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El Camino College Journalism Students Win 31 Awards at Regional Conference

The El Camino College journalism department recently collected 31 awards at this year's Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California conference. About 365 students, representing 23 community colleges from Ventura County to San Diego County, participated in the conference staged at California State University, Fullerton.

El Camino College journalism students participated in on-the-spot writing, design and photography contests at the conference staged at California State University, Fullerton. They also attended workshops led by professional journalists, covering every aspect of the field.

Of the 31 awards, the *Union* newspaper won a General Excellence Award. This mail-in competition included *The Union* publications from fall 2011 and spring 2012.

Viridiana Vaca-Rios was editor-in-chief of the fall 2011 and the spring 2012 *Union* newspapers – she placed in every on-the-spot competition in which she competed. Ashley Curtin was editor-in-chief of the spring 2012 *Warrior Life* magazine.

Student award winners from the mail-in portion of the competition include: Magazine Profile Story, third place, Vaca-Rios; Magazine Feature Story, first place, Lauren Fletcher and third place, Diane Vay; Magazine Opinion Story, third place, Samantha Troisi; Magazine Illustration, third place, Michael Cruz, and fourth place and honorable mention, Del Parvazi; Magazine Cover, honorable mention, Ashley Curtin; and Magazine Layout/Design, second place, *Warrior Life* staff.

Additional mail-in awards were given to: Web Broadcast News Story, third place, Andrew Lim and Natalie Sripongkosol, and honorable mention, Shane Utton and Carly Michael; Newspaper General Excellence, *The Union*, spring 2012 newspapers; Newspaper Sports Game Story, honorable mention, Jorge Camarillo; Newspaper Feature Photo, honorable mention, Sylwia Ozdzyński; Newspaper Sports Action Photo, second place, Sylwia Ozdzyński and Mike Williams; Newspaper Feature Photo, first place and third place, Mike Williams; Photo Story/Essay, honorable mention: Kyle Borden, Mike Botica, Cary Majano, Ian Schmidt, Viridiana Vaca-Rios and Mike Williams. The team of Philip Prins and Viridiana Vaca-Rios also won an honorable mention in this category.

ECC students also won in on-the-spot competitions, including: Best Tweet, Angela Songco; News Judgment/Layout, second place, Mary Alvarez; Bring-In Photograph, third place, Mike Williams; Broadcast News Writing, first place, Viridiana Vaca-Rios, and honorable mention, Jorge “J.J.” Maldonado; Copyediting, honorable mention, Angela Songco; Feature Story, honorable mention, Viridiana Vaca-Rios; News Story, third place, Thomas Schmit, and honorable mention, Viridiana Vaca-Rios; Opinion Story, honorable mention, Rigo Bonilla, and honorable mention, Sarah Bremme.

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