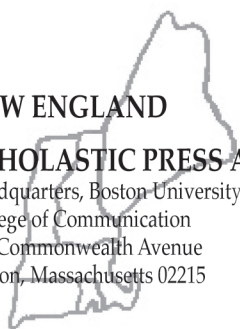


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News

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Dates and deadlines

Friday, Jan. 8

COVID-19/Localizing contest entries due. Deadline for 2020 yearbooks. See entry form in Volume 25, No. 2 newsletter.

Nominations for the Robert Baram Award and other individual honors also due.

Friday, April 9

Annual publication and production contest deadline for all but yearbooks. Details in the next newsletter.

Friday, May 7

New England Scholastic Press Association's annual conference, which may feature a virtual presentation.

Friday, June 11

Yearbook contest deadline. Registration deadline for workshop for faculty on How to Advise a Scholastic News Publication.

Monday, June 21- Wednesday, June 23

Workshop on How to Advise a Scholastic News Publication.

For updates: Please visit <http://blogs.bu.edu/nespa>

COVID-19 to be a focus of fall contest

When you show how issues that affect people in your state, your country or around the world also affect people in your own school community, that's localizing.

This fall, a special focus of the contest will be on how COVID-19 has had an impact on members of school communities that scholastic journalists cover.

In addition to COVID-19 coverage, localized reporting on other newsworthy topics is also welcome.

To enter the contest, please send the broadcast or published work with the entry form and fee.

Submissions can be artwork, blogs, charts, columns, diagrams, documentaries, editorials, essays, fiction, news or feature stories, podcasts, single photos or photo illustrations, photo essays, poetry, PSAs, special pages, special sections, slide shows or spreads.

For print entries please send complete page, unmounted tear sheet on which entry appears. For online, use the form at <http://blogs.bu.edu/nespa>.

Yearbooks please send either a PDF printout or photocopy of the page(s) from your 2020 book.

Tape a filled out copy of the entry form to the upper right corner of the back of EACH print entry.

See entry form and directions



Mission of NESPA

The New England Scholastic Press Association aims to foster excellence in scholastic journalism.

This Association encourages high standards in student journalism, supports the interests of students and teachers in the student press in the New England states, and fosters a closer relationship among students and advisers interested and engaged in student journalism.

page 3 and an updated list of suggested topics page 6.

Please note that because of the pandemic, the mailing address for NESPA on the entry and membership forms has temporarily changed. See forms page 3.

Inside see information about awards, contests and membership

All New England Award winners 2019-2020

Broadcast none this year

Magazine

Class III, *Images*, Rockland High School, Rockland, Mass.

Newspapers

Class I

The Masuk Free Press, Masuk High School, Monroe, Conn.

Class III

Tech Talk, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

Online.

Class II

Wayland Student Press Network, Wayland High School, Wayland, Mass.

Class IV

The Gator, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Print/online

Class I

The Algonquin Harbinger, Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, Mass.

The Sagamore, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

The Lancer Spirit, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

The Newtonite, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

Yearbook Deadline extended until January 8, 2021.

Size categories, grades 9-12

Class I 1,000 or more students

Class II 700-999 students

Class III 400-699 students

Class IV fewer than 400 students

Special Achievement awards for 2019-2020

Broadcast

Advertisement

"Kindness Challenge," Matthew Doherty, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

Documentary

"The Sandwich Boardwalk," Nina Sundermeyer, *Blue Knight Television*, Sandwich High School, East Sandwich, Mass.

Feature story

"Puerto Rico rising from ruin," Maya Rabinowitz, Alex Wymer, Nicolas Quinta and Scott Dunlop, *Newton North TV*, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

"Don't Be The Apple," Forrest Bisanti, Alex Katz and Aiden Vahey, *Newton North TV*, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

"Art in the Family," Matthew Doherty, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"A Day in the Life," Abigail White, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Magical Talent," Abigail White, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"E-Sports," Abigail White, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Scallop Roll," Abigail White,

Panther TV, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"International Education," Cililian Davis, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"A.P. Art," Amber Lawson, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

News series

"Beyond the Bridge," Jamison Hart, *Knight Life*, Sandwich High School, East Sandwich, Mass.

News story

"Coronavirus Hits Home," Matthew Doherty, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Sharks!" Cait Mazzola, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Warm Winter Struggles," Cait Mazzola, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Immigration," Milena Manic, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Firehouse Fix," Chloe Adams, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

PSA

"Parents Pressure PSA," Meghan Heyer, *Blue Knight Television*, Sandwich High School, East Sandwich, Mass.

