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CHINOOK STUDENT REACHES COLLEGE BROADCASTING FINALS

MISSOULA –

Melanie Overcast, a junior in the radio-television department at The University of Montana from **Chinook**, has been named a finalist for the 2007 National Broadcast News Championships.

The championships are part of the Hearst Journalism Awards Program, often called the Pulitzers of college journalism.

“We couldn’t be more excited for Melanie,” said radio-TV Assistant Professor Denise Dowling. “She has a perfect 4.0 grade-point average and is just one of those special students who come along once in a blue moon.”

Overcast won an expense-paid trip to San Francisco to compete in the championships June 6-10. There she will vie against other top college journalists in a live competition. The five finalists will be given a story topic, some cab fare and be sent out to report on the spot.

Dowling said the honors keep piling up for Overcast, who recently returned from the Broadcast Education Association conference in Las Vegas, where she received three awards.

She won first place in both the radio news and radio features categories. On the strength of those entries, she was named “Best of Festival” winner as the outstanding entrant

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in the news division. That final honor won her \$1,000 and video editing software.

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