Idaho media group names high school contest winners

More than 30 students from Boise area high schools received awards in this year’s Media Network Idaho-sponsored High School Communications Contest. Awards were presented at a ceremony Saturday (April 24) in Ketchum.

Twelve of the students received first-place awards in the Idaho contest, and their winning entries have been forwarded to the National Federation of Press Women’s high school competition.

Noora Muhamed of Timberline High School was named Idaho’s Sweepstakes winner for earning the most points on entries that placed in the state competition. Points were awarded according to placement.

Borah High School received the High School Sweepstakes award, based on the same point system.

Media Network Idaho is a non-profit affiliate of the National Federal of Press Women. Organized in 1944 to defend the rights of women in the newsroom, MNI has evolved into a professional development group of professional communicators. They provide education for members, host communications contests for members and for high schools, and participate in the First Amendment Network of NFPW, working to protect First Amendment rights.

Winners of the MNI high school contest are:


Cassidy Richey, Timberline, first in News Story, “All you Need is Love”; second in Feature Story, “Rape Culture Revealed.”


Andrew Grissom, Timberline, first in Sports Photo, “A Fight for First”; second in Feature Photo, “Smash the System”; third in Graphics/Photo Illustration, “Rape Culture Revealed”; HM in Double-Truck Layout, “America in Cuffs”


Madalyn Parrish, Borah, first in Single-Page Layout, “Page 3 Opinion”; third in Opinion, “Policy Targets Females more than Males”; HM in News Story, “Add the 4 Words”; HM in Feature Story, “Steps to Follow Once Accepted into College.”

Emily Thorsen, Timberline, first in Environment, “A Different State”; HM in News Story, “Cash Cow.”


Hailey LaJoie, Timberline, second in Feature Story, “America in Cuffs”; second in Opinion, “Dancing with Myself.”


Olivia Tocher, Timberline, second in Graphics/Photo Illustration, “Butch Bros.”


Sammy Small, Borah, third in Feature Story, “Substitute Teacher Excited About Each Student.”

Emily LaFerriere, Timberline, second in Opinion, ““Love Stinks.”

Jake Fletcher, Borah, second in News Story, “DECA finalists Opt Out of Nationals to Attend Prom”; HM in Feature Story, “Raves Attract Young Adults”; HM in Review, “Need for Speed.”

Jeremy Dufrene, Timberline, second in Feature Story, “Counting Counting.”

Sebastian Emanuel, Timberline, second in Feature Story, “Andrew Rafla.”

Susue Marashdeh, Timberline, second in Feature Story, “Calling all Fandoms.”

Madison Roberts, Timberline, second in Feature story, “Teacher LoveStory.”


Juliann Daw, Borah, HM in News Story, “KIDO radio host interviews Borah”; HM in Feature Story, “Why People Join the Military.”


Kali Martin, Borah, HM in Feature Story, “Two Houses One Family: Kids Cope with Divorce”

Margaret Morton, Borah, HM in Feature Story, “Sophomore Overcomes Bullying.”