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### **Crowder Newspaper Wins Top Awards**

**Neosho, MO** - Crowder College's student newspaper, the Crowder Sentry, recently won best in state for the community college newspaper division in a contest co-sponsored by the Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Collegiate Media Association. The newspaper also received 2nd place for sweepstakes.

The Sentry also won a "First Place with Special Merit" rating in a national contest sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association based in College Point, New York. In addition, the newspaper was named "Most Outstanding College Newspaper for 2014-15."

Individual awards at the state level are as follows, alphabetized according to hometown:

**James Walls**, Neosho: Honorable Mention for regular column; 2nd place Feature Page

**Jesse O. Walls**, Neosho: 3rd place Editorial Writing; 2nd place Sports Photo; 3rd place Information Graphic; 2nd place Website; Multimedia 2nd place

**Shelly Cordray**, Neosho: 1st Place Entertainment Cartoon

**Amelia Hill**, Carl Junction: 2nd place Editorial Writing; 2nd place Feature Page; 2nd place Website

**Ryan Land**, Goodman: Honorable Mention for News Writing; Honorable Mention for Sports Photo; 3rd place Page One; 3rd place Sports Page; 1st place Photo Page; 2nd place Supplement Page; Honorable Mention for Multimedia

**Bobby Clark**, Granby: 2nd place Sports Column

**Joseph Mandelbaum**, Joplin: Honorable Mention for Entertainment Review; 3rd place Feature Photo

**Drew Young**, Pierce City: 1st place Advertising; 2nd place Advertising

**Alexis Arenas-Andrade**, Springdale, Ark.: 2nd place Sports Page JoJo Brinkhoff, Stella: 3rd place Photo Page

**Latonia Bailey**, Goodman, Sentry advisor, won "Advisor of the Year" as a state-wide award.

Also, **Liz Spencer**, Diamond, photography instructor, won photography awards for her work last year with Missouri Southern State University's publication, The Chart.

The Crowder Sentry has earned the "Best overall" award five years total: three consecutive years from 2008-2010 and the last two years.

"It is the teamwork of the staff that makes it possible to bring home so many awards," said Jesse Walls, awardee and former editor.



Crowder offers an Associate of Art degree in the areas of journalism and public relations, graphic design and photography.

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Current staff: Current staff are pictured left to right with the awards: Jacob Dalton, Anderson, sports editor; Alexis Arenas-Andrade, Springdale, Ark., multimedia producer; Latonia Bailey, Goodman, advisor; Kate Kelley, Neosho, print executive editor; Clara Brodeur, Neosho, entertainment editor; and seated, Sofi Sanchez Salcedo, Buenos Aires, Argentina, news editor. Not pictured: Drew Young, Pierce City, new media executive editor.



News cast: In addition to the print publication, the Crowder Sentry News Network produces a weekly broadcast featured on the [www.CrowderSentry.com](http://www.CrowderSentry.com) website as well as online exclusives and social media.



Bailey advisor award: Latonia Bailey, Crowder Sentry advisor, was selected as Missouri's "Advisor of the Year."



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