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### JOURNALISM STUDENTS CAPTURE REGIONAL SPJ AWARDS

#### MISSOULA -

The Society of Professional Journalists recently announced its Mark of Excellence awards honoring outstanding college journalism in the Northwest. Students in The University of Montana's School of Journalism captured a dozen first-place awards and swept several categories.

Radio-television students took first in 10 separate categories, and print students captured two top prizes. More than a dozen other students were honored with second- and third-place awards. First-place winners now advance to the national competition where they'll be judged along with first-place winners from 11 other regions. National finalists will be announced this fall.

The awards were presented during a ceremony last month in Portland, Ore. The Northwest region comprises Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

The winners are:

- Badria Al-Abdullah, second place, Radio News Reporting, "LIEAP."
- Rob Ashley and Brandon McDonald, second place, TV Sports Reporting, "Missoula Maulers"; McDonald also won first place, TV Sports Photography, "Missoula Maulers."
- Jackie Bartz, second place, TV General News Reporting, "Open Air." She and Cristin Rennick also won first place, Television Feature, "Grape Harvest." Rennick also captured first place, TV Feature Photography, "Grape Harvest."

- Jacab Baynham, first place, Newspaper In-Depth Reporting, "The Devil's Dandruff."
- Dan Boyce, first place, Radio Sports Reporting, "Table Tennis Club"; second place, Radio Feature, "Holiday Program"; and third place, Radio Feature, "Randy."
- Class of 2007, first place, TV In-Depth Reporting, "Beyond the Myths, Growing Up in Montana."
- Class of 2008, second place, TV In-Depth Reporting, "Montana Journal: Where Are the Alternative Fuels?"
- Ryan Corwin and Ashleigh Ebert, first place, TV General News Reporting, "Interpretive Dance Concert."
- Kim Cosgrove and Jason Hendrickson, third place, TV General News Reporting, "Bees and Terrorism."
  - Danny Davis, second place, Newspaper Editorial Writing.
- Brandon Gondiero and Alex Krigsvold, first place, TV Sports Reporting, "Ping Pong."
  - Kelly Hanson, first place, Radio News Reporting, "Court Appointed Advocates."
  - Eddie Haver, first place, Radio Feature, "Tana's Transition."
  - Jannette Hoerner, second place, Radio Sports Reporting, "Hunters Safety."
  - Jamie Anne Leary, third place, TV Feature Photography, "PEAS Farm."
- Marianne McCormack, third place, Radio News Reporting, "Athletes' Arrest Reaction"; third place, Radio Sports Reporting, "The Hills."
  - Bill Oram, first place, Newspaper Sports Writing, "Bobby's World."
  - Melanie Overcast, second place, Television Feature, "Skydiving."
- Daniel Person, second place, Newspaper In-Depth Reporting, "Embattled on the Blackfeet."
  - Tim Ratte, second place, Newspaper Feature Writing, "Landless No Longer."
  - Nicole Todd, first place, Radio In-Depth Reporting, "The Race."

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