



# The Bulletin

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## Upcoming Events:

### Georgia Journalism Academy

June 5-10, 2016

Registration is now open for this year's Georgia Journalism Academy at the University of Georgia. This summer program is unique in that it is mostly hands-on and requires students to produce sound pieces of journalism or advertising by the end of the week. Early application costs start at \$595, this includes tuition, housing, food, evening activities and supplies. Through a generous grant from CNN, we offer a limited number of full and partial scholarships. The new early application deadline and scholarship deadline is **May 11**. For more information visit: [www.georgiajournalismacademy.com](http://www.georgiajournalismacademy.com)

### Digital Media Summer Camp

June 10-19, 2016

The Center for Collaborative Journalism Center at Mercer University's Digital Media Summer Camp will be held for 10 days and nine nights at Mercer's Macon campus. Students have the opportunity to get out in the community and practice skills with professionals guiding them. The camp also provides fun activities. For more information visit: <http://ccj.mercer.edu/camp/>


### Adviser's Workshop

June 14-15, 2016

Registration will be open from May 9 until May 26 for this year's Adviser's Workshop at the University of Georgia's Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication. The workshop will begin at 12:30 p.m. on June 14 and will conclude by 4 p.m. on June 15. Cost will be \$40, this includes food and supplies. More detailed information on page #3 or visit our website [www.ugagspa.org/](http://www.ugagspa.org/)

### General Excellence-Yearbook & Literary Magazine Contest-Digital Forms

Postmark deadline July 30, 2016

Guidelines and information regarding the contest are on pages 4-6. Please note all forms should be submitted via the link. Publications should be mailed, while individual entries should be submitted by email. 



## The Bulletin

The Georgia Scholastic Press Association was founded in 1928 by the faculty of the Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication at The University of Georgia. Membership is open to school-sponsored newspapers, yearbooks, literary magazines, radio/television and online publications or productions in middle and high schools in Georgia. The GSPA Bulletin is published by the University of Georgia five times annually as a benefit of membership in the Georgia Scholastic Press Association. GSPA contact information:

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## Director's Corner

By: Roxanna Gandía , GSPA Director



Greetings GSPA Members,

The academic year is quickly coming to a close, as is my first semester as the GSPA Director. This semester has been challenging and filled with learning, which are two of the reasons why I love working in the education field. All of the lessons I have learned have led me to come up with ideas for improvements and change. The changes that will occur in the organization will not be drastic, but they will start small. The following are some of the changes I would like to implement for this upcoming year.

- **The use of Online Forms.** In order to be a sustainable and a more organized association, we will begin the transition to online forms starting with our Adviser's Workshop registration this summer. All General Excellence and individual entry forms will also be available online. More information regarding the online forms for these contests are found on pages 4-6 of this Bulletin. Our membership form for 2016-17 will also be converted to an online form. The links for all forms can be found throughout this bulletin (hyper-linked for those reading as a PDF) and on our website in the pages pertaining to the events.
- **Advisory Board Expansion.** In order to better meet all the needs and wants for the varying publications and school types GSPA serves throughout the state, the advisory board will be expanded from five to 13 members. Each member will represent a publication type, a region or a school size and will serve in one of four committees. Advisory board terms will last two years.
- **Creation of Student Advisory Board.** Beginning in August 2016, we will hold elections for the Student Advisory Board. It will have nine members and each member will represent either a publication type or a school size.
- **Providing Tracks during Fall Conference.** It is my goal to provide more tracks for attendees during this year's fall conference. The tracks would be designed to provide attendees with different levels of experience opportunities for development.

These are small but exciting changes to look forward to. I hope you will consider renewing or completing a new membership with GSPA for 2016-2017!

Sincerely,  
Roxanna Gandía

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## It's time to renew or join!


The 2015-2016 academic year is coming to a close and summer is a couple of weeks away. Summertime provides us an opportunity to relax, rest and renew. This summer GSPA will be going through changes for the next year. As you think of renewing your membership, here is some important information on what to look forward to.

