



WINNERS' CIRCLE

"All-Georgia" Winners in the 2020-21
Georgia Scholastic Press Association
General Excellence Competitions

2020 GSPA Summer Individual Contest Winners

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2020-21 GSPA Spring Individual Contest Winners

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Social Media Breaking News
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Emerging Media
Social Justice Reporting
COVID-19 Reporting

Poem

“Hesitation”

Brooksley Knapp
The Globe, Milton High School

the globe

hesitation

brooksley knapp



Think of them.
The words we leave dormant.
Salt and honey
Withheld for only us to taste.
What keeps us stagnant?
Sitting still in our craven state.
Are our words pointless?
Like the crayon of a bellicose child,
Angry at the smiling flower in the coloring book.

Silence is not so golden.
The rain does not stop for fear of
thunder.
So why do we fall silent when our time
comes to speak?
The promise of comfort.
The open arms of consolation.
To ankle-deep waters.
Why should I have to speak?



Judge's Comments:

“The piece captures the internal struggle of a unique emotion -- waiting to speak and unsure why. The descriptive imagery not only explains the poet's thoughts, but also relays the feeling of the moment. Each reading reveals a different aspect of the hesitation. Nice.”

Short Story

“Agnere”

Maya Cornish
iliad, Clarke Central High School

AGNERE

short story

Maya Cornish // 11

Barbara sat in the salon chair, waiting for the hairdresser to come back and finish her up. It was a peaceful Saturday afternoon, families milling about the town, looking for something to keep their children busy and out of the house so the parents could pretend that they were young again. Pretend that they could make their own decisions without any restrictions. Pretend that their love was fresh and clear as the sky after a cool rain.

As she did every first Saturday of the summer, when the students were let out from school, Barbara came to the hair salon to recolor her hair. She didn't like the hairdresser when she was younger, preferring to trim

of water out of Barbara's hair. Barbara could hear an ambulance pass by the salon, the noise burying itself in her head.

"Wow, your hair never ceases to amaze me," the hairdresser said. "You made a great choice in color, and your hair takes it in so well! You look 10 years younger already!"

"My husband enjoys my hair, too. He likes to say my hair was the reason he married me."

"My husband isn't as chivalrous as yours! He tells me that the only thing that has kept him around this long is my ass," laughed the hairdresser.

Steve loved Barbara, and it only grew over the time they courted, especially after they got married. He didn't like it when other guys admired Barbara, especially when the two of them were young

wedding day, "I pledge myself to you."

It got a little tiring to keep up, but as long as Steve was happy, Barbara was happy.

Barbara stepped out of the salon chair and made her way to the front, where Steve would be waiting. He always liked to wait in the salon while Barbara was there, to make sure that nothing went wrong and be the first to see the final result.

But Steve wasn't there.

Instead there was a police officer where Steve would wait. He was young, years of life hadn't yet begun dragging his feet as he walked towards Barbara.

"Are you Barbara House? My name is Officer Sparks. I need to talk with you about your husband. He had a heart attack, and the paramedics aren't sure if he's going to make it."

Barbara didn't know what to say. Different feelings were coming at her all at once.

Judge's Comments:

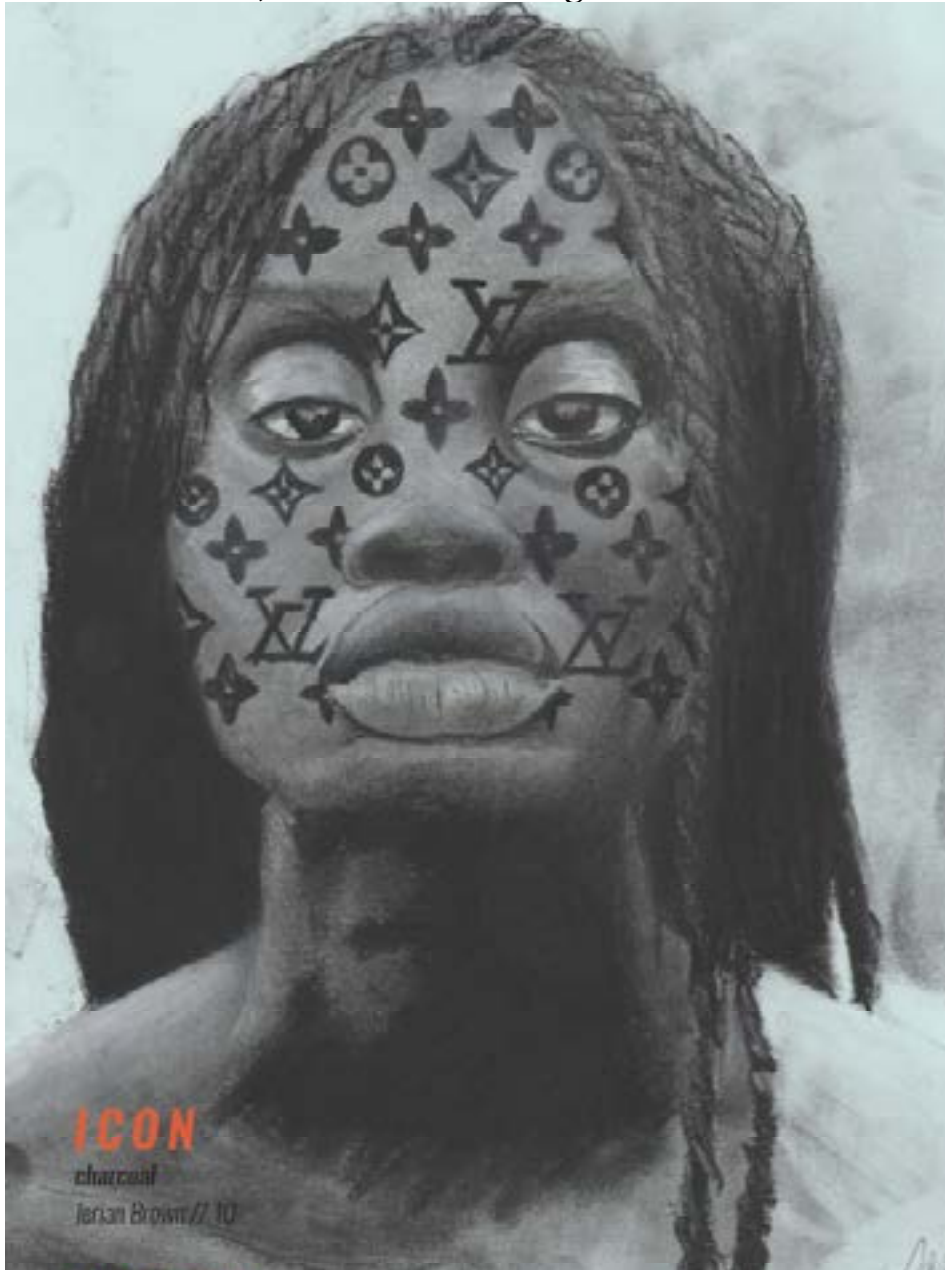
"This deceptively simple story hides its emotional depth in much the same way the main character has. Agnere (an anagram of "enrage") shows how the main character carefully created a facade to hide her true feelings about a controlling partner, only to show her wander away from that facade at the end. Well done."

Artwork

“Icon”

Jerian Brown

iliad, Clarke Central High School



Judge's Comments:

“Among a group of intriguing portraits this year, Icon stood out. The subject’s gaze locks on your own giving a sense that they want to convey a message, but will not speak. The overall effect is intimate, yet distant, leaving the viewer wanting to look just a bit longer, to understand just a bit more.”

Photograph

“Jekyll”

Josie Elliot
iliad, Clarke Central High School



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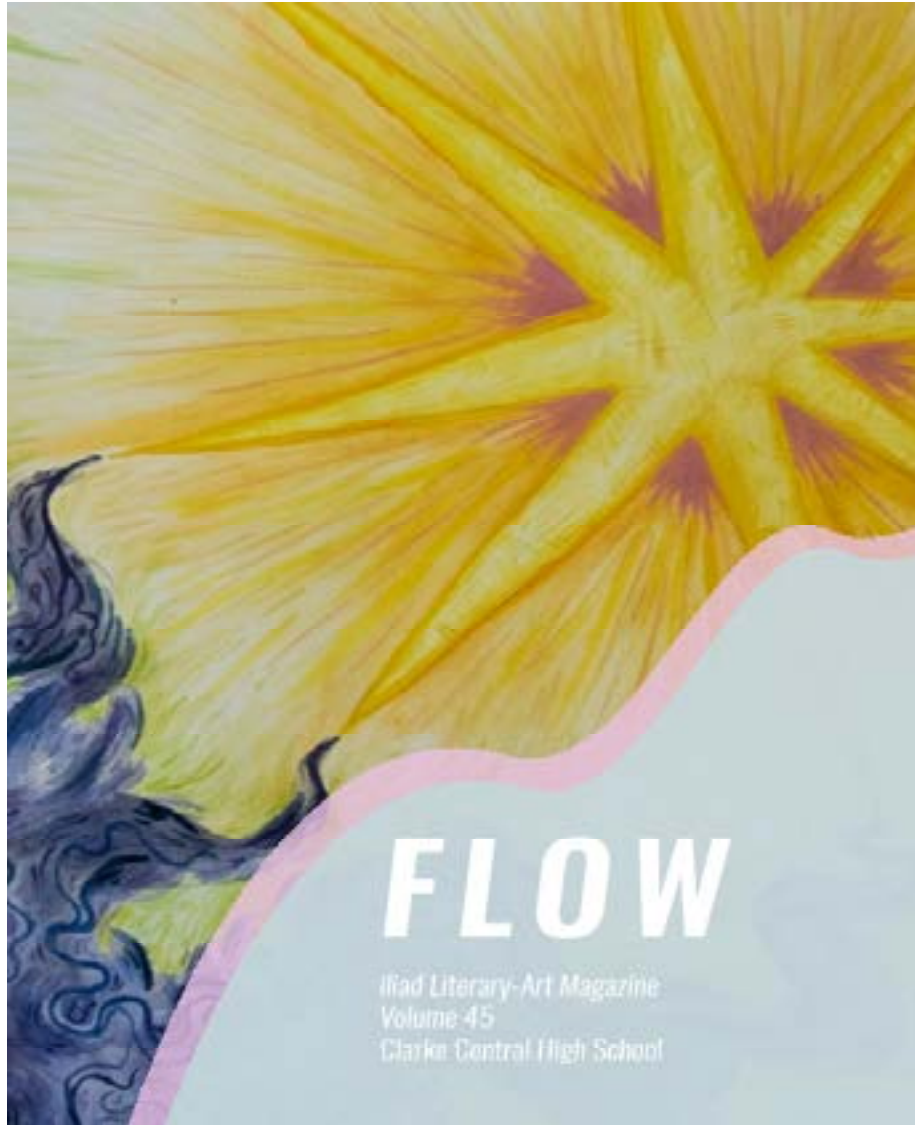
Judge’s Comments:

“Photographer shows a good eye for detail that captures a tiny story within the photo. Shadows give good depth to photos.”

