

2008 First State High School Communications Contest Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the students who entered their work in the 2008 First State High School Communications Contest co-sponsored by Delaware Press Association and The News Journal. The names of the contest judges and those who received awards are listed below.

Cartooning

Judge: Jack Jurden, cartoonist

1st Place	Maggie DiGirolamo, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "YES! Dreams do come true . . ."
2nd Place	Jessica Lear, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "How Young is Too Young?"
3rd Place	Cathy Lee, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Polite Txting :)"
Hon. M.	Sean Ryon, <i>The Sanford Quad</i> , Sanford School "Trick or Treat?"

Column

Judge: Geraldine Elter, freelance writer

1st Place	Michelle Onorato, <i>The Brandywine Line</i> , Brandywine High School "Senior Experiences: Part 3 - Part 4 - Part 5"
2nd Place	Morgan Schoeneberger, <i>The Forum</i> , Wilmington Christian School "Because I Love You - Signs of Grace - First in His Eyes: Every Tear That Falls"
3rd Place	Kai Andersen, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Do Something About It, a three part series - Appearance - Attitude - Life"
HM	Josh Crampsey, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "TV Movie Columns"

Double Truck Layout

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

1st Place	Stephen Taylor, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "Foreign Exchange '07-'08"
2nd Place	Julie Wersebe, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "School's back with new faces"
3rd Place	Jacob Markiewitz, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Opinions"
HM	Sarah Margerison, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "Welcome to Glasgow - Freshman Edition"

Editorial

Judge: John Sweeney, editorial page editor, *The News Journal*

- 1st Place Jacob Markiewitz, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington, "A sundae of our own"
- 2nd Place Colleen Sullivan, *Tiger Pause*, Alexis I. du Pont High School "Senior pranks not always a laughing matter"
- 3rd Place Caterina Battaglia, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Girls should find other role models"
- Hon. M. Victoria Chang, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Cheaters be gone!"

Feature

Judges: Paula Kelly, freelance writer; Carol Kipp, former high school journalism teacher, freelance writer and editor; Lise Monty, freelance writer, former editor *Delaware Today*; Ann Murphy, freelance writer; Ann Rydgren, former editor *Delaware Audubon Journal*

- 1st Place Ashley Lane, *The Forum*, Wilmington Christian School "Hope in a Hopeless Age"
- 2nd Place Jill Wanex, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Tattoos run rampant on senior class"
- 3rd Place Sarah Margerison, *The Dragon's Fire*, Glasgow High School "Where's the Hair?"
- Hon. M. Emily Guillen, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Mock trial team dresses to impress"

Feature Photo

Judge: Lynn Troy Maniscalco, freelance photographer

- 1st Place Julie Wersebe, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School, "Students prepare for how they will celebrate National Hug-A-Vending Machine Week"
- 2nd Place Cathy Lee, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Sophomore Virginia Thornton dancing with instructor"
- 3rd Place Sarah Lamming, *The Sanford Quad*, Sanford School "Eileen Grendel '10 and the concert band"
- Hon. M. Tom Nixon, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Junior George Palmer demonstrates backpack flipping"

Graphics

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

- 1st Place Stephen Taylor, *The Dragon's Fire*, Glasgow High School "Entertainment Header"
- 2nd Place Ariel Majidi & Katrina Medoff, *The Quad*, Sanford School "Shocking Sanford Statistics"
- 3rd Place Cathy Lee, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Banner - Blue Streak"
- Hon. M Allison Wu, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Banner – Homecoming"

News

Judges: Allan Loudell, anchor/reporter/interviewer/host of "Delaware's News at Noon," WDEL News Talk Radio and his team from WDEL — Chris Carl and Al Mascitti and from *The News Journal* — Beth Miller

1st Place	Megan Janson, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Sophomore driving dilemma challenges permit policies"
2nd Place	Naomi Parikh, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Growing freshman class overcrowds rooms, halls"
2nd Place	Gretchen Brizendine, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington. "PDA unwarranted"
3rd Place	Harrison Fertig, <i>The Salesianum Review</i> , Salesianum School "Major Renovations Begin in Cafeteria"
3rd Place	Emily Callahan, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Parking lot presents danger to students"
Hon. M.	Tom Nixon, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Seniors take advantage of privileges"
Hon. M.	Camille Sennett, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "School boosts security"

Opinion

Judge: Rick Mulrooney, copy editor, *The News Journal*

1st Place	Harrison Fertig, <i>The Salesianum Review</i> , Salesianum School "Where is Today's Youth Culture?"
2nd Place	Caryn Lenhoff, <i>The Quad</i> , Sanford School "Sanford dress code: Unreasonably ridiculous"
3rd Place	Sean Ryon, <i>The Quad</i> , Sanford School "PC=BS The political correctness epidemic infects the nation"
Hon. M.	Travis Bennett, <i>Viking Ventures</i> , Cape Henlopen High School "Procrastina . . ."

Reviews

Judge: Sally Rinard, contributing editor, *Delaware Today*; contributing writer, "At the Cinema," *Out & About Magazine*

1st Place	Joseph Gallagher, <i>The Salesianum Review</i> , Salesianum School "Route 202 Hamburger Chains Vie for Supremacy"
2nd Place	Tyler Antoine, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Feist's <i>Reminder</i> releases to worldwide hype"
2nd Place	Dan Cole, <i>The Brandywine Line</i> , Brandywine High School "A Look at Life in Cartoon Motion"
Hon. M	Daniel Schultz, <i>The Forum</i> , Wilmington Christian School "Breach Penetrates Life of Crooked Government Agent"
Hon. M	Megan Janson, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Meg's Sub Search"

Single Page Layout

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

- 1st Place Julie Wersebe, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School
"Feature Page 9"
- 2nd Place Katya Rivera, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School
"Sports Page 6"
- 3rd Place Emily Guillen, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington
"Sports Page"
- Hon. M Jacob Markiewitz, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington
"Front Page"

Sports

Judge: Kevin Tresolini, sports reporter, *The News Journal*

- 1st Place Billy Wells, *The Salesianum Review*, Salesianum School
"Soccer Wins State Championship for Fourth Straight Year"
- 2nd Place Julie Wersebe, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School
"Senior player tackles comeback from severe accident that forced months of leg therapy"
- 3rd Place Michelle Barineau, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington
"Seniors commit to Division 1 sports"
- Hon. M. Amy Schultz, *The Forum*, Wilmington Christian School
"Other Athletes Among Us"

Sports Photo

Judge: Lynn Troy Maniscalco, freelance photographer

- 1st Place Courtney Dressler, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School
"MHS players defend the ball against St. Elizabeth's"
- 2nd Place Elizabeth Butterly, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School
"By pinning his opponent in the 103-pound weight class . . ."
- 3rd Place Tom Nixon, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington
"Both boys and girls swimming placed second in the state last year"