- GSPA goes digital with an online membership form.
  - The form can be found on the home page of the website and by following this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/HxrikmCC9z>
- Notable changes on the membership form:
  - If you advise more than one publication, you will only need to fill out one form with information about each publication.
  - Any additional advisers added to the membership will be a cost of \$10.
- Membership is valid for academic year. It begins in July 2016 and it ends in June 2017.
  - If you currently have a membership, the fee will be \$40 to renew before August 31. From August 31 to October 31 the fee will be \$50.
  - For new members the fee is \$50 until October 31.
  - After October 31, a \$15 late charge will be added to the membership fee making it \$65.
- Payment should be mailed to GSPA, 120 Hooper St, Journalism 211A, Athens GA 30602.
- Payment should be sent no later than two weeks after the form has been submitted.
- Once we have received the registration and payment, you will receive the password for the "members only" section via email.

### WHY GSPA?

Holding membership in GSPA, will provide you and your students with the developmental tools to bring your publication to the next level.

1. Members will receive the GSPA Bulletin through the mail and will have access to it online through the members only section of our website.
  - The Bulletin includes pertinent information and resources for members.
2. Exclusive access to resources and publication archives in the members only section of our website.
3. The opportunity to attend the annual events.
  - Fall Conference
  - Spring Event
  - Adviser's Workshop
4. GSPA offers critique services during the fall conference and the spring contest.
5. Membership provides the opportunity to participate in contests throughout the year.
6. Members will receive a membership directory to help foster a more united journalism scene among schools throughout the state.
7. Members will be able to request and schedule visits with the Director and special guests throughout the academic year.
8. Members will be able to volunteer for the Advisory Board and the Student Advisory Board.

GSPA is excited to offer new opportunities and experiences to its members. Thus this summer is the perfect time to renew your membership! 

## The Classic City is waiting for you...

This year's Adviser's workshop will be held on June 14 to 15 at Grady College of Journalism & Mass Communication. It is schedule to begin at 12:30pm on June 14, with registration opening at 12pm. It will end on June 15 by 4pm. The registration form is available online following


this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/CzL2PxHlXu>

The fee will be \$40. It will cover food (snacks for both days, breakfast and lunch on the 2nd day) and supplies. Attendees will be able to pay online with a credit card. The link can be found online in our website. A room block has been separated at the

Holiday Inn Express.

This year's workshop will have a variety of topics, from advising the adviser to fundraising 101.

We look forward to you joining us this year!

For more information visit our website: [www.ugagspa.org/advisers-workshop/](http://www.ugagspa.org/advisers-workshop/) 

# 2015-2016 General Excellence Contest

## Literary Magazine & Yearbook

### NEW ENTRY GUIDELINES:

1. The contest/critique entry form is available online via this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/frz8y7tmw3>.
2. You will also be able find the link on the GSPA website ([www.ugagspa.org/general-excellence](http://www.ugagspa.org/general-excellence))
3. Prior to completing the entry form, please mail one copy of the publication(s), which will be critiqued.
4. An entry form is required for each publication being critiqued/entered in the contest.
5. Please mail payment with the publication. Make check payable to GSPA.
6. If an invoice is required, please email [gspa@uga.edu](mailto:gspa@uga.edu)
7. Please mail materials to GSPA, 120 Hooper St. Journalism 211A, Athens, GA 30602

### Literary Magazine Entry Guidelines

Literary magazines are judged for General Excellence. Judges consider the overall artistic impression, theme, effectiveness and content of the magazine. Superior-rated books from both rounds will be eligible for the General Excellence competition.

#### To submit entries:

All entries must be postmarked by **July 30, 2016**.

Staffs competing in this contest must be 2015-16 members of GSPA.

Complete contest entry form.

Submit a \$35 contest fee for each entry. For critique only submit a \$30 fee.

Submit one copy of one issue printed during the 2015-16 school year. If you plan to enter more than one issue, you must submit contest entry forms and you must pay the \$40 critique fee for each issue.

### Yearbook Entry Guidelines

Yearbooks from the 2015-16 school year will be judged in one round. The postmark deadline for the contest is July 30, 2016. All critiques and scores will be returned in early October.

Yearbooks will be evaluated in four categories: concept and organization, coverage, photography and design, and copy. Each category will represent 25 percent of the total evaluation. Superior-rated books from both rounds will be eligible for the General Excellence competition.

#### Guidelines for the yearbook contest:

All entries must be postmarked by **July 30, 2016**.

Staffs competing in this contest must be 2015-16 members of GSPA.

Complete contest entry form.

Submit a \$35 contest fee for each entry. For critique only submit a \$30 fee.

If you would like your yearbook returned after judging, submit an \$8 postage and handling fee. All returned yearbooks will be shipped via UPS.



