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Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2017 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Hoosier Press Association reviewed 816 entries submitted by 16 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

The 2017 “College Newspaper of the Year” award is presented to the top college newspapers in three divisions based on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all editorial contest categories (categories 1-12). Winners of those awards are:

College Newspapers of the Year

Divisions	Total Points	College Newspapers
Division 1	1,500	Central Michigan University/CM-Life
Division 2	1,470	Ferris State University/The Torch
Division 3	600	Lansing Community College/ The Lookout

Division 1 - Newspapers publishing more than weekly

Division 2 - Newspapers publishing weekly

Division 3 - Two-year college publications or newspapers publishing less than weekly.

"It is more important than ever to recognize and encourage good, impactful journalism. That is what our college newspapers are doing, and with support and recognition from contests and professionals in the field, that will continue. Our experienced faculty and advisors will see to it as well," said Joanne Williams, associate professor of journalism and mass communication at Olivet College and a past MCPA president.

The 2018 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2018.

Best Photographer

Division 1 - Best Photographer

11 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Richard Drummond

Really wonderful portraiture, even in categories that aren't truly portraits. The full focus of the basketball shooter and the bold colors of the protester are incredibly engaging.

Second Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Emily Frye

Great emotional pictures — the protest picture in particular is beautiful in its colors and the fact that despite showing a protest, it shows joy. Composition of soccer picture could be improved.

Third Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Kevin Sielaff

Really good emotional portrayal, from the impact of the hit to the slight guardedness of Clinton. These photos feel very alive. With emphasis on diversity of subject in the category, would have liked to see something other than two sports pictures, however.

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Binge Yan

A lot of potential here. The picture of what appears to be a protest in particular is deeply emotional and fraught.

Division 2 - Best Photographer

6 Entries

First Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Andrea Cordes

Nice energy and breadth of subject. Each entry captures the mood of the event well.

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Keith Salowich

Wish there were more diversity of subject, but these are good, clean football pictures that display a lot of talent.

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Samantha Dow

Enjoyable photos, a bit more attention to composition would help them pop.

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Aubrey Kemme

Golf picture is lovely. Timing could be improved to get more energy in your other entries.

Division 3 - Best Photographer

9 Entries

First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Josie Norris

Good variety, compositions. Liked the effort to get creative angles that helped tell the story.

Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Weight Lifting

Nick Thompson

Nice selection of technically sound photos. Like the energy in the weight lifter and the lighting of the tree in particular.

Third Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Molasses Bread Pudding

Atticus Laird

Nice photos, would have preferred more people.

Honorable Mention **Adrian College/ The College World**
Nikki Czuhajewski

A nice selection of simple photos.

Best Writer

Division 1 - Best Writer

14 Entries

Some very, very good examples of writing overall. The decision between first and second was difficult.

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
McKenzie Sanderson

Thoughtful, nuanced writing. Very enjoyable reading across all topics.

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
Editor-in-Chief Sydney Nimeth

Strong writing overall. Work on making writing style less monotone to highlight differences between articles.

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Sarah Wolpoff

The author shows a thoughtful approach to the various topics covered.

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Sean Lang

Good writing across all examples.

Division 2 - Best Writer

12 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Thomas Novelty

Very strong reporting and writing. The story about the lost boy was particularly fantastic (a little story formatting work would make it close to perfect). Good use of emotional depth.

Second Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

Seniors leave mark on tennis program, Thielen thrives, Wendling becomes women's basketball all-time leading scorer

Steven Bryant

Strong sports writing that really lets the athletes shine.

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Angela Graf

Great opinion pieces — there's a lot of maturity in the voice of writer. Don't be afraid of your own depth. A bit more variety would have been beneficial to the entry.

Honorable Mention **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

Josh Sampson

Great writing style, but subjects lack some of the depth that would let the writer shine.

Division 3 - Best Writer

36 Entries

This was a strong field full of talented writers.

First Place **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**
Kayla Williamson

Excellent writing — a standout in a strong field of competition. The writer presents the reader with some heavy topics in well-organized, engaging packages that are easy to digest. Each paragraph compels you to continue on to the next one. The effort the writer put into researching each topic comes through in the writing. Each piece comes across as knowledgeable, even authoritative, without being condescending to the reader.

