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MESA STATE HONORS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR EXCELLENCE

Grand Junction - Mesa State College's Mass Communication program is honoring a Montezuma – Cortez High School student with a full-year scholarship and presenting over 125 awards to individual students and their high schools for excellence in journalism as part of Media Days 2009.

The 2009 Media Days Scholarship winner is Bryan Wells, a senior at Montezuma-Cortez High School. He will enroll at Mesa State in the fall, pursuing a degree in Mass Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations.

Wells, son of Jeffrey and Shannon Wells of Dolores, is currently Editor-in-Chief of his high school paper, *The Panther Press*. Under his leadership, the newspaper has produced two special 16-page issues and captured several awards in the Mesa State Media Days competition. Wells looks forward to applying his talents and academic background when he arrives at MSC in the fall.

"I have accrued experience in areas ranging from news writing, graphic design and photography to ad sales and public relations," Wells wrote in his scholarship application letter. "I would like to use what I've learned to benefit Mesa State College."

Several schools were honored for excellence in newspaper and yearbook competitions. In the large high school newspaper category, Fruita-Monument placed first, followed by Montezuma-Cortez and Moffat County. In the small high school division, Plateau Valley placed first, followed by Cedaredge and DeBeque high schools.

The awards are co-sponsored by The Daily Sentinel and Mesa State's Mass Communication Department.

In yearbook competition, Central High School in Grand Junction won the large high school competition. In the small high school division, Cedaredge placed first followed by Plateau Valley and Paonia.

Additional awards were presented in categories ranging from sports photography, editorial writing and feature writing to yearbook photography and design. A full list of winners and categories is available online at <http://www.mesastate.edu/masscomm/mediaday.html>.

“This was one of our best years for the competition. The quality of the entries this year was remarkable, said MSC Mass Communication Director Byron Evers. “The manner in which students are adapting to new technology applications is clearly an indication of what the future holds for journalism.”

This year’s program featured collaboration with the University of Colorado School of Journalism. Through a grant from the Cox Foundation, named in honor of The Daily Sentinel’s former publisher, George Orbanek, students from six western Colorado high schools and Mesa State College received an in-depth tour for “*The Invisible Web*” and the rich resources that are available to journalists in all media fields. Alan Kirkpatrick, Outreach Director for the School of Journalism, directs the program.

Mesa State’s Mass Communication program offers bachelor’s degrees in areas including journalism, new media, broadcasting and public relations/advertising. The program has been recognized nationally for excellence in publications and continues to have a high success rate in job placement and graduate school acceptance.

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Note to editors – Below is a full list of 2009 winners

19th Annual Media Day Winners 2009

Plaque Awards Co-sponsored with the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel

Best Overall Newspaper
Large High School Division
1st Place – Fruita-Monument
The Catalyst

Best Overall Newspaper
Large High School Division
2nd Place – Cortez
The Panther

Best Overall Newspaper
Large High School Division
3rd Place – Moffat County
The Post Script

Best Overall Newspaper
Small High School Division
1st Place – Plateau Valley
The Branding Iron

Best Overall Newspaper
Small High School Division
2nd Place – Cedaredge
Bruin Tracks

Best Overall Newspaper
Small High School Division
3rd Place – DeBeque
Dragon's Den

Best Overall Yearbook
Small High School Division
1st Place – Cedaredge

Best Overall Yearbook
Small High School Division
2nd Place – Plateau Valley

Best Overall Yearbook
Small High School Division
3rd Place – Paonia

Best Overall Yearbook
Large High School Division
1st Place – G.J. Central

19th Annual Media Day

Certificate Awards

Best Large School All Around Sports Photo

- 1st Moffat High School
- 2nd Central High School

Best Small School All Around Sports Photo

- 1st Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Plateau Valley High School

Best Large School Sports Photo

- 1st Courtney Teeter- Moffat County High School
- 2nd Amanda Lee- Central High School
- 3rd Alyssa Workman- Central High School
- 3rd Katherine Cork- Moffat County High School

Best Small School Sports Photo

- 1st Devin Larson- Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Courtney Bernatis- Plateau Valley High School
- 3rd Devin Larson- Cedaredge High School
- 3rd Kalie McQuillen- Cedaredge High School

Best Large School All Around Editorial

- 1st Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Montezuma Cortez High School

Best Small School All Around Editorial

- 1st Plateau Valley High School
- 2nd Cedaredge High School

Best Large School Editorial

- 1st Mason White- Montezuma Cortez High School
- 2nd Bri Castellini- Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Kate Schwenke- Fruita Monument High School
- 3rd Cassondra Renfro- Fruita Monument High School

Best Small School Editorial

- 1st Kaitlin Louise Pettit- Plateau Valley High School
- 1st Max Watson Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Samantha Goodrich- Plateau Valley High School
- 3rd Olivia Kenney- Cedaredge High School

Best Large School All Around Sports Writing

- 1st Central High School
- 2nd Montezuma Cortez High School
- 3rd Moffat County High School

Best Small School All Around Sports Writing

- 1st Cedaredge High School

Best Large School Sports Writing

- 1st Alyssa Workman- Central High School
- 2nd David Laubly- Central High School
- 2nd Jackie Ramsey- Montezuma Cortez High School
- 3rd Sylvia Lopez- Montezuma Cortez High School

