

306 attend Spring Conference

63 percent of attendees participate in On-Site Contests

The 51st annual Spring Conference saw drop in attendance, but schools attending enjoyed the day of contests and sessions.

The final numbers show that 19 schools attended the conference with a total of 283 students and 23 advisers.

A breakdown of registration pa-

pers indicated 143 yearbook students and 140 newspaper students attended.

Up from past years, the number of students participating in the On-Site Contest was 63 percent.

Sessions had as many as 50 people attending or as few as 2.

The average attendance per session was 15.



As students waited for the afternoon assembly to begin, a yearbook staff looks at a yearbook from one of the booths in the lobby.

Golden Dozen

Minuteman, Bunker Hill
Eagle, Coulterville
Graduate, Greenville
Pirata, Heath
Knight, Mater Dei
Riddle, Mattoon
Hoop-Pole, Mt. Vernon, IN
Crimson and Corn,
Murphysboro
Nu-Kom-I, Newton
Bulldog, Sparta
Anchor, St. Thomas
Seminary
Drift, Taylorville
Chieftain, Wayne City

Blue Banner

Warwhoop, Wayne City
Comet Spirit, Greenville
SHS Signal, Sullivan
Gargoyle, University Lab
Hy News, BellevilleWest
Kahoki, Collinsville
The Senator, Springfield

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Newspaper, yearbook contest winners announced

BEST STORY CONTEST WINNERS	BEST EDITORIAL COLUMN	BEST FEATURE STORY	Becky Liddy, Belleville West	BEST FEATURETTE
First Place	First Place	First Place	BEST NEWS STORY	First Place
BEST SPORTS STORY	Nabilah Siddiquee, Springfield	Leigh Shelton, Belleville West	First Place	Ian Orland, University Laboratory
First Place	Second Place	Second Place	Sara Bondioli, Herrin	Second Place
Anu Paruchuri & Tony Khan, University Laboratory	Marissa McCants, Springfield	Ryan Hutson, Taylorville	Second Place	Jackie Lowman, Springfield
Second Place	Third Place	Third Place	Dan Atherton, University Laboratory	Third Place
Suzy Fitzgerald & Dan Pietroburgo, Belleville West	John Bolin, Sullivan	Brian Richardson & Amy Grueber, Collinsville	University Laboratory	Ben Sapp, University Laboratory
Third Place	Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	Third Place	Honorable Mention
Camron Bastani, Paducah Tilghman	Gavin Myers, Springfield	Nicola Bunick, Sarah Klein & Natalie Goel, University Laboratory High School	Ryan Hutson, Taylorville	The Staff, Springfield
Honorable Mention	Dan Atherton, University Laboratory	Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	BEST REVIEW
Patrick Hely, Paducah Tilghman	Sara Bondioli, Herrin	Danielle Rennie, Harrisburg	Noah Isserman, University Laboratory	First Place
Ryan Hutson, Taylorville	Maggie Martin, Jackson	Brian Rowe, Springfield	Jennifer Durbin, Taylorville	Ben Leff, University Laboratory
Lauren Nelson, Carmi White	Holly Eaton, Coluterville	Lauren Jackson, Paducah Tilghman	Katie Koester, Collinsville	Second Place
BEST SPORTS FEATURE	CUB DIVISION	Paducah Tilghman	Hollan Holm, Heath	Ben Leff, University Laboratory
First Place	First Place	Lauren Whiting, Benton	BEST HUMOROUS COLUMN	Third Place
Sarah Klein & Matt Sutton, University Laboratory	Bo Li, University Laboratory	BEST ORIGINAL AD	First Place	Ryan Hutson & Jarred Rahar, Taylorville
Second Place	Second Place	First Place	Kimya Karshenas, Springfield	Honorable Mention
Katie McClure, Springfield High	Amanda Dumcy, Jackson	Tim Lytle, Robinson	Second Place	Aubrey Reynolds, Springfield
Third Place	Third Place	Second Place	Ammie Pratt, Collinsville	John Bolin, Sullivan
Kyle Darr, Belleville West	Varun Chalivendra, University Laboratory	Bethany Wright, Taylorville	Third Place	Brittney Wesner, Robinson
Honorable Mention	Honorable Mention	Third Place	Dan Atherton, University Lab	BEST PHOTOGRAPH
Camron Bastani, Paducah Tilghman	Kate Sanders, Belleville West	Todd Shelton, Jackson	Honorable Mention	First Place
Meredith Curtin, Taylorville High	Suzy Fitzgerald & Dan Pietroburgo, Belleville West	Honorable Mention	Tim Cronin & Adam Barciszewski, Mater Dei	Martin Ceperley, University Laboratory
	Brice Evans, Harrisburg	Krystal Golish, Harrisburg	Matt Sissom, Jackson	Second Place
	Carrie Harrison, Taylorville	Courtney Tanner, Vienna	Ryan Hutson, Taylorville	Shannara Holder, Sullivan
		Becky Flynn, Heath		Third Place
				Lissa Farquhar, Belleville West

