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LACC STUDENTS RECOGNIZED WITH COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION GOLD CIRCLE AWARDS

(March 28, 2022, LOS ANGELES) –Five Los Angeles City College (LACC) Journalism students were recognized by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association in its 39th annual Gold Circle Awards program honoring individual pieces of digital and print student journalism.

“We are extremely proud of our journalism students,” said Dr. Mary Gallagher, President, Los Angeles City College. “To be awarded so many honors says so much about our journalism program, faculty and students.”

First place honors went to Beatrice Alcala and Matthew Rodriguez in the video news package category for “Echo Park Night.”

Second place honors went to Diana Campbell in the alternative story for m category for “Music Treasure Plays It” and to Beatrice Alcala in the feature page design category for “Black Pink Dominates Globe” and in the single feature package, double truck category for “Create! Skate!”

Third place honors went to Rebecca Grazier and Jon Johns in the personality profile category for “Robert Williams” and to Beatrice Alcala in the table of contents page category.

Certificate of Merit went to William Torres in the in-depth news feature story category for “End of the Faultline” and to Beatrice Alcala in the cover design for general or feature magazine.

"The students are attracting the attention of top four-year schools. They have established a track record of excellence and broadcast journalism skills, too," said Professor Rhonda Guess, LACC Journalism Professor and Newspaper Advisor. "But they are trained in foundational journalism, and that is key to their success."

The contest had more than 4,100 entries in 91 categories. Entries came from publications produced by students at colleges, universities and secondary schools through the United States and overseas who follow an American education plan. The awards were judged by experienced journalists and educators familiar with the context surrounding student media.

About Los Angeles City College

Established in 1929, Los Angeles City College is one of the oldest of the California Community Colleges. Located in the heart of Hollywood, LACC provides a dynamic innovative learning environment offering more than 100 vocational and professional programs including degrees, transfer programs and certificates to more than 18,000 students. Los Angeles City College is home to one of the most vibrant and diverse campuses in the country. The campus provides a wide range of professional and vocational programs at a fraction of the cost of state and private colleges.

About the Columbia Scholastic Press Association

CSPA is an international student press association, founded in 1925, whose goal is to unite student journalists and faculty advisers at schools and colleges through educational conferences, idea exchanges, textbooks, critiques and award programs.