# 2015-2016 Literary Magazine & Yearbook Individual Entries Contest

GSPA is now accepting individual entries for literary magazines and yearbooks published in 2015-16. The postmark entry deadline for all individual entries is July 30, 2016. Entries are being accepted in the categories listed below.

## NEW ENTRY GUIDELINES:

\$2 fee for each individual entry

1. A form is required for each individual entry. The form is available online via this link: <http://goo.gl/forms/qSR34JAXhB>
2. You will also be able to find the link on the GSPA website ([www.ugagspa.org/individual-awards](http://www.ugagspa.org/individual-awards))
3. Entries are limited to THREE PER STAFF per category. We will not accept multiple entries from one individual in the same category.
4. Staff members should work with their fellow staffers and advisers to select the three best individual pieces from your staff per category.
5. **Each individual entry should be in a PDF. The title should be the following: Category #-Headline/Title-Publication Name. The PDF should include the title of entry and names of students in the document.**
6. Entries that do not follow guidelines properly will be disqualified.
7. Once you completed all entry forms, please compile all individual entries in a dropbox folder or google folder and email the link to [gspa@uga.edu](mailto:gspa@uga.edu)

## LITERARY MAGAZINE CATEGORIES

### L1. Poem

Original poems with the author's byline may be submitted.

### L2. Short Story

Original short stories with the author's byline may be submitted.

### L3. Artwork

Original artwork, not including the cover design, may be submitted.

### L4. Photograph

Original photographs shot specifically for literary magazines are acceptable. The photograph's content and technical quality will be considered by judges. Submit original photograph with one copy of the magazine page containing the photograph.

### L5. Cover Design

This category includes hand or computer-generated artwork or photography used on the literary magazine cover.

### L6. Spread Design

Submit one spread from the literary magazine. Please include all pages that comprise the spread.

# 2015-2016 Literary Magazine & Yearbook Individual Entries Contest (cont.)

## YEARBOOK CATEGORIES

### Y1. Yearbook Story

Entries can include year-end recaps, school events or other standard yearbook stories. Stories should use creativity, but still follow basic journalistic writing standards.

### Y2. Special Interest Story

This category includes specially-reported stories highlighting a specific issue, person or event unique to the school year. Stories should use creativity, but still follow basic journalistic writing standards.

### Y3. News Photograph

Photos in this category should be non-portrait, non-sports photos of on-the-spot coverage of an event that has news value and timeliness.

### Y4. Feature Photograph

Photos should be non-portrait, non-sports photos that create a special effect or entertain, appeal to the emotions and accompany a feature story or stand alone on a page with a cutline.

### Y5. Sports Photograph

Any non-portrait photo directly related to sporting events may be entered.

### Y6. Portrait Photograph

Photos of an individual or group in a posed setting.

### Y7. Photo Essay

This category is for descriptive stories told through numerous photographs. Submit the full page, including the headlines, copy, photos and captions along with the original photographs. The entry will be judged on the quality of the photographs, copy and layout. Please include the names of all students who worked on the photo essay.

### Y8. Information Graphic

This category includes artwork or information graphics used to enhance any news, feature or sports section.

### Y9. Illustration

This category is for hand-generated artwork created by a single student. Illustrations that are part of information graphics should NOT be entered in this category (see Y8).

### Y10. Photo Illustration

Photo illustrations (photos manipulated for artistic purpose or to illustrate an idea) fall into this category.

### Y11. Spread Design

One or two pages may be submitted. Layouts will be judged on content, design, originality, creativity and overall use of space.

### Y12. Advertising Design

This category includes student-designed and student-written advertisements. Judging will be based on originality, creativity, design and appeal.

### Y13. Cover Design

Only original, student-produced designs may be entered. Company-designed covers will not be accepted. Judges will consider use of color, design elements and relationship to the book's theme. *Only one entry per staff accepted.*

### Y14. Theme Development

Submit all theme-related pages, including the cover, endsheets, title page, opening, closing, divisionals and examples of other pages that highlight the yearbook's theme. Awards will recognize the staff. *Only one entry per staff accepted* ☺

## ENTRY FORM LINKS:

GENERAL EXCELLENCE: <http://goo.gl/forms/frz8y7tmw3>

INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES: <http://goo.gl/forms/qSR34JAXhB>

# Recognizing Excellence in Georgia

by Jenny Alpaugh, GSPA Student Assistant

High school journalists from across the state of Georgia filled the Classic Center in downtown Athens on April 14. Unlike the Georgia Scholastic Press Association fall conference, where they spent time learning and honing their journalism skills, this was a day of celebration.

