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John B. Michalson, 43, publications adviser at Beaverhead County High School, Dillon, was awarded the 15th Gold Key citation Saturday by the Montana State University School of Journalism.

The award is presented annually to an outstanding publications adviser in Montana.

Dean Nathan B. Blumberg of the School of Journalism presented the key at the 13th autumn conference of the Montana Interscholastic Editorial Association, meeting on campus.

Michalson has been adviser to the Beaverhead High School newspaper, The Beaver, for eight years. Previously, he was adviser to the student newspaper at St. Regis High School.

Since 1955 the Beaverhead publication has won six superior ratings and one all-state rating from the MIEA.

A veteran of World War II, Michalson served in France, Belgium and Germany. While stationed in Texas he was assistant editor of the Camp Fannin newspaper, The Guidon.

Michalson was valedictorian of the 1937 senior class at Thompson Falls High School. He attended Montana State College one year and received his bachelor's degree in 1943 from Eastern Washington College, Cheney. He served as editor of the student newspaper at Eastern Washington College.

Michalson, who received a master's degree from MSU in 1953, also has studied at the University of Grenoble in Grenoble, France.

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