
Honorable Mention—Allyson Bain, Vernon Hills High School, “Blue and Silver Go Green”

### **Feature Photo**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Joanne Okonski, Maine West High School, “Culture in Motion”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Ramzi Dreessen, University High School, “Reflecting on the Haunting”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Ana Lopez, Queen of Peace High School, “Peace Students Add to Inventory”  
Honorable Mention—Brandon Palmer, Vernon Hills High School, “Trudy Brodsky”

### **Graphics**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Kate Coombs, Lyons Township High School, “Going Green”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place--Corey Weinstein, Deerfield High School, “Caught in the Act”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Alexandra Hoffman, Vernon Hills High School, “To Help Hunger on Halloween”  
Honorable Mention—Erin Schmidt, Olympia High School, “Moment of Silence”

### **News**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Ashika Kalra/Jessica Sandlund, St. Charles East High School, “Parents Tried for Teen Drinking”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Stephanie Berliant, Deerfield High School, “Not A Kodak Moment”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Rick Danilkowicz, Vernon Hills High School, “Family/Consumer Science Teachers”  
Honorable Mention—Allyson Bain, Vernon Hills High School, “Mandated Silence”

### **Opinion**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Anna Nelson, Vernon Hills High School, “Does Media Romanticize Pregnancy?”  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Melanie Walsh, Prospect High School, “Kid Nation vs. A Babied Nation”  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Kristy Collazo, East Leyden High School, “Shelton’s Death Brings War Home”  
Honorable Mention—Victor Rudo, Deerfield High School, “Teenagers Are Not Bad Drivers”

### **Review**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place--Carl Zielinski, University Laboratory High School, “Porcupine Free: Fear of a Black Planet”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Tom Stanley-Becker, University High School, “Second City Still Hitting Mark”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Melissa Jordan, Northside College Preparatory High School, “Get Your Kilt On”

Honorable Mention—Kumars Salehi, University Laboratory High School  
“Ghostface Killah: The Big Doe Rehab”

### **Single Page Layout**

1<sup>st</sup> Place--Nathan Adler Bishop, University High School, “Can’t Miss Recipes from U-High Chefs”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Alexandra Hoffman, Vernon Hills High School, The Scratching Post, Page 1, Sept. 28, 2007

3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Cortney Campanio, Queen of Peace High School, “Meet Your Laptop”

Honorable Mention—Alyssa Collins, Prospect High School, “The Final Countdown”

### **Sports**

1<sup>st</sup> Place--Jeff Lerman, Victor Rudo and Jon Youshaei, Deerfield High School, “IHSAA to Begin Drug Tests”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Francesca Griffith, Maine West High School, “High Price of Sports”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Virgil Bonifazi, Prospect High School, “No Pain, No Gain”

Honorable Mention—Daniel Venus, Vernon Hills High School, “Boys Bowling”

### **Sports photography**

1<sup>st</sup> Place--John Juranek, Maine West High School, “Mad Hops”

2<sup>nd</sup> Place—Liwen Xu, University High School, “Leading the Way”

3<sup>rd</sup> Place—Anna Nelson, Vernon Hills High School, “Boys Bowling Upholds”

Honorable Mention—Hannah Pautz, Prospect High School, “Senior Pat Mack Carries the Ball”