GSPA recognized newsmagazines, newspapers and news websites for their general excellence, individual students, and staffs and advisors with achievement awards at this year's Spring Awards Banquet.

The event began with a welcome from the dean of Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication Dr. Charles Davis. After indulging in the lasagna and dessert of the banquet, the keynote address began. However this year, instead of having one keynote speaker, there were three.

Temen Worku and Damian Reynolds are current Grady students who are both graduating this May. They spoke of the challenges and rewards of being a journalism student. The third speaker, Ashley Soriano, is a high school senior at Ola High School and Editor in Chief of her school's newspaper, the Hoof Print. She shared advice with her peers and the valuable lessons she learned through participating in the summer Georgia Journalism Academy.

After the speakers, individual award winners were recognized. This year more than 600 entries in 30 different categories were submitted. Superior and All Georgia recognition in each category was shared. The full list of individual award winners can be found at [ugagspa.org](http://ugagspa.org).

Each year GSPA also recognizes individual students who excel in multiple facets of journalism, assessing them based

on an online portfolio they create, letters of recommendation and a personal reflective essay. The 2016 Junior Champion Journalist winner was Sophie Fernandes from Clarke Central High School and the runner up was Julie Alpaugh, also of Clarke Central High School. The third place award recipient was Mei Nathan of Henry W. Grady High School. This competition mirrors the Georgia Champion Journalist competition, but is open to juniors in high school instead of seniors.

The winner of the Georgia Champion Journalist award will be entered in the national Journalist of the Year competition. This year, Tiernan O'Neill of Clarke Central High school will represent Georgia at the national level. Kevin Mobley, of CCHS was this year's runner up.

Achievement awards recognize staff or advisors for a variety of reasons, the 2015-16 achievement award winners are:

- \* Community Service Award- Nikki Vannoy and the staff of The Saga and Lowndes High School
- \* Turnaround Award- Clori Rose-Geiger and the staff of The Lambert Post
- \* First-Year Adviser Award- Nikki Vannoy, adviser of The Saga and Lowndes High School
- \* Adviserr of the Year- Delbert Ellerton, adviser of The Southerner and Nexus at Henry W. Grady High School

The ceremony concluded with General Excellence and All Georgia Recognition. Publications who receive General Excellence scored highest among similar publication types from schools of similar sizes. Only one publication in each of the three categories, Newspaper, Newsmagazine and News Website, receives All Georgia recognition for scoring the highest among all similar publication types.

## **General Excellence among Newspapers**

1. The Southerner of Henry W. Grady High School
2. The Spotlight of Druid Hills High School
3. The Grizzly Gazette of Mountain View High School

**All Georgia-** The Southerner of Henry W. Grady High School

## **General Excellence among Newsmagazine**

1. The Odyssey Newsmagazine of Clarke Central High School

**All Georgia-** The Odyssey Newsmagazine of Clarke Central High School

## **General Excellence among News Websites**

1. 3ten.org of Decatur High School
2. Odyssey Online of Clarke Central High School
3. The Saga of Lowndes High School

**All Georgia-** Odyssey Online of Clarke Central High School. 





# 2015-16 GSPA Award Winners

## Broadcast

### 1. News Package

All Georgia- *Julie Alpaugh* Odyssey Media Group "Learning with Lenovo Laptops"  
Superior- *Taylor Stephenson* Decatur HS Convergence Media "Coach takes legal custody of basketball player"

### 2. In Depth News/Documentary

All Georgia- *Kelly Fulford* Odyssey Media Group "New Year, New Central"

### 3. Feature Package

All Georgia- *Karla Dougan & Lucia Bermudez* Odyssey Media Group "Finding a Phamily Phavorite"  
Superior- *Mayah Kirson & Carter White* Decatur HS Convergence Media "Weaving a better life"

### 4. Production

All Georgia- *Karla Dougan & Zoe Peterson* Odyssey Media Group "The Next Step"  
Superior- *Matthew McConnell, Anna Claire Atha, Anna Belle Braden, Farrin Mumpower, Braxton Ballard & Georgi McCaulley* Darlingtonian "Let's go to work"