Second Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
Vanessa Ray

The flow of each of the submissions in this entry is excellent. The writer chooses her words for impact, going for quality over quantity. The "life after addiction" story was the highlight of this entry. The phrasing used in describing the speaker's childhood suicide attempts was powerful: "At 8, she threw herself off the roof of her house."

Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
James P. Quick

Overall, solid writing. Wonderful profile pieces. Nice storytelling in addition to clean, well put together copy. The piece on Pokémon GO was both entertaining and informative. The reader feels smarter having read it.

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Bookstore to Close
Aaron Emerson

Engaging, solid writing across the board. Kudos for writing a convincing column about a volatile issue without being mean spirited.

Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

Division 1 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports
32 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Diverse cities like Dearborn make America great, Trump should visit
Andrew Surma

Very well written and informative. Brings an important local perspective to a national issue. Even though this column is hyperlocal, it can educate readers anywhere.

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Shifting away from criminalization
Max Lubell

A very mature article that surpasses the college genre, breaks out of what could be expected by a college writer to convey local progress and efforts on a national effort.

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Empty chairs
Stephanie Mullings

A very strong personal stance on issues affecting the campus as a whole. An impressive effort to show how important something is even as others act like it's negligible.

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Pop It, Lock It: This is the story of a girl, or why Green Light makes you want to dance and cry all at once
Asif Becher

A delightful music/music video review that transcends what it's about to talk about broader concepts. Just like you can't stop thinking about the moment in the video, I can't stop thinking about your evocative way of telling me how it matters.

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports
28 Entries

First Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Let me dine alone
Jonny Parshall

A humorous (and informal) take on a daily annoyance that is relatable as it vents while still possibly helpful if it helps lead to change. A good use of platform to say that a space for students isn't designed in a way that's actually effective.

Second Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

Why we obsess over movie trailers
Dylan Powell

A nice take on an aspect of current culture that is relatable while making the reader think. A little long in the lede, but that may be the need for instant gratification talking.

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
"La La Land" review
Nicholas Rowan

A very nice movie review that shows how the story, and its simplicity, relates back to daily life. The writing style picks up on the movie's wistfulness and

whimsy. Unrelated to the piece and its judging, but tell your designer this page is beautiful.

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Stay for the whole play
Chandler Lasch

Speaks directly to students on campus about something that matters to the group it affects (the actors). Writing could be tightened up a bit.

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports
41 Entries

First Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
Arrival speaks of the dangers of fear
Sawyer Jackson

An incredibly strong movie review. Goes far beyond the direct content of the movie and explains why it's valuable to our culture.

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Make America diverse again
Ken Narita

A well-done example of taking local history and expanding it to include current national conversations. One of the best examples I've seen of pairing a visual element with an opinion piece.

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Being 'White' in U.S.
Haneen Hammad

A personal take on an issue many readers are likely unfamiliar with.

Honorable Mention **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**
Politics Talk
Kayla Williamson, Amber Cekander

A lot of good information wrapped into a simple dialogue with the reader. The choice of including an anarchist is interesting. Structure seemed to challenge you, as ending segment feels like a lost little brother to material on religion higher up.

Editorial

Division 1 - Editorial
30 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Combating Campus Sexual Assault
Staff

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
EDITORIAL: High time for change For years, the DEA has listed pot as a Schedule I drug, but it should be legal for all uses

Ben Solis, Kate Carlson, Andrew Surma

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
From the Daily: State should pass sexual assault bills
Daily Editorial Board

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Now what? An extreme force of change has come to America
Ben Solis, Dominick Mastrangelo

Division 2 - Editorial
15 Entries

First Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
A rapist named Brock Turner
Angela Graf

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Give up your guts
Keith Salowich

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Rainbow dreadlocks
Keith Salowich

Honorable Mention *Ferris State University/ The Torch*
I Am Not Your Inspiration
 Marley Tucker

Division 3 - Editorial
 4 Entries

First Place *Delta College/ Delta Collegiate*
Our View Don't give up
 Staff

Second Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*
Ways to stay motivated
 Staff

Third Place *Delta College/ Delta Collegiate*
Our View Fighting to defend democracy
 Staff

Honorable Mention *Delta College/ Delta Collegiate*
Collegiate Commentary Colin Kaepernick: Right or wrong, he's allowed to say what he wants
 Ethan Moore

