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April 30, 2020

Lindenwood students collected 16 awards from the Missouri College Media Association for journalistic articles, photos, videos and graphics that were published in *Lindenlink* in 2019.

The awards were announced by Association officials through Facebook the evening of April 7. The awards presentation originally was scheduled to be in Cape Girardeau during an annual conference of member schools, but the conference was canceled due to the spread of COVID-19.

The competition is divided into four groups of schools based on enrollments, and Lindenwood students competed in Division 1, the group that features schools with the largest enrollments. Schools competing in Division 1 included the University of Missouri, Missouri State University, St. Louis University and Washington University.

Lindenlink captured second place in the Division 1 sweepstakes category, a competition where schools are awarded points for each time a student places in an individual category. The sweepstakes winner for Division 1 was Missouri State University.

“I’m truly proud of these students and all of those who contributed to the website during the year,” *Lindenlink* adviser Neil Ralston said. “Producing a variety of content week after week is an enormous job, and this competition against some of the biggest schools in the state shows that we can hold our own.”

Kayla Drake, a senior journalism major who served as editor-in-chief in fall 2019, was named in 11 awards.

And the *Lindenlink* staff was awarded second place for best website in Division 1. The winning school in that category was the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Lindenlink winners and their categories

FIRST PLACE AWARDS

Kayla Drake, news writing, for “Local school district sues JUUL, cites student vaping epidemic”

Kayla Drake, Merlina San Nicolas Leyva and Miguel Rincand, information graphic, for “What’s with all the plaques on campus?”

Kayla Drake, Tyler Keohane and James Tananan Kamnuedkhun, video, for “Making It Happen: A Gameday Documentary”

Kayla Drake, multimedia package, for “‘My escape from the real life;’ How one athlete traveled from Venezuela to the US”

SECOND PLACE AWARDS

Staff, sweepstakes, for *Lindenlink*

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Madeline Raineri, feature writing, for “St. Chux Derby Chix: Inside the world of women's roller derby”

Kayla Drake, news photography, for “Biology professor remembered for his humor and sense of justice”

Kayla Drake, information graphic, for “What to expect this spring”

Kayla Drake, video, for “How Whatsapp is used around the globe: connection and disinformation”

Kayla Drake, multimedia package, for “Former Olympian Balances Parenthood and College”

THIRD PLACE AWARDS

Staff, editorial writing, for “The cost of truth: LU administrators, board fail transparency test”

Kat Owens, information graphic, for “Reaching for the Pros”

Kayla Drake and James Tananan Kamnuedkhun, video, for “Lindenwood hockey moves to the Blues practice rink”

Kayla Drake, multimedia package, for “Driving the extra mile, commuting as a parent and a student”

HONORABLE MENTION

Kayla Drake, sports photography, for “Lindenwood football suffers heartbreaking loss in home opener”