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City College of San Francisco’s Journalism Students Win 21 Journalism Awards

SAN FRANCISCO – City College of San Francisco’s (CCSF) journalism students won a total of twenty-one awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) during its annual Northern California Conference held on November 3rd at San Joaquin Delta College. The awards recognized the students’ published work in the College’s student-run bi-weekly newspaper, The Guardsman during Fall 2017 and Spring 2018, as well as On-The-Spot contests held at the JACC conference. CCSF placed second in the total number of awards earned and first in On-The-Spot with seven awards.

“I am extremely proud of our students,” CCSF’s Journalism Department Chair Juan Gonzales said. “Their dedication and passion for journalism are clearly evident given their tremendous success at the conference. The college community should be proud of their accomplishment.” Mr. Gonzales is also the faculty advisor for The Guardsman.

Alexander Mullaney, CCSF alumnus, faculty advisor for the conference, commended the students for their dedication, "Each student was fully engaged, ready to perform in the contests and participate in the seminars. It was a pleasure to watch them succeed."

Peter Suter, editor-in-chief of The Guardsman added, “Attending the conference was a great experience to network, to compete, and to look at the work of other college newspapers. This was a great opportunity for The Guardsman staff not only to bond with each other, but to share the joy in our success at the conference.”

More than 187 students attended the Conference representing sixteen colleges located throughout Northern California. The day-long conference also included a variety of workshops on writing, design, multimedia, and photography. The JACC State Convention will take place in March, 2019.
CCSF Journalism Students awards in Mail-In competition are as follow:

1. General Excellence/Guardsman Online/Guardsman Staff;
2. First Place/Illustration/Melinda Walters;
3. Second Place/Student Designed Ad/Ekevara Kitpowsong;
4. Second Place/Informational Graphic/Melinda Walters;
5. Third Place/Feature Photo/Cassie Ordonio;
6. Third Place/Illustration/Melinda Walters;
7. Fourth Place/Photo Illustration/Bethaney Lee;
8. Fourth Place/Sport Feature Photo/Michael Menaster;
9. Honorable Mention/Environmental Portrait/Otto Pippenger;
10. Honorable Mention/Editorial Cartoon/Quip Johnson;
11. Honorable Mention/Profile Feature Story/Patrick Cochran;
12. Honorable Mention/Sports Game Story/Patrick Cochran;
13. Meritorious Award/Enterprise News Story-Series/Michael Toren, Laurie Maemura, Victor Tence & Bruno Stevens;

CCSF Journalism Students awards in On-The-Spot competition are as follow:

1. First Place/Copy Editing/Quip Johnson;
2. First Place/Editorial Cartoon/Quip Johnson;
3. Second Place/Editorial Cartoon/Chiara Di Martino;
4. Second Place/Feature Photo/Janeth Sanchez;
5. Third Place/News Writing/David Mamaril Horowitz;
6. Honorable Mention/Copy Editing/Lisa Martin;
7. Honorable Mention/Feature Photo/Fran Smith.

According to the college’s history book “City College of San Francisco: The Campus History Series” authored by Julia Bergman, Valerie Sherer Mathers, and Austin White, the first issue of The Guardsman was written in 1935 by two faculty advisors. In 1939, The Guardsman received an All-American rating from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP), which it continued to win fourteen out of the next sixteen semesters. By the spring of 1957, the paper had received its 27th All-American ACP honor rating. In November, 2009, The Guardsman received 20 awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) regional conference against 22 other Northern California colleges. The Guardsman now has 6,000 copies in circulation on a bi-weekly basis.

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For 83 years, City College of San Francisco (CCSF) has been the region’s premiere public, two-year community college. The college is now one of the first in the nation to offer free tuition, providing San Franciscans with the opportunity to access a quality college education and workforce training that leads to university transfer and good jobs. Since its founding in 1935, City College has evolved into a multicultural, multi-campus community college that is one of the largest in the country. CCSF offers more than 250 degrees and certificates and features an award-winning athletics program. For more about City College of San Francisco, please visit https://www.ccsf.edu/.

ABOUT JOURNALISM ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
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