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TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS & STUDENT STAFF
EARN TOP STATE AWARDS

Texarkana, TX – Following on the heels of earning the highest awards in the nation for their publications, Texas High School's student-produced newspaper and yearbook were honored with top state awards during the Interscholastic League Press Conference (ILPC) Convention in Austin.

The *Tiger Times* newspaper, *Tiger Times* web-based newspaper and the 2012 *Tiger* yearbook each received a Gold Star, ranking the publications in the top ten percent statewide. Only eight schools in the state were awarded Gold Stars for newspaper and/or yearbook with only three achieving Gold Star status for web-based newspapers.

Additionally, student Brianna Sellers was selected for the highest individual state award - Tops in Texas - for Personal Opinion Column. The Tops in Texas Award is given to the outstanding student chosen from the pool of all First Place candidates in the various divisions. Sellers also received: First Place Newspaper Personal Opinion Column, Second Place Newspaper Computer Art and Third Place Newspaper Feature Writing.

During the Columbia Scholastic Press Association conference held in mid-March, the Texas High School Publications Department received the national Gold Crown Award for excellence in scholastic publications for the *Tiger Times* Digital and Print newspaper and the Silver Crown Award for the 2012 *Tiger* yearbook.

Finally, during the ILPC Convention, 40 students earned a total of 58 individual achievement awards. They are:

NEWSPAPER 4A-2

Carlie Clem – *First Place Feature Photo*

Ben Gladney – *Third Place Sports Page Design and Honorable Mention Sports Feature*

Amy McCoy – *Second and Third Place Page One Design*

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Claire Norton – *Second Place Sports Action Photo*
Taylor Potter – *Second Place Sports Page Design, Honorable Mention News Writing and Honorable Mention Sports Action*
Caroline Purtle & Brianna Sellers – *First Place Feature/Entertainment Page Design*
Preston Reed – *First Place Student Art, Second and Third Place Cartoon*
Riley Rogers – *First Place Sports Column*
Sydney Schoen – *First Place Editorial Writing*
Wynne Tidwell – *First Place In-Depth News/Feature Story*
Sydney Schoen & Wynne Tidwell – *Third Place In-Depth News/Feature Package*
Hailey Woods – *Second Place Sports Feature Photo and Third Place Feature Photo*
Staff – *First Place Headlines*

WEB-BASED NEWSPAPER 4A

Katherine Doan – *First Place Feature Writing*
Ndidi Duru – *Second Place Feature Photo*
Robert Hoover – *First Place Sports Feature*
Sabrina Larson – *Second Place News Photograph and Second Place Portrait*
Taylor Potter – *First Place Personal Opinion Column, First Place Sports Action, First Place Sports Column, Second Place Editorial Writing and Second Place News Writing*
Haley Rushing – *First Place Portrait and Second Place Sports Feature Photo*
Autumn Sehy – *Second Place News Writing*
Brianna Sellers & Wynne Tidwell – *Second Place News Feature*
Wynne Tidwell – *Honorable Mention Feature Writing*

YEARBOOK 4A-2

Carley Amox & Erin Woods – *Third Place General Interest Spread*
Rachel Burgess, Olivia Norton & Abbey Norwood – *First Place Theme Selection*
Kelly Burnett – *First Place Student Life Feature Story*
Carlie Clem – *Honorable Mention Club/Organization Feature Story*
Natalie Copeland, Chris Courson & Blake Purtle – *Honorable Mention Sports Spread*
Kara Crane & Joy Price – *Second Place Student Life Spread*
Allison Farhni – *Honorable Mention Academic Photo*
Ann Marie Hilborn – *First Place Club/Organization Feature Story*
Marissa Johnston & Katelyn Markham – *Honorable Mention Student Life Spread*
Madison Norton, Paige Oliver & Sarah Scales – *First Place Sports Spread*
Madison Norton & Karla Penate – *Second Place Academic Spread*
Abbey Norwood – *Honorable Mention Club/Organization Spread*
Paige Oliver – *Honorable Mention Sports Feature Story*
Taylor Potter – *Second Place Academic Feature Story*
Madeleine Russell – *Second Place Class Spread, Second Place Student Life Feature Story, Honorable Mention Class Spread and Honorable Mention General Interest Spread*

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Sydney Schoen – *Honorable Mention Personality Profile Story*
Staff – *Second Place Headlines, Honorable Mention Academic Feature Story*
and Honorable Mention Captions
Stephan Vaughan, Kiari Walker & Erin Woods – *First Place Club/Organization Spread*

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PICTURE IDENTIFICATION (Left to Right):
Madeleine Russell, Co-Editor in Chief of *Tiger* yearbook
Brianna Sellers, Co-Editor in Chief of *Tiger Times* newspaper
Wynne Tidwell, Co-Editor in Chief of *Tiger Times* newspaper
John David Goins, Co-Editor in Chief of *Tiger Times* online newspaper