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DISTINGUISHED JOURNALISM AWARDS

Print A: Cherry Hill High School East **Print B:** Lyndhurst High School

NEWSPAPER

1. Newswriting

Division A

Old Bridge High School
 Esports and new media center come to OBHS
 By Katelyn Buchalter

2. Cherry Hill High School East

Cherry Hill creates new math pathways for the '25-'26 school year By Claire Ding

3. Princeton High School

PHS reacts to the Israel-Hamas War By Harry Dweck and Reed Sacks

HM - Princeton High School

Eight years on, PPS's DLI program continues to bridge language gaps By Daniel Guo, Matias Da Costa, Leila Guitton, Elif Cam

HM - Princeton High School

Weeks of protests continue discussion regarding HiTOPS curriculum By Matias da Costa, Claire Tang, Bengu Bulbul, Reed Sacks

Division B

1. Communications HS

Historic Hire: Documentary Filmmaker and Essex County School Leader tapped as new CHS Principal By Stella Feinstein and Kaitlyn Gallagher

2. Moorestown Friends School

First Name Basis: MFS Evolves Forms of Address Policy

By Himanshu Sahore

3. Lyndhurst High School

New partnership allows seniors to take courses at Felician University By Jessica Cerrito

HM - Moorestown Friends School

Seniors Share Their Opinions About College Encampments and Freedom of Speech, Featuring Interviews with Student Journalist Alumni Sam Bitman '21 and Nathaniel Rodwell-Simon '23 By Chloe Marshall

HM - Delaware Valley Regional High School

Frenchtown Bookshop stands up to local government By Gianna Roberts

2. Feature Writing

Division A

1. Cherry Hill High School East

Van embraces Goth culture through TikTok presence

By Gia Gupta, Jiwoo Lee, Matthew Rentezelas

2. Edison High School

"I pledge allegiance to. . ."

By Siya Bhuteja

3. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"Why SPFHS Lockers Remain Empty and Backpacks Stay On"

By McKenna Dwyer

HM - Cherry Hill High School East

Honoring Excellence or Diluting Distinction?

By Isabelle Berger, Matthew Berkery, Gia Gupta, Karina Gupta, Sophia Liu, Matthew Rentezelas

HM - Edison High School

Passing on the Legacy

By SHRIADITI KANCHERLA '26

Division B

1. Moorestown Friends School

Moore Bagels at Moorestown

By Livia Kam

2. Lyndhurst High School

E-mpowered: Social media is transforming the nature of activism

By Zahara Chowdhury

3. Moorestown Friends School

Mock Primary Election: What Changed and Why?

By Livia Kam

HM - Bernards High School

March student spotlights

By Mei Salemi

HM - The Lawrenceville School

The Top Five Tips for Mastering Wok-Making

By Sahana Löwy

3. Sports Writing

Division A

1. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"How Tim Ennis Went from Playing Beach Volleyball to a Future Division One Star"

By Jonah Leske

2. Cherry Hill High School East

Athletes reflect on controversy surrounding gender identity in sports

By Gia Gupta, Rachna Mohan

 Cherry Hill High School East Elliot Sykes breaks powerlifting world records By Ella Hampton

HM - Cherry Hill High School East

Major comeback: athletes share experiences overcoming ACL tears

By Ava Crawley

HM - Edison High School

Eagles Soar Against New Brunswick on Homecoming Night

By SUSHANTH BALARAMAN '24

Division B

 Lyndhurst High School The Lighthouse Student-Athlete Spotlight: Senior Rola Mustafa rises above the competition in senior season By Alexandra Lourenço

 Moorestown Friends School WordsWorth MFS Senior Golfer wins PHL17 Student-Athlete of the week By Jack Cranmer

 Moorestown Friends School WordsWorth MFS Boys' Soccer Wins Thriller over Friends' Central By Jack Cranmer

HM - Lyndhurst High School The Lighthouse Bowlers start season strong By Anastasia Loutroutzis

HM - Lyndhurst High School The Lighthouse Student-Athlete Spotlight: Setting a school record, Anthony Pizzuti soars to new heights By Nikalena Iacono

4. In-Depth Reporting

Division A

1. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

Hey East, What's going on with our teachers?

