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El Camino College Journalism Students Take Home Top Awards *Union newspaper wins General Excellence*

Several students from The Union newspaper won top awards, including two first place prizes for photography and articles, at the recent Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) state convention in Sacramento. The Union was also honored with the General Excellence award.

Thirteen ECC journalism students participated in the four-day JACC state convention. Students attended educational workshops, networked with industry professionals and four-year university representatives, and competed against hundreds of like-minded college journalism students from across the state.

Student awards were presented in two general areas: mail-ins for work published last year and on-the-spot recognition for material produced in individual timed competitions during the conference.

Student award winners include: Jessica Martinez, first-place copy editing; Amira Petrus, first-place feature photo; James Thompson, fourth-place copy editing; and John Fordiani, meritorious award for Instagram. In addition, Monique Judge won second-place for a feature story, honorable mention for opinion writing and a meritorious award for Instagram.

JACC is a non-profit educational corporation dedicated to community college journalism in California. It is run by an elected board of directors who represent both students and faculty from around the state.

El Camino College student media advisers Stefanie Frith and Kate McLaughlin also attended the conference. McLaughlin is on the JACC board of directors and both advisers volunteered as proctors.

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