

2024 Writing, Photo and Multimedia Contest Results
ASDAN China Students

WRITING:

Category 1. Review Writing

First Place: Li Serena Yufei, Shanghai American School PUXI

"Like Father and Son" Movie Review

"This piece is beautifully written and gives readers a great understanding of the movie. The piece convinced me, I'm adding it to my movie list!"

Second Place: ELINOR WING CHING SZE, Chinese International School

Where The Monsters Are: Questioning Art from Criminal Artists

"This piece deals with a sensitive topic in a mature and well-written way. The historical background is a great addition! The detection of Dederer's lack of conclusion makes for a though provoking finish."

Third Place: Shen Chenletian, Shanghai Starriver Bilingual School

Framing the Limitless: If Life Were a Movie

"This piece utilizes imagery through word choice and description. It is a concise yet detailed piece, a hard balance to achieve!"

Honorable Mention:

LI ANGRAN, Wellington College International Shanghai

The Clash of Cultures

Yu Chenfei, Shanghai Starriver Bilingual School

King's Table Review: An Inspiring Symphony of History and Progression

HUANG YUNMING, Chongqing Nankai Secondary School

Success or failure?

TONGYAO ZHANG, Shenzhen College of International Education

Fading Echoes: Why Jay Chou's 'Christmas Star' Fails to Resonate

Category 2. Editorial Writing

First Place: So Lucas, Concordia International School Shanghai

High Stakes: The Sobering Downside of Cannabis Legalization

"The story is informative and explores the less popular perspective on cannabis legalization. It is a well researched and written piece of journalism. Great work!"

Second Place: Huang Sarah, Shanghai American School PUXI

The Advent of Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Language Preservation

"Aside from being well-written, this topic is important and newsworthy. The piece begins with a great lede, an essential component to any successful journalistic work!"

Third Place: HAN XUQIAN BEN, THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS
FOUNDATION ACADEMY

Digital Education in Slums

“This piece speaks about an important topic, education for refugee children and utilizes an interesting topic for the lede, chess education. This is well researched and I learned a lot while reading! ”

Honorable Mention:

LIU RUIQI, The Shipley School

Echoes of Silence: Confronting Gun Violence

Jiang Chengdong, Shenzhen Middle School

Technological Advancements and Workers' Rights: A Comparative Analysis of American and Chinese Food Delivery Drivers

Bian Abila Nai Yang, Wycombe Abbey School

The Russian Propaganda Machine

Category 3. In depth

First Place: Zhuang Heng, Dublin High School

Analysis of the logic of sports commercialization and its development of China and the US

“I absolutely love the lede! It hooked me in for the rest of the piece!”

Second Place: Zhang Huixuan, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

Breaking the Chains

“This is a very thoughtful piece, the subsections are chosen thoughtfully. ”

Third Place: Yao Yu, Shanghai Pinghe School

Beauty short-form video content marketing homogenization problem discussion-Take the Xiaohongshu platform for example

Honorable Mention: LIU JIAQI, WLSA SHANGHAI ACADEMY

Water Problems in Venice

Category 4: Climate and environment

First Place: Gao Zichun, Beijing Chaoyang Kaiwen Academy

Cashless Society

“I really like your tone of voice, it is narrative and paints a picture for readers. Great work!”

Second Place: Han Xuqian Ben, THE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS FOUNDATION
ACADEMY

Salty to Savvy

“The headline is fabulous and I learned so much while reading your article!”

Third Place: PENG YIYOU, Guangzhou Foreign Language School

Balancing Efficiency and Environmental Responsibility: Assessing the Efficacy of Minimum Ticket Prices in the Aviation Industry

“This is a really interesting topic that I didn't know much about. The piece is well written and informative. ”

Category 5: News writing

First Place: Eton Au, Canadian International School of Hong Kong

Artificial Intelligence, Human Error Is Technology Worsening Inequality and Discrimination?

“This piece is very current and newsworthy. I learned a lot about the world of AI and is well researched.”

Second Place: Chen Yanlin, Shenzhen College of International Education

Outsourcing Birth

“I like the narrative lede this story hooks readers in with. It is well researched and lays out the topic very well. Great job!”

