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CONTEST**

STUDENT DIVISION

**O.C. McDAVID JOURNALISM CONFERENCE**  
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## GENERAL NEWS STORY

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS

#### 3RD

Ranger Rocket  
Allen Brewer  
Improving Students

#### 2ND

The Radonian  
Natalie Buckley  
PTK spreads Suicide Awareness

#### 1ST

The Radonian  
Ethan Davis  
Political Exploration  
*Survey showed initiative, providing a good angle for a political story aimed at students. Included other research to support story. Quotes from students would have made it stronger, but good story.*

### UNIVERSITY CLASS

#### 3RD

The Student Printz  
Hiba Tahir  
These Boys Felt Empowered by Trump's Words

#### 2ND

The Blue & White Flash  
William H. Kelly, III  
Concert Concerns Addressed

#### 1ST

The Reflector  
Emmalyne Kwasny  
Students Escape Fire  
*Compelling, easy to read. Keep up the good work!*

## SPORTS STORY

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS

#### 3RD

The Radonian  
Hayden West  
Baseball, Softball Seasons Begin

#### 2ND

Ranger Rocket  
Freddy Lard, Jr.  
Ranger Football Team Defeats Pearl River

#### 1ST

The Radonian  
Thomas Turner  
JCJC Takes Win Over EMCC  
*Good story. Would have liked to have read a little about the suspensions that "crippled" EMCC in its season opener.*

### UNIVERSITY CLASS

#### 3RD

The Reflector  
Taylor Rayburn  
Bulldogs Land Simmons

#### 2ND

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee  
Hopson Replaces Monken

#### 1ST

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee  
It's Over  
Nicely done.  
*Covers a lot of points (parallel with Baylor penalties) and well written.*

## SPORTS COLUMN

### ALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

#### 3RD

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee

#### 2ND

The Reflector  
Taylor Rayburn

#### 1ST

The Radonian  
Thomas Turner  
*Good reads. Keeps readers engaged. Not afraid to talk about controversial topics.*

## SPORTS FEATURE

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS

#### 3RD

The Radonian  
Thomas Turner  
Buckley Tackles First Bobcat Year

#### 2ND

Ranger Rocket  
Tina Doyle, Shay Humphrey & Greg Lush  
Athletes Find Tutoring Helpful

#### 1ST

The Radonian  
Thomas Turner  
Lott Returns to Court After Injury  
*Nice job. Could have offered a medical definition of the Meniscus to better inform readers.*

### UNIVERSITY CLASS

#### 3RD

The Reflector  
Taylor Rayburn  
Hard Work, Film Pays Off for Green

#### 2ND

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee

Jones, Staggers Ready to Start at USM

**1ST**

The Reflector  
Taylor Rayburn  
Graves Keeps the Faith  
*Nicely done. Nice to see subject open up about a tough point in his career.*

**GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**2ND**

Ranger Rocket  
Morgan Shingler

**1ST**

The Radonian  
Ge'Randall Horne  
*Easily best of surprisingly weak field. This is real opinion column on serious subjects, and the writer's opinions are clearly expressed & sound.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Reflector  
Holly Travis  
Opinion

**2ND**

The Student Printz  
J.D. Rimann  
Political Column

**1ST**

The Reflector  
Roy Jafari  
Opinion - International Students  
*Jafari's view is insightful, compelling and delivered in an easy to read manner.*

**FEATURE STORY**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

The Radonian  
Emily Burnett  
Professor Goes Behind the Scenes

**2ND**

The Radonian  
Alexis Melendez  
Alumni Becomes Hometown Famous

**1ST**

The Radonian  
Christian Miller  
Student Fights Cystic Fibrosis  
*Solid lede. Good Sources. Flows well. This is*

*a unique piece that does just that.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Student Printz  
Luke Smith  
Hunks pose with Pups

**2ND**

The Student Printz  
Cam Bonelli  
130 year old Slave

**1ST**

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee  
Tornado Devastates Hattiesburg  
*Way to get out there and find people the storm truly affected. Great quotes.*