By Barbara Armstrong, Muskaan Batra, Selem Bereketab, Manar Hadi, Elias Kang, Jillian Koenig, Amelia Siegel, Nico Spatucci

2. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

Eastside surveyed 342 students STOPit usage at CHE.

By Asher Boiskin, Gia Gupta, Matthew Rentezelas

3. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

A Look into the History of Spirit Week at Cherry Hill East

By Ella Goodstadt, Jillian Koenig, Julia Rosten, Izzy Sobel

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

Major comeback: athletes share experiences overcoming ACL tears

By Izzy Alvarez, Ava Crawley, Julia Sitnick

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hills High School East

America's prisons maintain a legacy of cruelty and injustice By Enis Ercan, Matthew Rentezelas, Michelle Bookbinder, Daniel Ovadia

Division B

1. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Studying abroad comes with many benefits

By Emma Bannon, Janset Cinaz, Camille Echols, Sena Fidan, Ava Gonzalez

2. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

'Paw-some' Performers What my pet means to me... Volunteering at an animal shelter has equipped me with life lessons

By Dreew Bandcroft, Dana Trier, Rebecca Ruiz, Rina Tishuk

3. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst HS

Apps to reduce stress and improve mindfulness

By Lily Anderson, Marez Melad, Bethany Ranero, Shelby Perez, Dana Treier

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Three headlines about games

By Lily Anderson Emma Bannon, Chiara Cardone

HM - Inkblot News - Communication High School

Celebrities' lavish lifestyles...

By Ava Rubenstein

5. Editorial Writing

Division A

1. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School

Lenient grading policy does more harm than good

Eastside Editorial Board

2. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School

Changes to the grading and ranking system must be implemented to address extreme number of valedictorians

Eastside Editorial Board

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hill High School Eastside's open letter to Superintendent Dr. Kwame Morton Eastside Editorial Board

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hill High School Social media misinformation exacerbates school tensions Eastside Editorial Board

Division B

 The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School For better or worse, AI is here to stay Ciccio Infurna

2. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Customers should do more to support small businesses

Ciccio Infurna

3. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

No American should live in a food desert

Ciccio Infurna

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School Teachers deserve appreciation for all they do to help students Ciccio Infurna

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School The digital divide is leaving too many Americans behind Ciccio Ihfurna

6. Opinion Writing

Division A

- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School
 Fostering Unity Amidst the Gaza-Israel Conflict
 Asher Boiskin
- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School
 Dear Board of Education: We Need Your Help
 Asher Boiskin and Daniel Ovadia
- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School Separating the art from the artist Claire Ding

HM - Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East African American Studies needs to broaden curriculum Kaylee Yoon

HM - Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Gifted and Talented: Green is not Gold Barbara Armstrong, Isabelle Berger, Katie Sullivan

Division B

- Lawrence / The Lawrenceville School
 Difficult 2 Divest
 Aki Li
- Lawrence / The Lawrenceville School Watch Your Language Luke Park
- WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School
 Is Cancel Culture Constructive or Destructive?
 Charlie Beetham

HM - Chieftain / Piscataway High School Nurses Across America Deserve Better Treatment Roshni Patnaik

HM - WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School Selection and the System: Questions to Consider Regarding IL Selection Luke Iacono

7. Personal Narrative

Division A

1. The Tower/Princeton High School

Remembrance, reverie, and ratatouille: the science behind nostalgia

Syra Bhatt

2. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School

EICs say farewell to Eastside

Asher Boiskin, Ella Goodstadt, Matthew Rentezelas, Gia Gupta, Jillian Koenig, and Sophia Liu

3. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School

Checking out the chapters of my library life

Manar Hadi

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hill High School

Every Musician Should Learn and Play a Duet

Chloe Ren

Division B

1. The Lawrence/The Lawrenceville School

Reflections

Claire Jiang

2. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Volunteering at an animal shelter has equipped me with life lessons

Dana Treier

3. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

My biggest inspiration is my little sister

Adriana Dominguez-Toxtli

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Lost in translation: Why the struggle with my mother language weighs so heavily on me