Magazine

Artwork

"Show Your Stripes," Erika Planete, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

Fiction

"Full Circle," John Carbone, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

"A Beginner's Guide to Tarot," Austin Bennett, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

Nonfiction

"Frosh and Senior Siblings," Ally Deegan, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

"What Do You Want to Be When You Grow Up?" Elena Gosalves, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

Poetry

"Brown," Jovanna Walker, *Voice Magazine*, Thayer Academy, Braintree, Mass.

Newspaper

Artwork/cartoon

"Understanding Accommodations," Bethany Hardy, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"The Roaring Twenties," Emma Gill, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

Bylined column

"The difference? He isn't cruel," Jill Morani, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"A Chronicle of Recent Events at Nashoba," Grace Fiori, *Nashoba News*, Nashoba Regional High School, Bolton, Mass.

"WHS Valedictorian and Salutarian Deserve Recognition at Graduation," Sandra St. George, *The Rebellion*, Walpole High School, Walpole, Mass.

Editorial

"The Earth is Hanging in the Balance," Michael Clark, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"We're self-isolating, but we're not alone," editorial board, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

Feature photo

"How low can you go?" Courtney Negron, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

Feature story

"Struggling With the Challenge of Depression," Bethany Hardy, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Does Staff Diversity Matter?" Phoenix Stroh, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Lincoln's students live and learn with foreign friends," Grace Miguel, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

"Karen Shah prepares for the future," Hannah Brouillard, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln,

R.I.

"My Story," Hannah Brouillard, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

"Mrs Cullen," Kait Bedell, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Ms. Sullivan," Kat Allee, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Tina Casey," Kat Hallee, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Dr. Shanon Gruchot," Jill Morani, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Londonderry Lancer Gridiron moms," Alexa Naar, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

Entry form for 2020 COVID-19 Localizing Contest

Title of entry _____

publication/broadcast name _____ web link (if applicable) _____

student(s) name(s) to be recognized _____

school's full name _____

school address _____

school phone _____ e-mail _____

adviser's signature _____

Mail print entries, which must have been published by December 31, to NESPA's executive director at the association's temporary address: NESPA, 130 Washington St., Newton, Mass., 02458 For other entries, use form information at <http://blogs.bu.edu/nespa>.

Take this opportunity to join NESPA

school name _____ phone () _____

address _____ e-mail _____

publications/productions names _____

adviser(s) name(s) _____

editor(s) in chief _____

Mail check for \$50 for school membership to Helen F. Smith, executive director, NESPA, 130 Washington St., Newton, Mass. 02458

Membership, by the school, includes reduced admission to spring conference, free localizing entries and free site visits.

"Amy Fliger," Jill Morani, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Former Lancers forge new pathways in rock music," Grady DorLateran, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

News photo

"Poor Odds: Teens Roll the Dice With Their Future," Kevin Conaty, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

"Community supports food-centric fundraisers," Max Potter, *The High School View*, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

News story

"Academy Teaching Model," Julie Martins, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Cape Tech Shuts down," Thayanna Santanna, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Bug-Borne Diseases Take Their Toll," Caleb Valverde, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Threats Leave School on Edge," Bethany Hardy, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"One scout's drive inspires others to give blood," Kait Bedell, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Continued coverage: Fire extinguisher discharge called for school evacuation," Kate Bidell, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Principal Parent awarded NESPA's 'Freedom to Write' award," Laura Haas, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"Community supports food-centric fundraisers," Hardy Eville and Emily Gazzaniga, *The High School View*, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

"Youth leaders lobby for licenses," Sara Creato, *The High School View*, Martha's Vineyard Regional

High School, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

"Students hooked on the Derby," Emily Gazzaniga, Mackenzie Shaw and Sofia Alexander, *The High School View*, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs, Mass.

Personality profile

"Dolan Recovers and Expresses Gratitude," Eleano Buskey, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

Photo illustration

"Vape is Public Enemy #1," Keigan Morin, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

Review

"Joey's Joint More Than Worth a Visit," Calab Valverde, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Giving Food and Fun," Rachel Smith, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, R.I.