Feature Photo

Division 1 - Feature Photo
 13 Entries

First Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*
Visual Statement: Mud Bowl
 Ryan McLoughlin

Second Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*
Photos of the Week: October 21-27, 2016 - "Groove"
 Max Kuang

Third Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*
DNCE in concert

Honorable Mention *Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo*
Eaglepalooza
 Adam Karr

Division 2 - Feature Photo
 13 Entries

First Place *Ferris State University/ The Torch*
Indie Music Fest
 Andrea Cordes

Second Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*
Dinosaur display
 Madeline Fry

Third Place *Ferris State University/ The Torch*
Locker Room Dance
 Samantha Dow

Honorable Mention *Ferris State University/ The Torch*
Mascot Surfing
 Keith Salowich

Division 3 - Feature Photo
 23 Entries

First Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*
Knight of Hollygrove
 Mikey Cebulski
Love it.

Second Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*
Float Welder
 Mikey Cebulski
Great use of color.

Third Place *Lansing Community College/ The Lookout*
Women's March 2
 Nicole Cade
Good impact. Needs a face.

Honorable Mention *Monroe County Community College/ The Agora*
Faculty and college negotiate over contract
 Vanessa Ray
Almost there.

Feature Story

Division 1 - Feature Story
 32 Entries

Lots of entries were about election year, gender issues and study abroad. Quite a few entries were VERY long, in an era of twitter-influenced, short attention spans. Some would have improved readability by editing into two or three segments.

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*
Finding liberation at CMU LGBTQ students date in college for the first time, but struggle to balance the clashing climates of two homes.
 Sarah Wolpoff

Sarah used solid reporting and a good approach to this topic. She found students comfortable with talking about their sometimes difficult experiences with others, including families and hometown folks.

Second Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*
The Pedicab Man: the story behind Boober Tours
 Avi Sholkoff

Well-written story about a man who overcame some tough years--including addiction and prison--to start a campus-area pedicab business, and seek others with troubled backgrounds to work for him.

Third Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*
cmed-student-cover-story

Greg Horner
Interesting story about med students at CMU. It explains the program of training future doctors to work in rural communities; student experiences; costs/debts; goals, aspirations. Well-written. Could have been broken into smaller segments to encourage readers to stick with the long story.

Honorable Mention *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*
Unwanted, unconventional and unrelenting: the Michael Wroblewski story

Orion Sang
Good feature on a determined youth whose dream was to play football at the University of Michigan.

Division 2 - Feature Story
 32 Entries

First Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*
Community unites to find missing boy
 Thomas Novelty

Wow. Wow. Wow. What a story! This was by far the most interesting and engaging piece in this category. The narrative and timeline of events was clear and concise. Job well done!

Second Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*
Freshman in Israeli Special Forces
 Thomas Novelty

Chalk this up as the most unique story in this category. I think all of your readers gained a great deal of insight from the human experience of your subject. Well done!

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

A president's promise, a Bulldogs worry

Megan Hiler

Excellent job of localizing a national issue. You put a personal face on the immigration debate and you didn't sugarcoat the facts of the situation. Nicely done!

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Who I'm supposed to be

Briana Hammontree

This story is incredibly timely and extremely well done. Briana did an excellent job of describing the atmosphere and in many ways I felt like I was sitting in the room and listening to Kroczaleski speak. Well done!

Division 3 - Feature Story

21 Entries

The wide range of topics shows the writers are looking at life on campus and elsewhere and are finding human interest angles to share events and people with their readers.

First Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Cheryl Johnston leaves caring legacy

Vanessa Ray

Vanessa Ray paints a warm feature about a retiring professor. She uses several sources and makes good use of her quotes. Short paragraphs help the reader follow such a long story.

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Home is here: A GRCC students story of immigration

Kayla Tucker

Kayla Tucker has a good feature with lots of good quotes.

Third Place **Adrian College/ The College World**

Sharing the Neighborhood

Spencer Durham

An interesting story about an important issue--the relationship of fraternities and their neighboring residents.

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Pillows for Purpose

Aaron Emerson

Making pillows for children in hospitals is a campus project that has succeeded.

Front Page Design

Division 1 - Front Page Design

10 Entries

There were a lot of great page designs. The main image for the winning page was just too hard to overcome. It had a lot of impact. The other winners were also designed extremely well.

