

NKC Schools student journalists from all four high schools had a stellar day at the Annual Missouri Interscholastic Press Association State Journalism Day at the University of Missouri-Columbia on March 29, 2023. Award rankings were given on four levels: at the top were Best of Show and All-Missouri, followed by Superior, Excellent, and Honorable Mention. Congratulations to the following:

## **STALEY HIGH SCHOOL**

### **OVERALL PUBLICATIONS AWARDS**

- **Legacy yearbook:** All Missouri
- **STTV broadcast:** All Missouri
- **Talon newsmagazine:** All Missouri

### **BEST OF SHOW**

- **Mason Baugh**, Broadcasting Mini-Documentary, “Gentle Giant”
- **Grace Winkler**, Editorial Cartoon, “Talon – Lockdown”
- **Elizabeth Hihath & Orukeme Ogolor**, Broadcasting News Feature, Harvester’s Food Pantry
- **Jackson Phelps**, Radio/Podcast Sports Play-by-Play, “Liberty @ Staley”
- **Jillian Burks**, Yearbook Specialty Design, “The Flock”
- **Kambel Overfelt**, Radio/Podcast Talk Show, “N2 Sports Broadcast – Willy Gay Jr.”

### **ALL MISSOURI**

- **Brianne Tremper**, Newsmagazine News Feature, “Facing Fentanyl”
- **Rory Freyermuth**, Online Editorial/Op-Ed: “‘Top Gun: Maverick’ Is Top-Tier Movie”
- **McKenna Dubes**, Student Life Organization Photo, “Legacy Homecoming Crowning”
- **Mason Baugh**, Portrait Photography, “N2 Sports Broadcast – Draiden Parks”
- **McKenna Armstrong**, Yearbook Writing, “Riverside Greenhouse”
- **Logan Thom**, Academic Photo, “Foods”

### **SUPERIOR**

- **Fallyn Kowalski**, Online Editorial/Op-Ed, “Disney Announces ‘Little Mermaid’ Remake”
- **Malary Scaggs**, Broadcast Human Interest Feature, “Equestrian Riding”
- **Willow Wooldridge**, Newsmagazine News Feature, “Bathroom Break”
- **Landyn Goldberg**, Sports Photography, “N2 Sports – Dunk”
- **Grace Winkler**, Artwork, “Talon - Facing Fentanyl Cover Art”
- **Grace Winkler**, Editorial Cartoon, “Talon – Phone Policy”
- **Fallyn Kowalski & Elyse Bredfeldt**, StaleyNews.com Overall Website
- **Joe Smith**, Newsmagazine Sports Reporting, “Talon – Girls Golf”

### **EXCELLENT**

- **Emma Rayl, Haylee Thompson**, Broadcast Human Interest Feature, “Knee Injury Can’t Keep Swimmer Out of Water”
- **Allie Misenhelter**, Sports Photography, “Legacy Courtwarming Dunks”

- **Molly McCullough**, Student Life Photography, “Art Club”
- **Sophie Holman**, Sports Photography, “Basketball”

#### **HONORABLE MENTION**

- **Ali Schulz**, Yearbook Mods, “Boys Soccer Impression”
- **Fallyn Kowalski**, Online Sports package, “Flag Football Reflects On Pilot Season”
- **Kendall Warren**, Yearbook Writing, “KC Current”
- **Jackson Phelps & Mason Baugh**, Broadcasting Sports Feature Story, “Senior Football Players Reflect”
- **Madeline Wright**, Broadcasting Sports Feature Story, “Special Olympics Hoopers”
- **Elyse Bredfeldt**, Sports Feature Photo, “Football Banner”
- **Grace Winkler**, Editorial Cartoon, “Talon – Monday Blues”
- **Collin McGinley**, Sports Feature Photography, “Talon – Tennis Action Shot”

#### **MIJA STATE HONOR ROLL**

- Fatima Abu
- Mason Baugh
- Elyse Bredfeldt
- Christal Cooper
- McKenna Dubes
- Landyn Goldberg
- Quinn Golden
- Elizabeth Hihath
- Fallyn Kowalski
- Kyla Nguyen
- Jackson Phelps
- Vincent Ridpath
- Jayden Rivas Beckham
- Malary Scaggs
- Bailey Schafersman
- Reagan Schulz
- Michael Sielaff
- Simon Whitty
- Robert Wiggs
- Grace Winkler

#### **OAK PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **OVERALL PUBLICATIONS AWARDS**

- N2 Sports broadcasting - Best of Show
- The Axe - Broadcast Show Announcements - Superior
- The Northmen’s Log newsmagazine – Superior
- 2021-2022 Cambia Yearbook - Excellent
- NorthmenNews website - Excellent

- The Axe - Broadcast Show with Video - Honorable Mention

### **BEST OF SHOW**

- **Brayden Gillespie**, Student Life Photo, "All Smiles"

### **ALL MISSOURI**

- **Lily House**, Breaking Bews, "A Street-Side Pick-Up"
- **Makayla Mayhew**, **Alex Beals**, and **Nathan Beeson**, Look-Live On-Site Broadcast, "Why Sessions?"