"Welcome to the Rhapsody. How My Chemical Romance channels a Queen Classic," TJ Ruzicka, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

Sports story

"The Lancer football team's advantage? The man in 'The Net,'" Cole Keegan, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

"North athletes seek 'integrated' college experience," Griffin Bond, *The Newtonite*, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

Online

Artwork/cartoon

"Remembering Toni Morrison," Jennifer Ngo, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Don't Trivialize Trauma," Ava Lockhardt, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Happy Holidays: Newsroom to Reopen in 2020," Jennifer Ngo, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Blog

"Thriftamore," Anoushka Mallik and Pheobe Kallaher, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

Bylined column

"Brush Fires Devastate Australia," Caroline Champa, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Vape Ban Helps Black Market Products Thrive," Katy Hamilton, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Don't Trivialize Trauma," Zoe Kaplan, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Is Mastering a Foreign Language Worth It?" Nate Suraci, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Racial Climate Dialogue," Maya Counter, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"The Magic of a Summer as a Sleepaway Camp Counselor," Ella Spitz, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"Fighting Deaf Discrimination with American Sign Language," Ella Spitz, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"The Highs and Lows That Come With Being an Indian-American," Anushka Paul, *WAGhostwriter*, Westford Academy, Westford, Mass.

Feature

"Lower School Receptionist Virginia Beech to Retire After 30 Years," Karly Hamilton, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Re-Leaf for NETA," Jeremiah Levy, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"Latin Brought to Life at CRLS," Azusa Lippit, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"Grand Opening for Grand Possibilities," Jackie Welby, *The Mohawk Post*, Millis Middle/High School, Millis, Mass.

News

"Corona Virus: Chinese Students Worry About Home," Caroline Champa, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"School Responds to Corona Virus," Karly Hamilton, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"School Committee Member Emily Dexter Resigns," Juliana Vandermark, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"Friday Night No Lights," Veronica Mildish, Zahara Abdullah and Liana Melecio, *The Big Red*, Hudson High School, Hudson, Mass.

"Sex Trafficking Survivor Presents to Seniors," Greg Tsougas, *Walpole Student Media Network*, Walpole High School, Walpole, Mass.

"School Committee meeting updates residents on impacts of COVID-19," Srinithi Raj, *WAGhostwriter*, Westford Academy, Westford, Mass.

"New cap and gown policy sparks controversy among seniors," Kristen Su, *WAGhostwriter*, Westford Academy, Westford, Mass.

"The Apple Blossom court celebrates kindness and service," Divya Sambathjumar, *WAGhostwriter*, Westford Academy, Westford, Mass.

Personality profile

"Levine spreads cheer throughout the school," Charlotte Dresser, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"Powerhouse alum takes on fashion design in NYC," Yiming Fu, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

Review

"'Frozen Two' uses humor to appeal to older audience," Phoebe Kallagher, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"'The Lighthouse' provides psychological horror," Elena Su, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"'Ad Astra:' Exploring What Humanity Means in Outer Space," Andrew Mello, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"At This Point, 'Stranger Things' Is Too Familiar," Andrew Mello, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

"'Lover' Does Not Surprise But Still Impresses," Luca Johnson, *The Register Forum*, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, Cambridge, Mass.

Slide show with photos

"Gators Defeat Covenant Chris-

tian," Edan Zinn, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Special Section/Photo essay

"High School Graduation Class of 2019," Brianna Devlin, Veronica Mildish and Isabel Theis, *The Big Red*, Hudson High School, Hudson, Mass.

Sports

"Amplify: Varsity Boys' Soccer Wins MBIL Championship," Gator staff, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Two sports compete for field use," Emily Treistad, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"Nagle and Liss-Riordan sprint to success," Mila Seifert, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

Sports Video

"Committed Check," Chris Tutt, *The Lancer Spirit*, Londonderry High School, Londonderry, N.H.

Video

"Gators Show Spirit at Homecoming," Hayley Jacobs, *GNN*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"6 Life Hacks," Jeremy Suh, *The Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

Staffs, advisers can nominate professionals for awards

Staffs and advisers can nominate individuals who contribute significantly to New England's scholastic press for special awards.

The Robert Baram Award honors distinguished advisers from this region who have helped students raise their sights and standards in the practice of school journalism.

The award is named for the late Robert Baram, founder and for 46 years NESPA's executive director.

Consideration for the award is based on an adviser's

- contributions to the cause of ethical, thorough and articulate scholastic journalism in the adviser's school and community; and
- support for school journalists in all facets of their

efforts to present credible, useful material to their audience.

The Freedom to Write Award honors school administrators who actively inspire students and faculty to use journalism as a way to participate more fully in a democratic society.

Awards of Special Recognition honor professors and members of the professional press.

Please send nomination materials by Friday, Jan. 8, 2021 to Helen F. Smith, executive director, New England Scholastic Press Association, at the temporary mailing address due to the COVID-9 pandemic: 130 Washington St., Newton, MA 02458.

Winners receive their awards during the annual conference in May, 2021.