Third Place: Guan Yin, Palos Verdes Peninsula High School

The Xi-Biden Summit Transformed Sino-US Economic Relations

“This piece successfully lays out the relationship between China and the US and their economic and foreign relations. ”

Honorable Mention: Shiping Zhu, Maranatha High School

Stress Unveiled: Catalyst for Growth, Challenge for Resilience

Category 6: Health, science and agriculture

First Place: Han Zhenyang, Hangzhou High School

Revolutionizing Chinese AI: Baidu's Wenxin Surpasses ChatGPT

“This piece is very well-written and the lede hooked me in! The writer sounds knowledgeable on the subject area while still making it understandable for readers. ”

Second Place: MA HAORAN, Flint Hill Scholl

A Look into The Advancement of Electric Power Systems Based on IoT

“This is a very interesting topic that I didn't know about prior to reading. It was insightful and descriptive. Great job!”

Third Place: ELINOR WING CHING SZE, Chinese International School

Which Microbe?: Preparing for the Next Pandemic

“This piece is very relevant and insightful. A lot of research and work was put forth. I appreciate the integration of the South China Morning Post interview. Great job!”

Category 7: Sports game event coverage

First Place: CHENG ZHIYAN, Pegasus California High School

Game between Real Madrid and Barcelona

“This piece does a great job providing play by play of the game! Great use of description and imagery, it really brings the reader into the game.”

Category 8: Sports Feature Writing

First Place: Wang Xinyue, Hong Kong International School

Snony Serenity Under Threat

“This is a very-well written piece! I loved how each section delved into the different aspects of climate change have affected ski resorts in Japan. It is very well-researched and provided a great overview of the topic.”

Second Place:Zheng Jiasen, Shanghai American School PUXI

Qin Haiyang: A Journey of Courage, Ambition, and World Records

“This was a really engaging piece! Great storytelling, I really enjoyed learning about Qin Haiyang's connection to swimming and rise to success. ”

Third Place: Wang Chen Hao, The Village High School

"Through the comparison and contrast between NBA and CBA to analyze the logic of sports industry between America and China"

“This piece was really well researched! Great job weaving in statistics and information throughout the story.”

Honorable Mention: ETON AU, Canadian International School of Hong Kong

The Pros Behind the Pros A Revolutionary Solution for Hemophilia and More

Category 9: Sports Column Writing

First Place:Zijian Xu, United World College of Changsu China

They strive in the vortex, and we come from football --Italian-inspired, Chinese perspective

“I really liked how much your voice and passion for football came through in these piece! Great job on all the research you put in as well.”

Second Place: Lu Yi Qing, New Oriental Academy

Can the Los Angeles Dodgers form a "Dodge Dynasty" in the 2024 season

“This piece was really well-researched. Great commentary!”

Third Place: Yuening Weng, Schenzhen College of International Education

Gliding Triumphs: Artistry and Grit Redefine the Ice at Grand Prix Final 2023

“This piece was very well written. I liked the writing style and there was great description of each of the performances mentioned throughout the piece.”

Honorable Mention: Jiang Wanlin, Shenzhen Experimental School
Breaking the Ice -The Dark Reality Behind Eteri Tutberidze's Figure Skating Empire

Category 10: Profile Writing

First Place: Tingru Cao, United World College Of Changshu China

A Couple with Disabilities Ventured into Coffee-making.

“Great use of description to really paint a picture! The story was engaging and I liked the use of quotes and photos.”

Second Place: Liu Yi Yang, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

Pan Qing Quan and the swans

“Great research on all aspects of Pan's work. I liked the detail you put into describing his artistic process. The presentation of the story was great too. Nicely done!”

Third Place: Liu Bangyan, The High School Affiliated to Renmin University of China

Gao Yaojie

“This was a really interesting profile! Great job researching a complex topic. I also liked how you broke the piece down into smaller sections.”

Honorable Mention:

Ma Youran, RDFZ XISHAN SCHOOL

Madame Curie of the East

Yufei Wu, Beijing Huijia Private School

Self-achievement through talent and interest

Category 11: Feature Writing

First Place: Yun Duoduo, Beijing New Talent Academy: Cambridge International Center

Xinchang Ancient Town: the commercialised old town memory

“This story was colorful and interesting to read! The piece really brings this town to life! Great use of quotes and photos. Overall- fantastic reporting.”

Second Place: Yang Shuhan, Shenzhen Middle School

Why Poker-sized Photo Cards Cost Chinese High School

Students So Much

“This was such a fun story to read about a piece of culture I did not know about! The article was engaging and easy to read. Nicely done!”