Cover Design

“FLOW”

Trinity James and Beatrice Acheson
iliad, Clarke Central High School



Judge's Comments:

“Nice use of color. The bright sun evokes a sense of warmth, while the dark blue of the water feels cool. The sun also seems very direct, while the water meanders. The design is simple, but fits well with the theme of “Flow.”

Spread Design

“Philosophy of Life”

Nicole Moreno
The Globe, Milton High School



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Judge's Comments:

“The collage gives a sense of nostalgia (even if the viewer doesn't know the original historic context of the photos), but the overall piece stretches from just a contained piece of art to envelope adjacent words. It stretches into the other content, making it an effective spread, but in a different way than most spreads interact with the other content. Well done.”

Yearbook Story

“How We Really Spell It”

Tiffany Osborn
The Crest, The King’s Academy

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HOW WE *Really* SPELL IT



Kylee
CALHOUN

Kylee Calhoun (10) came to our school last year. Calhoun has seven siblings. She enjoys video games, Snapchat, books & drawing. Interestingly, Calhoun likes and she giggles and teases on shaking hands.

Kelly
WHIGHAM

Kelly Whigham (11) has been here since first grade. She has two brothers and enjoys family time, watching her brothers play baseball and hanging out with her dog. Whigham has never seen a person who spelled her name correctly on the test by.

Kylee
GRAVITT

Kylee Gravitt (11) began attending the school in the 8th grade. She is one of seven children and is a member of the North Metro Model Education marching band. The unique spelling of her name was suggested by her grandmother who said it was a more accurate spelling.

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Judge’s Comments:

“This is such a simple, yet brilliant, story idea. Many students have the shared common experience of having a name spelled in a unique way. This page does a fantastic job of showing who a name represents and why our names are important. Bravo!”

Special Interest Story

“Our New Virtual Reality”

Staff

The Crest, The King’s Academy

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DIGITAL LEARNING
Pro vs Con

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Multiple things came about COVID-19. Students still struggle to adjust to in-class attendance in hopes of preventing the spread of the virus. Meanwhile, teachers found new ways to make virtual learning interesting for students. To better engage with her students, SPANISH teacher, Mrs. Celia Hernandez, created a virtual reality lesson. Her English students are now using the virtual reality technology to learn.

In hopes of helping connected with students during the COVID-19 pandemic, Mrs. Hernandez, Spanish teacher, decided to create a virtual reality lesson plan. As well as students, could also understand how Celia had helpfully guided lessons and had recommendations, allowed that first year teaching her during the unprecedented times, and also shared under spotlight. I hope that his message of grace in the pandemic comes to. I also wanted to give an opportunity for her to share her vision after their year and appeal to her under the spotlight.





Public employees, Emma Myer, are working to stay during the coronavirus pandemic. Even though they have been conditionally with attendance for still, she says they may move from that the next year. She will complete several additional tasks to help prevent the spread of the virus. She recently changed such as having three employees for each class, she also at all times. “I like that for getting more done, but I also think about all the people I come across. I encounter hundreds of people a day so far. I’m not taking it lightly, which is why. The coronavirus also affects it home from family, especially from grandma, and I and from within,” Myer said.

Sonya Davidson





Judge’s Comments:

“Adaptation to a changing world is one of the main narratives of 2020. This story did a good job of capturing the lifestyles changes presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The infographic commands attention and then human stories keep the reader interested.”

Sports Photography

“Football”

Holden Looper
The Crest, The King’s Academy



Photo Illustration

“Contagious Coaching”

Connor King
The Indian, Towns County High School



Judge's Comments:

“There are some very compelling photos on this page that show all different aspects of competition. I especially love the focused eyes of the player in the center of the page. The variety of camera angles used and colors captured make this pop.”

Spread Design

“We Have Spirit”

Corrina Luckenbach
The Indian, Towns County High School



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Judge's Comments:

“This is a lovely way of incorporating a variety of photos and including students’ faces. The trailing color lines with the word “spirit” are a cool effect. Photos are king in these kinds of publications and this design accentuates the photos masterfully.”

Cover Design

“Uncharted Territory”

Staff

SAGA, Druid Hills High School



Theme Development

“Onward and Upward”

Staff

The Crest, The King’s Academy



Judge’s Comments:

“This theme allows for vibrant and eye-catching colors. It offers many different ways to incorporate the lines, boxes, and overall theme throughout the book. It also blends well with photos to make seamless transitions.”

Social Media Storytelling

“Yearbook Staff”

Ella Crevar

The Crest, The King’s Academy

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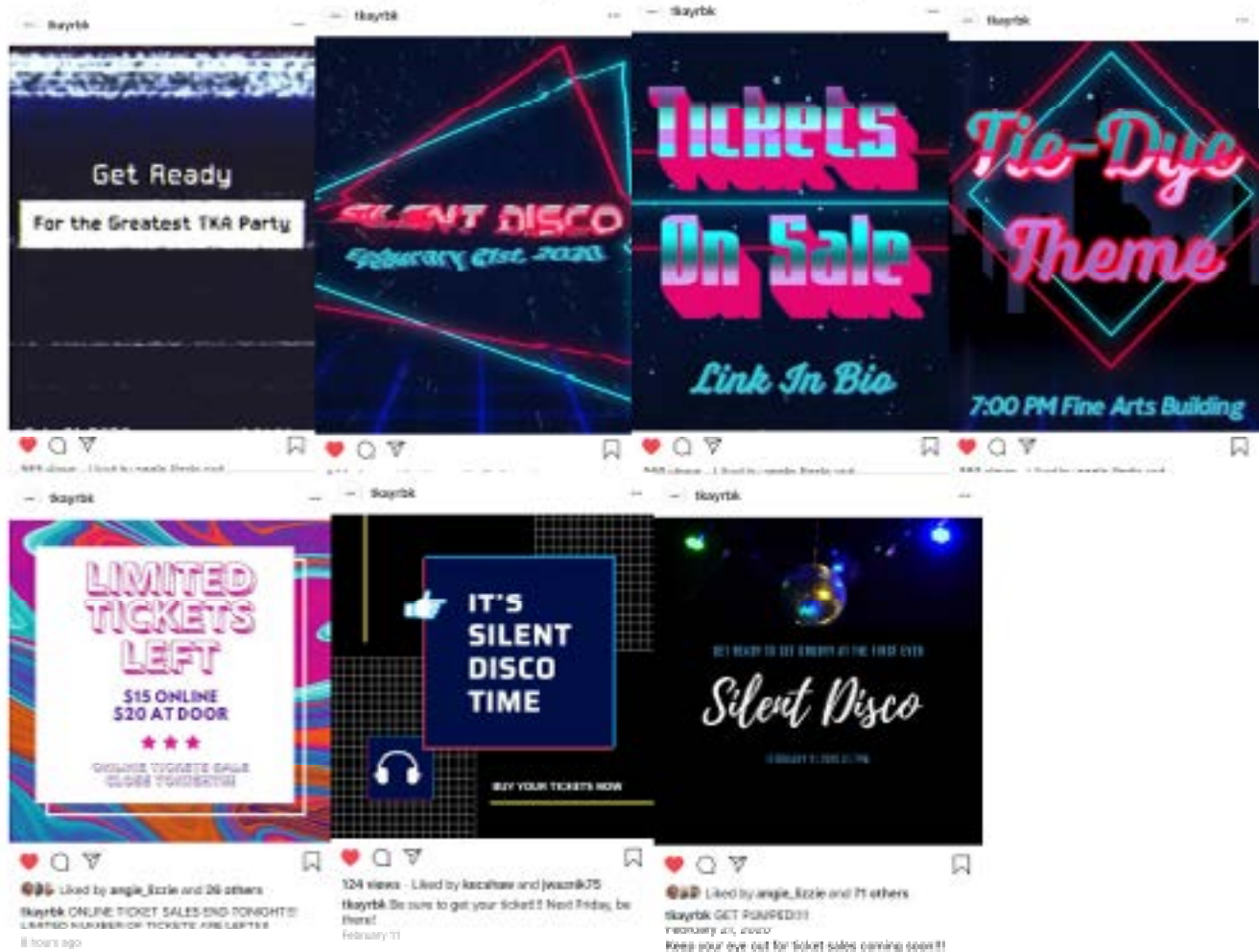
“This is a fun way to have a social media shoutout to the staff that creates the yearbook. It is great to have a uniform look to the photos and the text graphics on top. This is a smart mechanism that can be used to excite the student body about the yearbook.”

Social Media Promotion

“Silent Disco”

Holden Looper and Ella Crevar
The Crest, The King’s Academy

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Judge’s Comments:

“The graphics on these promotions are expertly created. I especially enjoy the variety of themes offered in the bunch. It captures the vibe of 70’s disco and helps set the tone for what was surely a night to remember!”