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

The Growl  
Ethan Burton  
Truck People

**2ND**

The Radonian  
Morgan Clark  
Vote because I am not the Other

**1ST**

The Pine Burr  
Jonathan Scott  
Tales from the Pack  
*Original and fun art makes this a great cartoon. The action & humorous idea add a lot to it.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Student Printz  
Jhaimee Bullock  
#Dumptrump

**2ND**

The Blue & White Flash  
Rhis Harris  
Public Safety/Water

**1ST**

The Blue & White Flash  
Rhis Harris  
Don't let anyone silence you  
*Very good artwork! The original and unique style really makes this cartoon stand out.*

**GENERAL NEWS PHOTO**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

Ranger Rocket  
Allen Brewer  
Northwest libraries rock

**2ND**

Ranger Rocket  
Greg Lush  
Dunn Named New Dean

**1ST**

The Radonian  
Hayden West  
Special Olympics  
*Captured emotion and thrill of the event involving special children. Tells the whole story in a photo.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Student Printz  
Adriana Garcia  
Tornado

**2ND**

The Reflector  
Sarah Dutton  
Students marching

**1ST**

The Student Printz  
Hunt Mercier  
Southern Miss Students Flooding  
*Great photo of breaking news - captures emotion in students faces. Nothing staged. Shows problem needing a solution.*

**SPOT NEWS PHOTO**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

The Pine Burr  
Kimi Jeanson  
Intramurals: Basketball

**2ND**

Ranger Rocket  
Allen Brewer  
Men's Soccer

**1ST**

The Pine Burr  
Kimi Jeanson  
Intramurals: Football  
*Good action, captured good expressions.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Blue & White Flash  
William H. Kelly, III  
SGA Chief Justice

**2ND**

The Reflector

Sarah Dutton  
Ruthe Guerry

**1ST**

The Student Printz  
Sam Mingo

I Can't Breathe

*Easily the best in the category. Very nicely done.*

**SPORTS PHOTO**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

Ranger Rocket

Freddy Lard, Jr.

Ranger football team defeats P.R.

**2ND**

The Pine Burr

Garrett Graves

Bears & Lady Bears move to

Playoffs

**1ST**

The Radionian

Hayden West

Hannah Lott dribbles ball

*Good action!*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Reflector

Olivia Zeringue

Joe Strugg Dunks

**2ND**

The Student Printz

Hunt Mercier

USM Rolls for Comeback

**1ST**

The Student Printz

Cam Bonelli

Salute to Fallen Officers

*The photo says it all. Great angle, context & relevance.*

**FEATURE PHOTO**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

The Pine Burr

Kimi Jeanson

Mad About Southwest

**2ND**

The Radionian

Bethany Morris

Suitemates

**1ST**

The Radionian

Chase Roberts

Battling Depression

*Good illustration photo - shows emotion, tells story*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Student Printz

Fadi Shahin

5K Color Powder

**2ND**

The Student Printz

Adriana Garcia

USM Golden Eagles Soccer Team

**1ST**

The Student Printz

Fadi Shahin

Photographer gazes at Milky Way

*Stunning!*

**SINGLE ADVERTISEMENT**

**ALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

**3RD**

The Blue & White Flash

William H. Kelly, III

SJMS

**2ND**

The Blue & White Flash

William H. Kelly, III

First in the World

**1ST**

The Blue & White Flash

William H. Kelly, III

In Style Wireless

*Good job of taking a lot of information and making it organized and readable. Nice use of fonts. Eye catching dominant art.*