Third Place: Zhouyixin, Xi'an Gaoxin No.1 High School

Shenyang Xita: Culture Melting Pot in Northeast China

“This piece was very well-written. Your thorough research of the topic really showed and I liked the way you broke down the different phases of historical development. Great work@”

Honorable Mention:

KIM SEWOONG, Shanghai High School International Division

Revolutionizing Healthcare: The Transformative Potential of 3D Printing in Medicine

Category 12: Column Writing Non Sports

First Place: Wang Xuan, Weiyu International School

Will Artificial Intelligence have consciousness?

“Great exporation into this complex topic! I liked your application of Sartre's thinking in answering this question. Great work!”

Photo Categories:

Category 13: Profile Portrait

First Place: LU JIANGNAN, Zhejiang Hangzhou High School

He is carrying his hope

“I love the title so much! This photo is so simple yet so effective because it perfectly captures the bond between father and son.”

Second Place: Xu Kehan, Wuxi Big Bridge Academy

Disappearing Culture: A Glimpse into Dulong Heritage and Transformation

“This photo does a great job of capturing the woman's expression and leaving the viewer wondering what she is thinking.”

Third Place: Ye Minkai, WLSA Shanghai Academy

Summer in Longji Terrace

“I love the format of showing a small figure against a large space. It's a very interesting way to show perspective.”

Honorable Mentions:

Zihan Yuan, United World Colleges of Changshu China

Grandpa's Xiao

Sun Ruiying, Beijing No.4 High School

The Elderly in Daliang Mountain

Zou Yi Fan, Beijing No.2 Middle School

Old Witch

Category 14: Sports Action

First Place: Yuk Zhiyuan, Deerfield Academy

Racing Towards Dawn

“This photo is extremely vibrant and captures two athletes at the break of morning. The dramatic lighting helps emphasize their determination to keep running.”

Second Place: Zhang Yilan, Beijing No.4 High School International Campus

Shamanism ambassador's rural life

“There is a clear sense of motion in this photo, and it does a good job showing lifestyle and culture.”

Third Place:Yuk Zhiyuan, Deerfield Academy

Spirited Scrimmage of Youthful Tenacity

“This photo captures the chaos of a moment of action and the emotion on the Deerfield player's face very well.”

Honorable Mentions:

Wang Chen Hao,The Village High School

The Beginning of Reverse Strike

Category 15: News Feature

First Place: Xu Kehan, Wuxi Big Bridge Academy

A glance the bird photographers

“I love this photo! The head-on perspective is great, and the woman in the center with her arms crossed looking directly at the viewer makes this photo really engaging.”

Second Place:Wu Qinli, Shenzhen Middle School

Migrant Worker

“The way this photo is framed is excellent! I think showing this photo in black and white was a great choice, with the skyline starting to fade into the background as the worker walks away from it.”

Third Place: Fang Yuqing, HD Ningbo School

Night Walker

“I love the dramatic lighting in this photo! The silhouette of the subject against the orange lighting outside is really striking.”

Honorable Mentions:

Luo Heyuan, Beanstalk International Bilingual School

A glimmer of vitality

Zheng Xitaotong,Guangzhou Zhixin High School

Dancing Girl

Category 16: Photo Slideshow

First Place: Wang Yiwen, Aquinas International Academy

The ancient city of Beijing after the snow

“These photos do a great job of capturing a stoic and calm atmosphere after snow has fallen in Beijing. The written portion describes quiet beauty quite nicely.”

Second Place: Hou Yafei, Jinan Xinhang Experimental Foreign language School

The dust-laden memory

“The photos capture the quietness of an abandoned place while focusing on the details that evoke its history. I really liked the written portion and the historical background it gave!”

Category 17: Photo Illustration

First Place: Yufan Liao, Vanke Meisha Academy

The moon bridge

“This photo is really well-framed and immediately catches the viewer's eye. The reflection of the bridge is what makes this one so interesting.”

Second Place: Andrew Wang, Concordia International School Shanghai

the Man and the sea

“This photo does a great job with perspective. It touches nicely on how small we seem in a big world. Black and white was an interesting choice here.”

Third Place: Yao Muhan, The Hill School

Possibility

“The title really helps sell this photo. The sole light shining in and representing possibility is a great artistic choice.”