### 5. Sports Package

All Georgia- *Flora Lechtrack & Zoe Peterson* Odyssey Media Group "Behind the Number: Tyra Thompson"

## Newsmagazine, Newspaper & News Website

### 6. News Story

All Georgia- *Gregory Fedorov & Mark Winokur* The Southerner "Impact of CRCT scandal lingers, APS begins remediation plans"  
Superior- *Orly Mansbuch & Chase Kleber* The Southerner "APS creates new strategy to avoid opportunity schools"; *Ella Burge* Carpe Diem "Race for education: 3.1 miles raises over \$800,000 for Decatur Education Foundation"; *Adrienne Lumpkin* Odyssey "Moving on up"; *Kat Shambaugh* The Chant "Kennesaw police unveils emergency text messaging system"

### 7. In Depth News Story

All Georgia- *Chloe Prendergast* The Southerner "It's a Peopletown"  
Superior- *Ellie Ritter and Mary Margaret Stewart* Carpe Diem "Decatur joins nation to protest brutality"; *Violet Merritt* Odyssey "Heading Uphill"; *Keegan Hasson & Will Taft* Southerner "Testing brings scrutiny"

### 8. Feature Story

All Georgia- *Ellie Ritter* Carpe Diem "Queens in their Own Right"  
Superior- *Lucia Bermudez* Odyssey "Miscalculations"; *Emma Ramsey* Odyssey "Life as Logen"; *Madeline Hamalian* Carpe Diem "He's not just any ol Fowlkes"

### 9. Feature Profile

All Georgia- *Isabel Rumsey* Carpe Diem "Ride to Recovery"  
Superior- *Ella Sams* Odyssey "Rooted in Central"; *Fajr Delane* Odyssey "Life Beyond Bosnia"; *Mei Nathan* The Southerner "Alumnus defies stereotyping"

### 10. Column Writing

All Georgia- *Kevin Mobley* Odyssey "Letter from the Editor"  
Superior- *Natalie Mangiaracina* The Verve "Know where you corn from, facing the giant or planting the bean stalk?"; *Tate Baker* The Verve "Hold on to value, Disciples throw in spiritual towel"

### 11. Opposing Viewpoints Column

All Georgia- *Sam Lombard & Will Taft* The Southerner "Should the US Military Troops in Syria?"  
Superior- *Anders Russel & John Slovensky* The Southerner "Should the United States Accept Syrian Refugees?"; *Fatima Elkafahany & Kat Shambaugh* The Chant "Opposing Viewpoints: Gun Control in 2016 America"

### 12. House Editorials

All Georgia- *Staff* The Southerner "School Needs More Inclusive Namesake"  
Superior- *Emmie Poth-Nebel* Carpe Diem "Middle Easterners Deserve Outrage too"

### 13. Commentary

All Georgia- *Kat Shambaugh* The Chant "An Arm & a Leg: Merit Scholarships Attract Bright Students to Prestigious Universities"  
Superior- *Ellie McQuaig* The Spotlight "Gun Violence is Destroying America: Death Penalty Shames Georgia Nation Wide"; *Sydney Wolfe* The Southerner "Patience slowly dwindles over SLOs"; *Chloe Prendergast* The Southerner "Lengthy Campaigns Hurt Political Process"

### 14. Critical Review

All Georgia- *Reilly Blum* The Southerner "Powerful 1950s photos depict everyday

segregation"

Superior- *Ellie Ritter* Carpe Diem "Sorority House turns Slaughterhouse"; *Meredith Cribb* The Verve "Sia scrounges to find herself in 'This is Acting'"  
*Logan Casey* The Forum Online "Night Crawler"

### 15. Sports News Story

All Georgia- *Ella Burge* Decatur Convergence Media "New Zealand & Australia to compete in Rugby World Cup Finals"  
Superior- *Adam Kovel* The Chant "MLB Wild Card Preview: Who advances?"; *Chandler Doerr* The Pantera "Royalty is Crowned in enemy territory; Kansas takes the series"; *Kennedy Looper* The Verve "KSU concludes inaugural football season"

### 16. Sports Game Coverage

All Georgia- *Jack Fletcher & Dylan Hynson* Starr's Mill Prowler "Panthers fall to Allatoona in second round of state playoffs"  
Superior- *Ashton Bruce* The Raider Wire "Lady Raiders Compete in First Game of the Season"; *Simone Brock* Saga "We are Going to State"