### **SUPERIOR**

- **Ivy Byers**, News Story, "Scholar Bowl"
- **Ben Dunaway**, Sports Photo, "Football"
- **Lili Everley**, Infographics, "Steps to a New Superintendent"
- **Lili Everley**, Sports Package, "Mens Soccer Kicking it into High Gear"

### **EXCELLENT**

- **Charli Miller**, Sports Photo, "Don't Sweat It"
- **Charli Miller**, Academic Photo, "A Work of Art"
- **Tatem Petet** and **Mia Ivan**, News Feature, "Everyone Deserves to Play"
- **Ben Place**, Sports Reporting, "Oak Park Football Success Story: Change of a Culture"
- **Lili Everley**, Sports Package, "Trailblazing Female Athletes Bring Flag Football to Oak Park"
- **Charli Miller**, Sports Photo, "Football gets back up EVERY time; continues 5-0 season"

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

- **Ben Hass**, Sports Feature Podcast, "Football"
- **Brayden Gillespie**, Student Life Photo, "Assembly Chaos"
- **Elayna Rodriguez**, Specialty Design, "Fall Division"
- **Jacob Eischen**, Editorial, "Bring Back Our Free Lunch"
- **Veronica Mourwel**, Centerspread Page Design, "Will They Return?"
- **Bela Parrett**, News Feature, "Changes in School Lunches Affect Students and Staff"
- **Tatem Petet**, News Feature, "Homeless Don't Have to be Hopeless"
- **Brynlee Tucker**, Sports Photo, "Girls Basketball"
- **Loran Loew**, Opinion Column, "Women's Empowerment Needed Now More than Ever"
- **Veronica Mourwel**, Feature Package, "Seniors Show Creativity in their Parking Spots"
- **Rachel Prate**, Sports Package, "Journey at the Tourney"
- **Rachel Prate**, Sports Photo, "Tennis in the Morning"

### **MIJA STATE HONOR ROLL**

- Veronical Mourwel
- Tatem Petet
- Rachel Prate
- Ivy Byers

- Makayla Mayhew

## **NORTH KANSAS CITY HIGH SCHOOL**

### **OVERALL PUBLICATIONS AWARDS**

- The Hornet's Buzz: All Missouri
- The Purgold Yearbook: All Missouri
- NTV News: Superior
- The Hornet's Buzz, NorthtownNews.com: Excellent
- N2 Sports, NKChornets.org: Honorable Mention

### **BEST OF SHOW**

- **Aixa Ramirez**, Sports Action Photography, "Just Keep Breathing"
- **Andrea Hernandez** and **Dayanara Soto**, Student Life Package, "Multicultural Assembly"
- **Maya Andres** and **Gabrielle Kellgren**, Yearbook Mod, "What's in your bag?"
- **Luke Casebolt** and **Robert Morrow**, Sports News Story, "A New Sport at Northtown: Girls Flag Football"

### **ALL-MISSOURI**

- **Gerald Lewis**, On Site Strategic Communications Contest
- **N2 Sports Staff**, Social Media Reporting, Instagram @n2sportsnkchs
- **N2 Sports Staff**, Social Media Reporting, Twitter @N2sportsnkchs
- **Sara Hanon**, Student Life/Organizations Photography, "Everyone All Together"
- **Andrea Hernandez**, Student Life/Organizations Photography, "Trunk or Treat"
- **Naomi Powers** and **Clean Sargent**, Student Life Package, "The Addams Family"

### **SUPERIOR**

- **N2 Sports Staff**, Online Social Media Reporting, N2 Sports TikTok
- **Gerald Lewis**, Online Sports Package, "A Stunning Opener"
- **Gabriel Hinosoja**, Sports Photography, "Alex Gunnels with the Three"
- **Maya Andres**, Student Life/Organizations Photography, "Fan Dance"
- **Sara Hanon**, Sports Feature/Reaction Photography, "A Moment to Remember"
- **Julian Novero**, Yearbook Writing, "Ballerina On Pointe"

### **EXCELLENT**

- **Lily Patterson**, Academic Photography, "Kelli Phariss"
- **Audrey Harris**, InDepth Feature, "To IB or Not to IB"
- **Brennen Knabe**, Live Sports Broadcast-Talent, "Olathe West's Eruption Against NKC"
- **Gabriel Hinojosa**, Photography- Portrait, "Process>Outcome"
- **Leah Cox**, Sports Feature/Reaction Photo, "Flying High!"
- **Jaden Frederique**, Human Interest Feature, "NKC Teacher Feature: The McSparins"
- **Gabrielle Kellgren**, Yearbook Overall Theme Concept, "We Belong Together"

## HONORABLE MENTION

- **Aurora Nicol**, Centerspread Page Design, “Applying to College”
- **Sophia McAttee**, Infographic, “First Valentine”
- **Grace Campbell**, Sports Photography, “Tagged!”
- **Jaden Frederique**, Human Interest Feature, NKC Club Feature: Majorettes
- **SaDerra Gill** and **Jocelyn Brito-Velazquez**, Human Interest Feature, 2022 Homecoming Queen Candidates
- **Leah Cox**, Sports Feature/Reaction Photo, “Warm Up!”
- **Leah Cox**, Broadcasting - Sports Feature Story, “NKC Homecoming”
- **Leah Cox** and **Zoe Payne**, Broadcasting - Mini Documentary, “N2 vs Sports (Dive)”
- **Sara Hanon**, Portrait/People Package, “Down the NKC Catwalk”

## MIJA STATE HONOR ROLL

- **Sara Hanon**, *The Purgold*
- **Brennen Knabe**, *N2 Sports*
- **Aurora Nicol**, *The Buzz*
- **Kiara Sanchez**, *The Purgold*

## WINNETONKA HIGH SCHOOL:

### HONORABLE MENTION

- **Cheyenne Brown** and **Molly Bryant**, Newspaper/News Magazine Overall

You can view the winning entries of the “Best of Show” top awards and read more contest details on the MIJA website: <https://mipajournalism.com/4919/j-day/2023-j-day-awards/>