Emerging Media

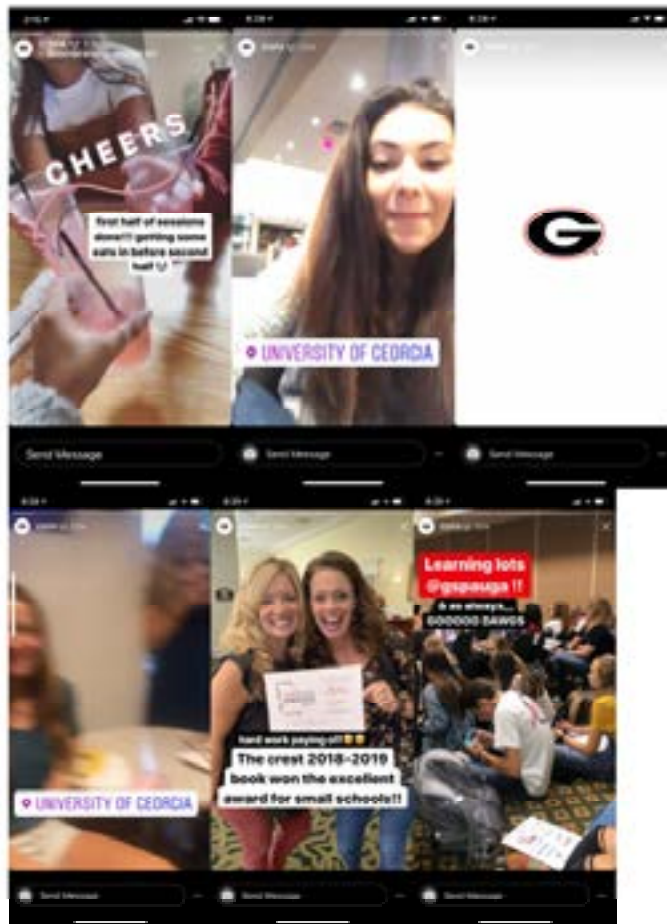
“GSPA”

Ella Crevar

The Crest, The King’s Academy

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Broadcast News Package

“COVID-19 Protocols”

Bennett Van Orden
The Verve, The King’s Academy



Judge’s Comments:

“The story provided a meaningful service to the school audience. It allowed the intended viewers to understand what protocols were in place and how they should act to abide by them. It was a good decision to interview multiple people within the school.”

In-Depth News/Documentary

“The History of the Black Church”

Joy Deas

Live@1575, Greater Atlanta Christian School



Judge's Comments:

“This is a delightful and vibrant story full of great audio and video. It connects the past to the present in a way that inspires the viewer. This is an excellent documentary style video.”

Feature Package

“Alumni Profile: Katie Jones”

Andrew Brown

Live @ 1575, Greater Atlanta Christian School



Judge's Comments:

“The best part of this feature is the camera work in the gallery. It makes the viewer feel as if they have stepped foot inside the room. The interview section was conducted well. Consider having multiple interview locations to avoid repetition.”

Production

“Show Opener Fall 2020”

Joseph Aboukhaled
Live@1575, Greater Atlanta Christian



Judge's Comments:

“The camera work and editing in this intro are incredibly impressive. The producer has mastered the use of lighting in different ways to highlight many different subjects. This kind of production would be used at a professional level.”

Sports Package

“Swim Team Coverage”

Bennett Van Orden
The Verve, The King’s Academy



Judge’s Comments:

“While this story is about swimming, it really is a narrative about how a person’s passion was so strong that it lead them to teach others about it. The audio and video are both professionally presented and the story is paced well.”

Podcast

“Parents, students rally for face-to-face option”

Elena Hubert, Kamryn Harty and Ava Smith
The Southerner, Grady High School



Elena Hubert, Ava Smith, and Kamryn Harty

December 6, 2020

Judge's Comments:

“This podcast takes the listener to the scene of the rally and gives access to many different voices. It uses natural sound as well as commentary to advance the story. Well done!”

News Story

“COVID-19 Affects College Process”

Sloane Wagreich
The Knightly News, Pace Academy

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COVID-19 Affects College Process

Sloane Wagreich
Staff Writer



For students applying to college, the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the college process. Many students are unable to visit campuses, and many colleges have postponed or canceled their admission events. This has led to a significant increase in the number of students applying to colleges, and many colleges are now accepting a larger number of applicants than in previous years.

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Admissions Adapts to COVID-19 Restrictions

Isabel Medina
Staff Writer



As of now, colleges are adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic by offering virtual admission events. Many colleges are now holding virtual information sessions, virtual campus tours, and virtual admission events. This has allowed students to learn more about colleges and their admission processes without having to visit the campus in person.

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Judge's Comments:

“This topic is most newsworthy and deeply relevant to your audience: readers of The Knightly News. It has timeliness, proximity, and magnitude. In deciding what news to include, always consider what your readers need and want to know. Excellent interviewing and research, including a poll conducted by your staff.”

In-Depth News Story

“Calls to abolish Greek life grow louder on UGA campus”

Violet Calkin

BluePrints Magazine, Cedar Shoals High School



ON CAMPUS. Multiple UGA fraternity houses are located along River Road. Although the Greek system has faced recent scrutiny for allegations of discrimination, freshman Tristan Lankford says he has never witnessed bigotry in his fraternity, Delta Sigma Phi. “I think that sometimes other fraternities make mistakes that make all Greek life at UGA look bad. It’s a rare occasion to have such a blatant act of racism or homophobia or sexism,” Lankford said. Photo by Violet Calkin.

Features

Calls to abolish Greek life grow louder on UGA campus

January 11, 2021 • Violet Calkin • Fraternity, greek life, university, UGA

Every August, Milledge Avenue and its grand houses fill with prospective pledges, excited to meet their new best friends and gain personal and professional connections. With thousands of members of 65 sorority and fraternity chapters representing four different Greek councils, University of Georgia Greek life is thriving.

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Judge's Comments:

“The field of in-depth news stories was quite impressive. To be honest, this honor could’ve went to any number of the superior winners. This piece was chosen based on it’s ability to really dig deep and expose a potential scandal at the collegiate level.”

Feature Story

“Lighting the torch: The future of civil rights”

Kelly Tran, Yei Bin Andrews, Ava Smith and
Aran Sonnah-Joshi
The Southerner, Grady High School



Best of **SNO**

Lighting the torch: The future of civil rights

Kelly Tran, Yei Bin Andrews, Ava Smith, and Aran Sonnad-Joshi

December 11, 2020

Judge's Comments:

“Excellent, comprehensive coverage of an important & pervasive topic. Stellar organization with examining the subject from the past, present, future lens.”

Feature Profile

“Heather ‘Lucky’ Penney Fighter Pilot”

Marlee Rafter

The Warrior News, J.C. Booth Middle School



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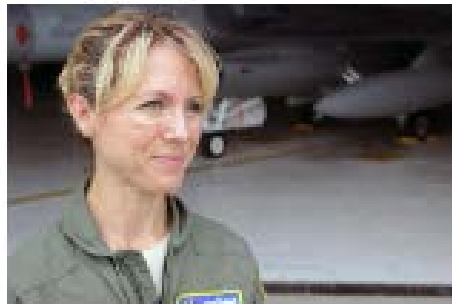
Heather “Lucky” Penney Fighter Pilot

Writer - Marlee R. Interviewer - Sophie T.
. Writer, Editor and Chief/Writer
March 15, 2021



Heather ‘Lucky’ Penney, one of the first generation female fighter pilots, has been in the US Air Force for over 20 years because as a little girl, she knew that she wanted to become a fighter pilot just like her dad, and she fulfilled that goal with hard work and perseverance.

Growing up, Ms. Penney knew women



Military Times

On that day 20-year-old Heather ‘Lucky’ Penney was a new first lieutenant serving as a training officer with the 121st Fighter Squadron of the District of Columbia Air National Guard, based at Andrews Air Force Base outside

Judge’s Comments:

“Through exhaustive reporting and multiple interviews, the author produced an in-depth piece that examines the history of the main subject and shows the passion that drives her. It’s more than just a profile, but a call for cultural communication.”

Column Writing

“Musicology Corner”

Veronica Kogan
The Oracle, North Springs High School



home / news / opinions / features / humor / sports / entertainment

main categories

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- Book Talk
- Clubs and Extracurricular
- Classics
- College Diaries
- Curriculum's Corner
- Echo Library Magazine
- essays
- Entertainment
- Features
- Fulton County Updates
- Fun Things to Do
- Humor
- It's OK Not to Be OK
- Letters to Seniors
- Local Community
- mental health
- MLK Day
- Musicology Corner

MUSICOLOGY CORNER: POP! GOES THE WEASEL: CLASSICAL MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT

September 30, 2020 | by The North Springs Oracle | in Entertainment, Musicology Corner

By Veronica Kogan

When I was in middle school, I had a friend named Kaye. We were close friends but had completely different tastes in music – she was a One Direction who played Disney Channel songs on repeat, while I was an ABBA, Frank Armstrong, and Bachman's Kind of girl. I was fine with our differences as long as she kept Justin Bieber's "Baby" at a 3 mile distance. I had until the next of October admitted, goddammit they were and a couple other girls were in the media center working on one of our first ever songs. Naturally, I will like "Baby" (I like) come on, subtly interrupting the hour of silence I was off in putting it on my up with something after the "N" in a pop music mood. I turned on George Gershwin's classic "Rhapsody in Blue" to say that I was obsessed with this piece is a gross understatement and as it turned around, really to be glad I am. I am used to the guys making it like "you guys love this piece?" I said. They gave me a "what are you, a nerd?" look and said, "Never heard of her?" I explained that it was from the '30s and that it was one of today's most popular jazz/classical pieces. That's when my classical musician self was challenged with Meg's reply: "No one cares what you're talking about and music from before the 2000s doesn't matter anymore, anyway."

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Judge's Comments:

“What do the winner and runners-up all have in common in this category? You all have engaging, entertaining writers’ voices. A good columnist takes readers on a journey each time, and that is what is happening here. Well-done and congratulations, North Springs High School!”

Opposing Viewpoints

“Head to Head (return to in-person instruction)”

Nicolas Willman and Essie Mitchell
ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

HEAD-TO-HEAD

Viewpoints staffers Nicolas Willman and Essie Mitchell debate whether or not Clarke County School District high school students should return to in-person instruction.

Clarke County School District High Schools should not return to in-person instruction until the COVID-19 situation improves a lot more than it has. COVID-19 cases have declined, but high schools in 2021, just as soon as we can, we should be able to do it.

According to the Center for Disease Control, the number won't be widely available in 12 American till the end year of 2021, making it tough to have 1,000 Clarke County High School students in the building for the rest of the 2020-21 school year.