- 3rd Gavin Thompson- Moffat County High School
- Best Small School Sports Writing
 - 1st Olivia Kenney- Cedaredge High School
 - 2nd Max Watson- Cedaredge High School
 - 3rd Dessa Markley- Cedaredge High School
- Best Large School All Around Feature
 - 1st Montezuma Cortez High School
 - 2nd Fruita Monument High School
 - 3rd Central High School
 - 3rd Moffat County High School
- Best Small School All Around Feature
 - 1st Plateau Valley High School
 - 2nd Cedaredge High School
- Best Large School Feature
 - 1st Fretrina Sullivan- Montezuma Cortez High School
 - 2nd Kayla Roofo- Montezuma Cortez High School
 - 2nd Kole Bridge- Fruita Monument High School
 - 3rd Whitney Littrell- Central High School
 - 3rd Gavin Thompson- Moffat County High School
- Best Small School Feature
 - 1st Emma Woodyard- Plateau Valley High School
 - 2nd Courtney Bernatis- Plateau Valley High School
 - 3rd Devin Larson- Cedaredge High School
- Best Small School All Around Yearbook Photography
 - 1st Cedaredge High School
- Best Small School Yearbook Photography
 - 1st Hastings Padua- Cedaredge High School
 - 2nd Devin Larson- Cedaredge High School
 - 3rd Jon Smail- Cedaredge High School
- Best Large School All Around Features Photography
 - 1st Moffat County High School
 - 2nd Central High School
- Best Small School All Around Features Photography
 - 1st Cedaredge High School
 - 2nd Plateau Valley High School
- Best Large School Features Photography
 - 1st Katherine Cork- Moffat County High School
 - 2nd Katherine Cork- Moffat County High School
 - 3rd Amanda Lee- Central High School
- Best Small School Features Photography
 - 1st Kalie McQuillen- Cedaredge High School
 - 2nd Emma Woodyard- Plateau Valley High School
 - 3rd Devin Larson- Cedaredge High School
- Best Large School All Around Cartooning
 - 1st Moffat County High School
- Best Large School Cartooning
 - 1st Emma Attolini- Moffat County High School
 - 2nd Cody Curry- Moffat County High School
- Best Small School All Around Yearbook Page Design
 - 1st Cedaredge High School

Best Small School Yearbook Page Design

- 1st Cori Ward- Cedaredge High School
- 1st Hastings Padua- Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Ariel Benson- Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Megan Caywood- Cedaredge High School
- 3rd Kristen Otts- Cedaredge High School

Best Large School All Around News Writing

- 1st Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Montezuma Cortez High School
- 3rd Moffat County High School

Best Large School News Writing

- 1st Bri Catellini- Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Austin Cope- Montezuma Cortez High School
- 2nd Trevor Daggars and Kelli Konicek- Fruita Monument High School
- 3rd Derrick Ferguson- Moffat County High School

Best Small School All Around News Writing

- 1st Cedaredge High School
- 1st Plateau Valley High School

Best Small School News Writing

- 1st Kalie McQuillen- Cedaredge High School
- 2nd Clancy Jandreau- Plateau Valley High School
- 3rd Emma Wodyard- Plateau Valley High School

Best Large School All Around Advertising

- 1st Central High School
- 1st Moffat County High School

Best Large School Advertising

- 1st Jessica Earl- Central High School
- 2nd Emily Miller- Moffat County High School
- 3rd Emily Miller- Moffat County High School

Best Large School All Around Column

- 1st Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Moffat County High School
- 3rd Montezuma Cortez High School

Best Large School Column

- 1st Gavin Thompson- Moffat County High School
- 1st Kate Schwenke- Fruita Monument High School
- 2nd Amy Ha- Montezuma-Cortez High School
- 3rd Mason White- Montezuma Cortez High School

Best Small School Column

- 1st Christian Hill- Plateau Valley High School

Best Large School All A round Graphic Illustration

- 1st Central High School
- 2nd Moffat County High School

Best Small School All Around Graphic Illustration

- 1st Plateau Valley High School

Best Large School Graphic Illustration

- 1st Erik Newhouse- Central High School
- 2nd Courtney Teeter- Moffat County High School
- 3rd Jessica Earl, Farron Mock and Alyssa Workman- Central High School

Best Small School Graphic Illustration

1st Chase Langley- Plateau Valley High School
2nd Kaitlin Pettit- Plateau Valley High School
3rd Julia Gross- Plateau Valley High School

Best Large School All Around Newspaper Photo
1st Moffat County High School
2nd Central High School

Best Small School All Around Newspaper Photo
1st Cedaredge High School

Best Large School Newspaper Photo
1st Courtney Teeter- Moffat County High School
2nd Jasmine Corbin- Central High School
3rd Derrick Ferguson- Moffat County High School

Best Small School Newspaper Photo
1st Olivia Kenney- Cedaredge High School

Best Large School All Around Full Page Newspaper
1st Moffat County High School
2nd Central High School
3rd Fruita Monument High School

Best Small School All Around Full Page Newspaper
1st Cedaredge High School

Best Large School Full Page Newspaper
1st Derrick Ferguson- Moffat County High School
2nd Kayla Masukawa- Central High School
3rd Kole Bridge- Fruita Monument High School

Best Small School Full Page Newspaper
1st Dessa Markley- Cedaredge High School
2nd Kalie McQuillen- Cedaredge High School
3rd Max Watson- Cedaredge High School

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Best Small School All Around Newspaper
1st Plateau Valley High School- The Branding Iron
2nd Cedaredge High School- Bruin Tracks
3rd Debeque High School- Dragon's Den

Best Large School Yearbook
1st Central High School

Best Small School Yearbook
1st Cedaredge High School
2nd Plateau Valley High School
3rd Paonia High School

Honorable Mention Eagle Valley High School