

2016 Adviser's Challenge Winners

Objective Writing

First Place – Jayme Quick, Carthage HS

Judge's Comments: Solid piece of writing. Writer wove hard facts with emotional quotes. Great sources. Writer dug deep in the interview for quality quotes. The quotes show the story.

Second Place – Eva Coleman, Frisco ISD

Judge's Comments: Love the lead. Story flows well and paints a full picture. All reader questions are answered by the end of the piece. Excellent use of quotes.

Third Place – M. Beth Franklin, Lampasas HS

Judge's Comments: Beautiful lead. Quotes drive the story. Great details throughout the story.

Subjective Writing

First Place – Laurie Haffelfinger, Crosby HS

Judge's Comments: Emotional piece. It brought me to tears. The scene where the writer tells her children about the cancer is powerful. I felt like I was there – that's the biggest compliment I can give to a writer.

Second Place – Rebecca Plumley, Stony Point HS

Judge's Comments: Short piece, but still very moving. Every word matters in this piece.

Third Place – Erin Cristales, Red Oak JH

Judge's Comments: Fun topic. Love the writer's ability to take you back in time.

Photography

First Place — Danielle Bell, Leander HS

Judge's Comments: Fantastic composition, lens choice and perfect shallow depth of field. This image could run on any publication's front page - or, lacking that, their home page. Makes me proud to be from Texas.

Second Place — Margie Comstock, Jersey_Village

Judge's Comments: This photo made me feel, which is the highest compliment you can give any photograph and rare for a closeup.

Third Place — Meri-Elen Jacobs, West Orange-Stark HS

Judge's Comments: A tough shot to make during one of most daunting of photo assignments in the sports world - the night-time high school football game. I loved the moment. Sometimes a great photograph poses a question instead of an answer.

Honorable Mention — Michael Reeves, Bowie HS

Judge's Comments: This is just a beautiful moment and a nice exposure.