



Alestle earns 10 awards from State College Media

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EDWARDSVILLE - *The Alestle* is back among the top three college media organizations in Illinois for General Excellence among non-daily publications from schools of 4,000 or more.

The Alestle editors received the third place honor at the annual Illinois College Press Association convention on Feb. 17 in Chicago. During the past 13 years, *The Alestle* has only ranked higher in General Excellence once, with a second place in 2014. They were awarded honorable mention in General Excellence in 2001, 2005, 2006, 2010 and 2016.

"I was ecstatic for *The Alestle* to be back in the top three in General Excellence. The competition in our division is fierce," Program Director Tammy Merrett said.

The Alestle also brought home nine other awards in a broad range of categories. Lifestyles Editor Miranda Lintzenich earned first place in the General News Photo category for her photo of rapper Snoop Dogg at St. Louis' 2017 LouFest.

Alestle Editor Ryan Bieri received second place in the large-school division's News Story category. Sports Editor Trent Stuart took second place for headline writing. Photographer Justin Bristol won second place in the Photo Essay category for large schools.

"It's been a bumpy year, but I couldn't be more proud of every member of *The Alestle* staff," Bieri said. "They've all worked so hard to make our paper as good as it is right now."

Former Editor Caitlin Lally won two second place awards, one for Column Writing and the other in Feature Page Design.

Former Cartoonist Nicole Patton won third place in the open division's editorial cartooning category for the second consecutive year. All schools, regardless of size, were eligible to enter their work in that category.

Bristol and Lally also received honorable mention in the Spot News Photo and News Story categories, respectively.

The Alestle competed with 31 Illinois colleges and universities in 15 open categories. Additionally, The Alestle competed in 18 categories against 13 non-daily student newspapers on campuses with more than 4,000 students including Columbia College in Chicago, Loyola University, University of Illinois Springfield, DePaul University and others.

Almost 1,200 entries in the competition were judged for excellence by working journalists across the country.

The Alestle competes nationally against many other newspapers from across the country. Statewide, The Alestle competes regularly against such student newspapers and schools as the Bradley Scout at Bradley University, Columbia Chronicle at Columbia College, DePaulia at DePaul University, Chicago Flame at the University of Illinois-Chicago, the Journal at University of Illinois-Springfield, the Loyola Phoenix at Loyola University and the Independent at Northeastern Illinois University.