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Divided We Stand

Ashley Simigian

The main image does a fantastic job of telling the story. Very compelling photo and solid design. Great Design!

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Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Fight of his Life

Josh Barnhart, Annah Horak

Very powerful image that sets the reader up for the article. Just a fantastic

Third Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley**
Lantern

UPSET: Donald Trump elected 45th president of the US

Chase Hasper

Nice use of graphics, main photo, and article layout. Just a solid overall design. Very colorful. Well done!

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Game of the Year

Nate Morrison

Great design. Gets the reader ready for game day.

Division 2 - Front Page Design

18 Entries

Several good designs here in this category. Great creativity. Clarity was evident in these winning designs.

First Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

9/7/16 Front Page

Jordan Lodge

Sometimes a simple layout is the most effective. The images impact the reader and helped this page design stand out in this category. Great Job!

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

11/2/16 Front Page

Harley Harrison, Jordan Lodge

Designers did a nice job of making it clear where each candidate stands on key issues on just one page. Nice touch with the American Flag in the logo. This is a page to be proud of.

Third Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

The Valley Vanguard Vol. 49 No. 7

Connor Doyle, Kyle Will, Josh Sampson

This is just a clean looking page with a some fun creativity with the header. Staff should be proud of this layout.

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

10/26/16 Front Page

Jordan Lodge

Division 3 - Front Page Design

17 Entries

Several solid layout designs in this category.

First Place **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**

Diversity Issue

Makana Geppert, Kayla Williamson

This page clearly conveys the coverage inside this section. The collage of photos to put together one person was a great idea. This was by far the winner in this category.

Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Plane Passion

Nicole Cade

Solid dominate image on this page with nice touch on headline across it. A great layout!

Third Place **Adrian College/ The College World**

Planting their Roots

Torrey Christopher

Sometimes a simple image really helps to drive home the point of the design. "Putting down their roots" and using tree roots just makes sense here. This was a fun way to approach this subject.

Honorable Mention **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

McCloskey achieves another curtain call

Leah Thomas

The caricature offered a great main image to work around and these designers were smart to use it the way they did.

Investigative Reporting

Division 1 - Investigative Reporting

8 Entries

First Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

*GVSU sexual assault cases, responses for academic year 2016-17
Hannah Lentz, Jess Hodge
Too many times, investigations such as this one can get bogged down in the statistics and readers lose interest. Instead, this investigative series kept readers engaged. I also have to praise your work because it is clear that by your reporting on the string of sexual assaults that positive changes were made to make your campus community safer. Excellent work!*

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
The Twilight of Newspapers in Ann Arbor

Brian Kuang

This story was phenomenal! I live hundreds of miles away from Ann Arbor, but I felt like this story could easily be written about my own hometown and its beloved newspaper. Because of Brian's strong writing and his ability to weave the human narrative alongside the story of Ann Arbor News, I too grieved alongside your own readers for the loss of this trusted and valued publication. Really well done!

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

UPDATE: Undercover police and University partner to target underage drinking on holidays, gamedays

Alexa St. John

Hats off to you, Alexa! This is an extremely well sourced story. Excellent job of finding students to share their experiences. I can only imagine how well read this story was by your University of Michigan audience.

Honorable Mention **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

*Breaking down GVSU athletics' contract with apparel giant Adidas
Beau Troutman, Brady McAtamney, Brendan McMahon, Josh Peick
This is a perfect example of why this category exists. This story is classic explanatory journalism with its in-depth reporting on an issue and clear, concise language.*

Division 2 - Investigative Reporting

18 Entries

Good field of entries showing journalists asking a wide range of questions about events and issues in their communities. Winners tended to be the stories that focused on people as much as policy, process and issue explanation.

First Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Night prowler

Keith Salowich, Angela Graf

This a solid, well-written news story. This obviously took some digging, and the reporters did a good job getting the four women to speak on the record. Good chronology, and the women's comments put the reader right there in the moment. The last quote, about the residents having to look out for themselves, is haunting.

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Nestle's MDEQ Permit Coverage

Keith Salowich, Marley Tucker

This is extensive reporting that not only lays out the water-quality issue but also fully covers other issues that came up along the way, such as free speech. Good combination of public sentiment and expert comments. This is a human story, well conveyed.

