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Crowder Newspaper Wins Top Awards

Neosho, MO - Crowder College's student newspaper, the Crowder Sentry, recently won a top honor in a contest co-sponsored by the Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Collegiate Media Association. The award was the Sweepstakes Award, which signifies the most points accumulated from awards, in the community college newspaper division in Missouri. The newspaper won a total of 29 awards at the state level, which is a record for the newspaper.

The Sentry also won a "First Place" rating in a national contest sponsored by the American Scholastic Press Association based in College Point, New York.

Individual awards are as follows:

Jacob Dalton, Anderson: Entertainment Cartoon, 2nd; Story Illustration, 3rd

Clara Brodeur, Diamond: Multimedia, 1st; Photo Page, 2nd; Information Graphic, 3rd

Kaylee Starks, Diamond: Video, 2nd

Fabi Sanchez, Granby: Video, 2nd

Steve Chapman, Monett: Sports Photography, 2nd; Sports Page, 2nd; Website, 2nd

Sarah Aulick, Neosho: Video, 3rd

Daniel Garcia, Neosho: Entertainment Writing, Honorable Mention

Nichole King, Neosho: Multimedia, 2nd

Kate Kelley, Neosho: Feature Writing, Honorable Mention; Video, 1st; Photo Page, 1st; Entertainment Cartoon, 1st

Jackson Lewis, Neosho: Video, 3rd

Drew Young, Pierce City: Editorial Writing, 1st; Video, 1st and 2nd

Kerrigan Arnold, Reeds Spring: Editorial Page, 2nd

Kaitlyn Welch, Seneca: Multimedia, 1st; Video, 2nd; News Photography, Honorable Mention

Sofia Sanchez Salcedo, Buenos Aires, Argentina: Editorial Writing, 1st; Column, 1st; In-depth Reporting, 2nd; Information Graphic, 2nd; Website, 2nd; News Writing, 3rd

Other awards: Overall best newspaper, 2nd; Special Supplement, 2nd; Video, 2nd; Editorial Page, 1st

"It's an honor for the Sentry staff and I to compete so well against other schools across the state of Missouri and the nation," said Salcedo, editor-in-chief of the Crowder Sentry.

Crowder offers an Associate of Art degree in the areas of journalism and public relations, photography, and graphic design. Comm 150-Introduction to Journalism is a 3-credit-hour course offered this fall that teaches the basics of journalism including interviewing, news writing, broadcast news, layout, website posts, and social media.

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