Localizing Contest: suggested topics

In addition to COVID-19 coverage, here are some other suggested topics:

1. absentee voting
2. addiction
3. ageism
4. air pollution
5. Black Lives Matter protests
6. bicyclists and the law
7. breathalysers
8. building repairs
9. bullying
10. caffeine addiction
11. cancer
12. cell phones
13. children's rights in custody disputes
14. civil rights
15. climate change
16. college admission standards
17. college costs
18. community service opportunities
19. composting/waste disposal
20. cosmetics
21. Deaf cultures
22. distance learning
23. drive-ins
24. drug use
25. email hacking
26. environmental activism
27. exchange programs
28. fake news
29. fashion design
30. First Amendment issues
31. food pantries
32. funding for the arts
33. gambling
34. gap years
35. gardening
36. global warming
37. grading systems
38. green energy projects
39. guitar players
40. gun control and gun laws
41. hazing
42. hiring policies
43. Holocaust
44. homelessness
45. hospitals
46. hunting
47. immigration and emigration
48. internships and summer jobs
49. laws affecting jobs for teen-agers
50. mail-in ballots
51. military recruiting
52. motorcycles
53. mountain climbing
54. noise pollution
55. open meeting laws
56. parking problems
57. parks
58. plastic bags
59. political parties
60. poll workers
61. postal service
62. power outages
63. professional sports
64. public art
65. public transportation
66. puppetry
67. racism
68. ranked choice
69. recycling
70. renaming buildings and monuments
71. restaurants
72. SATs
73. school schedules
74. slang
75. solar panels
76. sports-related injuries
77. standardized testing
78. stipends for club advisers
79. stocks and bonds
80. substance abuse
81. subways
82. tattoos
83. taxes
84. teachers' pay scales and benefits
85. teenage parents
86. teenagers' rights in the work place
87. teenagers' sleep patterns
88. tourism
89. tuition levels
90. unemployment
91. unions
92. U.S. citizenship
93. user fees
94. vandalism and graffiti
95. vegan diets
96. volunteer work
97. vote counting
98. voter registration and turnout
99. web sites
100. zoom meetings

Localizing Contest winners for 2019

"EEE hits Northborough," Catherine Hayden and Gabriela Paz-Soldan, *The Harbinger*, Algonquin Regional High School, Northborough, Mass.

"For Some, Thanksgiving is a Day of Mourning," Margo Silliman, *Insight*, Barnstable High School, Hyannis, Mass.

"Visa Crackdown Targets International Students," Karly Hamilton, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"Op-Ed: Internet Addiction is Real," Zoe Kaplan, *The Gator*, Brimmer and May School, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

"APAC pushes for recategorization of Lunar New Year," Zoe Tseng, *Sagamore*, Brookline High School, Brookline, Mass.

"Later Start Time: How has it impacted students?" Brian Conlon, *The Devil's Advocate*, Burlington High School, Burlington, Mass.

"Examining the Impact of Climate Change," Michael Clark, *Tech Talk*, Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"Saving Lives With Organ Donation," Fantasia Hatch, *Tech Talk*, Cape

Cod Regional Technical High School, Harwich, Mass.

"NEASC visits and evaluates DHS," Viktoria Wulff-Andersen, *Hatters' Herald*, Danbury High School, Danbury, Conn.

"Triple E," Bryanna Graziano, Caroline Duggan, Matt Messina, *Code Blue News*, Holbrook Middle-High School, Holbrook, Mass.

"Durag in school," Catoni Nicholas, *Code Blue News*, Holbrook Middle-High School, Holbrook, Mass.

"The life changing effects of chronic illness," Hannah Langlois, *The Lion's Roar*, Lincoln High School, Lincoln, RI

"Lord of the Flies," Lauren Taylor, *The Mohawk Post*, Millis High School, Millis, Mass.

"Everybody has their stereotypes," Charlotte Lawrence, *The Elephant in the Room*, Milton High School, Milton, Mass.

"Rep. Joe Kennedy Speaks at North," Grayson Snow, Lindsay Bialecke, Nicolas Quintana, Kieran Wajsfelner, *Newton North TV*, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

"Climate Strike Walkout," Sydney Barsky-Russo, Dylan Fort, Natalie Levinson, *Newton North TV*, Newton North High School, Newtonville, Mass.

"EEE," Kaitlyn Bonnetti, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Immigration," Mila Manic, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Scallop Roll," Abigail White, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Sharks!" Cait Mazzola, *Panther TV*, Plymouth South High School, Plymouth, Mass.

"Vaping consequences: the high school implements harsher repercussions for vaping as the state recognizes public health consequences," Kate Waisel, *The Bradford*, Wellesley High School, Wellesley, Mass.

"Vaping Ban," Ashley Flaherty and Delaney Cousins, *Wildcat News*, West Bridgewater High School, West Bridgewater, Mass.