

2009 First State High School Communications Contest Award Winners

Congratulations to all of the students who entered their work in the 2009 First State High School Communications Contest co-sponsored by Delaware Press Association and *The News Journal*. The names of the contest judges and those who received awards are listed below.

Cartooning

Judge: Jack Jurden, cartoonist

1st Place	Maggie Spagnolo, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Political Views Differ"
2nd Place	Maggie diGirolamo, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "'Community Organizer' Runs for Vice President"
3rd Place	Tian Mi, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Locker Stealing Inconvenience"
Hon. M.	Jennifer Chao, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Joe the Plumber Learns about Society"

Column

Judge: Geraldine Elter, freelance writer

1st Place	Julie Wersebe, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School A Column with a View: "School Board Suspends Students for Long Hair," "Alabama School Plan Keeps Boys from Girls," "College Board Adopts Policy to Reduce Stress"
2nd Place	Josh Crampsey, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "The TV Season Comes to a Startling Close," "Special Guests Abound on 30 Rock," "Heroes Gets Better over Time"
3rd Place	Victoria Graver, <i>Viking Ventures</i> , Cape Henlopen High School "Two-Face"
HM	Sean Dolan, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Wit from a Walrus"

Double Truck Layout

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

1st Place	Stephen Taylor, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "Glasgow The Real Deal"
2nd Place	Emily Guillen, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Election 2008"
3rd Place	Julie Wersebe, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "In the Spotlight: Election 2008"
HM	Sarah Margerison, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "The Dragon's Fire – Senior Edition"

Editorial

Judge: John Sweeney, editorial page editor, *The News Journal*

- 1st Place Lizzy Lee, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington, "Charter Cheating Overwhelming"
- 2nd Place Lori Glass, *The Dragon's Fire*, Glasgow High School "Call Me"
- 3rd Place Jacob Markiewitz & Zach Warren, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Adolf Hitler Was a Munitions Manufacturer?"

Feature

Judges: Joel Glazier, freelance writer; Jean Hull Herman, editor, *The Pen Woman*; Paula Kelly, freelance writer; Mary Lou Ponsell, former editor *Delaware Today*; Ann Rydgren, former editor *Delaware Audubon Journal*

- 1st Place Yanni Kaliakin, *The Forum*, Wilmington Christian School "Tell It Like Shakespeare"
- 2nd Place Paulina Singh, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "PETA Links Dissection, Suicide"
- 3rd Place Jessica Walther, *Tiger Pause*, Alexis I. duPont High School "A.I. Tradition Goes Berserk"
- Hon. M. Greg Fleming, *The Salesianum Review*, Salesianum High School "Green Lockers: The History Behind the Hue"

Feature Photo

Judge: Lynn Troy Maniscalco, freelance photographer

- 1st Place Camille Sennett, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School "Bucs Get Spirited"
- 2nd Place Julie Wersebe, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School "Fiddler on the Roof"
- 3rd Place Samantha Wolff, *The Forum*, Wilmington Christian School "Homecoming '08 Weekend of Wow"
- Hon. M. Jacob Markiewitz, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Girls wish prom invitation to be special, romantic"

Graphics

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

- 1st Place Jacob Markiewitz, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Fencing Popular at Charter"
- 2nd Place Julie Wersebe, *The Jolly Roger*, Milford High School "Republican/Democratic Map"
- 3rd Place Cathy Lee, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Getting Ready for Prom Banner"
- Hon. M Josh Crampsey, *The Blue Streak*, The Charter School of Wilmington "Students' Top 10 Albums of 2008 Differ"

News

Judges: Allan Loudell, anchor/reporter/interviewer/host of "Delaware's News at Noon," WDEL NewsTalk Radio and his team from WDEL — Al Mascitti and Chris Carl, and from *The News Journal* — Beth Miller

1st Place	Dara McBride, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Charter President Removed"
2nd Place	Madeline Brooks, <i>The Forum</i> , Wilmington Christian School "Phenomenal Food Drives"
2nd Place	Meredith Steenkamer, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Steroid Testing Expands to Student Athletes"
3rd Place	Victoria Chang, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Parking lot presents danger to students"
Hon. M.	Naomi Parikh, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Teachers Design Day Especially for Freshmen"
Hon. M.	Brianna Tong, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Obama's Promises Hope to be Met"

Opinion

Judge: Rita Truschel, freelance writer

1st Place	Greg Fleming, <i>The Salesianum Review</i> , Salesianum School "Safe Driving Habits Can Save Countless Lives For Students"
2nd Place	Dan Jackoway, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Pledge 'blasphemous'"
3rd Place	Monica Link, <i>Tiger Pause</i> , Alexis I. du Pont High School "'Ageism' Becomes Problem at Christiana Mall"
Hon. M.	Katya Rivera, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Student Attempts to Master AP Exam"

Reviews

Judge: Carol Kipp, freelance writer

1st Place	Kevin Kaminsky, <i>The Salesianum Review</i> , Salesianum School "Watchmen: Much More Than Your Average Comic"
2nd Place	Jess Martin, <i>The Forum</i> , Wilmington Christian School "Top Five Chick Flick Movie Rental"
3 rd Place	Billy Soltsmann, <i>The Forum</i> , Wilmington Christian School "Twilight"
Hon. M	Emily Guillen, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Eulalie Stands Out in Musical"

Single Page Layout

Judge: Joy Smoker, senior graphic designer, *Out & About Magazine*

1st Place	Josh Cromsey, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Entertainment"
2nd Place	Camille Sennett, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Front Page"
3rd Place	Julie Wersebe, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Feature Page"
Hon. M	Megan Brown, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "Technology"

Sports

Judge: Kevin Tresolini, sports reporter, *The News Journal*

1st Place	Monica Link, <i>Tiger Pause</i> , Alexis I. du Pont High School "Tiger Football Lends Helping Hand"
2nd Place	Naomi Parikh, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Athlete of the Issue: Aaron Pettyjohn Veteran Runner Helps Track Team Capture Conference Championship"
3rd Place	Zach Warren, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Boys Sports Stomp Competition"
Hon. M.	Nada Kazzaz, <i>The Dragon's Fire</i> , Glasgow High School "Boys' and Girls' Cross Country"

Sports Photo

Judge: Lynn Troy Maniscalco, freelance photographer

1st Place	Gretchen Brizendine, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "Wrestling"
2nd Place	Sarah Kolobielski, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "Controls the ball down the field"
3rd Place	Erick Cisneros, <i>The Jolly Roger</i> , Milford High School "MHS senior Dominique Cartwright runs with the pack in the 3200-meter relay Friday, April 4, at the Nesbitt Relays at Queen Anne's County High School"
Hon. M.	Tom Nixon, <i>The Blue Streak</i> , The Charter School of Wilmington "The boys' volleyball team huddles at their game against Dickinson High School"