**MISCELLANEOUS AD**

**ALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

**3rd**

The Student Printz

Katherine Frye

Tailgate Concert Series

**2nd**

The Blue & White Flash

William H. Kelly, III

Career Expo

**1st**

The Blue & White Flash

William H. Kelly, III

Election Night 2016

*Great use of graphic elements, color and*

*logo placement. Well Done!*

**IN-DEPTH OR INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

The Pine Burr

Cody Pol

SMCC Dedicates Alford-Conerly

Hall

**2ND**

The Radionian

Ethan Davis, Mary Kathryn Landrum &

Morgan Clark

Political Exploration

**1ST**

The Radionian

Katelyn Williamson, Morgan Clark, Natalie

Buckley, Zach Biglane, Brittany Smith &

Laurel Jones

Domestic Violence

*Outstanding package of photography, graphics and multiple stories. Very well*

*planned and executed.*

**UNIVERSITY CLASS**

**3RD**

The Reflector

Emmalynne Kwasny, Kaitlin O'Dougherty &

Taylor Bowden

Joseph Tillman Killed in Cotton District

**2ND**

The Student Printz

Cam Bonelli

Church, Protestors Clash at Shoemaker

Square

**1ST**

The Blue & White Flash

Deirdra Harris-Glover & William H. Kelly, III

Meyers Resigning

*Excellent reporting with a look at a difficult subject from many angles. Best in a strong*

*category.*

**EDITORIALS**

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

**3RD**

Ranger Rocket

Freddy Lard, Jr.

**2ND**

The Growl

Mia Jones

**1ST**

The Radionian

Ethan Davis

*Well written and clearly stated points.*

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **2ND**

The Student Printz  
Alyssa Bass

##### **1ST**

The Blue & White Flash  
Deirdra Harris-Glover  
*Neither entry is true editorial & rather column, but this writer's style, willingness to address controversial topics, use of language is sound and reflects potential.*

## **DESIGN**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

##### **3RD**

Ranger Rocket

##### **2ND**

The Pine Burr

##### **1ST**

The Radionian  
*A big paper with lots of news. Nice job!*

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Reflector

##### **2ND**

The Student Printz  
Jhaimee Bullock

##### **1ST**

The Blue & White Flash  
*Outstanding design. Clean, yet modern. Traditional, yet cutting-edge. Great use of copy, photography and graphics. Well done!*

## **FRONT PAGE**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

##### **3RD**

Ranger Rocket

##### **2ND**

Pine Burr

##### **1ST**

The Radionian  
*I wish my front page looked like that!*

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Student Printz

##### **2ND**

The Blue & White Flash

##### **1ST**

The Reflector  
Emmalayne Kwasny  
*Clean. Reader-friendly layout*

## **GRAPHIC**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

##### **3RD**

Pine Burr  
Kimi Jeanson  
Here we have...

##### **2ND**

Pine Burr  
Kimi Jeanson  
I'm in College Now

##### **1ST**

The Radionian  
Tracey Nguyen  
Suicide Prevention  
*Involves emotion. Stirs reader to take action.*

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Student Printz  
Jhaimee Bullock  
Eagle Dining

##### **2ND**

The Reflector  
Jenn McFadden  
Dear Other Side of the Fence

##### **1ST**

The Student Printz  
Jhaimee Bullock  
Fiscal Year 2016 Reduction  
*Use of college logos was smart. Graphics cut through the issue and simplified the impact.*

## **USE OF VIDEO**

#### **ALL COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES**

##### **3RD**

The Student Printz  
Julius Kizzee  
Southern Perspectives

##### **2ND**

The Blue & White Flash  
Brittney Williams  
Light at the End of the Tunnel

##### **1ST**

The Blue & White Flash  
My'Una Jones  
Concert Cancellation Dampens Homecoming Spirit  
*Easily the best entry in the series. Try to make sure all individuals are well lit, but not over-lit in interviews.*

## **WEBSITE**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

##### **2ND**

The Radionian  
Zachary Biglane & Bethany Morris  
bobcatpress.com

##### **1ST**

Ranger Rocket  
rangerrocket.com  
*Website is clean & easy to navigate. Nice mix of photos and videos*

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Reflector  
reflector-online.com

##### **2ND**

The Blue & White Flash  
thejsuflash.com

##### **1ST**

The Student Printz  
Sarah Anne Schloemer  
studentprintz.com  
*It is obvious your staff spends time and energy on this website. Very well organized with lots of relevant stories and accompanying photos. Clean and easy to navigate.*

## **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

#### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Pine Burr

##### **2ND**

Ranger Rocket

##### **1ST**

The Radionian

#### **UNIVERSITY CLASS**

##### **3RD**

The Reflector

##### **2ND**

The Blue & White Flash

##### **1ST**

The Student Printz