

# VHSL 2015 Writing/Photography/Design Journalism Contest Results

A total of 1,267 examples of outstanding scholastic journalism – writing, photography and design – are recognized in VHSL’s 2015 competition for magazine, newspaper and yearbook journalists. They were selected from entries submitted by 61 different student publications. Judging was based first on meeting standards for outstanding journalism then top entries were ranked on the basis of quality in each category by VHSL group.

Fewer awards in some categories reflect low participation in those categories.

Certificates of achievement were presented to all winners in October.

## Broadcast

### News Package

First – McLean, The Memory Project  
Second – McLean, PAWS and Active Minds Bring Dogs to School  
Third – McLean, AP Environmental Science Students Create Garden

### Feature Package

First – Grassfield, Vertigo  
Second – Chantilly, Police Brutality  
Third – James W. Robinson, Coach Dade

### Sports Package

First – McLean, Gymnastics  
Second – Kettle Run, Cross Country  
Third – Chantilly, Ultimate Frisbee

## Magazine

### Concept Packaging

First – Alexis Hartman & Allie Hoback, Salem-Salem – Delphi  
Second – Oakton – Opus  
Third – Forest Park – Ursa Major

### Cover

First – Hunter Bell, Salem-Salem  
Second – Melissa Choi, Oakton  
Third – Isabel Larson, Woodbridge

### Table of Contents

First – Alex Mehr, Woodbridge  
Second – Alisha Compton, Chantilly  
Third – Staff, Forest Park

### Photograph

First – Elizabeth Hund, Woodbridge - Ripples of Youth  
Second – Luzris Garcia, Woodbridge - Tunnel Vision  
Third – Julia Sexton, Fauquier - Innocence

## **Drawing**

First – Shinae Choi, McLean – Oh Fish

Second – Natalie Solaja, Appomattox Regional GS – Tristan

Third – Laura Gates, James Wood – Rainbow Lion

## **Painting**

First – Abigail Bannon, Lafayette – Electric Children

Second – Suhyun Yoon, McLean – Motion and Sound

Third – Autumn Garrison, Albemarle – Pink Lady

## **3-D Art**

First – Isabelle Tobe, Appomattox Regional GS – Bear Skin Rug

Second – Sara Sobieraj, Appomattox Regional GS – Atomic Orbs

Third – Michelle Moore, Albemarle – Alice

## **Digital Art**

First – Marcio Fonseca Mordgragon, Harrisonburg - Bacal

Second – Jamie Lee, Woodbridge – Automaton

Third – Jamie Lee, Woodbridge – Layla/Artificial

## **Art Gallery Spread**

First – Staff, Harrisonburg (Current)

Second – Christian Renwick, Albemarle

Third – Staff, Harrisonburg (Gallery)

## **Non-fiction**

First – Zoey Fox, Harrisonburg – Sorry

Second – Ryan Doer, Harrisonburg – Mother Courage

Third – Christopher Schmid, Massaponax – Trash Day

## **Prose Spread**

First – Marie Ungar & Kayleigh McCoy, Albemarle – Horse

Second – Branden Berkey & Madison Hoffman, Appomattox Regional GS – H(a)unted

Third – Gloria Boland, Chantilly – The Way

## **Poetry**

First – Mary Chandler, Appomattox Regional GS – Kevin Revisited

Second – Hatley Wood, Woodbridge – Blood on the Streets

Third – Julia Harrison, Albemarle – Bluebird

## **Poetry Spread**

First – Brittany Howle & Sara Sobieraj, Appomattox Regional GS – Tastes of an Egocentric World and Beehives

Second – Tabitha Pagan & Maddy Mechert, Appomattox Regional GS – St. Benedict's Creek and Riverscape

Third – Josh Conrad & Alie Paoli, Battlefield – The Passion of the Street

## **Short Fiction**

First – Jack Filiault, Forest Park – Dawn's Light

Second – Marie Ungar, Albemarle – Horse

Third – Katherine Brown, Woodbridge – St.Elizabeth's

## **Mixed Media**

First – Robert Leon, Woodbridge – From Shadows

Second – Emma Prue, Woodbridge – Protest

Third – Razan Elba, Oakton – Breaking News

# Newspaper

## News: Straight News/News Feature

First – Ashwin Dsagupta & Melanie Pincus, McLean – FCPS Teachers Express Salary Concerns

Second – Trina White, James Madison – Quartet Strikes a Chord

Third – Ellen Kan & Lindsay Williams, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – FCPS Onboard Launch Causes Controversy

## News: Sports

First – Ellen Kan & Akhil Waghmare, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – Waymire's Injury Deals Harsh Blow to the Colonials

Second – Johnny Rogers, James Madison – Interest in Sporting Events Defined by Gender

Third – Gavin Cranford, Fauquier - Softball Continues to Dominate

## Feature: Human Interest/Personality (including Sports)

First – Ellen Kan, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – Class of 1997 Produces Million Dollar Super Bowl Ad

Second – Jessica Bulford & Grace Murray, McLean – Desmond Curran Bounces Back

Third – Grace Rogers, James Madison – Madison Alumna Overcomes an Abusive Relationship

## Feature: In-Depth/Informative (including Sports)

First – Grace Rogers, James Madison – Confronting the Teaching Binary

Second – Lana Heltzel, Fauquier – Transgender comes to Forefront

Third – Eleanor Patrick & Bora Zaloshnja, McLean – Asking for it

## Editorials Feature

First – Staff, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – In Jefferson Admissions, poverty does not undermine applicants