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Committee members break city code

Thomas Novelly

Good job asking basic questions about the daylight between policy and practice. This is where some of the best local-government stories are found. Good job revealing that local officials weren't entirely on top of the situation.

Honorable Mention

Ferris State University/ The Torch

Reporting Rape

Angela Graf

These two stories together convey a good deal of information and raise awareness on an important issue. This clears up some misconceptions – always a valuable function of good journalism.

Division 3 - Investigative Reporting

7 Entries

First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Former EMB professors sue school

Cameron Kerkau

Excellent work on digging deeper to explain to your readers what led two of your school's faculty being dismissed. You did excellent work for young journalists for getting the Freedom of Information Act and for pursuing the truth.

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Trustee comments concern leaders across GRCC campus

Kayla Tucker

The reporting throughout this coverage was consistently strong and the reporters did an excellent job of conveying everyone's sentiments in response to the comments of a trustee.

Third Place **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**

Diversity

Kayla Williamson

This entry would have been made stronger had the reporters remembered that not every reader is going to know the backstory behind why the President cried during his remarks. Yes, there was a incident of racism of campus, but the article never mentioned the basic things — who, when, where, and what, and why it happened.

Honorable Mention **Adrian College/ The College World**

Crime on Campus

Torrey Christopher, Spencer Durham

This was well-written entry, but the story not exactly measure up to the other entries in this category in the amount of research done, information compiled, and then number of sources.

News Story

Division 1 - News Story

44 Entries

A large number of the more than 40 entries were about the presidential campaign and rallies in Michigan. The top stories in this news competition also looked at other issues, including hazing by a fraternity, military veterans going to college and the complexity of gathering evidence in sexual assault cases.

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Former student allegedly hazed by "underground fraternity"

Kate Carlson

Hazing is once again a national story, and this Central Michigan coverage of an "underground" fraternity is well-written.

Second Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Donald Trump, Mike Pence rally in Grand Rapids just hours before polls open

Jess Hodge, Sanda Vazgec

Good, tightly written coverage of a midnight rally for Trump and Pence. Good use of other sources, good quotes.

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Everyday heroes: Student veterans receive 'Gold Star' treatment while pursuing degrees

Emily DeRuiiter, Johnathan Hogan

Good job of explaining how the university is trying to help active-duty and veteran military students progress through college.

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Forensics testing, interviews elongate sexual assault investigations
 Johnathan Hogan
Story explains the difficulties of gathering scientific evidence in sexual assault cases. It's not as quick and easy as TV shows make it seem.

Division 2 - News Story

31 Entries

The election campaign was covered by several campus papers, but a variety of issues closer to campus were also topics of the 31 entries. The Collegian earned first place for its professional-level coverage of election night, including national results, Michigan races involving alumni, reactions of students and faculty, all against tight deadlines to get the paper printed and back on campus the next morning. The Valley Vanguard also dealt with tight deadlines when it covered the shooting of five people at a huge (1,000 people) party across the street from campus. The paper had its on-line report posted the next morning, and the print edition on campus a day later.

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Donald J. Trump wins

Sarah Chavey, Breana Noble, Thomas Novelly
First-rate coverage of election night that would be a challenge to some professional publications. The paper had the late-night results of the presidential race, but also state contests involving alumni, plus reactions from students and faculty--and had the paper available on campus Wednesday morning.

Second Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

Five shot at Campus Village

Connor Doyle

When five people were wounded by a gunman at a post-game party of perhaps 1,000 celebrants, the paper went into action, getting numerous interviews, photos, and finding key sources, and had their edition on campus

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Violent protests plague Trump inauguration

Phil DeVoe

This newspaper had several staff members in Washington, D.C. for the inauguration of President Trump, and ably reported on the violence that erupted at some protest rallies.

Division 3 - News Story

24 Entries

A wide range of topics were among these 24 entries. The winning articles all had impact on their readers.

First Place **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**
Jordan Semester Abroad Cancelled

Elise Emmert

Timely, well-written story about students planning educational trip to Jordan, and the abrupt cancelling of the trip, following terrorist attacks in that country. (Much shorter paragraphs would have made the story more readable.)

Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Bookstore to Close

Aaron Emerson

The closing of a family-run bookstore that had been a campus fixture for decades impacted both students and faculty. Why it was closing and history of the family added to the story.

