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BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST

STUDENT DIVISION

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BEST GENERAL NEWS STORY

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Emmalyne Kwasny
DACA
Great local angle on a national story

2ND

The Student Printz
Hiba Tahir
Disgruntled RA's

3RD TIE

The Reflector
Katie Poe
GSDP

3RD TIE

The Blue & White Flash
K'Shatriyah Humphrey
Bomb Threat

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Natalie Buckley
Alcohol: Is it worth it
Good quality writing with specific student intent. Good use of photography & graphics to tell story.

2ND

The Radonian
Natalie Buckley
Beware of fake news

3RD

The Beacon
Keywana Rogers
College watches start eclipse

BEST SPORTS STORY

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Reflector
Emmalyne Kwasny & Taylor Rayburn
Mullen Leaves MSU
Nice work on a story where student papers normally get pushed aside

2ND

The Blue & White Flash
Morgan Beard
JSU Lady Tigers

3RD

The Reflector
Taylor Rayburn
We are here to elevate

BEST SPORTS COLUMN

ALL COLLEGES

1ST

The Reflector
Taylor Rayburn
Thank you for keeping your column tied to local events! Nice to see local issued "columnized!" Nicely done, too.

2ND

The Reflector
Forrest Buck

3RD

The Radonian
Zach McClain

BEST SPORTS FEATURE

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Taylor Rayburn
Faith before football

2ND

The Reflector
Melissa Weitzel
Waldner excels

3RD

The Reflector
Josh Beck
Carrying a smile

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Makayla Puckett
Sophomore learns ropes of coaching
Nicely done and tightly written

2ND

The Beacon
Bronson Woodruff
NEWCCTV provides live streaming

3RD

The Radonian
Brandon Hussey
Students baptized on field

BEST GENERAL INTEREST COLUMN

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Chris Lowe
Insightful, well written

2ND

The Reflector
Jessica Lindsey

3rd
The Reflector
Mia Rodriguez

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Baylee Walter
Democrat

Clear, strong writing to express a position. One may not agree with her positions but the reader will know clearly where she stands, why and have something to consider in forming an opinion. That is the goal of good opinion writing. Good writing.

2ND

The Radonian
Alyssa Pearce
Republican

3RD

The Radonian
Jennah Eddins
Fun Food

BEST FEATURE STORY

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Student Printz
Hiba Tahir
DACA recipients share their stories of hope
Well written, thorough piece. A standout among entries.

2ND

The Reflector
Taylor Rayburn
Queen Vitoria Vivians

3RD

The Blue & White Flash
William H. Kelly, III
Get Out Movie encourages the black community to "Stay Woke"

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Karly Jones
Students share their pet connections
Nice feel for a light feature. Lots of good quotes. Enjoyable reading, which is goal for a good feature.

2ND

The Radonian
Katelyn Williamson
Sophomore's approach inspires greatness

3RD

The Pine Burr
Olivia Robinson
Intober is here

BEST CARTOON

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Jenn McFadden
Confederate Flag
Good idea, good execution

2ND

The Blue & White Flash
Rhis Harris
Trump

3RD

The Reflector
Jenn McFadden
Trump, Kim

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Olivia Ward
Cartoons are easy to follow and have purpose related to editorial commentaries. Cartoons improve the quality and sophistication of the pages

2ND

The Pine Burr
Jonathan Scott

3RD

The Growl
Ethan Burton

BEST GENERAL NEWS PHOTO

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Student Printz
Carly Snyder
Community Gatherings
Terrific moment captured in tough lighting. Excellent reproduction too!