The CDC and President's data from high schools that have returned to in-person instruction in the United States and Europe show that the virus is transmitted about twice as much among adolescents than any other age group.

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Also according to the CDC, COVID-19 has had a larger impact on low-income families and communities of color across the U.S. Furthermore, a study by the American Medical Association found the COVID-19 infection rate was nearly eight times higher in children whose parents and grandfathers were higher.

There is a 77% mortality rate at COVID-19 and the primary rate in Clarke County is the eighth highest in Georgia and double the state rate of 12%. If COVID returns to person, health risks for students would be even more perilous.

Now, the quality of digital learning is substantially inferior to in-person learning as students have less class time and limited teacher engagement opportunities, but a solution should not depend on the public health danger in the school community and increase the risk of more people dying.

Improving the quality and accessibility of digital by expanding opportunities for synchronous learning and working with internet providers to ensure students have reliable access to Wi-Fi.

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The Clarke County School District should never high schools to begin new construction due to the long-term learning environment of in-person school that negatively impacts students' mental and physical health.

There are many factors that contribute to an individual's learning environment for high school students or, hence such as prolonged work periods on screens according to your mental and physical health and lack of

When it is safe to return, students should be given the option to return to school to ensure the health of CCD high school students.



reduction of support students regularly.

Learning how to work with the National Institute of Health (NIH) and the CDC, there are many ways to ensure the safety of students and teachers from the virus who spend less time on screens.

Additionally, when learning habits a physical toll on students learning in an online environment due to watching and using their time at the same time.

According to Kelly Health, students and adults who are doing "transmission-oriented" programs (including dry eye, blurred vision, and headache, after spending hours of time using a computer screen as well as neck and shoulder pain from poor posture).

Lately, COVID-19 has not been health has not been the same students have already jumping up with the current workload from home.

"I think that there are people who would have been okay, but we know how to do it, but struggling because they just can't do it anymore," says Mitchell. "The way we're going to do it, it's just not going to be the same, but like, it's more going to be able to do it."

It is understandable that there is the fear of students and staff getting sick and struggling more they return to in-person school, which could lead to higher instances of COVID-19. However, when it is safe to do so, students should be given the option to return to school to ensure the health of CCD high school students.

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Judge's Comments:

“Such a timely and important topic for all students, teachers, and families. Well-written, articulating what many are feeling!”

House Editorials

Staff/Suhani Mahajan

[The Messenger](#)

Northview High School

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Opinions
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Staff Editorial

Waiting for a post-pandemic world



Graphics by Grace Peng, Managing Editor & Social Media Editor

Suhani Mahajan, Staff Writer

Judge's Comments:

“Covid has certainly impacted our lives in ways we never could have imagined. Excellent job providing words of comfort and inspiration to your readers. Great writer's voice!”

Commentary

“Highlighting the negative impact of Instagram on high-school students”

Shreya Mishra
The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School

The screenshot shows the homepage of 'thebirdfeed', a student-run news site for South Forsyth High School. The main article featured is 'Highlighting the negative impact of Instagram on high-school students' by Shreya Mishra, dated November 13, 2020. The article text is partially visible, discussing the prevalence of Instagram and its impact on self-esteem. A photo of a hand holding a smartphone is also shown. The website includes a navigation menu with 'Opinions' highlighted, a 'Recent Sports Scores' table, a 'Polls' section with a question about the fall season, and a 'Related Stories' section.

thebirdfeed
The Student Run News Site of South Forsyth High School

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Opinions Showcase

Highlighting the negative impact of Instagram on high-school students

Shreya Mishra, Online Editor
November 13, 2020

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If you do not know what Instagram is, you may be living under a rock. From light-hearted, pumpkin spice-themed selfies to creative, editorial photo-shoots, Instagram is home to all forms of content. But my concern regarding Instagram is its impact on self-esteem.

Imagine a free weekend. You're sitting on

Photo by Google (via Google Images). A distraction at school. The girl in the photo above was captured looking at Instagram on a public bus. According to the Pew Research Center of Internet and

Recent Sports Scores

South Forsyth High School	11
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Polls

What are you excited about for the Fall?

- Football season
- Cooler weather
- Fall term
- Football season

1 votes | View Results

Poll active

Related Stories

Judge's Comments:

“This was an intense competition. There were so many strong columns it was hard to choose just one...Strong voice, solid depth in reporting and brings everything together.”

Critical Review

“Winter Showcase Captivates Audience”

Darren Rosing
The Knightly News, Pace Academy



Judge's Comments:

“While so many entries in this categories focus on entertainment outside school (and are also very well-written), it is refreshing to read a review by a student of school-produced entertainment. Great writer's voice! On a side note, this also seems like a very fun event to attend.”

Sports News Story

“*Realigning regions*”

Gretchen Hinger

ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

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Mascots from schools in the Georgia High School Association 8-AAAAA region are displayed in an illustration. For the upcoming 2020-21 school year, Clarke Central High School athletics will still be participating in region 8-AAAAA, but with many changes. According to CCHS head varsity girls soccer coach Chris Hulse, during the tenure of the current region, size has been a major difference than past and future years. “Region games are set by (GHSA). Region games are the ones that impact (state tournaments),” Hulse said. “The only thing that’s been different for the past several years about the region has been that it’s been smaller than it has been in years past. There was a window of time where we had an 11 team region, and so 11 region games or ten region games because we were the eleventh team, left a lot of, a lot of decisions were made in play, if that makes sense.” Mascots listed above: Apalachee, Clarke Central, Eastside Greenbrier, Jackson County, Johnson, Gainesville, Loganville and Walnut Grove. Illustration by Lilli Sams

Clarke Central High School athletics, along with many other high schools in Georgia, will be competing against many new region teams for the 2020-21 school year.

In the fall of 2019, the Georgia High School Association finalized region alignments for the 2020-22 school years. With these changes, Clarke Central High School athletics will still be participating in region 8-AAAAA.

Since the 2016-17 school year, CCHS has been grouped in the same region as Cedar Shoals High School, Uniford High School, Loganville High School, Walnut Grove High School and Johnson High School.

According to CCHS athletic director Dr. Jon Ward, these groupings are determined based on specific factors.

Judge’s Comments:

“There were some immensely beautifully written sports news stories in this competition This piece had all the elements necessary to pull together a story simply about high school realignment. What made it so special and standout was the immense depth.”

Sports Game Coverage

“Bend, don’t break”

Daniel Stackhouse
The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

The screenshot shows a website header for 'THE PROWLER' with the tagline 'WE HAVE STARR'S MILL COVERED'. The article title is 'Bend, don't break' with a subtitle 'Panthers outlast Union Grove in breathtaking finish'. A photo shows a football game in progress. The author is Timothy Monihan, with contact information: 6000 Spokering Hill, Ste 212, Peachtree City, GA 30269, Phone: (770) 716-4124, Fax: (770) 892-6164. There are also advertisements for a crisis text line and McWilliams Automotive.

Judge’s Comments:

“Writing a solid sports game story is an art form. To write it, you must have strong technical comprehension of the sport and the ability to capture the moments in a way that engages the reader through creatively and vividly. This story did just that.”

Sports Feature Story

“Grady Stadium renamed in remembrance of Eddie S. Henderson”

Ava Smith
The Southerner, Grady High School

Best of SNO

Front Slideshow SPORTS

Grady Stadium renamed in remembrance of Eddie S. Henderson

Ava Smith

February 24, 2021



On Eddie S. Henderson's first day coaching at Grady in 1970, his car was spray-painted and vandalized. But the next day, and every day for many years after that, he went back to work and loved it.

At its February meeting, the Atlanta school board unanimously approved changing the name of the Grady Stadium to Eddie S. Henderson Stadium.

Henderson was a graduate of Atlanta Public Schools, graduating from Archer High School and going on to become the head football coach



News Briefs

College and Career Center hosts scholarship raffle

April 16, 2021

Healing Circles Small Group Sessions begin this week

April 26, 2021

District offers summer programming

April 26, 2021

Trending Stories

- 1 Principal witnesses 'bracket incident'
- 2 To bea or not to bea: Apiculture club future uncertain amid pandemic
- 3 Edwards brothers leave their mark on lacrosse team
- 4 Angela Stanton-King runs on criminal justice reform, anti-abortion platform
- 5 Atlanta Braves should consider a name change

Judge's Comments:

“This article and the renaming of the stadium are a fantastic and well-deserved tribute to former coach Eddie Henderson. Excellent research and interviewing of multiple sources. This article is full of interesting information for current Grady HS students as well as the citizens of the Atlanta metro area. That’s how you write a sports feature!”

Sports Column

“Gameday Takeaways - Region Play”

Daniel Stackhouse
The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School



Gameday Takeaways

Region play

Daniel Stackhouse, Sports Editor

October 14, 2020

Judge's Comments:

“This series serves the audience with a very specific beat and a narrow focus. It is a fair look about this team’s playoff run and the players most pivotal in the result. This is a valuable asset for fans of this team.”

Headline Writing

Braeden Larson
The Verve, The King's Academy

Despite postponement, 2020
Olympics strive to symbolize hope

Media hype creates
spike of fear for 2020
apocalypse

Two-party system splinters America

Judge's Comments:

“Strong, active verbs used to illustrate to the reader the content of the article to come. Compelling language draws reader in.”

Caption Writing

Daniel Stackhouse
The Prowler, Starr's Mill High School



[Annika Pepper](#)

Sophomore running back Greigh Joseph makes his way down an empty field en route to a 98-yard touchdown during the Panthers' final region home game against the Whitewater Wildcats. The offense had a breakout game that propelled the team to a 42-0 victory and still in control of their destiny in the region. The offense as a whole had its most productive game yet with 464 total yards and six touchdowns. Joseph had a decent night himself with five carries for 106 yards and a touchdown.

[Daniel Stackhouse](#), Sports Editor
November 12, 2020



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Judge's Comments:

“Excellent use of active, story-telling verbs to convey details about the season beyond just the photo to the reader while also explaining the action of the photo.”

Editorial Cartoon

“COVID”

Piper Rausch
The Pitchfork, Marietta High School



Judge's Comments:

“An excellent depiction of where we are as a country in regards to Covid vaccinations. Skillfully created!”