Third Place **Adrian College/ The College World**
Full Steam Ahead for 223 Access Road

Spencer Durham

Building of new access road to campus, long sought by college president, is in the works, as he vows to raise the funds without public assistance. Story includes concerns of nearby residents and support from the mayor.

Honorable Mention **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Faculty, students discuss politics in the classroom

Vanessa Ray

Interesting story about students and faculty discussing politics in the classroom. Story had numerous sources.

News-Only Photo

Division 1 - News-Only Photo

14 Entries

Great category, great entries. However, a lot of politicians speaking behind podiums. Try to aim for more candid photos, away from the podium.

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Lucha por Lordes

Max Kuang

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Protester

Richard Drummond

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Inauguration in Washington D.C.

Chelsea Grobelny

Honorable Mention **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Donald Trump final rally

Emily Frye

Division 2 - News-Only Photo

10 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Naval Battle

Madeline Barry

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
International Festival

Andrea Cordes

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Violent protests in DC

Philip DeVoe

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Founders' Day Brutus

Harley Harrison

Division 3 - News-Only Photo

10 Entries

First Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Sanctuary 2

Nick Thompson

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Women's March on Washington

Elizabeth Casella

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
Anti-Trump protesters take to the streets in Grand Rapids

Nate Bidwell

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Sanctuary

Nick Thompson

Non-Front Page Design

Division 1 - Non-Front Page Design

8 Entries

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Best finish ever

Nate Morrison , Ashley Simigen

Love the photo and the story on the left side. Great use of headline font.

Second Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Lights, camera, MACtion

Nate Morrison

I love the photos with the use of wrap around text. However, you might want to rethink the headline font, maybe something "cleaner".

Third Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Finding the right match

Annah Horak

Very nice layout. I like the font color chosen.

Honorable Mention *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Spirit of the Stadium: Marching Chips use dedication, focus to perfect gameday performance

Nate Morrison

Beautiful photo. I like where the story is placed. The light posts seem to throw off the flow.

Division 2 - Non-Front Page Design

33 Entries

First Place *Ferris State University/ The Torch*

4/19/17 Page 10

Aubrey Kemme, Jordan Lodge

Normally tend to stay away from such large photos but this layout works!

Wonderful balance. Great job!

Second Place *Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard*

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Connor Doyle, Kyle Will, Josh Sampson

I like the placement of the football players. Nicely done layout.

Third Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*

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Breana Noble

Very nice layout. Try not to put cutlines within the photo.

Honorable Mention *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*

Hillsdale Collegian - Culture page - Jan. 26, 2017

Hannah Niemeier

Very nice heading. Nice balance. Perhaps keep the paragraph within the story (La La Land) squared off instead of centered--something strange happened with the first column.

Division 3 - Non-Front Page Design

14 Entries

First Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*

Sassy Casual

Hanna Olson

I like the overall design and the use of the triangles rather than simple squares.

Second Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*

Holiday Dessert Recipes

Natalie Truxall

Nice balance, colorful!

Third Place *Adrian College/ The College World*

African American History

Spencer Durham

Overall a nice layout. I like the page headline.

Honorable Mention

Delta College/ Delta Collegiate

Opinion Page 6

Staff

Very nicely done. I would like the photo/clipart in the circle to be larger to fill more of the space.

Sports News/Features

Division 1 - Sports News/Features

31 Entries

First Place *Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn*

Knockout: Sarah Rae Batenburg setting trends for GVSU boxing club

Robbie Triano

Second Place *Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn*

Brower, Suseland duo a force for GVSU volleyball

Brady McAtamney

Third Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Spirit of the Stadium: Marching Chips use dedication, focus to perfect gameday performance

Dominick Mastrangelo , Monica Bradburn

Honorable Mention *Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn*

Two Lakers selected to compete with US Women's National University Team

Jacob Arvidson

Division 2 - Sports News/Features

28 Entries

I would encouraged the writers in this class to always use multiple sources. One-source profiles are not useful. Lots of decent writing, but always look for angles and storylines that are provocative, evocative or that surprise. The best writing has a "wow" factor.

First Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*

Beyond the Backyard

Thomas Novelty

This is a sweet piece about a father/son baseball legacy. Everything about it evokes lazy summer days.

Second Place *Ferris State University/ The Torch*

Coalescing potential

Cody Burkhard

Multiple sources, good narrative and great writing made this one a close contender for first.

