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**TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY STUDENTS
EARN NATIONAL PHOTO CONTEST AWARDS**

Texarkana, TX – Continuing their three-year trend, Texas High School students have been named top high school photographers in the 2012 Photo Contest, co-sponsored by Jostens and Wolfe's Camera. This nationally acclaimed, annual competition recognizes the outstanding accomplishments of student photographers.

The four selected students are among 89 winners selected from more than 8,000 contest entries submitted by high school, junior high and middle school students, nationwide. Photo contest submissions were judged on composition, artistic merit and technical qualities, as well as the ability to convey a compelling story.

Eight categories were featured in this year's contest: Academics/Community Service, Graduation, Illustration, Portrait, Sports: Athletes in Action, Sports: Sidelines and School Spirit and Student Life/Activities.

Caroline Prieskorn, THS Junior, was awarded Second Place in the Portrait category with her photo "Bookworm" while Taylor Coleman, THS Senior, earned Third Place in the Portrait category with her entry "The Undertaker."

Fifth Place in the Academics/Community Service category went to Allison Fahrni, THS Junior, for "Political Secrets" and Honorable Mention was awarded to Claire Norton, THS Junior, for "Elegance and Grace."

All winning students have their images featured in the Jostens Photo Book for 2012 that can be found at <http://issuu.com/jostens/docs/2012photos>.

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.

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