

2008 High School Journalism Award Winners in IWPA Contest

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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

1st Place--Paulina Polek, Prospect High School, "Weightless"

2nd Place—Elle Opitz, Oak Lawn Community High School, "Kommon Cuts"

3rd 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

1st Place--Jeff Lerman, Deerfield High School, "For the Love of the Game"

2nd Place—Elizabeth Pierson, Lyons Township High School, "Getting Piersonal"

3rd Place—Patricia Radkowski, Northside College Preparatory High School,

"Radtrocity"

Honorable Mention—Trygve Jensen, Maine West High School,

Editorial

1st Place-- Queen of Peace High School (Veronica Eskra.), "Mass Transit Madness"

2nd Place—University Laboratory High School (Pfander, Park, Kharma, Gao, Zielinski, Salehi, Kitanna, Keyes), "Understanding Generation Q"

3rd 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

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

2nd Place—Sommer Ann McCullough, St. Charles East High School, "I'll Be

Home"

3rd 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

1st Place--Joanne Okonski, Maine West High School, "Culture in Motion"

2nd Place—Ramzi Dreessen, University High School, "Reflecting on the

Haunting"

3rd Place—Ana Lopez, Queen of Peace High School, "Peace Students Add to

Inventory"

Honorable Mention—Brandon Palmer, Vernon Hills High School, “Trudy Brodsky”

Graphics

1st Place--Kate Coombs, Lyons Township High School, “Going Green”

2nd Place--Corey Weinstein, Deerfield High School, “Caught in the Act”

3rd Place—Alexandra Hoffman, Vernon Hills High School, “To Help Hunger on Halloween”

Honorable Mention—Erin Schmidt, Olympia High School, “Moment of Silence”

News

1st Place--Ashika Kalra/Jessica Sandlund, St. Charles East High School, “Parents Tried

for Teen Drinking”

2nd Place—Stephanie Berliant, Deerfield High School, “Not A Kodak Moment”

3rd Place—Rick Danilkowicz, Vernon Hills High School, “Family/Consumer Science Teachers”

Honorable Mention—Allyson Bain, Vernon Hills High School, “Mandated Silence”

Opinion

1st Place--Anna Nelson, Vernon Hills High School, “Does Media Romanticize Pregnancy?”

2nd Place—Melanie Walsh, Prospect High School, “Kid Nation vs. A Babied Nation”

3rd 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

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

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

3rd 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

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

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

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

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

Sports

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

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

3rd Place—Virgil Bonifazi, Prospect High School, “No Pain, No Gain”

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

Sports photography

1st Place--John Juranek, Maine West High School, “Mad Hops”

2nd Place—Liwen Xu, University High School, “Leading the Way”

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

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