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San Marin Journalism Students Win Western Region Scholastic Writing Awards

(Novato, CA)... San Marin High School Journalism students Daria Hoang, Natalie Dybeck, Chloe Cheng, and Therese Cullen won awards in the 2015 Western Region Scholastic Arts & Writing Contest, competing against high school students throughout the Western United States.

Daria Hoang won a Silver Key in the Journalism category for her article titled "Feminism: not just a women's issue."

Chloe Cheng won a Gold Key in the short story category and Natalie Dybeck won an Honorable Mention in the personal essay category. Cheng and Dybeck are Co-Editors-in-Chief of the *Pony Express*, San Marin High School's student newspaper.

Therese Cullen, who entered in the poetry category, won a Gold Key.

Gold Key winners Cheng and Cullen will now be entered in the National Awards competition.

Scott MacLeod, English and Journalism teacher at San Marin High School said, "I'm so proud of these kids. They've done outstanding writing for Journalism and it's made them better writers in other genres too."

Dating back to 1923, the Awards have become the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S., and the nation's largest source of scholarships for creative young artists and writers. A noteworthy roster of past winners includes Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford, Joyce Carol Oates, Stephen King, John Updike, and many more.

Photo attached: (from left) Natalie Therese Cullen, Daria Hoang, Natalie Dybeck, Chloe Cheng

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