Honorable Mentions:

Zhou Yunbo, Ulink College of Suzhou Industrial Park

Nostalgic Storefront

Wu Qinli, Shenzhen Middle School

Dream or Reality

Xu Kehan, Wuxi Big Bridge Academy

The Swing of Jiangnan

Xu Kehan, Wuxi Big Bridge Academy

Eagle Training in Jilin: Witnessing a Tradition

Wang Qinche, Tsinghua International School

Brook on Yudu mountain

Category 18: Sports Reaction

First Place: Zhang Enlong, Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School

Chasing

“This photo is well-focused and devotes all its attention to its two subjects. There is a good sense of movement and the photo is very dynamic.”

Second Place:Zhang Enlong,Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School

Scramble for a frisbee

“This photo is very dynamic and does a great job showing movement. The viewer's eye easily follows from the boy's hand to the frisbee he is trying to catch. ”

Third Place: Zhang Enlong, Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School

Suspicion

“This photo does a great job of conveying emotion by only showing one girl's face. Because of this, the viewer is left to wonder what the other girl is thinking and if the girl in the blue shirt is right to be suspicious.”

Design Categories:

Category 19: TWO-PAGE SPREAD

First Place: YANG QIRONG, The Experimental High School Attached to Beijing Normal University

Say Goodbye to PANDAs

“Good use of combination between design elements and photos to tell your story! The color theme also helped. I love the little detail over the P of Panda. Good job!”

Category 20: SINGLE PAGE

First Place: Gao Zichun,Beijing Chaoyang Kaiwen Academy

Adaptability

“Fantastic job on the use of light to highlight and draw attention to certain aspects of the cover. Color balance makes the cover appealing to the eye. Good job!”

Second Place: Xiaoyue Hu,Dulwich International High School Suzhou

Table tennis

“Nice use of 'unusual' elements to add depth to the page such as the lined boxes. I like how there are visual elements that refer back to table tennis without having to read the title. Good job!”

Third Place:Xiaoyue Hu, Dulwich International High School Suzhou

Tennis

“I like the different elements used in the page to make the design, and the hand progression was a nice touch. Good job!”

Category 21: Sports Page(s) Design

First Place: Wang Yu, Justin-Siena High School

Lakers vs. Warriors

“Really cool juxtaposition of colors between the Warriors and Laker side but still able to maintain unity and not seem jarring to the reader. Good how both players look inward and are in similar position to add to parallels. Good job!”

Category 22: Informational Graphic

First Place: Adeline Wei, Basis International School Guangzhou

Shut up Plague

“Fantastic use of imagery and text within elements to provide a somber mood to the design and further your graphic's intent. The use of a central element (the plague mask) with text surrounding was also nicely done. Great job!”

Second Place: Adeline Wei, Basis International School Guangzhou

How To Color

“Love the use of lines and colors in the graphic to really catch the eye of the viewer. Very nice touch to include words within the objects to make your point about the graphic. Good job!”

Third Place: MICHELLE AILIN ZHENG, Shanghai High School International Division

Sustainable Skylines

“Nice use of text in an unconventional way. The rays stemming from her mouth make both her the central image of the graphic and also let your viewer visually understand there is more to read and drag their eye elsewhere. Nice job!”

Category 23: News Magazine Front Page Design

First Place: Li Jiani, Keystone Academy

THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY: Your words don't define me monthly news

“Really cool use of countout of the same image to add to the message of the cover, I like the color themes and how it catches the eye but still soothing. Great job!”

Second Place: CHEN YIYAO, Hangzhou Foreign Languages School

FINDING DELPHI

“Very clean simple cover that conveys a message. Really nice use of textures in the suns. I like the balance between colors and text. Great job!”

Third Place: WANG ZIFEI, Xi'an Teyi High School

Refuse appearance anxiety

“Good purple color theme throughout. The text font is a little hard to read. The colors used lend themselves well for the image to be the central focus. Good job!”

Category 24: Editorial Cartoon

First Place: CHWANG MATTHEW, Taipei American School

Fire of Liberty

“Really cool medium and stylization of the statue of liberty. You very well show the emotions behind your cartoon and the results ends up a being a beautiful cartoon. Great job!”

Second Place: Xu Leyang, WLSA SHANGHAI ACADEMY

Embracing the Duality of Self

“The cartoon has so many layers and it is an experience for the viewer decoding what each layer mean. The clearly thought out scenes add to its complexity. Also the black and white gives it a darker mood. Great job!”