Sports Photograph

“Spikeball Player”

Samuel Rice

The Verve, The King’s Academy



photo by Samuel Rice

In preparation for possible spikeball club, sophomore Steven Heath exercises his serving skills at JJ Bielo Park.

Judge’s Comments:

“The first-place winner was able to move close, fill the frame and then work on timing. Great body language and a clean composition let this image rise to the top quickly. The value of moving in is clear here – the photojournalist was not hesitant in their positioning.”

News Photograph

“School House System”

Ella Crevar

The Verve, The King’s Academy



Seniors Joey Martindale and Beth Ely get sorted into houses Pi and Theta.

photo by Ella Crevar

Judge’s Comments:

“The winning image had a great moment and was really well controlled – by moving in close and filling the frame, the viewer instantly engages with these two folks and felt like they were there and experiencing the moment.”

Feature/Entertainment Photograph

“The Closet of a Raven”

Izzy Pullias

McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School



Judge's Comments:

“The winning image stood out due to its dramatic lighting, a clean composition that felt like it was in motion and a very nice, albeit subtle, moment. A very well executed theater image.”

Photo Essay

“Back to back to back to back to back”

Annika Pepper
The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School



Judge’s Comments:

“A strong photo essay takes someone on a journey, strings together a visual narrative that helps a viewer understand an issue or individual. The...strongest here did that.”

Information Graphic

“Immunize Wise”

Maddie Poch
 The C&G, Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School

Immunize Wise

Read more about vaccines and their development process below:

Defining Vaccines*

Inside a Vaccine*

8 Facts About Vaccine Planning*

Global Production Needs

52

<10%

Dossier: Wipe Speed

Phases of Vaccine Trials

Development Timeframe

Judge’s Comments:

“Excellent job delivery the information graphically using an entire spread. You highlight the various points well - with consistency but variety on the spread, and make a less approachable topic visually interesting to young readers.”

Illustration

“Mariah on the move”

Mia La and Ava Maddox
BluePrints Newsmagazine, Cedar Shoals High School



Judge's Comments:

“This past year has been tough for different reasons, including the pandemic and the intensity in the fight for racial equality. This illustration captures not only the feeling of the article, but also the feeling of many Americans. Nicely done!”

Photo Illustration

“Cracking Under Cultural Expectations”

Melissa Liu

The Messenger, Northview High School



Judge's Comments:

“Pulling off a strong photo illustration is all about planning. The photojournalist needs to have a vision in their head before they bring the camera to the eye, and the first-place awardee had an excellent and well-planned vision. It took a methodical approach to be able to light and align multiple portraits and then layer them together in post-production.”

Double-Truck Layout/Design

“The 2020 Election”

Kathryn Hood
The Knightly News, Pace Academy

THE 2020 ELECTION

WHO DO YOU SUPPORT?

JOE BIDEN	OTHER	DONALD TRUMP
82.4%	7.5%	10.1%
OF HIS STUDENTS	OF HIS STUDENTS	OF HIS STUDENTS

WATER SUPPRESSION QUESTIONS LINGER HEADING INTO NOV. 3

RIGHT

Judge's Comments:

“Stellar design. Numerous points of entry for reader. Utilized design elements as a reader service to guide through the information. Nice job including student voices and opinions to complement the delivery. Visual /verbal ties take this layout to next level.”

Advertising Design

“Beard Papas”

Grace Peng

The Messenger, Northview High School

The advertisement for Beard Papa's features a circular logo on the left with a cartoon bearded man wearing a yellow hat. The logo text reads "beard papa's" at the top and "fresh and natural cream puffs" at the bottom. Below the logo, the address is listed: "5215 Town Center Blvd. Suite 620, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092 (Across the street from The Forum)". A central yellow circle highlights a close-up of a cream puff. On the right, a vertical yellow bar contains the text "10% OFF ENTIRE PURCHASE" in large blue letters, with a smaller note below it: "(not to be combined with any other promotions)". The background of the ad shows several cream puffs in various flavors.

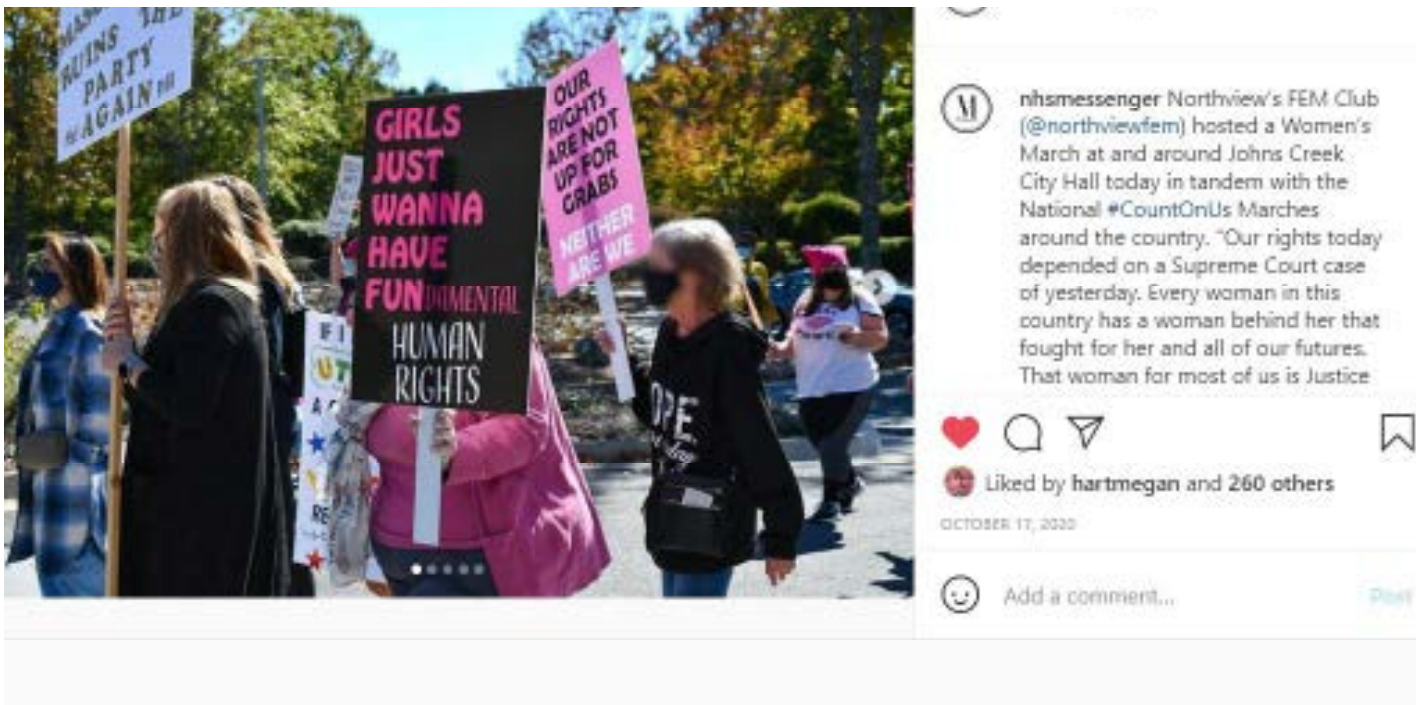
Judge's Comments:

“Nice, clean design with clear, highlighted center of interest to draw the reader in (circle full color photo). Nice use of logo in same shape to give balance to the ad.”

Social Media Storytelling

“FEM March”

Jennifer Xia
The Messenger, Northview High School



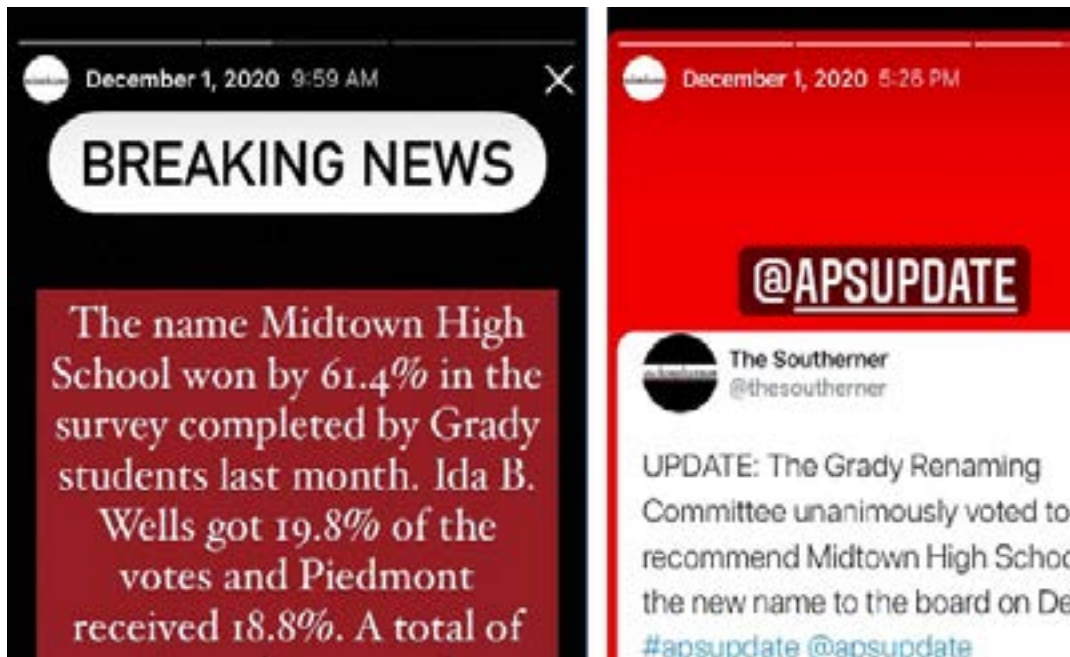
Judge's Comments:

“The combination of photos and caption give the audience a sense of time and space. The photography is sharp and has great color. The caption is appropriate length for social media news.”

Social Media Breaking News

“Name Change Coverage”

Lindsay Ruhl
The Southerner, Grady High School



Judge's Comments:

“Coverage of news on social media must be a good collaboration of information via text and visual stimuli with photos/graphics. This series of Instagram Stories strikes that balance in a great way that would introduce the audience to the topic.”