### 17. Sports Feature Story

All Georgia- *Bremen Keasey* The Lakeside Legend "The calm before the Madness: College Basketball's Regular Season"  
Superior- *Ellie Gillis* Darlingtonian "Runs in the Family"; *Brittany Johnson* Grizzly Gazette "Athlete discovers his faith in a sport held close to his heart"; *Park Li* The Southerner "Breedlove jumps through hoops to fight breast cancer"; *Conrad Newton & Matt Wood* The Southerner "Grady Graduate Swann drafted by Saints"

### 18. Sports Column

All Georgia- *Gracie Griffith* The Southerner "Lack of female coaches is unacceptable"  
Superior- *Micah Bowman* The Southerner "College football receives too much money, degrades academics"; *Matt Wood* The Southerner "Falcons rise up despite losing past two seasons"

### 19. Headline Writing

All Georgia- *Erin Schilling* Starr's Mill Prowler "Wrestler's attention pinned on state championship"  
Superior- *Katy Mayfield & Jordan Rhym* Odyssey "Treble in Paradise"; *Caitlyn White* Saga "Vending Machines, the Death of Punctuality"



## 20. Caption Writing

All Georgia- *Ellie Ritter* Carpe Diem  
"Decatur Joins Nation to Protest  
Brutality"

Superior- *Lucia Bermudez* Odyssey  
"Finding Friendships, becoming closer,  
standing strong"

## 21. Editorial Cartoon

All Georgia- *Riley O'Neill* The Chant  
"Leashes"

Superior- *Kathryn Raynor* The Lambert  
Post "Don't Forget"

## 22. Sports Photograph

All Georgia- *Aelise Gagliano* Starr's Mill  
Prowler "Basketball Pass"

Superior- *Nadya Awino* The Chant  
"Warriors Exorcise Blue Devils in  
Homecoming Victory"

*Matthew McConnell* Darlingtonian  
"Game winning goal"; *Julie Alpaugh*  
Odyssey "Running in a Win"

## 23. News Photograph

All Georgia- *Sophie Fernandes* Odyssey  
"It's Personal"

Superior- *Sophie Fernandes* Odyssey  
"Washed Out"; *Fatima Elkafahany* The  
Chant "Acworth Young Alderman &  
Kennesaw Youth Council Members  
Visit State House"

## 24. Feature Photograph

All Georgia- *Matt Shankute* Greyhound  
Tracks "Play Like a Girl, No Time  
Outs"

Superior- *Fatima Elkafahany* The Chant  
"William Browning Spreads Diversity  
to Students"; *Jessica Phillips* Hoof Print  
"Marching Mustangs Prepare to be Out  
of this World"

## 25. Photo Essay

All Georgia- *Jessica Phillips* Hoof Print  
"Marching Mustangs Prepare to be Out  
of this World"

Superior- *Sophie Fernandes* Odyssey  
"The Road No One Knows"; *Bethel  
Mamo* The Chant "Friday Night  
(Alternative) Lights"

## 26. Infographic

All Georgia- *Emilia Fuentes* Carpe Diem  
"Why reuse a cup?"

Superior- *Suncana Pavlic* Odyssey  
"7 things to know about poverty in  
Athens"; *Nadia Butt* The Chant (online)  
"How to combat the nasty virus  
that's plaguing North Cobb"; *Phineas  
Alexander & Kevin Mobley* Odyssey  
"Why can't it wait?"

## 27. Illustration

All Georgia- *Kathryn Raynor* The  
Lambert Post "Mental State: A Portrait  
of Unraveling"

Superior- *Ella Sams* Odyssey  
"Miscalculations"; *Ella Sams* Odyssey  
"Taking a Stand"

## 28. Photo Illustration

All Georgia- *Sophie Fernandes, Ella  
Sams, Olivia Ripps, Katy Mayfield*  
Odyssey "Move on When Ready"

Superior- *Ryan Gaylor* The Sentinel  
"Cyberself"

*Kaiden Smith* The Grizzly Gazette "Bear  
Spring Preview- Track"

## 29. Double-truck/Layout design

All Georgia- *Keegan Hasson & Max  
Rafferty* The Southerner "Students,  
teachers not yet on board with  
Blackboard"