Honorable Mention
Krystal Golish,
Harrisburg
Gavin Myers,
Springfield
Katie Davis,
Sullivan

BEST EDITORIAL

First Place
Lindsey Miller,
Springfield
Second Place
Krystal Golish,
Harrisburg
Third Place
Ben Leff & Joe
Ciolli, University
Laboratory
Third Place
Katie Klein, Mater
Dei
Honorable Mention
Sara Bondioli,
Herrin
Ben Leff & Joe
Ciolli, University
Laboratory
Sam Wilson,
Belleville West
Staff, Collinsville
Ashleigh Jones,
Herrin

BEST COMPUTER PRODUCED GRAPHIC

First Place
Martin Ceperley,
University Lab
Second Place
Ian Orland & Alex
Mitchell, University
Laboratory
Third Place
Krystal Golish,
Harrisburg

Honorable Mention
Jim Mourey,
Belleville West
Jeremy Rubush,
Sullivan
Bobbie Sue
Godfrey, Paducah

BEST ORIGINAL ART

First Place
Kathryn Faith,
University Lab
Second Place
Tressa Honaas,
Jackson
Third Place
Katie Koester,
Collinsville
Honorable Mention
Charlie Sandiford,
Robinson
Peter Wallace,
Collinsville
James Edwards,
Belleville West

BEST ORIGINAL CARTOON

First Place
Eran Vieregge,
Greenville
Second Place
Kathryn Faith,
University Lab
Third Place
David Gobbie,
Springfield
Honorable Mention
Katie Koester,
Collinsville
David Carr,
Belleville West
Jessica Brown,
Heath

BEST SPORTS COLUMN

First Place
Tony Khan, Univer-
sity Laboratory

Second Place
Sara Addison,
Belleville West
Third Place
Jason Pigg, Harris-
burg

Honorable Mention
Camron Bastani,
Paducah Tilghman
Libby Funke,
Evansville Mater
Dei

Jeremy Rubush,
Sullivan
BEST IN-DEPTH STORY

First Place
Dan Atherton &
Doug Main, Univer-
sity Laboratory
Second Place
John Flynn,
Kathryn Faith &
David Love, Uni-
versity Laboratory
Third Place
Ethan Ritz & John
Flynn, University
Laboratory
Honorable Mention
Lindsey Miller,
Springfield
Anne Callison &
Jim Mourey,
Belleville West
Sarah Johnson,
Springfield

BEST OVERALL LAYOUT

First Place
Gargoyle, Univer-
sity Laboratory
Second Place
Kahoki, Collinsville
Third Place
The Senator,
Springfield

Honorable Mention
Hy News, Belleville
West
The Zephyr,
Taylorville

The Mater Dei
Lance, Breese
Mater Dei
BEST FRONT PAGE LAYOUT
First Place
Gargoyle, Univer-
sity Laboratory
Second Place
Hy News, Belleville
West

Third Place
Kahoki, Collinsville
Honorable Mention
The Mater Dei
Lance, Breese
Mater Dei
The Tilghman Bell,
Paducah Tilghman

BEST INTERVIEW STORY

First Place
Bethany Wright,
Taylorville
Second Place
Sarah Johnson,
Springfield
Third Place
Lindsey Miller,
Springfield
Honorable Mention
Nicola Bunick,
University Lab
Maggie Martin,
Jackson
Carlos Greer,
Belleville West
Jessica Brashear,
Wayne City

2001 YEARBOOK CONTEST WINNERS

Photo

First Place
Sparta High School
Second Place
Alison Mueller
Columbia
Third Place
Amber Hunt
Columbia
Honorable Mention
Alison Mueller
Columbia
Sparta High School

Yearbook Copy Block - Feature Writing

First Place
Christina Dotson
Sparta
Second Place
Donnie Rogers and
Kelli Seabaugh
Jackson
Third Place
Christine Thomas
Sparta
Honorable Mention
Ashley Booker and
Clay Pingel, Jack-
son

Yearbook Copy Block - Sports Writing

First Place
Tiffany Hezel
Columbia
Second Place
Cory McElrath
Go Long, Jackson
High School
Third Place
Lindsey Meyer
Jackson High

Contest winners continued ...