Third Place: Kaya Kensho, Shanghai American School

Dreams Beyond Adversity

“The cartoon is very moving and you did a great job of depicting the emotions on the kid's face. The use of pastel is also a great choice as it gives the cartoon a nostalgic feel. Great job!”

Category 25: Editorial Page(s) Design

First Place: Zhang Qihui, Beijing No.80 High School

Hateful perpetrator of cyberbullying

“I like the juxtaposition of the pink green and black. The fonts used, while a little hard to see are eye catching and grab the viewers' attention. Good job!”

Multimedia Categories:

Category 26: Video Features Package

First Place: WUYUFEI, Zhejiang Hangzhou High School

The preparation for the Asian Game

“This video has a clear topic and communicates a lot of information about the Asian Game. The shot composition and overall editing flow is very strong. ”

Second Place: ZHANG LIQING, Other institutions

Counterattack

“This video clearly communicates a storyline around the topic of preparing for the SAT test. The characters are effective in showing the experience many students have.”

Category 27: Multimedia Opinion Package

First Place: Guo Fengning+Lin Junyi+Yang yuxin, Shanghai Qibao Dwight High School
Beyond the Tasks

“This video provides an interesting thought exercise as to the meaning of our everyday lives. There is a wide variety of shots and angles which are smoothly edited together.”

Second Place: MA XIAOXI, Shanghai World Foreign Language Academy
Welcome To The Internet

“The art and illustration skills of the creator are evident in this piece. The illustrations correspond to the lyrics of the song well and the editing is crisp”

Category 28: News show

First Place: He Jiapeng+Wang Yitian+Qi Enqi+Zhao Yikai+Cao Hanwen+Tang Xinyi+Li Hanrui,+Xia Zhangxi+Yang Yishan+Wei Xiyu+Chen Nuo,+Shang Muzhen+Lu Chenyu+Xu Xinyi+Xu Yinghao+Ling Hao, VShanghai Starriver Bilingual School
SSBS News 2023 Fall

“This news show has all the signs of a professional news show and is an impressive piece of work. Each story seems well reported, with visuals and narrative to go along. The on-camera anchor work is also strong.”

Category 29: News video package

First Place: Li Zirui, Chengdu Foreign Languages School
Charlotte Hornets signed former SDSU Nathan Mensah with a two-way contract

“This video shows strong research and knowledge of the topic. The clips and voiceover are edited together well and it is easy to follow and informative.”

Category 30: Documentary video

First Place: Chen Yiyao+Chu Yichen+Lin Han, Hangzhou Foreign language school
A Journey into Fragrance

“The shot composition and editing on this video are really strong. The b-roll complements the interviews and narrative content well and shots are well set up and well exposed. It is a beautifully executed video.”

Second Place: ALYSSA WANG + Pinru Ge, Wenzhou Semir United International School; Manhong Xia, Kang Chiao School Hefei Campus; Zhengjie Yan, Hefei No.1 High School

Thousand-year Porcelain Spirit, Blending Tradition and Modern

“This is a well shot and edited video. The story is interesting and is complemented well by b-roll and background audio. The composition and variety of shots is very effective.”

Third Place: Zhou Yuli, United World College Changshu China; Lu Shangning, Beijing National Day School

Everything Above The Earth or Underneath

“This video uses beautiful footage combined with archive materials really effectively. The interviews interact well with the b-roll and editing style. It very clearly tells a narrative.”

Category 31: Audio Podcast: single episode

First Place: YU MUHE, BASIS International School Nanjing

After Three Years of the Pandemic what are some problems that the artists and the art exhibitions are facing?

“This episode very effectively uses interviews, audio editing skills and the host's dialogue to portray the story. The audio levels make it easy to understand and the interview feels very conversational.”

Second Place: Li Zirui, Chengdu Foreign Languages School

Reaction on Complex Canada's Dalano Banton and discussion about local hero in the field of sports

“This episode very effectively uses interviews, audio editing skills and the host's dialogue to portray the story. The audio levels make it easy to understand and the interview feels very conversational.”

Third Place: Lu Siyi, RDFZ XISHAN SCHOOL

How did I find my problems in teaching

“The narrative in this episode is very strong. The audio is clear and easy to understand and clearly communicates the story.”