Superior- *Katie Tims* The Verve  
"#Instafall"; *Hong Duyen Pham & Karen  
Ye* The Pantera "Humans of Parkview";  
*Allie Schneider & Mei Nathan* The  
Southerner "Hats off to AP Capstone"

## 30. Advertising Design

All Georgia- *Phineas Alexander* Odyssey  
"Clocked"

Superior- *Courtney Harper* Lakeside  
Legend "Backlot Java"

## Georgia Champion Journalist

**Junior Champion Journalist-** *Sophie  
Fernandes*, Clarke Central High School  
**Runner-up** *Julie Alpaugh*, Clarke  
Central High School

**Second Runner-up** *Mei Nathan*, Henry  
W. Grady High School

## Georgia Champion Journalist-

*Tiernan  
O'Neill*, Clarke Central High School  
**Runner-up-** *Kevin Mobley*, Clarke  
Central High School

## Achievement Awards

### Community Service Award

*Nikki Vannoy* and the staff of The Saga  
at Lowndes High School

### The Turnaround Award

*Clori Rose-Geiger* and the staff of The  
Lambert Post

### First-Year Adviser Award

*Nikki Vannoy*, adviser of The Saga and  
Lowndes High School

### Adviser of the Year

*Delbert Ellerton*, adviser of The  
Southerner and Nexus at Henry W.  
Grady High School

*Due to the low submission entries  
submitted for literary magazines and  
yearbooks for the first round, will be  
entered in the second round of the general  
excellence contest.*

## General Excellence Rankings 2016

### Newspaper- Small School

*Superior*  
The Southerner, Henry W. Grady High  
School\*\*  
The Knightly News, Pace Academy  
The Verve, King's Academy

### Newspaper-Medium School

*Superior*  
The Spotlight, Druid Hills High School\*  
*Excellent*  
McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School  
Hoof Print, Ola High School

### Newspaper- Large School

*Superior*  
Grizzly Gazette, Mountain View High  
School\*  
The Pantera, Parkview High School  
*Excellent*  
The Lakeside Legend, Lakeside High  
School  
Pitchfork, Marietta High School  
*Achievement*  
The Sting, Roswell High School  
The Saga, Lowndes High School

### Newsmagazine

*Superior*  
Odyssey, Clarke Central High School\*\*  
Carpe Diem Decatur High School  
*Excellent*  
The Spectacular, Chattahoochee High  
School  
The Sentinel, Heritage High School  
The Prowler, Union Grove High School  
*Achievement*  
The Greyhound Tracks, Alan Pope High  
School

### News Website- Small School

*Superior*  
3ten.org, Decatur High School\*  
*Excellent*  
The Knightly News, Pace Academy  
*Achievement*  
Darlingtonian, Darlington High School

### News Website- Medium School

*Superior*  
Odyssey, Clarke Central High School\*\*  
The Prowler, Starr's Mill High School  
The Chant, North Cobb High School  
The Oracle, North Springs High School  
Hoof Print, Ola High School  
McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School  
*Excellent*  
The Talon, Etowah High School

### News Website- Large School

*Superior*  
The Saga, Lowndes High School\*  
*Excellent*  
The Lambert Post, Lambert High School  
The Spectacular, Chattahoochee High  
School  
*Achievement*  
The Raider Wire, North Forsyth High  
School

### Broadcast

*Superior*  
Grady News Now, Henry W. Grady High  
School

\*General Excellence Recognition

\*\* General Excellence & All Georgia  
Recognition

# The Power of Journalists

by Ashely Soriano, senior at Ola High School and Editor in Chief of Hoof Print

**M**y staff is only in its second year, and we've come a long way. From using JSPrinting templates to using InDesign, from having only three returning members from our previous newspaper organization to having a whole staff returning next year. We rebuilt our program to the point where we've won awards at SIPA and GSPA, and just to bring home one award is a huge accomplishment for us. Our adviser Lori Vincent helped us reach that point.

As journalists, we have a duty to report accurate, fair and balanced news to our community. We should be proud for the amount of hard work each of us puts into reporting news, designing a newspaper, reaching out to the community and more. The only way to get better at what we do is to recognize that we can always improve.

A great way to improve one's journalism skills in high school is to attend journalism summer camps. Last summer, I had the amazing opportunity to attend the Grady journalism summer camp. I stayed in a dorm at O-House. I'd be lying if I said the dorms were amazing... I wouldn't be lying if I said the overall experience was.

