

VHSL 2016 Multimedia Contest Results

A total of 1,240 examples of outstanding scholastic journalism – writing, photography and design – are recognized in VHSL’s 2016 competition for magazine, newspaper and yearbook journalists. They were selected from entries submitted by 62 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

Feature Package

First – McLean – USA Science & Engineering Festival

Second – Lee-Davis – The Virginia Star Program

Third – Prince George – The PGTV Block

Sports Package

First – Lee-Davis – Lee-Davis at Atlee (softball)

Second – Prince George – Coach Stevens

Third – McLean – Cheer

Magazine

Concept Packaging

First – Salem

Second – Oakton

Third – Forest Park

Cover

First – Katie Martin, Albemarle

Second – Ruth Stockett, Forest Park

Third – Marissa Stark & Amy Bury, Loudoun Valley

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First – Appomattox Regional GS

Second – Nina Leitenberg, Oakton

Third – Kaitlyn Commes & Yessica Bonilla, Brooke Point

Photograph

First – Allison Ferralli, Albemarle – Refreshing

Second – Trevor Johnson, Forest Park – Soldier

Third – Razan Elbaba, Oakton – Glimmer

Drawing

First – Natalie Solaja, Appomattox Regional GS - Ruby

Second – Marissa Stark, Loudoun Valley

Third – Sejung Kim, Loudoun Valley – Self Portrait

Painting

First – Moira Negrosa, Woodbridge – No Cigarettes

Second – Francesca Chambers, Brooke Point

Third – Chris Lants, Loudoun Valley

Digital Art

First – Alison Poisson, Forest Park – The Wolf

Second – Jordan Thompson, Woodbridge – The Rapture

Third – Caroline Watkins, McLean – Big Ben

Art Gallery Spread

First – Ava Reynolds, Harrisonburg – Dear Future Generations

Second – Yazlin Jimenez, Skye Shannon, Jasper Gau, Hafsa Iqbal, Liam Mayer, Appomattox Regional GS – Household Items

Third – Katie Martin, Albemarle – Perspective

Non-fiction

First – Katherine Brown, Woodbridge – Shadow Boxing

Second – Zoey Fox, Harrisonburg – Szet Esoben

Third – Alyssa Tyson, Appomattox Regional GS – Platonish

Prose Spread

First – Dante Andrews & Thomas Bartos, Forest Park – Last Man Standing/Chained

Second – Alaina Johansson, Stephabie Quick & Madison Tempest, Woodbridge – James/Her Majesty

Third – Rose Ernst & Rickie Lindemann, Brooke Point – Fallen Citadels of Mars

Poetry

First – Rachel Snyder, Harrisonburg – Mother Tries

Second – Hailey Lanford, Woodbridge – Summer Air

Third – Isaiah Melozzi, Salem-Salem – Dramatis Personae

Poetry Spread

First – Yessica Bonilla & Yalia Rudenko, Brooke Point – Woman is...

Second – Elizabeth Radcliffe, McLean - This is who I am/Introversion

Third – Nina Leitenberg & Marriya Schwartz, Oakton – Grandfather

Short Fiction

First – Marwah Shuaib, Woodbridge - Cinema

Second – Sam Scott, Battlefield – Cell 152

Third – Martin Beck, Harrisonburg – White Noise

Mixed Media

First – Madison Leon, Appomattox Regional GS - Transparent

Second – Tiffany Lun, Oakton – Feel

Third – Abigail Bannon, Lafayette – Kaitlin

Newspaper

News: Straight News/News Feature

First – Jake Barnett & Melanie Pincus, McLean – Gun store draws protests

Second – Meaghan Chesley, Fauquier – Low enrollment cancels classes

Third – Lana Heltzel, Fauquier – Pride survey provides stats on mental health...

News: Sports

First – John Corvari, McLean – Student athletes take a do-over

Second – Ellie Plass, Harrisonburg – Amine breaks school record, going to state tournament

Third – Hezekiel Yonas, Annandale – Cross country coach resigns due to funding conflict

Feature: Human Interest/Personality (including Sports)

First – Helen Sternben, Loudoun Valley – Speaking out

Second – Esme Tabra & Leena Raza, McLean – Junior battles chronic illness

Third – Carlee Lively, Prince George – Students use skills taught at Rowanty

Feature: In-Depth/Informative (including Sports)

First – Aseal Saed & Binqi Chen, Annandale – Let's talk about sex

Second – Susie Hyland, James Madison – Child protective services fails victims of abuse

Third – Helen Bloom, Helena Doms & Ingrid Morse, McLean – Riding solo

Editorials Feature

First – Claire Deaver, Loudoun Valley – Whose lane is it anyway

Second – Editorial Board, Robinson Secondary – Parking space lottery changes date

