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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY
SCORES TOP SPOTS IN ATPI TOP PROGRAM AWARD COMPETITION**

Texarkana, TX – Texas High School Commercial Photography students continue to take top state honors from the Association of Texas Photography Instructors (ATPI). During the recent ATPI Top Program Award competition, THS received First Place in Sports Photography, Second Place in Photojournalism and was named Fifth Place Overall. An estimated 49 portfolios from around the state were submitted. Students contributing work to the program portfolios were: Ruth Arnold, Katie Black, Taylor Coleman, Allison Fahrni, Amy McCoy, Claire Norton, Caroline Prieskorn, Haley Rushing, Brianna Sellers and Hailey Woods.

The annual contest allows school photography programs in the State of Texas to enter portfolios in up to four of seven categories. Those categories include: Architecture, Documentary, Landscape, Portrait, Sports, Still Life and Thematic. Each school competes as a team and vies for the distinction of being the best photography program in Texas. This year's competition was the third year for Texas High School Commercial Photography program to compete and to continually receive top recognition.

The Texas High School Commercial Photography program, under the direction of Clint Smith, was established in 2007 to not only teach students how to create photography, but to also expose 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.

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