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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS  
FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH DURING  
ATPI WINTER CONFERENCE COMPETITION**

***Texarkana, TX*** – Now in its fifth year, the Texas High School Commercial Photography program has become a force to be reckoned with as they garner more and more recognition among high school photography programs throughout the state.

During the recent 2012 Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI) Winter Conference, held on February 10-12 at The University of Texas at Arlington, 305 students participated in assorted competitions with 125 on-site winners being selected.

THS team of Taylor Coleman, Hannah Patterson, Caroline Prieskorn and Brianna Sellers took Best of Show for their school portfolio entry. In this competition, each participating school chooses four photographers who each submit one image to the portfolio following a given theme.

The team of Ruth Arnold, Claire Norton, Haley Rushing and Hailey Woods also received Best of Show in the B.I.G. 72 Video Contest. Competing students were given an assignment from ATPI at 9:00 p.m. on February 2 via Twitter. Students then had 72 hours to complete the project and upload to ATPI one week before the conference was held. Competition work was completed outside of the school day.

Allison Fahrni earned Second Place in the Picture Package competition and made it to the semifinals in the Cropped Photo contest which pitted the top photographer from each school in a timed shoot-out competition. Caroline Prieskorn also received an Honorable Mention in the on-site Texas High School Shoot-Out contest sponsored by Texas A&M University – Commerce.

During the Winter Conference, students enjoyed the opportunity to network, attend classes and assorted workshops that would allow them to hone their photography skills.

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The THS Commercial Photography program, lead by instructor Clint Smith, not only teaches students how to create photography, but also exposes them to multiple career paths through the photographic arts. Students enrolled in the program receive training in photojournalism, portraiture, digital imaging and commercial photography.

ATPI provides information and resources to teachers and students that work with photography in order to help the photography instructors of all disciplines work to achieve a higher quality of knowledge and teaching of photography.

All student winning entries can be viewed at [www.txkisd.net](http://www.txkisd.net).

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