Third – Chantilly – presidential election

Bylined Personal Opinion/Column

First – Lana Heltzel, Fauquier – Syrian refugee crisis calls for compassion

Second – Sahara Sidi, ARGS – Is Fox News creating a hostile environment for minorities

Third – Sneha Suresh, Chantilly – Women fall victim to the pink tax

Review

First – Catherine Zysk, McLean – American housewife gives feminism many faces

Second – Chae Wohn, Chantilly – Pho 101: Best local pho

Third – Jacob Carter, Massaponax – Unchartered 4: A Theif's End concludes

Photo: News/Feature

First – Brian Alvarado, Harrisonburg – JROTC members experience intense training

Second – Christa Cole, Harrisonburg – Fine arts dancers perform at showcase

Third – Cory Haley, Mountain View – February/March Cover

Photo: Sports

First – Olivia deStanley, Loudoun Valley – Football

Second – Jackson Payne, McLean – Baseball strikes back

Third – Cory Haley, Mountain View – Up in the air

Front Page Layout

First – Faith Runnells, Harrisonburg – JROTC members experience intense training

Second – Lana Heltzel, Fauquier – Pride survey provides stats on mental health

Third – Elaine Chun, Chantilly – Journalism programs earn first amendment press freedom award

Inside Page Layout/Spread

First – Helen Sternberg, Loudoun Valley – School of rock

Second – Helen Sternberg, Loudoun Valley – The new canvas

Third – Sudharshana Krishnan, Chantilly – Superheroes flying onto screens

Advertising

First – Zachary Tayman, Lafayette, Thirty-One

Second – Paige Doerfler, Mountain View – MV Athletics

Third – Hailey Bullis, Mountain View – Stealth Volleyball

Newsmagazine Cover

First – April Buckles, Prince George – Rogers performs at Miss PGHS

Second – Sacha Gragg & Helen Steinberg, Loudoun Valley – School of Rock

Third – Jake Barnett, McLean – STEM's Gender Gap

Infographics/Secondary Packaging

First – Emma Rooney & Emily Shambaugh, James Madison – Adopted students define themselves

Second – Ben Manning, Loudoun Valley – New test in town

Third – Emma Rooney & Emily Shambaugh, James Madison – Social media fuels pornification of teenage sexual culture

Yearbook

Concept Packaging

First – Atlee

Second – McLean

Third – Loudoun Valley

Student Life Coverage

First – Abbey Ford, Colonial Forge – Living outside the lines

Second – Megan Siepka, Julia Bland & Hannah Craft, Atlee – Bike Town

Third – Lindsey Braithwaite & Cara Davis, Turner Ashby – Sophomore kisses an item off her bucket list

Academics Coverage

First – Madison Douglas, Colonial Forge – On the road to victory

Second – Grace Mussmon, Loudoun Valley – Sodium Funny

Third – Julia Sullender, James Madison

Clubs/Organizations Coverage

First – Chelsie Valencia, Lily Malinowski & Emily Gingerich, Colonial Forge – Steppin to the bad side

Second – Amber Liu, James Madison

Third – Fiona Campbell & Corin Jackson, Osbourn – Mr. Roboto

Sports Coverage

First – Sidney Miralao, James Madison – Indoor Track

Second – Ellie Everhart, Atlee – Hard work beats talent

Third – Leah Olson & Travis Rocha, Colonial Forge – Running on empty

People Coverage

First – Natalie Blanton, Turner Ashby – Ramped and ready to run

Second – Corin Jackson & Elizabeth Mijango, Osbourn – Along for the ride

Third – Colonial Forge – Anna Higginbotham

Candid Photo

First – Dejanae Gibson, Prince George – Top hit

Second – Emily Gingerich, Colonial Forge – The Twelfth Man

Third – Deanna Driver, Turner Ashby – 199 dominant

Candid Sports Photo

First – Ronnie Dayvault, Prince George – Sky is the limit

Second – Meredith McWilliams, Colonial Forge – To start the game

Third – Lauren Gagliardone, Atlee – Dive for it

Advertising

First – Casey Quinn & R'Asya Philbert, Osbourn – Alyssa Russell

Second – Natalie Blanton, Turner Ashby – 188-189

Third – Natalie Blanton, Turner Ashby – 180-181

Infographics/Secondary Packaging

First – Amber Liu, James Madison – Rockin' out

Second – Madison Jones, Colonial Forge – Graphing it out

Third – Francheska Molina, Loudoun Valley – Making a difference

Personality Profile Photo

First – Jeremy Hayward, Colonial Forge – Humans of Forge

Second – Anna Goehner & Bri Ford, Turner Ashby – Spreading Positivity with a Rainbow

Third – Farra Kiracofe & Neshua Mirawdali, Turner Ashby – Junior wants to put his best foot forward