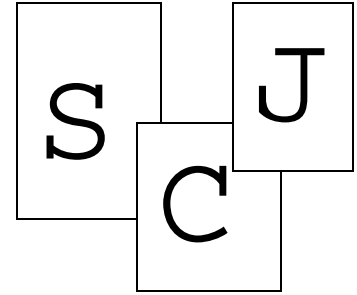


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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2007 NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

Spring 2007

Arthur H. Barlow Award: Student Journalist of the Year

The award, in the name of the former SCJ national executive director and current special projects coordinator, honors an SCJ student chapter member who has represented the spirit of the First Amendment by making an outstanding contribution to student journalism. The award carries a \$500 scholarship made possible by the National Dean's List. SCJ is proud to confer this award upon DUSTIN MAJOR of Clarion University, Clarion, Pennsylvania.

Edward C. McDonald Award: National Chapter of the Year

The award's namesake was instrumental in promoting collegiate journalism worldwide. So great was "Mac's" dedication that he spent 15 years of his retirement working as National Secretary Treasurer of Pi Delta Epsilon, the predecessor of SCJ. SCJ is proud to confer this award upon ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE, Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania.

Sheridan C. Barker Award: National Adviser of the Year

The award, named after a distinguished former SCJ national president, is awarded to a longtime SCJ adviser who advances college media through devotion to press freedom. SCJ is proud to confer this award upon MARY JENNINGS of the University of North Alabama, Florence, Alabama.

Louis E. Ingelhart Award: Freedom of Expression

The award, named after the life-long student journalism advocate, recognizes the student, media organization or media adviser who contributes to freedom of expression at the risk of personal or professional cost. The award carries a \$500 scholarship made possible by The National Dean's List. SCJ is proud to confer this award upon KAREN BOSLEY of Ocean County College, Toms River, New Jersey. We admire the service of these outstanding individuals. They provide us with role models to live up to. Ms. Bosley's nomination read in part: "After a long campus battle the administration of the Ocean County College removed her as the Viking News adviser. After a short legal battle she was reinstated. In July 2006 a Federal district court issued a primary injunction. Judge Stanley R. Chesler ruled that the OCC student's First Amendment rights had been violated. `It is clear that such a retaliatory removal would, nonetheless, have an impermissibly chilling effect on the paper's student editors' freedom of expression in future issues of the paper, and inflict irreparable harm on the Plaintiffs.'" She prevailed.



The Spirit of SCJ

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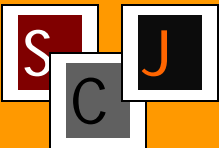
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Art Barlow congratulates SCJ Student Journalist 2007 Dustin Major

Eligibility and Activity

Congratulations to all our contest participants! Win, lose or draw, you're all, each one, making an important difference in the future of journalism where you are!

I would like to remind the membership that the contest, as noted in the National Constitution and Handbook and in the distributed rules, is restricted to active chapters, and entrants must be members of SCJ. Active chapters should induct new members and elect officers annually. If your chapter has not inducted new members for three years, you are inactive; to be reinstated, you must contact me at the National Office, request reactivation for a nominal \$15 fee, and induct at least four new members. Then: DO things!

Those of you who continue to thrive because of enterprising active members and concerned advisers should encourage new chapters at other colleges and universities. Meanwhile, remember there are many more opportunities for chapter activity at your institution, including fund-raising for our national philanthropy, the Student Press Law Center, hosting College Media Days and taking field trips (see pages 20-21 in the Handbook for other suggestions).

And while we are on the subject of field trips, don't forget the SCJ Biennial Convention takes place at Barton College in Wilson, N.C., March 13-15, 2008! Plan ahead. We waive registration for and contribute to the travel and lodging of two attending official student delegates per chapter who will, besides have fun, help us do the work of SCJ at the convention.

So start planning now for the big event - a year moves fast for journalists!

Cheers,

Dr. Bill Ruehlmann, Executive Director

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