Zahara Chowdhury

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

The Elks Leadership Conference redefined my understanding of leadership

Janset Cinaz

8. Column Writing

Division A

1. Chloe Ren

Rencolumn

Cherry Hill High School East - Eastside

2. Elias Kang

Kang Goes Global

Cherry Hill High School East - Eastside

3. Mika Bhaskaran

STEM Stuff

Cherry Hill High School East - Eastside

Division B

- Keso Mumladze
 College-bound Corner Lyndhurst High School
- Amerie Diaz
 Book Review
 Lyndhurst High School
- Rina Tishuk
 Netflix Review
 Lyndhurst High School

HM - Jude McElroy Video Game Review Lyndhurst High School

9. Review Writing

Division A

- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Pizza Pazza -- A crazy good surprise Dino Russo
- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Bricco Coal Fired Pizza review Dino Russo
- Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Little Coco review Gabrielle Levine

HM - Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Swirl'in Ice Cream & Cereal Bar offers a unique take on ice cream Dino Russo

HM - The Eagle's Eye / Edison High School Historic Event Celebrates a Living Legend Derek Dudek

Division B

- WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School Dune Part Two Review: Gen Z's Star Wars Zaydan Lalani
- The Lighthouse / Lyndhurst High School Hard times test friendship in 'All My Rage' Amerie Diaz
- The Lighthouse / Lyndhurst High School
 Taylor Swift's latest album presents a melodic masterpiece
 Marez Melad

HM - Colt Chronicle / Kinnelon High School Green Day returns to its roots in "Saviors"

Aarushi Kumar

HM - WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School The Shahs' Review: Main Street Coffee Elina Shah, Anjali Shah, Jack Cranmer, Keva Elie

10. Artwork/Illustration

Division A

 Eagle's Eye / Edison High School Vaping: The Silent Threat Misaki Palacios

 Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Hey East: What's going on with our teachers? Barbara Armstrong

 Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Reflections: Navigating body positivity Kaylee Yoon

HM - Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Broadband noise provides students with a focus strategy Kaylee Yoon

HM - Eastside / Cherry Hill High School East Child exploitation remains prevalent in media Barbara Armstrong

Division B

- Lighthouse / Lyndhurst High School Music artists raise concerns about Al Sophia Duran
- WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School More Than Just Music Chloe Marshall
- Inkblot / Communications High School
 President Biden's pets are all bite and no bark
 Katrina Hung

HM - Lighthouse / Lyndhurst High School Coping with learning loss Sophia Duran

HM - WordsWorth / Moorestown Friends School In Defense of Sephora Tweens Chloe Marshall

11. Photography Division A

1. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

East vs West

Jordan Keats

2. Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East

SZA Returns to Philadelphia to perform her SOS tour

Ella Hampton

3. The Eagle's Eye/Edison High School

Racing to the Holidays: Track Heads to Bill Bruno Classic

Karina Hawaldar

HM - PHS Chieftan/Piscataway High School

Chinese Culture Club Hosts Lunar New Year Celebration

Arjun Koura

HM - PHS Chieftan/Piscataway High School

Class of 2027 Celebrate their First Year at PHS at Second Annual Freshman Field Day

Wallace Lau

Division B

1. The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

'Omigod You Guys': 'Legally Blonde' hits middle school stage

Dana Treier

2. WordsWorth/Moorestown Friends School

Foxes Superfan Chase Kolaris '30 prays for the team's success as they move into PKs after ending

double overtime 0-0 in state sectionals.