2ND

The Blue & White Flash
William H. Kelly, III
Royal Court #1

3RD

The Reflector
Alayna Stevens
Callie Brown

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Bethany Morris
Special Olympics

2ND

The Radonian
Makayla Puckett
Homecoming Day

3RD

The Pine Burr
Kimi Jeanson
Choir

BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Radonian
Alyssa Pearce
SGA Campaign

2ND

The Pine Burr
Kimi Jeanson
Kori Evans

BEST SPORTS PHOTO

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Noah Siano
Williams brings balance
The best photo in a group of quality entries, the action and emotion are captured brilliantly

2ND

The Reflector
Noah Siano
Peyton Harris, a senior

3RD

The Student Printz
Kenyatta Ross
Kory Robertson declares draft

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Pine Burr
Kimi Jeanson
Travon Hunter

2ND

The Pine Burr
Noah Martin
Anthony Cowart

3RD

The Pine Burr

Kimi Jeanson
Ryan Ramsburg

BEST FEATURE PHOTO

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Student Printz
Adriana Garcia
Throw me something mister
Great timing and expert cropping. Shows nice emotion – even from behind. We can feel his excitement.

2ND

The Pine Burr
Garrett Graves
Bonfire

3RD

The Blue & White Flash
William H. Kelly, III
Selfie

BEST ADVERTISEMENT

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Blue & White Flash
Latasha Norman
Compelling graphics

2ND

The Blue & White Flash
Job Fair

3RD

The Blue & White Flash
Graduate & Professional Day

BEST SERIES OR INVESTIGATIVE NEWS PACKAGE

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Student Printz
Cam Bonelli
It's on USM
Great coverage of an important issue. Proves college papers can share dialogue and make a difference. Great job!

2ND

The Reflector
Josh Beck, Katie Poe & Tori Boatner
The Vaping Exemption

3RD

The Radonian
Olivia Ward, Kristen Feraci, Baylee Walter & Bethany Morris

Adulting: The Struggle

BEST EDITORIALS

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Radonian
Best Editorials

2ND

The Blue & White Flash

3RD

The Growl

BEST DESIGN

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Student Printz
Consistent layout throughout editions and from editor to editor format of newspaper offers unique opportunity for interesting design.

2ND

The Reflector

3RD

The Blue & White Flash

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Nice newspaper.
Consistent layout throughout. Plenty of good content and packaging

2ND

The Pine Burr

BEST FRONT PAGE

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector
Fun fronts that make big deals BIG. Other fronts are informative and solid

2ND

The Student Printz

3RD

The Blue & White Flash

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Nice dominant art and headline play.
Good use of color, art & information

2ND

The Pine Burr

BEST GRAPHIC

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Student Printz
Cameron Cummins
Football Issue
What a great front page! Terrific photo and typography elements. Well done!

2ND

The Reflector
Jenn McFadden
No lost generation

3RD

The Reflector
Jenn McFadden
Dear other side of the fence

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian
Real or Fake? A Poll
That is thinking outside the box!

2ND

The Radonian
Larry McGee
Sharks in the MS River

3RD

The Radonian
Alcohol

BEST USE OF VIDEO

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Blue & White Flash
My'Una Jones
Heaven or Hell date
Fun topic - engaging, good use of music

2ND

The Blue & White Flash
Nicholas Thornton
Nelson Mandella

3RD

The Blue & White Flash
My'Una Jones
Student outdoor art

BEST WEBSITE

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Reflector
thereflector-online.com
This entry had the latest updates and a solid mix of news, features and sports

2ND

The Student Printz
studentprintz.com

3RD

The Blue & White Flash
thejsufflash.com

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

ALL NEWSPAPERS

1ST

The Reflector
Taylor Rayburn
Joe Moorehead
Coverage
Great use of social channels for live coverage of big event

2ND

The Student Printz
Ashley Hobson

3RD

The Reflector
Emmalyne Kwasny
Three Shootings

GENERAL EXCELLENCE

UNIVERSITIES

1ST

The Reflector

2ND

The Blue & White Flash

3RD

The Student Printz

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

1ST

The Radonian

2ND

The Pine Burr

3RD TIE

The Beacon

3RD TIE

The Grawl

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

UNIVERSITIES

Jackson State University
The Blue & White Flash

Mississippi State University
The Reflector

University of Southern Mississippi
The Student Printz

COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Holmes Community College
The Grawl

Jones County Junior College
The Radonian

Northeast Community College
The Beacon

Southwest Mississippi Community College
The Pine Burr

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