Social Media Promotion

“Application animation”

Melissa Liu
The Messenger, Northview High School



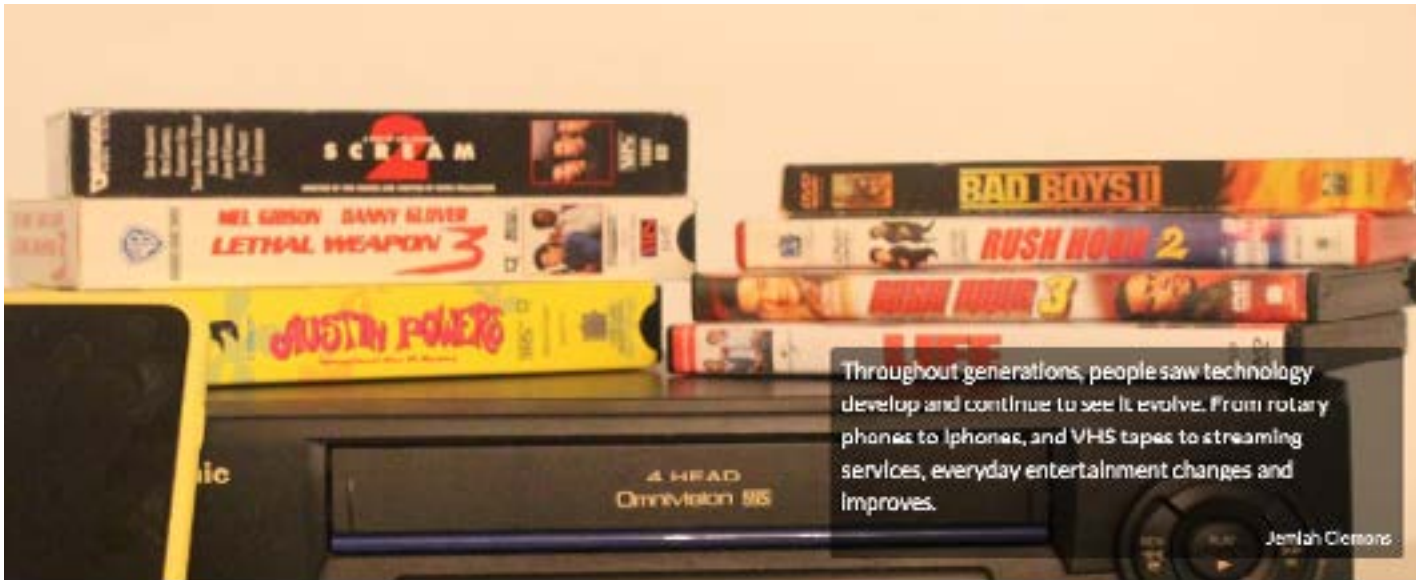
Judge's Comments:

“Animation is such a smart tool if used properly on Instagram. This is a clean and professional post that would attract eyeballs and likely help achieve the desired goal.”

Emerging Media

“The miscommunication between generations”

Jemiah Clemons
The Chant, North Cobb High School



The miscommunication between generations

Jemiah Clemons, Opinions Editor

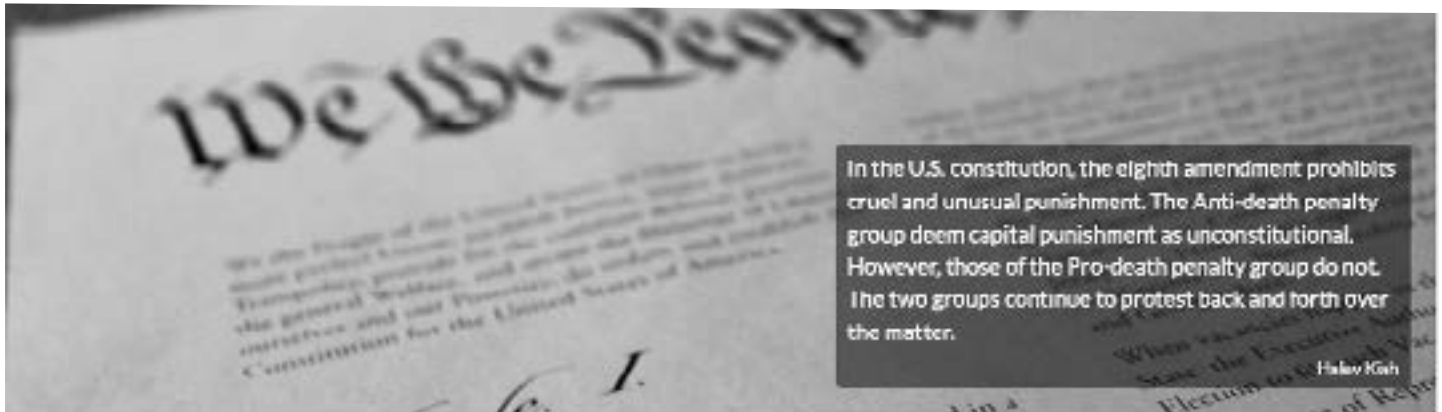
Judge's Comments:

“This story has every element of digital storytelling a reader could want. It uses photography, quotes, infographics, video, and text to tell a complete story and appeal to learners of all kind.”

Social Justice Reporting

“The evolution of opinions surrounding the death penalty”

Jemiah Clemons
The Chant, North Cobb High School



The evolution of opinions surrounding the death penalty

Jemiah Clemons, Staff

December 20, 2019

The death penalty, a punishment given to those who commit capital crimes, executes criminals similar to Ted Bundy, Gary Heidnik, John Wayne Gacy and dozens of others. While the criminals relatively stay the same, the laws and execution methods continue to change dramatically with time. With the positive comes the negative and with support comes to protest. Over time, not only did the penalty itself change but the viewpoints and opinions surrounding it as well. One cannot help but wonder, how does the public feel about the death penalty?

[Map Overview](#) [Back to Beginning](#)

Judge's Comments:

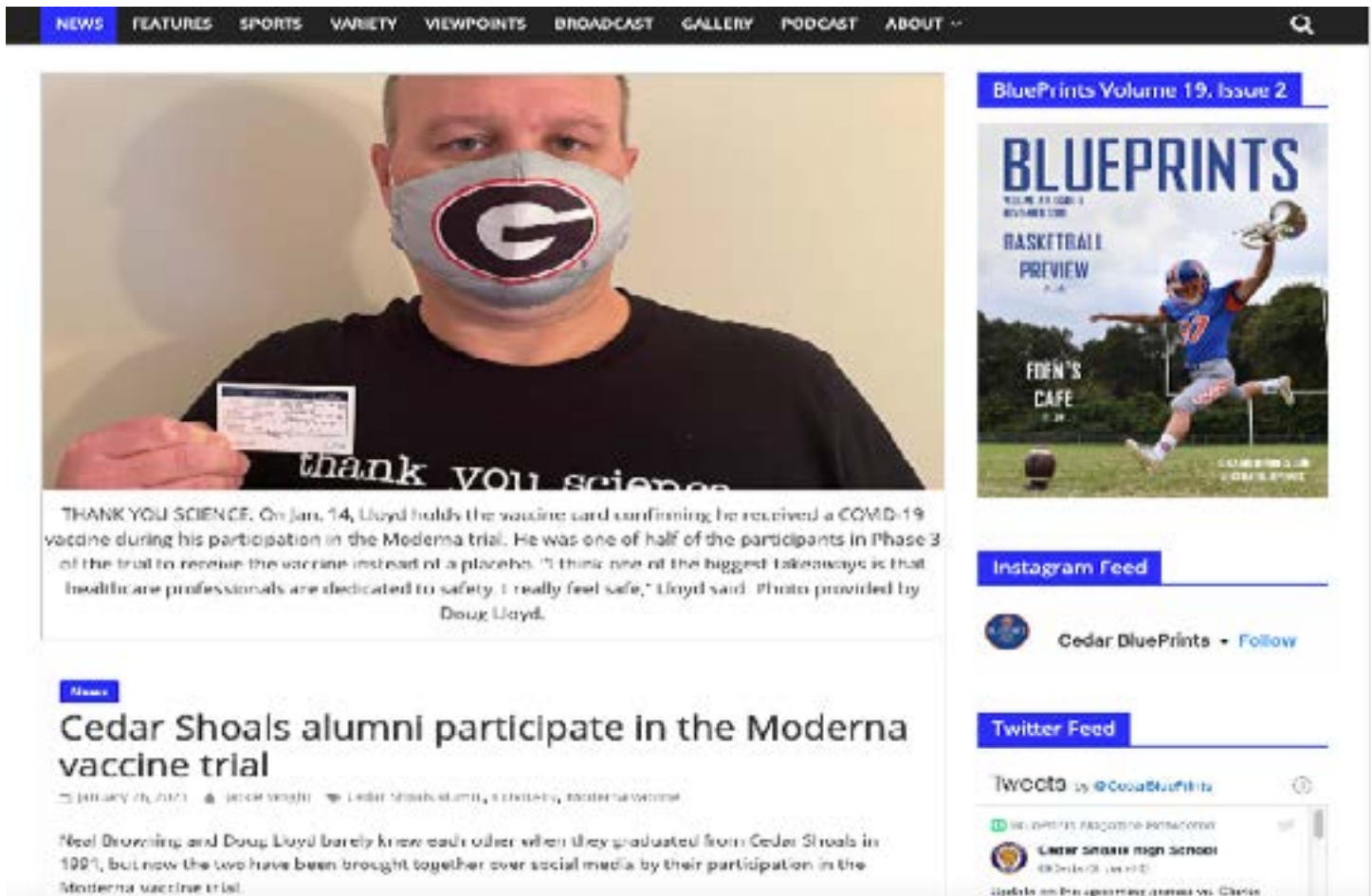
“This interactive story gives the reader so many extra elements from which to learn information. The topic is well researched and the author provided facts and expert opinion without the interjection of personal stances. Great job with the multimedia and reporting.”

