

DIVISION 1

CORE CATEGORIES

News

[Best News Story](#)

- 1st: Leah Emanuel, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Through walkout, students show solidarity with Parkland survivors
- 2nd: Michael Rubin, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Faculty union, director at odds about new policy
- 3rd: Warrior Staff, Casey-Westfield HS
Teacher retirements pose challenges
- HM: Madison Kirkland, Meridian HS
Does love sometimes go too far?

[Best In-Depth News Story](#)

- 1st: Dheven Unni, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Class Clouds: For buzz, rush and rebellion, vaping popularity grows among students -- even in class
- 2nd: Corryn Brock, Meridian HS
Opioid epidemic: rated E for everyone
- 3rd: Andrea Ricker, Meridian HS
How the State Budget Impasse could seriously affect Meridian
- HM: Natalie Glick, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Expert urges discomfort for teens

Features

[Best Feature Story](#)

- 1st: Sam Fleming, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Cold Winter, Warm Hearts
- 2nd: Olivia Leckron, Harrisburg HS
Research paper, class activities offer students valuable career information
- 3rd: Kendra Merris, Meridian HS
Here in my second home – all about Meridian's exchange student
- HM: Emma Trone, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Is U-High worth it?

[Best Personality Profile](#)

1st: Priyanka Shrijay, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Beauty in death: Junior taxidermies to honor creatures

2nd: Emma Trone, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Forming unexpected community

3rd: Alexis Rosenberger, Meridian HS

The adventures of Gabe Taylor

HM: Harlie Smith, Harrisburg HS

Ledbetter, oldest living alumnus, recalls his days at HTHS

Sports

[Best Sports News Story](#)

1st: Paeton Hagen & Samuel Butkovich, Casey-Westfield HS

Work progressing on CWSHS baseball field

2nd: Samira Glaeser-Khan, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

New measures to protect athletes from head injury

3rd: Sonny Lee, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Kneel for awareness

HM: Harlie Smith, Harrisburg HS

Girls ranked number one in IHSA subsectional

[Best Sports Feature Story](#)

1st: Sonny Lee, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Rising higher than fear, falling and failure

2nd: Emma Trone, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

New year, new healthful habits

3rd: Jessica Hopson, Harrisburg HS

Injuries result in down time for athletes

HM: Kimmy Alvarado, Phoenix Military Academy

Breaking Limits and Finding New Ones

[Best Sports Commentary](#)

1st: Savannah Hubbs, Harrisburg HS

Sports are not sexist, nor should we be

2nd: Michael Rubin, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Olympics should empower LGBT athletes

3rd: Abby Slimmon, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Let's focus on reason for taking a knee, police brutality

Opinion

[Best Staff Editorial](#)

1st: Michael Rubin, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Making use of their ‘seat at the table’

2nd: Elle Behnke, Harrisburg HS

Bullying demeans everyone involved

3rd: Natalie Glick, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Conservative students entitled to safe space, too

HM: Bradley Frailey, Harrisburg HS

High expectations threaten holiday cheer

[Best Serious Commentary](#)

1st: Estrella Villa, Phoenix Military Academy

What About Us!

2nd: Boston Roberts, Casey-Westfield HS

At CWHS, dancers shake students' perceptions of sports

3rd: Jack Gulley, Harrisburg HS

Bingeing takes up time best spent on other things

[Best Humorous Commentary](#)

1st: Lydia Wiggins, Meridian HS

Valentine’s Day or Lupercalia?

2nd: Bradley Frailey, Harrisburg HS

Crazies steal holiday cheer

3rd: Cameron Getz, Meridian HS

Mopeds: Next big thing??

HM: Bradley Frailey, Harrisburg HS

Spoiler alert!

[Best Review](#)

1st: Michael Rubin, University of Chicago HS

Chicago art museum showcases U.S. history

2nd: Edwin Genchi, Phoenix Military Academy

Eminem fires back at critics

3rd: Franko Teston, Harrisburg HS

Get loud with ‘Radio Silence’

HM: Connor Hurelbrink, Meridian HS

Hakuna Matata, The Lion King Jr. is a hit

Photos

[Best News or Feature Photo](#)

- 1st: Julie Butkovich, Casey-Westfield HS
Homecoming queen and king with megaphone
- 2nd: Harlie Smith, Harrisburg HS
The Cat in the Hat interviews a dust speck
- 3rd: Amanda Levitt, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Not just for the rich
- HM: Teresa Xie, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Signs of support
- HM: Emily Wilcox, Meridian HS
Reach!
- HM: Aruniti Manawa, Harrisburg HS
Students hold their winning poster for varsity dramatic duet acting

[Best Sports Photo](#)

- 1st: Sam Fleming, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Kick off
- 2nd: Allison Butler, Meridian HS
Mission Accomplished
- 3rd: Jessica Hopson, Harrisburg HS
Basketball player blocks a shot
- HM: Larry Cornelio, Phoenix Military Academy
Wrestling

Art & Graphics

[Best Editorial Cartoon](#)

- 1st: Selina Wang, Harrisburg HS
- 2nd: Marley Doering, Meridian HS
The true horror
- 3rd: Marley Doering, Meridian HS (Christmas fever)
Christmas Fever
- HM: Jessica Hopson, Harrisburg HS
We can't hear you

[Best Illustration](#)

None

[Best Infographic](#)

1st: Sam Fleming, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Stories behind the statistics

