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LOCAL UM STUDENT IS RUNNER-UP IN NATIONAL COMPETITION MISSOULA —

Kyle Wood of <u>Miles City</u>, a newly graduated journalist from The University of Montana—Missoula, was one of five students nationwide named as runners-up in a national writing championship competition held May 16-21 in San Francisco.

The contest culminated a yearlong series of competitions covering six writing categories in the Journalism Awards Program sponsored annually by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation.

Wood was one of eight students chosen to compete in the writing championship. As a runner-up he'll receive a \$500 scholarship check.

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 to students in print journalism, photojournalism and broadcast news.

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