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Claire Hudnell of Arkansas wins 2022 Best of the Best award

PURCELLVILLE, VA – An Arkansas high school student has been selected as the recipient of the Award of Achievement as the top winner in the National Federation of Press Women’s annual High School Communications Contest.

Claire Hudnell, a sophomore at Lakeside High School, Hot Springs, Arkansas, was selected as the winner of the “Best of the Best” award in a national contest sponsored by the NFPW Education Fund. She won for a video feature story she wrote and produced “Vision Interrupted” about a student with vision issues.

Hudnell is a member of the Lakeside District Press staff. This is the first time a student from Arkansas has won the national honor. She was announced as the winner during an online award ceremony Monday, May 16. The contest attracted over 1,500 entries from across the nation.

Lakeside teacher Chris Slaton says, “Claire is such a hard working student. She is always striving to go above and beyond when she is producing segments. As a member of the District Press staff at Lakeside she has played an integral part in telling the stories of our district for our community. Claire is a talented storyteller who relishes the opportunity to produce stories worth sharing.”

Hudnell entered her story in the Arkansas Press Women high school contest where she won first place honors and advanced to the national level contest, competing against first place entries from across the nation. The story won first place in the nation in the video feature category and then competed in a third round of judging against first place entries in 22 other categories to be named “Best of the Best.” The award comes with a cash prize of \$100 for winning the video feature story category and \$250 for the national award. The journalism program at Lakeside High School will receive a matching \$250 cash award.

The national judge commented on her entry, “Very well done. A difficult story to tell but one that will help others to gain a better understanding. The music was a nice touch and didn’t distract from the story but really helped with the flow. I liked that you were able to let him tell the story and his parents added to it.”



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Arkansas Press Women is thrilled that Claire Hudnell of Lakeside High School has received the Award of Achievement from National Federation of Press Women. Lakeside High School's Broadcasting/Lakeside TV program, under the tutelage of Chris Slaton, has trained many outstanding young videographers, and we congratulate Lakeside as well.



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