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**Ohio Scholastic Media Association State Convention
OSMA kicks off seventh annual state convention**

KENT, OHIO (April 5, 2014) – _____ students from _____ High School participated in the Ohio Scholastic Media Association’s seventh statewide annual convention at Kent State University’s Franklin Hall April 4 -5

The _____ (publication name) earned an overall rating of _____ and received an eight-page critique to show the staff possible ways to improve in the future.

The event brought about 375 high school journalism students and their advisers for learning sessions about journalism and digital media. Newsroom and classroom pros from the Northeast Ohio area and Pennsylvania and Indiana presented more than 60 seminars to help attendees improve their publication by enhancing their multimedia, design and writing skills.

A Day-Of on-site contest was also held during the event where almost 100 students individually participated in nine different contests. From _____ High School, _____ earned a _____ in _____. Etc.

Keynote speaker Mizell Stewart III, VP/Content, Newspapers for The E.W. Scripps Company was the popular keynoter. As a high school journalist himself from the region, he shared with them “What it takes to find your place.”

At the banquet, OSMA member schools received overall publications ratings certificates and individual certificates and critiques in 56 pre-entered categories. These had been submitted in January and largely out-of-state judges critiqued and provided ratings of superior, excellent, honorable mention or simply offered strengths of the entry and areas that could use improvement.

High schools attending the convention could enter one student in each of the two-hour Day-of contests: News Event, Commentary, Interview, Newspaper Design, Newsmagazine Design, Photography, Yearbook Design, Broadcast News and a new Editors’ Challenge, which required school teams of four to select and edit stories and prepare newspaper pages.

Winners of Day-of and pre-entered contests, as well as other information about the event, can be found on

www.osmaonline.com.

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