2000 YEARBOOK CONTEST WINNERS

Photography

First Place

Vernois, Mt.

Vernon

Second Place

Hoop-Pole, Mt.

Vernon (Ind.)

Third Place

Mater Dei, Mater

Dei (Ind.)

Honorable Mention

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Spyglass,

Glennwood

Dial, Carbondale

Endsheets

First Place

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Second Place

Hoop-Pole, Mt.

Vernon (Ind.)

Third Place

Chieftain, Wayne

City High School

Honorable Mention

Spyglass,

Glennwood

Bulldog, Sparta

Graduate,

Greenville

Vernois, Mt.

Vernon

Theme

First Place

Drift, Taylorville

Second Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Third Place

Chieftain, Wayne

City

Honorable Mention

Cardinal, West

Pike

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Riddle, Mattoon

Copy

First Place

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Second Place

Nu-Kom-I, Newton

Third Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Honorable Mention

Eagle, Coulterville

Robinello,

Robinson

Riddle, Mattoon

Drift, Taylorville

Dividers

First Place

Drift, Taylorville

Second Place

Graduate,

Greenville

Third Place

Robinello,

Robinson

Honorable Mention

Riddle, Mattoon

Bulldog, Sparta

Coverage

First Place

Graduate,

Greenville

Second Place

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Third Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Honorable Mention

Nu-Kom-I, Newton

Eagle, Coulterville

Graphics

First Place

Hoop-Pole, Mt.

Vernon (Ind.)

Second Place

Crimson and Corn,

Murphysboro

Third Place

Spyglass,

Glennwood

Honorable Mention

Eagle, Coulterville

Riddle, Mattoon

Advertisements

First Place

Chieftain, Wayne

City High School

Second Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Third Place

Graduate,

Greenville

Layouts

First Place

Hoop-Pole, Mt.

Vernon (Ind.)

Second Place

Crimson and Corn,

Murphysboro

Third Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Honorable Mention

Graduate,

Greenville

Cover

First Place

Silver Arrow,

Jackson

Second Place

Crimson and Corn,

Murphysboro

Third Place

Bulldog, Sparta

Honorable Mention

Anchor, St. Tho-

mas Seminary

Riddle, Mattoon

Herrinite, Herrin

Olnean, Olney

Chieftain, Wayne

City

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Advisers of the Year

Newspaper

Adviser of the Year

Cathy Sullivan,

Harrisburg High School

Yearbook

Adviser of the Year

Susan Bailie

Sparta High School

In defense of journalism

Study shows publications beneficial

Local and national scholastic press experts said working on a student newspaper is beneficial not only for students, but also for the school, community and society.

"The opportunity to participate does so much for students and is the reason that, if all

other programs are cut, it would be the one to keep," Linda Putney, director of the Journalism Education Association, said.

"In publishing a newspaper, students put social skills, time management, writing, design and technology to use in a product that serves the community," she said.

Students practice critical thinking, learn responsibility and tend to be more in-

involved, Putney added. They tend to score higher on ACT and SAT exams.

Her view is shared by many supported in the 1994 book, *Journalism Kids Do Better: What Research Tells Us About High School Journalism* by Jack Dvorak, Larry Lain and Tom Dickson.

While the majority will never become professional journalists, they will have done better in school and will be better prepared for life, including interpreting the ever-increasing flow of information.

"They will be better consumers of the media," Putney said.

That's increasingly important in sorting out what is available online, in print and broadcast.

"A student newspaper is really a healthy and positive thing," Julie Wikeliuś, a St. Paul-area principal, former high school journalist and mother of a former high school journalist, said.

"It is a chance to try out a 'real world' experience," she said.

And in these days of standard and proficiency testing, the student newspaper is the best learning lab possible for developing writing, communication and critical thinking skills, Tom Rolnicki, director of the National Scholastic Press Association, said.

By Keven Harter

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-Linda Putney, director of JEA

Going Digital

In a recent, informal poll, nearly 40 percent of professional photo-journalist reported that they shoot all of their daily shooting with a digital camera.

According to Marsha Kalkowski of Marian High School in Omaha, Neb., the Nikon Coopix was a versatile digital camera to use for school publications.

"The photos were great for our purposes. Most of my staff photographers simply used the camera on the auto setting. The camera paid for itself in cost savings to the traditional darkroom in the first six months but was even more beneficial in time savings," Kalkowski said.

Tips to remember:

-More pixels means more information and costs more.

-Don't forget to budget for in-camera storage of images.

-Ignore digital zoom values, and pay attention to optical zoom values.

"In the long run, (the digital camera) will save the user time and money," Teresa Karr, photo editor of the *Crusader*, Marian High School.

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