2nd: Jacob Posner, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Class Clouds: Survey shows 1 in 8 vape regularly

3rd: Kaylee Robinson, Harrisburg HS

Homework Relevance

HM: Katie Wright, Harrisburg HS

Holiday Fraud

Miscellaneous

[Best Alternative Storytelling](#)

1st: Aruniti Manawa, Harrisburg HS

Bullies: The Seven P's

2nd: Jacob Posner & Sonny Lee, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

A fresh view of U-High

3rd: Drew Snow, Meridian HS

Turkey

HM: Ian Carnahan, Meridian HS

We Were Meridian

[Best Use of Social Media](#)

1st: Talia Goerge-Karron, Dheven Unni, Natalie Glick, Sonny Lee, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Facebook

2nd: Connor Hurelbrink, Meridian HS

Twitter

3rd: Corryn Brock, Meridian HS

Facebook

HM: Grace Zhang, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Snapchat — @uhighmidway

[Best Headline](#)

1st: Sadie Scott, Meridian HS

[Let's get things straight \(or gay\) about GSA](#)

2nd: Boston Roberts, Casey-Westfield HS

[At CWHS, dancers shake students' perceptions of sports](#)

3rd: Matt Sander, Meridian HS

[Why not see a play instead of "Lion" around?](#)

HM: Jacob Posner, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

[Class Clouds: For buzz, rush and rebellion, vaping popularity grows among students -- even in class](#)

[Best Advertisement](#)

1st: Matt Sander, Meridian HS

[Krekel's Macon](#)

2nd: Olivia Leckron, Harrisburg HS

[Farmers State Bank](#)

3rd: Olivia Leckron, Harrisburg HS

[Jim Hayes Inc.](#)

PRINT CATEGORIES

[Best Single-Page Story Package](#)

1st: Emma Trone, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

[Gold and glory at the Games](#)

2nd: Michael Rubin, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

[Who will lead our state?](#)

3rd: Jack Gulley & Harlie Smith, Harrisburg HS

[Costumes take center stage](#)

HM: Jack Gulley & Harlie Smith, Harrisburg HS

[Students can sleigh and stay warm this winter](#)

[Best Centerspread Story Package](#)

1st: Talia Goerge-Karron, Dheven Unni, Natalie Glick, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

[Stop and Listen](#)

2nd: Sam Fleming, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

[Cold Winter, Warm Hearts](#)

3rd: Aruniti Manawa & Selina Wang, Harrisburg HS

[Let's Talk About Bullying ...](#)

HM: Aruniti Manawa, Jack Gulley, Franko Teston, Harrisburg HS

[Modern Day Heroes](#)

[Best Photo Story](#)

- 1st: Sam Fleming & Staff, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Joy in Chicago
- 2nd: Julia Butkovich & Sam Butkovich, Casey-Westfield HS
Students enjoy ‘night in paradise’

[Best Front-Page Design](#)

- 1st: Samira Glaeser-Kahn, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
Oct 12, 2017 — front page
- 2nd: Dheven Unni, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
March 8, 2018 — front page
- 3rd: Bradley Frailey, Harrisburg HS
Jan. 30, 2018 — front page
- HM: Staff, Casey-Westfield HS
Dec. 11, 2017 — front page

[Best Overall Design](#)

- 1st: Staff, Casey-Westfield HS
Dec. 11, 2017 — issue
- 2nd: Staff, University of Chicago Laboratory HS
March 8, 2018 — issue
- 3rd: Bradley Frailey, Olivia Leckron, Aruniti Manawa, Savannah Hubbs, Jack Gulley, Harrisburg HS
Jan. 30, 2018 — issue

DIGITAL CATEGORIES

[Best Multimedia Story Package](#)

- 1st: Samantha Lozano & Luciano Alvarez, Phoenix Military Academy
Volunteering at the VA
- 2nd: Alexis Rosenberger, Meridian HS
A day in the life; fun and games
- 3rd: Spencer Litteral, Meridian HS
Mock Draft

[Best Video Story](#)

- 1st: Nate Durbin, Brock Durbin, Spencer Litteral, Meridian HS
Toys for Tots
- 2nd: Andrea Ricker, Corryn Brock, Hannah Morros, Meridian HS
2017 Senior Superlatives

Best Audio Podcast

1st: Emma Trone, Michael Rubin, Priyanka Shrijay, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Walkout

2nd: Emma Trone, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

Midway Audio Extra: Chinese Exchange Students

Best Blogger

1st: Sadie Scott, Meridian HS

- No heat for the Hawks
- Trouble with Tide pods
- No room for my roomie

Best Website

1st: Meridian Daily Staff, Meridian HS

Meridian Daily

2nd: Briana Clay, Briana Quezada, Yesenia Camacho, Kiara Balleza, Juan Guardado, Andrea Valadez, Diana Guerrero, Kayla Webster, Phoenix Military Academy

The Phoenix Chronicle

3rd: Emily Bening & Megan Schleifer, Okawville HS

Launch Pad

BEST PUBLICATIONS

Best Print Publication

1st: U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

2nd: The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg HS

3rd: The Warrior, Casey-Westfield HS

Best Digital Publication

1st: Meridian Daily, Meridian HS

2nd: The Phoenix Chronicle, Phoenix Military Academy

3rd: Launch Pad, Okawville HS

Best Overall Publication

1st: U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory HS

2nd: Meridian Daily, Meridian HS

3rd: The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg HS