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UM JOURNALIST GOES TO HEARST COMPETITION FINALS

MISSOULA --

After six preliminary rounds of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program national competition University of Montana—Missoula journalism students stood in seventh place overall for writing, held an eighth-place tie for photojournalism and sported a finalist for the championship round.

UM senior Kyle Wood of Miles City is one of eight college journalism students nationwide who will go to San Francisco in May to compete in Hearst’s 36th annual national writing championships.

Newspaper professionals from non-Hearst media will be the judges and will create championship assignments for the finalists.

Wood won his chance for the championship by placing third in Hearst’s editorial/opinion writing competition and seventh in the in-depth feature competition earlier this year.

Justin Grigg, a senior from Portland, Ore., tied for 12th place in spot news writing, the program’s sixth and last round of competition leading up to the championships. Grigg writes regularly for UM’s student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin.

More than 100 colleges and universities with accredited undergraduate journalism schools participate in the Hearst program, which awards $321,700 a year in scholarships, grants and stipends.

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