COVID-19 Reporting

“Cedar Shoals alumni participate in Moderna vaccine trial”

Jackie Wright

BluePrints Magazine, Cedar Shoals High School



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BluePrints Volume 19, Issue 2

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Cedar Shoals High School
@CedarSHS
Updates on the upcoming games vs. Clarke

THANK YOU SCIENCE. On Jan. 14, Lloyd holds the vaccine card confirming he received a COVID-19 vaccine during his participation in the Moderna trial. He was one of half of the participants in Phase 3 of the trial to receive the vaccine instead of a placebo. “I think one of the biggest takeaways is that healthcare professionals are dedicated to safety. I really feel safe,” Lloyd said. Photo provided by Doug Lloyd.

Cedar Shoals alumni participate in the Moderna vaccine trial

By Jackie Wright | Cedar Shoals alumni, COVID-19, Moderna vaccine

Neal Downing and Doug Lloyd barely knew each other when they graduated from Cedar Shoals in 1991, but now the two have been brought together over social media by their participation in the Moderna vaccine trial.

Judge’s Comments:

“This story localizes and puts a relatable face on a story about the pandemic. It is such a smart way to tell the story in a different way than the thousands of content pieces simply rehashing what we’re all living. My first thought after reading was: ‘Wow!’”

2020 GSPA Summer Award Winners

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Poem

All-Georgia: Brooksley Knapp, Milton High School, "Hesitation," The Globe
Superior: Nina Schwelm, North Springs High School, "Oh Neighbor: A Poem from Quarantine," The Oracle

Short Story

All-Georgia: Maya Cornish, Clarke Central High School, "Agnere," iIiad
Superior: Raviv Walker, North Springs High School, "What Remains," The Oracle

Artwork

All-Georgia: Jerian Brown, Clarke Central High School, "Icon," iIiad
Superior: Abby Burnett, Milton High School, "Fantasy in D Minor," The Globe

Photograph

All-Georgia: Josie Elliot, Clarke Central High School, "Jekyll," iIiad

Cover Design

All-Georgia: Trinity James and Beatrice Acheson, Clarke Central High School, "FLOW," iIiad

Spread Design

All-Georgia: Nicole Moreno, Milton High School, "philosophy of life," The Globe

YEARBOOK

Yearbook Story

All-Georgia: Tiffany Osborn, The King's Academy, "How We Really Spell It," The Crest
Superior: Paige Hunter, The King's Academy, "Humans of TKA," The Crest

Special Interest Story

All-Georgia: Staff, The King's Academy, "Our New Virtual Reality," The Crest
Superior: Isabella Hughes, Druid Hills High School, "Pilot Year," SAGA; Leila Montgomery, Druid Hills High School, "Adapting to Batting," SAGA

Sports Photography

All-Georgia: Holden Looper, The King's Academy, "Football," The Crest

Photo Illustration

All-Georgia: Connor King, Towns County High School, "Contagious Coaching," The Indian
Superior: Corrina Luckenbach, Towns County High School, "Run Like a Girl," The Indian

Spread Design

All-Georgia: Corrina Luckenbach, Towns County High School, "We Have Spirit," The Indian
Superior: Tiffany Robertson, The King's Academy, "Collection Addiction," The Crest; Howard Wood, Druid Hills High School, "Cartwheel Through the Cosmos," SAGA

Cover Design

All-Georgia: Staff, Druid Hills High School, "Uncharted Territory," SAGA

Theme Development

All-Georgia: Staff, The King's Academy, "Onward and Upward," The Crest
Superior: Staff, Druid Hills High School, "Uncharted Territory," SAGA; Staff, Towns County High School, "Vision 2020," The Indian

Social Media Storytelling

All-Georgia: Ella Crevar, The King's Academy, "Staff," The Crest
Superior: Clementine Acheson, Clarke Central High School, "Q&A," iIiad

Social Media Promotion

All-Georgia: Holden Looper and Ella Crevar, The King's Academy, "Silent Disco," The Crest
Superiors: Kaija Gilbertson, Clarke Central High School, "FAQs," iIiad; Clementine Acheson, Clarke Central High School, "Watercolor Painting Session," iIiad

Emerging Media

All-Georgia: Ella Crevar, The King's Academy, "GSPA," The Crest

Summer 2020 General Excellence Rankings

LITERARY MAGAZINE

Small/Medium Schools

Superior: Inkslinger, Darlington School*;
iliad, Clarke Central High School**; Rapier,
Marist School

Large School

Excellent: VOX Literary Magazine, Roswell
High School
Superior: The Globe, Milton High School*

YEARBOOK

Middle School

Superior: The Warrior, JC Booth Middle
School*

Small School

Superior: Jabberwock, Darlington School;
Talon, Athens Christian School; Tiger 2020,
Dawson County High School**
Excellent: The King's Academy, The Crest;
Legend, Tallulah Falls School; The Indian,
Towns County High School

Medium School

Superior: Kaleidoscope, East Paulding
High School*; Argus, Lumpkin County
High School; Chieftain, White County
High School; The Legend, McIntosh High
School; Orator, Grady High School; The
Lynx, Westminster Schools; Golden Memo-
ries; Fayette County High School
Excellent: High Tide, Glynn Academy;
SAGA, Druid Hills High School; The Gui-
don, Marist School

Large School

Superior: Saga, Woodstock High School;
Zephyr, West Forsyth High School; Bull-
dog, Forsyth Central High School**
Excellent: Cutlass, Habersham Central
High School

*General Excellence Recognition

** General Excellence & All-Georgia Recognition

2020-21 GSPA Spring Award Winners

BROADCAST

News Package

All-Georgia: "COVID-19 Protocols,"

Bennett Van Orden, The Verve,
The King's Academy

Superior: "Hamish the Service Dog,"

Kharis Bender and Joseph Aboukhaled,
Live @ 1575, Greater Atlanta Christian
School; "Passion Package," Braeden
Larson, The Verve, The King's Academy

In-depth News Story

All-Georgia: "History of the Black Church,"

Joy Deas, Live@1575, Greater Atlanta
Christian School

Superior: "Mask Review," Ella Wiseman,

Live @ 1575, Greater Atlanta Christian
School; "Black Firsts Part 1," Marshae
Dorsey, Live @ 1575, Greater Atlanta
Christian School

Feature Story

All-Georgia: "Alumni Profile: Katie Jones,"

Andrew Brown, Live @ 1575,
Greater Atlanta Christian School

Superior: "Army Package," Jacqueline
Ward, The Verve, The King's Academy;

"Upper Room," Braeden Larson, The
Verve, The King's Academy

Production

All-Georgia: "Show Opener Fall 2020,"

Joseph Aboukhaled, Live@1575, Greater
Atlanta Christian School

Superior: "Basketball Hype 2020" Andrew

Brown, Live@1575, Greater Atlanta
Christian School

Sports Package

All-Georgia: "Swim Team Coverage,"

Bennett Van Orden, The Verve,
The King's Academy

Superior: "GHS Response to COVID-19,"

Marshae Dorsey and Jimmy Hidalgo, Live
@1575, Greater Atlanta Christian School;

"Field Report: Hunter Yelton," Krista
Shumaker, ODYSSEY Media Group,

Clarke Central High School

Podcast

All-Georgia: "Parents, students rally

for face-to-face option," Elena Hubert,
Kamryn Harty and Ava Smith, The
Southerner, Grady High School

Superior: "Aviation pathway finds its
wings," Mary Jane Gagliano, The Prowler,
Starr's Mill High School; "This I Believe:

Criminal Justice and Me," Micah Shannon,
ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central

High School

NEWSMAGAZINE,

NEWSPAPER, NEWS WEBSITE

News Story

All-Georgia: "COVID-19 Affects College Pro-

cess," Sloane Wagreich, The Knightly News,
Pace Academy

Superior: "Black History Club spotlights

cultural excellence," Grace Peng, The Mes-
senger, Northview High School; "Pace Hosts

First Ever TEDx Conference," Megan Hard-
esty, The Knightly News, Pace Academy;

"Shop with a Warrior forsters holiday spirit
within NC's community," Amber Roldan,

The Chant, North Cobb High School; "Sen-
ate race continues into runoff," Nina Clark,

Pitchfork, Marietta High School

In-Depth News Story

All-Georgia: "Calls to abolish Greek life grow

louder on UGA campus," Violet Calkin, Blue-
Prints, Cedar Shoals High School

Superior: "Redress for Linnentown,"

Audrey Enghauser, ODYSSEY Media Group,
Clarke Central High School; "Recommend-

ed new school name spurs backlash," Ava
Smith, The Southerner, Henry W. Grady

High School; "The Digital Divide," Owen
Donnelly, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke

Central High School

Feature Story

All-Georgia: "Lighting the torch: The future

of civil rights," Kelly Tran, Yei Bin Andrews,
Ava Smith and Aran Sonnah-Joshi, The

Southerner, Grady High School

Superior: "Behind the Election" Megan

Serfontein, Grace Peng, The Messenger,
Northview High School; "Local Black-owned

businesses adjust to pandemic" Ellie Winer,
Nexus Magazine, Grady High School; "The

Plate Sale," Emma Scott, ODYSSEY Media
Group, Clarke Central High School; "Re-

storing the Creek," Melissa Liu and Bedansh
Pandey, The Messenger, Northview High
School

Feature Profile

All-Georgia: "Heather 'Lucky' Penney Fight-
er Pilot," Marlee Rafter, Warrior News, J.C.