Second – Staff, McLean – Kings Dominion Law Hurts Students

Third – SaraRose Martin, Fauquier – Publications Policy Requires Review

## Bylined Personal Opinion/Column

First – Erin Conolly, Fauquier – Adolescent cell phone addiction

Second – Sarah Yakulis, Mountain View – Sexy Shoulders

Third – Maggie Snow, West Springfield – Be kind to custodians

## Review

First – Dereck Marwa, McLean – Kendrick Lamar Speaks on the Black Experience

Second – Claire Deaver, Loudoun Valley – Coffee Conundrum

Third – Ali Price, Harrisonburg – Sweet Rice

## Photo: News/Feature

First – Erinn Black, Mountain View – Billie Webb

Second – Hannah Craft, Atlee – Mr. AHS

Third – Brenna Cowardin, Harrisonburg – Cupcakes and Smiley Faces

## Photo: Sports

First – James Carver, McLean – Christine McCulla

Second – Cheyenne Shreve, Tunstall – Trojans shoot for regionals

Third – James Carver, McLean – Zug steps up

## Front Page Layout

First – Staff, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – March 23, 2015 (We Can Do It!)

Second – Staff, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – April 29, 2015 (Presidential Candidates)

Third – Gloria Boland, Chantilly – Why do students resort to cheating?

## Inside Page Layout/Spread

First – Megan Clark, Mountain View – Think Ink

Second – Elizabeth Sikora & McKenna Holtz, Loudoun Valley – Behind the Mask

Third – Erinn Black, Mountain View – Well, not being able to breathe complicates things

## **Advertising**

First – Elizabeth Aman, Lafayette – The Velvet Rocker

Second – Delaney Savedge, Lafayette – Bikes Unlimited

Third – Christine Wittich, West Springfield – Holy guacamole

## **Newsmagazine Cover**

First – Andrea Delgado & Mark Mizusawa, McLean – The Netflix Generation

Second – McKenna Roper, Battlefield – Virginia is for all Lovers

Third – James Carver & Mark Mizusawa, McLean – Marching into the Future

## **Infographics/Secondary Packaging**

First – Sandy Cho, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – By the Numbers

Second – Mimi Shang, James Madison – Best of the Vienna Area

Third – Sasha Trubetskoy & Emma Francois, James Madison – Our Next Destinations

# **Yearbook**

## **Concept Packaging**

First – James Madison

Second – McLean

Third – Thomas Jefferson for S/T

## **Student Life Coverage**

First – Emma Steinson, McLean – 152-153

Second – Jeremy Hayward, Colonial Forge – School's Out for Winter

Third – Shweta Watwe, James Madison – See You There

## **Academics Coverage**

First – Isabelle Wyerman, McLean – 138-139

Second – Sarah Crossen, Ann Matthew, Kathleen Kim, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – Can We Fix It?

Third – Kali Milazzo, Chantilly - We're an Open Book

## **Clubs/Organizations Coverage**

First – Bach Duong, Chantilly – On Top of the World

Second – Isabelle Wyerman, McLean – Marching to Victory

Third – Chloe Robinson, Turner Ashby – Making the Holiday Special

## **Sports Coverage**

First – Elizabeth Hafner, Chantilly – Reach for Victory

Second – Alli Bosley, Macey Hess, Abbie Joseph, Turner Ashby – Winning in Honor of Their Head Coach

Third – Cece Brower, Sojung Kim, Evelyn Mo, Deepshka Dhanaseker, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – A Little Birdie Told Me

## **People Coverage**

First – Bethany Estes & Kaelyn Spickler, Turner Ashby – Freshman Travels Around the World

Second – Bach Duong, Chantilly – Looking Forward

Third – Chase Sinnet, Alyssa Horton, Hayley Turman, Morgan Williams, Carroll County – Seniors

## **Candid Photo**

First – Shari Doiron, McLean – Enjoy the Snow

Second – Lauren Gagliardone, Atlee – Fan the Flame

Third – Abbie Joseph, Turner Ashby – Barn Hangout

## **Candid Sports Photo**

First – Kleigh Koupal, Lafayette – For the Love of the Sport

Second – Madison Douglas, Colonial Forge – Making a Name

Third – Hannah Grasberger, Atlee – Make the Tackle

## **Advertising**

First – Natalie Blanton, Turner Ashby – 186-187

Second – Natalie Blanton, Turner Ashby – 176-177

Third – Lauren Brunner, Chantilly – 298-299

## **Infographics/Secondary Packaging**

First – Yande Thiaw, McLean – What will you remember from 2014?

Second – Staff, Harrisonburg – Miles from Home

Third – Alvin Shi, Thomas Jefferson for S/T – Yerds Unite

## **Photo Illustration**

First – Celeste Layton, Massaponax – Mulique Evans

Second – Heath Farren, Staunton River – Emerging Athletics

Third – Shweta Watwe & Jaelen White, James Madison – Clubs Happened Like This

## **Personality Profile Photo**

First – Cesilee Nichols, Carroll County – Living the Skating Life

Second – Chris Holf, Chantilly – Act of War

Third – Dylan Bobbitt & Jared Phillips, Carroll County – Making the Shot