Dinah Megibow-Taylor

3. The Inkblot/Communications HS

"Advanced Mass Media reports on Monmouth Hawks"

Emma Makin

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

Boys volleyball reflects on highlights of season Autumn

Ortiz

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School

firefighting and policing Giovanni Mule

Law Enforcement Club takes trip to learn about

12. Infographic

Division A

1. Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East

The Importance of Off-Year Elections

Matthew Berkery

2. Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East

Teachers' Salaries in Cherry Hill Public Schools

Jillian Koenig

3. Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East

Most Popular Thai Dishes

Matt Berkery

HM - Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East Spirit Week & School Spirit Jillian Koenig

HM - The Fanscotian, Scotch Plains-Fanwood H.S. Digital vs. Paper SAT: What Do Students Prefer? Isabella Rocha

Division B

- The Lighthouse, Lyndhurst H.S. Global drinking water facts Lily Anderson
- The Lighthouse, Lyndhurst High School Music Department Facts Lily Anderson
- The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst H.S. Console vs. PC Lily Anderson
 - **HM** Colt Chronicle How are electronics affecting students? Christian Carmichael and Aarushi Kumar
 - **HM** WordsWorth, Moorestown Friends School Traveling Far and Wide: 2024 Intensive Learning Feature Maya DeAndrea, Emmie Huynh, Livia Kam, Mason Levens, Dinah Megibow-Taylor, Charlotte Nesevich, Aashi Reddy, and Owen Shin

13. Editorial Cartooning

Division A

- The Tower/Princeton High School Political bribery hidden in plain sight Katherine Chen
- Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East Wellness Conversations Barbara Armstrong
- Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East
 The humanities are still valuable in modern age
 Katie Sullivan
 - **HM** Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East Social media misinformation exacerbates school tensions Barbara Armstrong

HM - Eastside/Cherry Hill High School East Lenient grading policy Barbara Armstrong

- The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School
 Teachers deserve appreciation for all they do to help students
 Alex Skowronski
- The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School Customers should do more to support small businesses Alex Skowronski
- The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School
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 Alex Skowronski

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School For better or worse, AI is here to stay Alex Skowronski

HM - The Lighthouse/Lyndhurst High School Head-to-Head: The US needs a presidential age limit Alex Scowronski

14. Layout/Design

Division A

- The Tower, Princeton High School Can crafts, History of soda, Cola wars Zoe Nuland and Syra Bhatt
- Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East Gifted and Talented: Green is not Gold Barbara Armstrong, Isabelle Berger
- Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East Hey East, what's going on with our teachers?
 Barbara Armstrong, Manar Hadi, Jillian Koenig

HM - Eastside, Cherry Hill High School East Defying Conformity: Using AI in Education Manar Hadi, Daniel Ovadia, Jessica Zhou

HM - The Tower, Princeton High School "Barbie": a lesson, not a solution Marina Yazbek Dias Peres

Division B

- The Lighthouse, Lyndhurst High School Pets & Shelter Animals Camille Echols
- The Lighthouse, Lyndhurst High School Music in Our Schools Camille Echols
- 3. The Lighthouse, Lyndhurst High School Self-care & Self-love

Emily Reed

HM - The Inkblot News, Communications High School Issue 2 Gleason Spread (Goodnight CHS: ...)
Lily Howard, Mackenzie Prince, Jordan Juliano and Cindy Lin

HM - The Colt Chronicle, Kinnelon High School Writers vs. Producers
Aarushi Kumar and Nathan Shurts

HM - Colt Chronicle, Kinnelon High School Vintage Shopping and Thrifting in North Jersey Aarushi Kumar and Owen Fermstrom

HM - Colt Chronicle, Kinnelon High School Gay Straight Alliance: Celebrating our Differences Aarushi Kumar

15. Print Overall Excellence

Division A

1. Cherry Hill

Division B

- 1. Lyndhurst High School
- 2. Communications High School
- 3. Kinnelon High School

HM - The Lawrence School

HM - Bernard High School

BROADCAST & ONLINE

16. Multimedia News

1st - Moorestown Friends School 2024 Mock Primary Election Charlie Beetham, Ethan Cohen, Emmie Huynh, Livia Kam, Zaydan Lalani, and Charlotte

2nd - Cherry Hill High School East STEM Careers: Exploring Opportunities and Growth Izzy Alvarez, Muskaan Batra, Lauren Greenberg, Izzy Sobel, Katie Sullivan

3rd - Cherry Hill High School East Introducing the 2024 Mr. East contestants Ella Goodstadt, Karina Gupta, Matthew Rentezelas, Landon Schuster, Julia Sitnick Izzy Sobel, Yaylee Yoon

