

Herald staff wins over 40 awards at Arkansas College Media Association

HERALD STAFF

REPORT

Herald editors and staffers brought home 42 awards in Friday's annual Arkansas College Media Association (ACMA) conference. The conference drew student news outlets from all over the state.

The conference, held at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, recognized the work of student-run newspapers, TV and radio stations, yearbooks and online outlets from 2023. There were over 700 entries.

In addition, students could network with professional news outlets and attend breakout sessions that covered anything from using artificial intelligence in reporting to freelancing.

"I had the dumbest grin on my face the whole time," said Herald editor-in-chief Rachel Rudd. "Working at a student newspaper isn't easy, but getting to see my staff be rewarded for all the work they've put into this paper and just knock it out of the park was amazing."

The general excellence awards are as follows:

- 2nd place Designer of the Year: Rebecca Robinson
- 3rd place Reporter of the Year: Caroline Averitt
- 3rd place Editor of the Year: Rudd
- 3rd place Newspaper General Excellence
- Runner-Up Website

General Excellence Averitt, a senior multimedia journalism major from Jonesboro and Herald life editor, placed in the following categories:

- 1st place Newspaper Headlines
- 1st place Online Personality Profile
- 2nd place Online Headlines
- 2nd place Newspaper Election/Political
- 2nd place Newspaper Editorial Page Layout
- 2nd place Newspaper Review Writing
- 2nd place Audio Podcast (shared with Laila Casiano and Shelby Russom)
- 3rd place Newspaper Feature Writing
- 3rd place Editorials/Commentary/Blogs
- 3rd place Online Personality Profile
- 3rd place Newspaper Sports Story
- 3rd place Online News Writing
- 3rd place Online Arts and Entertainment Articles
- Honorable Mention Online Feature Photo

"It was only meaningful to win anything at all because I was with my fellow staff who have pushed me to be better and grown alongside me," Averitt said. "As a graduating senior, I am so thankful to have been recognized for my work, but more importantly, I am thankful to be a small part

of The Herald and its legacy."

Jerry Don Burton, a sophomore multimedia journalism major from Wynne and Herald news editor, placed second in Online Arts and Entertainment Articles.

Robinson, former Herald editor-in-chief and now a reporter for KASU, placed in the following categories:

- 1st place Online Arts and Entertainment Review
- 1st place Newspaper Review Writing
- 1st place Newspaper Sports Page Layout
- 1st place Online Topical Reporting/Blogs (shared with Rudd)
- 1st place Newspaper Front Page Layout (shared with Rudd)
- Honorable Mention Online Arts and Entertainment Review

Rudd, a senior creative media production major from Beebe, Arkansas, placed in the following categories:

- 1st place In-Depth News
- 1st place Online News Writing
- 1st place Online Feature Writing
- 1st place Online News Photo
- 1st place Front Page Layout (shared with Robinson)
- 1st place Online Topical Reporting (shared with Robinson)
- 2nd place Newspaper Spot News Photo



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Members of the Herald staff posing with their first place certificates.

- 2nd place Newspaper Personality Profile
- 2nd place Newspaper General Column
- 3rd place Multimedia Package
- 3rd place Online Topical Reporting/Blogs
- 3rd place Online Sports Photo
- 3rd place Newspaper In-Depth News
- 3rd place Online In-Depth Reporting
- 3rd place Audio Podcast (won for Red Wolf Radio)
- Honorable Mention Newspaper Feature Writing
- Journalism major from Paragould and Herald staff photographer, placed third in Newspaper Spot News Photo and Newspaper Feature Photo.
- Elijah Templeton, a junior English major from Jonesboro and Herald opinion editor, got an honorable mention in Newspaper Editorial Writing.
- "This was my first ACMA experience and it did not

disappoint," said Casiano, a junior multimedia journalism major from Paragould and Herald social media editor. "I had such a great time being able to learn the different mediums of journalism and seeing the endless possibilities this career can provide."

The next ACMA will be held at the University of Central Arkansas in Conway April 11, 2025.

HEALTH PANEL, CONTINUED

Mothers in marginalized communities often receive lower-quality care due to low income.

Greenfield said his goal is to promote health and wellness to decrease the mortality rate of Black women through fair treatment, medicines, and extra

care. He said treating patients kindly, providing medicine to treat pain and caring for their needs can go a long way in improving maternal health for African American women.

The panelist stressed the importance of prioritizing

women during maternal stages and included the need for individuals to speak up and seek support during pregnancy plus childbirth.

"Maternal health for all is incredibly important, specifically on the issues of Black maternal

health, raising awareness to that and it specifically is important because we have had a disproportionate mortality rate affecting African American women and Native American women not only in this state but in this country," Greenfield said.

The panelists said that for maternal deaths in Black women to be prevented, doctors and nurses should utilize compassionate care and provide adequate support to patients. This can include providing needed medications,

life-saving measures and more. "I want to make sure that we look at this number and we say why is there a difference, and how can we make this difference go away," Loftis, an obstetrician-gynecologist at St. Bernards Medical Center, said.

CAMPUS CRIME, CONTINUED

Mossman asked two men who were exiting the room where the other person was and they said in the bathroom. When the third person came out the officers told them they were no longer welcome and were going to leave with them.

All three subjects were noticeably impaired but politely agreed and notified the officers they had an unloaded firearm. Mossman collected the firearm from under a pillow and verified it was unloaded and secure.

Donohue collected information from the three subjects before they left while Mossman collected information from Witness One.

Mossman asked Witness One if he was aware of any damage caused to the room. Witness

One said he did not notice anything other than muddy floors and trash. Mossman explained the importance of assessing the possibility of damage because they could held liable for any damages.

Mossman made his way down to the lobby with Witness One to make contact with the suspects and victims. Upon entry to the lobby, Lt. Daniel Bradway arrived on the scene and informed Mossman that two of the suspects were under the age of 21 and that they should be charged with Minor in Possession.

Mossman handed Bradway the secured firearm and asked him if he could hold onto it until he was done talking with Victim One. Mossman asked

Victim One if she was OK and she said yes but she had a history of gun violence and any time there are guns around she gets nervous. Victim One said Arrestee One was waving his firearm around and said he was going to shoot her.

Mossman informed Arrestees One and Two that they were under arrest for Minor in Possession. Arrestee Two said he had not been drinking and requested a breathalyzer test. His test came back as past the legal limit for a minor.

Mossman transported Arrestees One and Two to the Craighead County Jail and informed the personnel at the jail that Arrestee One was not to be released as he was also being charged with a felony.

NEW YEAR, CONTINUED

This is the reason why the dresses and suits resemble each other from each country, and that it allows for combinations between Asian nationalities.

With Nepal being fifty-seven years ahead of many other countries, Thapa said the change

can be challenging for some students. However, she said the day and month in Nepal are still the same as in America.

"All of these new companies are trying to modernize people and think we need to have common grounds with all of the

world, so now they are using the American calendar too," Thapa said. "I am not sure if they are letting it (Nepalese calendar) go any time soon or not."

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE

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1. Maternal Health
2. Nepal
3. Patchell
4. Revolutionists
5. Ripley
6. Slow Art Day
7. Arab Heritage
8. City Council
9. Cyber Security
10. Connectivity