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News Release

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Mt. Pleasant High School to be Recognized for Outstanding Journalism

The ***Cardinal Quill***, Mt. Pleasant High School's magazine publication was named a finalist in the 2005 National Scholastic Press Associations magazine contest. It is one of ten high school magazine publications from across the country to be recognized. The advisor of the magazine, **Joe Lovato**, will be honored at an awards ceremony on **Saturday, April 22, in San Francisco, California.**

Almost 50 magazines were entered into the annual competition which has recognized outstanding student journalism since 1927. Many refer to the coveted **Pacemaker** as the **Pulitzer Prize** of student journalism. The winners of the **Pacemaker Award** will be announced at the ceremony.

The entries were evaluated on 1) scope of coverage and content, 2) concept and editorial vision, 3) design and production, 4) writing and editing, and 5) photography and art. *"To be a Pacemaker, a publication must excel in all areas," NSPA official Mary Kate Erickson said. "Our judges search for excellence across all categories, which is a true measure of quality student journalism."*

The level of the quality of this year's magazines was especially high, and the finalists rose to meet this level of excellence. A publication's earning a **Pacemaker Award** is an honor which the whole school and community can take pride. *"This shows that the students of Mt. Pleasant High School go above and beyond when it comes to their endeavors,"* Erickson said.

"The Mt. Pleasant Cardinal Quill is an excellent publication. It wonderful example of exceptional work created by our students. The District is very proud of their work and the mentorship of Advisor Joe Lovato," replied **Superintendent Bob Nuñez**

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(For a complete listing of contest winners by state, copy and paste this URL in your browser: <http://www.studentpress.org/nspa>)

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