17. Multimedia Feature

1st - Cherry Hill High School East America's prisons maintain a legacy of cruelty and injustice Michelle Bookbinder, Enis Ercan, Daniel Ovadia, Matthew Rentezelas 2nd - Cherry Hill High School East Investigating Different Studying Techniques and Habits Muskaan Batra, Matthew Berkery, Karina Gupta, Jiwoo Lee, Kaylee Yoon

3rd - Cherry Hill High School East Holiday Recipes in the Community Ava Crawley, Gabrielle Levine, Julia Rosten, Laavanya Viswanathan

18. Multimedia Sports

1st - Moorestown Friends School

Foxes Win At-Home Championship Capturing NJSIAA South Jersey NJSIAA Non-Public B Title Dinah Megibow-Taylor, Livia Kam, Charlotte Nesevich, Hannah Puc, Elina Shah

2nd - Cherry Hill High School East The Evolution of East Football Sarah Begun, Ava Crawley

3rd - Cherry Hill High School East East Bowling: A look into the sport Abby Auerbach, Sarah Begun, Hayden Laufgraben, Julia Sitnick

19. Broadcast Segment

Awards announced soon

20. News Magazine Show (long form)

HM - Cherry Hill High School East

21. Broadcast News Show (short form)

No award

22. Short Documentary

HM - Cherry Hill High School East

23. Podcast

1st - Lyndhurst High School Hidden Gems of NYC Nikki Antonesco and Janset Cinaz

2nd - Lyndhurst High School Pride & Prejudice Jason Oliveira **3rd** - Washington Township High School AJ Podcast

Angelo Conti and Jaiden Vallejo

HM - Lyndhurst High School

Behind the Mask

Ava Gonzalez

24. Breaking News

1st - Cherry Hill High School East

Cherry Hill township ensures preservation of Holly Ravine Farm

Kaylee Yoon

2nd - Lyndhurst High School

Student-Athlete Spotlight: Setting a school record, Anthony Pizzuti soars to new heights

Nikalena lacono

3rd - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"Oppenheimer Brought To SPFHS: A Legacy No One Will Forget"

Isabella Rocha

HM - Lyndhurst High School

Future of Ghana's anti-LGBTQ+ bill remains uncertain following top court's response

Kiara Rasmussen

HM - Moorestown Friends School

BREAKING: A Duckling Disaster!

Chloe Marshall

HM - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"Environmental Club Welcomes POLITICO Sustainability Reporter and SPFHS Alumni Jordan Wolman"

Jonah Leske

25. Timely Sports

1st - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"SPF Baseball Wins Seventh Straight Game against Glen Ridge 11-1; Evan Doyle Makes First Start of Season" Jonah Leske

2nd - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

"Boys Volleyball Caps Off Historic Week Capturing Sixth Straight County Title; Tim Ennis Reaches 1,000 Kill Mark"

Michael Savare

3rd -

HM - Lyndhurst High School

Student-Athlete Spotlight: Setting a school record, Anthony Pizzuti soars to new heights

Nikalena lacono

26. Photo Gallery

1st - Piscataway High School Girl Up Club Produces Positive Post-its for Women's History Month Onari Kahandawa

2nd - Lyndhurst High School

'Omigod You Guys': 'Legally Blonde' hits middle school stage Natalia Hernandez, Autumn Ortiz, Dana Treier and Rebecca Ruiz

3rd - Moorestown Friends School Spirit Week 2023: Tug Sophia Lalani, Charlotte Nesevich

HM - Cherry Hill High School East Boys Lacrosse vs. Seneca Jordan Keats

HM - Scotch Plains - Fanwood High School One Last Tee Off; Scotch Plains-Fanwood Senior Day against Summit James Nitro

27. Social Media Presence

1st - Cherry Hill High School East

2nd - Moorestown Friends School

3rd - Bernards High School

HM - Old Bridge High School

28. Online Overall Excellence

1st - Delaware Valley High School

2nd - Communications High School

3rd - Cherry Hill High School

HM - Bernards High School

HM - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School

HM - Kinnelon High School

HM - Piscataway High School

HM - Lyndhurst High School