Third Place *Ferris State University/ The Torch*

Hook, line and sinker

Brendan Samuels

Well-crafted story about a somewhat obscure college sport. Writer did a nice job of capturing the interplay between the subjects.

Honorable Mention *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*

JJ McMillian feature

Sarah Chavey

I like this piece a lot. Multiple sources add depth. Writing gives us a feel for the subject's personality. Flaw at the end of the first graph kept it from grading higher.

Division 3 - Sports News/Features

15 Entries

These journalists are off to a good start. I would like to see them work on their reporting (additional sources and background) and storytelling (which always must follow fact and source gathering. Many instinctual storytellers in this group. Keep working at the craft!

First Place **Spring Arbor University/The Pulse**

From Spring Arbor to Boston

Amber Cekander

Lots to like about this piece. Flowing narrative, clever lede and multiple sources. Please avoid "It was" or "There are" ledes. Writer could easily have dropped the first two words and made a stronger sentence. Use real nouns and strong verbs.

Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Brunson to Retire

Brodee Gillam

I liked that the writer used the athletic director to put the coach's impact into perspective high up in the story. This makes the reader want to know more.

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Defensive Dominance

Brodee Gillam

Nice feature/mid-season analysis. I couldn't have resisted "The Stars are shining". Never saw a rolling star.

Honorable Mention **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Brett Slayton: Lacing up and living the dream

Jaimason Thomas

Good, compact feature about an elite athlete. Coach's input made the story stronger.

Sports Photo

Division 1 - Sports Photo

14 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Baseball

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Redshirt Sophomore forward D.J. Wilson in the Big 10 Tournament championship game against Wisconsin on Sunday.

Sam Mousigian

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Soccer

Richard Drummond

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Gymnastics

Binge Yan

Division 2 - Sports Photo

19 Entries

There were multiple good entries that made for some tough decisions.

First Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

Turnage, Cardinals sweep weekend

Kyle Will

Picture perfect instance of emotion and timing.

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Football Hurdle

Rebecca Snow

Great timing and action

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Strip Sack

Keith Salowich

Good timing and found an instance of a great defensive play.

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Arm Tackle

Keith Salowich

Wonder if he breaks the tackle. Good look of determination from the running back.

Division 3 - Sports Photo

10 Entries

First Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Ja'Myrin Jackson

Nick Thompson

Second Place **Adrian College/ The College World**

Skating

Nikki Czuhajewski

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Freshman Outside hitter, Leah Thompson, jumps to spike the ball for a kill

Avery Jennings

Honorable Mention **Adrian College/ The College World**

Winning Goal

Nikki Czuhajewski

Multimedia Reporting

Open Class - Multimedia Reporting

35 Entries

First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Community celebrates Snowfest in a snowless Frankenmuth

Jessica Sierocki

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Riding the Pine: CMU Dance Team

Shelby Webster

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Battling Fate

Josh Barnhart

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Evangelical Preacher

William Bly, Brianne Twiddy

Online Newspaper

Open Class - Online Newspaper

4 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Online Editions

STAFF

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Ferris State Torch

Torch Staff

Third Place **Adrian College/ The College World**

The College World

Emily Nixon

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

LCC Lookout Online newspaper

Larry Hook, Aaron Wilton

Original Cartoon Editorial or Entertainment

Open Class - Original Cartoon Editorial or Entertainment

15 Entries

First Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Leigh Cole

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

Editorial Cartoon: 15th Anniversary of 9/11

Joanna Barcelo

Third Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Fresh Faces

Joey Magnuson

Honorable Mention *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*
I don't believe in business
Michelle Sheng

Single Ad

Open Class - Single Ad

5 Entries

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

SCIT

Staff

Great graphic and copy, Headline and graphic makes a person want to read the copy.

Second Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Barberi Law

Staff

Great ad, I hope you got a campaign from this customer for other services provided.

Third Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*

Zukin's Ad

Chrissy Begle

Beautiful ad, only wish it wasn't on the same page as their story.

Honorable Mention *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Vaped Ape

Staff

Special Advertising Section

Open Class - Special Advertising Section

2 Entries

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Greek Guide 2017

Staff

Excellent layout, design and content.

Second Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

My Baby's Graduating

Daily Design Staff

Great design, and lots of creative ads.