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**CROWDER COLLEGE SENTRY WINS AWARDS**

**NEOSHO, MO** - Crowder College's student newspaper, the Crowder Sentry, recently earned a "first place with special merit" award from a national contest as well as 25 individual and group awards at the state level.

The "first place with special merit" award was given by the American Scholastic Press Association, headquartered in New York, based on a point system. The Sentry earned 955 out of 1000 possible points, ranking at the highest level. The publication is analyzed on various categories such as content coverage, design, and adherence to professional standards of the journalism industry.

Also, Logan Stark, Neosho, won special recognition for non-school related article "A Peak of Joplin," about Joplin's recovery efforts one year after the May 2011 tornado.

At the state level, the Missouri Press Association co-sponsors the Missouri Collegiate Media Association to annually recognize outstanding achievement among Missouri's college newspapers. The Sentry won 2<sup>nd</sup> place best overall newspaper and sweepstakes in its division in addition to individual awards as follows:

Logan Stark, Neosho: 1<sup>st</sup> place story illustration; 2<sup>nd</sup> place entertainment cartoon, editor of best overall newspaper, sports page; 3<sup>rd</sup> place page one design, feature page, and editorial page; honorable mention in-depth reporting and editorial cartoon.

Becky Embry-Ross, Lanagan: 1<sup>st</sup> place story illustration; 2<sup>nd</sup> place information graphic and sports page; 3<sup>rd</sup> place multimedia and sports column.

Amelia Hill, Carl Junction: 1<sup>st</sup> place website: [www.CrowderSentry.com](http://www.CrowderSentry.com); 3<sup>rd</sup> place multimedia

Josh Boley, Joplin: 2<sup>nd</sup> place sports photography; 3<sup>rd</sup> place investigative reporting, information graphic, photo page; honorable mention advertising, story illustration, and feature photography.

Amanda Cook-Reese, Wheaton: 2<sup>nd</sup> place regular column.

Crystal Moody, Rocky Comfort: 2<sup>nd</sup> place regular column and photo page.

Dave Horvath, Neosho: editor of 2<sup>nd</sup> best overall newspaper, in-depth reporting

Shelly Yang, Joplin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place editorial page

Brad Stout, Neosho, honorable mention for investigative reporting

Crowder offers an Associate of Art degree in the areas of journalism and public relations, graphic design and photography. Courses are available in photography and applied journalism this summer listed under "Communication" and in all areas in the fall.



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Several of the Crowder Sentry newspaper staff displaying the 25 awards won at a recent state contest. Left to right, back row: James Walls, Neosho; advisor Latonia Bailey, Goodman; Ryan Land, Goodman; JoJo Brinkhoff, Stella; Brad Stout, Neosho; Front row: Jesse Walls, Neosho; Logan Stark, Neosho; Crystal Moody, Rocky Comfort; and Josh Boley, Cassville.

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