A CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Martys

a contest for Central Ohio’s high school journalists

The Central Ohio Society of Professional Journalists and Dispatch Media Group are proud to announce the 2017 installment of The Martys, an editorial contest for Central Ohio’s high school journalists.

Winners in the contest’s five categories will earn cash prizes and framed award certificates. Additionally, a story on the winners will run in ThisWeek Community News editions across Central Ohio and on ThisWeekNEWS.com, ColumbusParent.com and CentralOhioSPJ.org. A Best of Show winner – chosen from the five category winners – will be honored at Central Ohio SPJ’s annual spring awards dinner and will be offered a mentorship/job shadowing opportunity with local professional journalists.

About Marty

The contest, established in 2011, honors the late Martin L. Rozenman. Marty worked for 27 years – 20 of them as Editor– at Suburban News Publications, which in 2012 merged with ThisWeek. He also worked at The Columbus Dispatch from 2004 until succumbing to a blood disorder in 2010. Marty also was a nine-year board of directors member of the Central Ohio Society of Professional Journalists.

Mentoring high school and college student journalists and reaching out to young people to encourage interest in the profession was a hallmark of Marty’s tenure at SNP – as was mentoring the waves of journalism graduates he hired into their first professional jobs.
The Categories
Six awards will be presented. A single winner will be chosen in five categories:
Best Feature Writing
Best News Writing
Best Opinion Writing
Best Photography
Best Sports Writing

Any form of high school journalism is eligible: newspaper, magazine or online publication. Each category winner will be awarded $100 by Central Ohio SPJ.

From the five category winners, a single Best of Show winner – The Marty – will be chosen. This student will receive a plaque and be honored at Central Ohio SPJ’s annual Founders Day banquet, which is scheduled for April 6. She or he also will be offered a mentorship/job shadowing experience at Dispatch Media Group, which can be tailored to the winner’s schedule and career interests.

Contest rules
- Entries should be from the current school year, published by Feb. 28, 2017.
- There is no entry fee.
- Entries must be postmarked on or before March 10, 2017.
- Entrants should attach a copy of the form below to their entry. Only published stories and photographs are eligible. Please send tearsheets rather than Word documents. For online publications, please supply a hard copy and URL.

Winners will be contacted around the third week of March.

Questions can be addressed to Julanne Hohbach at jhohbach@columbusparent.com or 614-984-2081.

(Clip and attach to entry)

Student’s name: _________________________________________________
School: _________________________________________________________
Category: _______________________________________________________
Name of Entry: ___________________________________________________
Date of Publication/Post: ___________________________________________
Contact name and phone number: ________________________________
(Usually, this contact is the student’s high school journalism adviser.)

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