I made connections with student journalists just like me from all over Georgia. I met Tierra Hayes from Clarke Central, Megan Wahn from Pope High, Isabella Echeverria. Maddie Cope and Ana Gonzalez. One night, all of the students and the camp counselors met in the foyer on one of the floors and we played the not-so-family friendly version of Apples to Apples. We laughed hysterically and cracked jokes and really just bonded with each other despite the fact that we had just met a few days prior.

What brought us together wasn't just our common love of journalism, but rather our differences of backgrounds. We had these different ethnicities that each contributed valuable perspectives to the program. Journalism is a field where we need to embrace diversity.

The Grady summer camp is what taught me this. I participated in the feature writing class in which we had to conduct interviews, write a story and design a page all in less than a week. We collaboratively brainstormed stories just as a typical newsroom does. I knew from

the beginning I wanted to write about the local one-armed homeless man who paints elaborate pictures. I knew if I wrote this story, I'd have to be sensitive to his physical condition. I also knew that he's a person who deserves just as much attention and equality as someone who isn't black, who isn't physically disabled and who isn't homeless.

Long story short, I wasn't able to contact him to write the story. I ended up writing about a local musician who I met at a coffee shop and interviewed for over 30 minutes. Again, I had to embrace this man's diversity just as much as the man I was originally going to write about.

Most importantly, though, is the one-week deadline to make a newspaper. We all know what it's like to feel dead when deadlines approach. Imagine having one week to write a story, edit it and design it on a page. In the end, all the pages from the different classes were combined and published into a newspaper, so at the end we all had something tangible to be proud of.

As said before, we have a responsibility to serve our community as journalists. We have a power others don't have. And with that power, comes great opportunities. So, it's up to us to take advantage of those opportunities, whether attending this summer camp, attending GSPA next fall or writing for a local newspaper.

I came upon a quote that says, "Being a good writer doesn't make you a good reporter." There are moral, ethical and factual factors to take into account. So I leave you with this: how will you use your power as a journalist?

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# New Voices

by Kelcey Caulder, Outreach Intern for the Student Press Law Center

Educational institutions have long played an instrumental role in preparing children for the responsibilities of adulthood, teaching them the ability to be self-sufficient and the skills necessary for civic engagement in a democratic society. With almost 2 million students enrolled in Georgia public schools, no other branch of government offers such regular interaction between citizens and the state.

Schools have an obligation to demonstrate firsthand the importance of constitutional values like free speech. And the best way of teaching these values is by allowing students to use their voices to discuss and question contemporary political issues — the exact speech so many administrators have fought to keep out of schools.

New Voices USA is a movement to provide a pathway for public high schools and colleges to reclaim their duty as teachers of civic virtue by passing state legislation that would give young people the legally-protected right to gather information and share ideas about issues of public concern without fear of administrative retribution.

Eight states explicitly protect students' freedom of expression. Most recently, North Dakota passed a bipartisan New Voices law last year. U.S. Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota spoke on the Senate floor on March 11 about the success of the legislation: "I ... encourage all the members in this chamber to examine what happens at home with students' First Amendment rights, to provide leadership to promote those rights in their state and to potentially look at how we can reverse the Hazelwood decision so that we can grow a more confident, a more educated and a more diverse

population for our future."

Heitkamp's notion that protecting the freedom of expression in schools across the country would foster a more confident and educated electorate is undeniable. The social standards we aspire to have their best chance of taking hold in public schools.

Georgia students deserve the chance to receive a true education in journalism. Our high school journalism programs have the unique opportunity to begin students on a path of success from a young age. Allowing student journalists to speak their minds about issues that concern them, and teaching them how to do so appropriately, should be a cornerstone in scholastic programs where students are being taught, many for the first time, about their rights as members of the press.

We see that when you give students the opportunity to learn best practices while in school, they are better prepared for the futures that await them. And that is why a New Voices bill is so essential in Georgia. We must uphold the standard of excellence that we have already set in place for our journalism students and educators by guaranteeing a safe environment for speech.

The New Voices movement has taken root in about 20 states, with active bills in Missouri, Rhode Island, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Illinois and Nebraska. If you are interested in getting involved with the Georgia campaign, please contact Carolyn Carlson at ccarls10@kennesaw.edu or Kelcey Caulder at kelceycaulder@uga.edu.



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