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San Marin Students Win NorCal Journalism Awards

(Novato)...Five San Marin High School Journalism students captured awards in the Journalism Education Association of Northern California's (JEANC) annual journalism contest, competing against more than 20 schools throughout Northern California.

Ben Rosenbaum won third place in the News category for his article on the introduction of gender-neutral graduation gowns, "Traditions Altered for Gender Equality."

Lauren O'Brien and Angela Ding earned an Honorable Mention in the Centerspread Design category for their work celebrating San Marin's diversity, "Who We Are and Where We're From."

Lauren Bollinger and Sumaiya Mubarack won an Honorable Mention in the Editorial Writing category for their piece entitled "We Do Not Live in a Post-Racial Age."

The 2014 JEANC contest received over 400 entries from 22 schools, both public and private, throughout Northern California.

Scott MacLeod, English/Journalism Teacher at San Marin and Advisor to the *Pony Express*, said, "I'm so proud of these kids. They've worked extremely hard to improve the quality of the paper and tackle more complex and controversial topics. These awards show that their hard work has paid off."

The *Pony Express* is the only student-run high school newspaper in Novato Unified School District and the Journalism class is part of San Marin's smARTt program: San Marin Arts & Technical Arts.

Photo attached from left: Sumaiya Mubarack, Lauren O'Brien, Angela Ding, Ben Rosenbaum, Lauren Bollinger.

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