

High school students lauded for journalism skills

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Farmington area students walked away with a baker's dozen of awards from the annual Schoolcraft College journalism contest for high school newspapers.

Leading the pack was Our Lady of Mercy OLM Newspaper, which won five awards, including the much-sought-after first place in the best newspaper category.

Earns degree as osteopath

Bruce S. Kovan of Farmington Hills, will receive a doctor of osteopathy degree during commencement exercises June 5 at the College of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Des Moines, Iowa.

The college will confer D.O. degrees on 176 members of the class of 1981. Kovan is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Dennis J. Kovan of 32041 Olde Franklin Drive, Farmington Hills.

Taking second in the same category was the Clarenceville High School Trojan Tribune. Last year, Mercy had placed as an honorable mention in that category.

But it was the Clarenceville publication that surprised the judges with a complete overhaul of its edition under the leadership of editor David Brownstein and adviser Mickey Skarr. Last year, the paper wasn't even among the top five.

But this year's second-place finish nudged out the much-touted Southfield Jay, which finishes in the top five every year.

Clarenceville also won an honorable mention in movie reviews, judged by Detroit News film critic Susan Stark.

Winning the honorable mention was Dennis Hayes for his review "Rock Still Rolling."

The North Farmington High School

Northern Star made its mark in this year's competition by winning four awards. Highest accolades went to Laura Gabel, who took a first place in the news writing category. She entry was entitled "Math Abilities Tested."

ALSO WINNING an award in that category was Mercy's Stacey Koblerzycki, who took a third place for her entry entitled "Students Save for College."

The Farmington High School Blue and White took away two awards to be placed on the mantel. A second place went to Jean Zuborski in the humorous feature writing category for her entry entitled "Christmas has its ups and downs."

She also took a third place in the features personality category for her entry, "One Wild and Crazy Gal."

Other awards won by North Farm-

ington were: an honorable mention in advertising given to Keven Ballentine, advertising manager; an honorable mention to Adam Katz in feature writing for his entry "Exchange students jubilate about their USA trip"; and a second-place award to Lynda Kaol in the reviews category for her story "Achieve Spice in Life."

Mercy's other awards included: a third place in typography and design; an honorable mention for Maureen Burns for her entry "Seniors host visitors from Japan, France" in the features category; a second place to Dawne Fitzgerald in the personality features for her entry "Cyndi's Story Still a Secret."

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