Booth Middle School

Superior: "First African-American valedic-
torian Williams aspires to inspire" Elena

Hubert, The Southerner, Grady High School;
"Thomas Barbershop's Tremendous Tale,"

Alex Newberg, The C&G, Holy Innocents'
Episcopal; "Spotlight on Faculty Passion

Project: Let America be America Again,"
Darren Rosing, The Knightly News, Pace

Academy

Column Writing

All-Georgia: “Musicology Corner,” Veronica Kogan, The Oracle, North Springs High School
Superior: “Cummiskey’s Corner,” Nelson Cummiskey, The Oracle, North Springs High School; “It’s OK to Not Be OK,” Saaniah Hardy, The Oracle, North Springs High School

Opposing Viewpoints Column

All-Georgia: “Head to Head (return to in-person instruction),” Nicolas Willman and Essie Mitchell, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Superior: “Traveling for the Holidays,” Francesca Abaraca and Julia Fortt, The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School; “Should sports resume,” Jenny Loveland and Peyton Stack, The Chant, North Cobb High School

House Editorials

All-Georgia: House Editorial, Pinnacle, Mountain View High School

Superior: Staff, “Dear Holiday Season,” Pitchfork, Marietta High School; “Divided country challenges founding American ideals,” The Verve, The King’s Academy

Commentary

All-Georgia: “Highlighting the negative impact of Instagram on high school students,” Shreya Mishra, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School

Superior: “What about fairness?” Zak Kerr, C&G, Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School; “We need to protect Planned Parenthood,” Rachel Laposka, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School; “Cancelling SAT Subject Tests: A Blessing or Curse for Students?” Shruti Nemala, The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School; “Home of the hip-hop,” Natalie Rippis, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Illustration

All-Georgia: “Mariah on the move,” Mia La and Ava Maddox, BluePrints Newsmagazine, Cedar Shoals High School

Superior: “Why Students are Suffering From More Stress,” Maynor Chinchilla, The Sting, Roswell High School; “Gifted Kid,” Kathryn Hood, The Knightly News, Pace Academy

Photo Illustration

All-Georgia: “Cracking Under Cultural Expectations,” Melissa Liu, The Messenger, Northview High School

Superior: “Onside Look on Athletes’ Opinions on Protocols at Practice,” Luke Hicks, The Sting, Roswell High School

Double-truck Layout/Design

All-Georgia: “The 2020 Election,” Kathryn Hood, The Knightly News, Pace Academy
Superior: “Dean’s direction,” Natalie Schliekelman, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School; “The Digital Divide,” Naomi Hendershot and Lillian Sams, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Critical Review

All-Georgia: “Winter Showcase Captivates Audience,” Darren Rosing, The Knightly News, Pace Academy

Superior: “Justice League: An Injustice to Comics,” Isaac Linnen, The Oracle, North Springs High School; “Weird or worth it? Wandavision review,” Dominik Perez, The Chant, North Cobb High School; “Klaus: A New Christmas Classic,” Shruti Nemala, The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School

Sports News Story

All-Georgia: “Realigning regions,” Gretchen Hinger, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Superior: “Dancing and distancing: SFHS Dance Co. Winter Showcase 2020,” Shree Delwadia and Maggie Craig, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School; “Alumna Griffith finishes top 100 at U.S. Olympic Team Trials – Marathon,” Kaitlin Palaian and Elias Podber, The Southerner Online, Grady High School; “Stopping the Spread in Sports,” Carolina Turner, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Sports Game Coverage

All-Georgia: “Bend, don’t break,” Daniel Stackhouse, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

Superior: “U.S. Olympic Team Trials - Marathon concludes with unlikely qualifiers,” Kaitlin Palaian and Elias Podber, The Southerner Online, Grady High School; “It’s a new day,” Abby Carter, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

Sports Feature Story

All-Georgia: “Grady Stadium renamed in remembrance of Eddie S. Smith,” Ava Smith, The Southerner, Grady High School

Superior: “Dick Buerkle...passes,” William Randall, The Southerner, Grady High School; “The Brothers Townsend,” Daniel Stackhouse, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School; “A helping hand,” Salai Diekumpuna, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Sports Column

All-Georgia: “Gameday Takeaways - Region Play,” Daniel Stackhouse, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

Superior: “Hooch Athletes Commit to the Next Level,” Francesca Abarca, The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School; “Nike pushes sports technology to its brink,” Bram Mansbach, The Southerner, Henry W. Grady High School

Headline Writing

All-Georgia: Braeden Larson, The Verve, The King’s Academy

Superior: Eliza Ingle and Owen Donnelly, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School; Morgan Godsins, The Verve, The King’s Academy

Caption Writing

All-Georgia: “Sports features captions,” Daniel Stackhouse, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

Superior: “Black History month photo captions,” Chloe Sears, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School; Jenny Loveland, The Chant, North Cobb High School

Editorial Cartoon

All-Georgia: “Covid,” Piper Rausch, Pitchfork, Marietta High School

Superior: “Year 2080” Kate Williamson, Pitchfork, Marietta High School; “Trump administration seeks to rewrite history with 1776 Commission,” Anna Rachwalski, The Southerner, Grady High School

Sports Photograph

All-Georgia: “Spikeball Player,” Samuel Rice, The Verve, The King’s Academy

Superior: “Present the Trophy,” Annika Pepper, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School; “The Game is My Practice,” Jordyn Mobley, McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School

News Photograph

All-Georgia: “School House System,” Ella Crevar, The Verve, The King’s Academy

Superior: “Empty Chair,” Christ Tun, McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School; “Power in Silence,” Jennifer Xia, The Messenger, Northview High School; “Warnock Rallies Athens,” Krista Shumaker, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Feature/Entertainment Photograph

All-Georgia: “The Closet of a Raven,” Izzy Pullias, McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School

Superior: “Charging Forward,” Jennifer Xia, The Messenger, Northview High School; “One act cast: two time regional champions,” Alexandra Audrain, Pitchfork, Marietta High School

Photo Essay

All-Georgia: “Back to back to back to back to back,” Annika Pepper, The Prowler, Starr’s Mill High School

Superior: “A Barren City,” Grace Peng, The Messenger, Northview High School; “The Reality of COVID-19,” Savannah Hernandez, Pitchfork, Marietta High School

Information Graphic

All-Georgia: “Immunize Wise,” Maddie Poch, The C&G, Holy Innocents’ Episcopal School

Superior: “Northview Lunch: The Breakdown,” Melissa Liu, The Messenger, Northview High School; “GA Runoffs,” Grace Peng, The Messenger, Northview High School; “Vaccine trial infographic,” Jackie Wright, BluePrints Newsmagazine, Cedar Shoals High School

Advertising Design

All-Georgia: "Beard Papas," Grace Peng, The Messenger, Northview High School
Superior: "Alpha Rug Expo," Rosemary Chesney, The Verve, The King's Academy; "Holiday Cards," Ella Chesney, Pitchfork, Marietta High School

Social Media Storytelling

All-Georgia: "FEM March," Jennifer Xia, The Messenger, Northview High School
Superior: "Noah Schoper Student Spotlight," Claire Shirley, The Verve, The King's Academy; "Quarantings," Meghana Ramineni, The Messenger, Northview High School

Social Media Breaking News

All-Georgia: "Name Change Coverage," Lindsay Ruhl, The Southerner, Grady High School
Superior: "Vaccine pool update," Jennifer Xia, The Messenger, Northview High School; "What are you doing in quarantine," Melissa Liu, The Messenger, Northview High School

Social Media Promotion

All-Georgia: "Application animation," Melissa Liu, The Messenger, Northview High School
Superior: "Senior Night," Marilee Karinschak, Live @ 1575, Greater Atlanta Christian School; "Upcoming articles," Emily Anderson, The Verve, The King's Academy

Emerging Media

All-Georgia: "VHP Atlanta BalVihar: The Connection of Culture from Old to Young," Shreya Mishra, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School
Superior: "More than just Melanin: the striking impact of Colorism in our Community," Naisha Roy and Saahithya Gutta, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School; "The fairest of them all: Misogyny's tight grip on women," Zioni Moore, The Chant, North Cobb High School

Social Justice Reporting

All-Georgia: "The evolution of opinions surrounding the death penalty" Jemiah Clemons, The Chant North Cobb High School
Superior: "Downtown Athens Black Lives Matter protests" Naomi Hendershot, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School; "CCSD students tackle racism through education and activism," Jackie Wright, BluePrints Magazine, Cedar Shoals High School; "Kamala Harris: First Black Vice President," Chisom Ubajah, MHS Trail, McIntosh High School

COVID-19 Reporting

All-Georgia: "Cedar Shoals alumni participate in Moderna vaccine trial," Jackie Wright, BluePrints Magazine, Cedar Shoals High School
Superior: "Beloved former U.S. History teacher Dorothy McGirt passes away from COVID-19," Lanier Pickren, The Southerner, Grady High School; "Adapt or die," Daniel Stackhouse, The Prowler, Starr's Mill High School; "Various local and state educational institutions close their doors in response to COVID-19," Ireland McCage, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School; "On the frontlines," Grace Peng and Rachel Everett, The Messenger, Northview High School

Achievement Awards

Administrators of the Year: Dr. Grant Rivera, Superintendent of Marietta City Schools

Community Service: Pitchfork Staff, Marietta High School

Freedom of the Press: Carmel Yonas, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School

Georgia Champion Journalist

Winner: Owen Donnelly, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Runner-Up: Natalie Ripps, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Georgia Junior Champion Journalist

Winner: Audrey Enghauser, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

Runner-Up: Natalie Schliekelman, ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School

First Amendment Essay Contest

Winner: Naisha Roy, The Bird Feed, South Forsyth High School

Second Place: TyKerius Monford, BluePrints Newsmagazine, Cedar Shoals High School

Third Place: Anna Schmidt, BluePrints Newsmagazine, Cedar Shoals High School

Spring 2021 General Excellence Rankings

BROADCAST

Middle School
Superior: Warrior News, JC Booth Middle School

Small School

Superior: Live@1575, Greater Atlanta Christian**

NEWSPAPER

Superior: The Verve, The King's Academy; The Knightly News**; Pace Academy; Pitchfork, Marietta High School; The Liberty Bell, Mount Pisgah Christian School; The Forum, The Paidaia School
Excellent: Green & Gold, Wesleyan School

NEWSMAGAZINE

Superior: The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School; Milk., Mill Springs Academy; ODYSSEY Newsmagazine, Clarke Central High School**; The C&G, Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

NEWS WEBSITE

Middle School
Excellent: Warrior News, J.C. Booth Middle School

Small School

Superior: The Knightly News, Pace Academy*
Excellent: The Verve, The King's Academy

Medium School

Superior: The Prowler, Starr's Mill High School; The Southerner Online, Grady High School**;
ODYSSEY Media Group, Clarke Central High School
Excellent: BluePrints Magazine, Cedar Shoals High School; The Oracle, North Springs High School; McIntosh Trail, McIntosh High School; Achievement: The Speculator, Chattahoochee High School

Large School

Excellent: The Chant, North Cobb High School; The Birdfeed, South Forsyth High School*; The Sting, Roswell High School

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