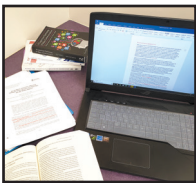




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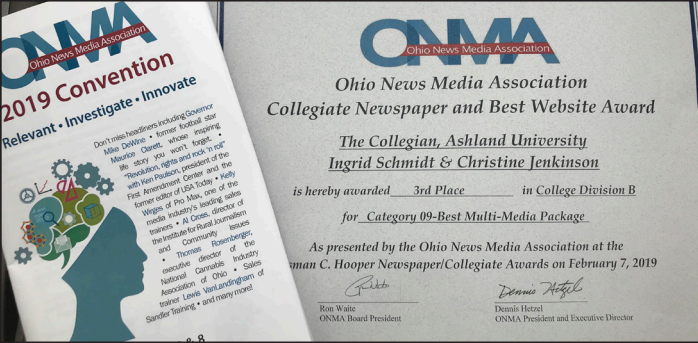
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## The Collegian and AU-Live win Ohio News Media Association awards



From left to right: Bree Gannon, Rachel Ramsey and Christine Jenkinson hold the awards after this year's ONMA convention in Columbus.



Ingrid Schmidt and Christine Jenkinson got third place for their work on fake news.



Bree Gannon got second place award for her photos from the 2017 National Championship game.

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The Collegian and AU-Live won multiple awards at the Ohio News Media Association (ONMA) state convention in Columbus, Ohio on Feb. 7. Both medias were named as finalists in five different categories including Arts & Entertainment, Design, Photojournalism, Best Multi-Media Package and Best Website. All entries were based off submissions from the 2017-2018 school year.

"It is always nice when other people recognize the work they do and

I'm proud of the ONMA awards they brought home this year," Collegian and AU-Live advisor, Maggie Cogar said. "Winning second in best website is a tribute to the team effort that goes into covering campus news and winning first in design and art and entertainment shows the growth the staff has made in both design and writing."

All the awards came from the Ohio Collegiate Division B that had an enrollment of 10,000 and below. The division featured papers from other universities such as Cedarville, John Carroll, Findlay, Capital, Shawnee State, Xavi-

er and Otterbein.

The Collegian staff brought home a first place win for the Arts & Entertainment category. The win was credited to senior Kaitlyn Moore and juniors Justin Davis and Kellie Pleshinger for their feature story work.

The paper was also recognized for its design and earned a second place award in the category. AU-Live took home second place in the Best Website category. The judges comments on the entry said, "Excellent mixture of news and information in a variety of formats."

Senior Bree Gannon was indi-

vidually recognized in the Photojournalism category and earned a second place finish. This year's award topped her third place finish in the same category at last year's convention.

"Even being named as a finalist was a shock because I felt the pressure to do better than I did last year," Gannon said. "I was not confident in my work at all but I am so proud of the results and the improvement I had in placement from last year, considering my doubts."

AU-Live was awarded third place in the Best Multi-Media Package

category. Senior Ingrid Schmidt and sophomore Christine Jenkinson were credited with the win for their television package and article titled 'Fake news and how to avoid it'. The judges said it was a great topic with a solid package.

"I'm proud of the work my students do every day, with or without this recognition. I know how hard they work to produce the news and what they sacrifice to do it well. I know the time they put in and how seriously they take their role as journalists," Cogar said.

## Senior apartment residents displaced after flooding

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The end of January came to a shocking end for those students living in the senior apartments. Senior Apartment A flooded due to the water sprinkler in the building. The freezing and thawing out of the water line caused water to enter into a majority of the apartments causing damage to the ceilings, kitchens and floors.

With the sudden damage, many students had to evacuate as quickly as possible packing up as much as they could.

Head of Campus Facilities Rick Ewing and his team responded to the situation as quickly as possible.

"We have experienced personnel who worked with us during this emergency," Ewing said. "With things such as the water line breaking, we do have a protocol to go by. This ensures that everyone is safe and that the area is clear for people to enter back in."

The protocol is broken into various parts. The first and main part is the safety of the students in the building.

"The questions we ask are: what is the issue? Are the residence safe and protected? And we want to thank the students for being very cooperative with us. It definitely made the clean up much quicker," Ewing said.

The next part of the protocol is finding the cause of the damage.

"In this case, the broken water line is our focus. From turning the water off to getting everything situated to see what needs to be done," Ewing said.

The final step is to clean.

"Our team extracted as much water as possible so our building team can go in and replace the insulation, ceilings and floors," Ewing said. "From shampooing the carpet to fixing ceilings, the safety of the students was our main concern."

From repairing everything to

actually living there, it is a whole different view.

Senior Kate Culver was one of the students whose apartments was affected by the flooding.

"It happened Tuesday, January 22 and only two of my roommates were in the apartment when it started," Culver said.

Culver and her roommates were instructed to pack bags and evacuate the building.

All of the students were able to be placed into temporary housing for the time being. The water line for the sprinkler system was shut down which caused the building not to be inhabited by the students.

"The whole building was evacuated the night it happened because they had to shut down the sprinkler system. We had to find a place to stay the first night, and the next day we received emails about getting rooms in Kilhefner for our displacement," Culver said. "One of my roommates was able to stay across the hall with another apart-

ment who had a roommate currently student-teaching. My other two roommates and myself had moved temporarily into rooms we were displaced in."

The students received a notification on Feb. 1 allowing them to move back into their apartments.

"It was around 6:30 p.m. when my roommate Nicole Miller and I had moved all of our stuff from Kil back to our apartment. It was a long day for sure," Culver said.

Students were given swipes to compensate for the flood. Culver and two of her roommates, who are nursing majors, were given a different form of compensation.

"We asked if there was a way we could get swipes to nest or something at the College of Nursing since our hours for clinical, class and lab do not always match up to convo's hours," Culver said. "We were permitted \$30 a day but were told to be sure to keep our receipts so we would be reimbursed through meals too from convo and

additional dining."

The water damage to Culver's apartment mostly affected the ceiling, floor and walls but there was some damage to the rooms themselves.

"The damage was pretty bad. The ceilings, floors and walls were all damaged. It was our kitchen, dining and living areas that were affected mostly. Our bedrooms and bathrooms were fine," Culver said.

In the end, it all worked out with the many teams involved.

"At the time of the event, I thought it wasn't handled well because there was a lot of things being said by a lot of different people and it was chaotic, stressful and overwhelming," Culver said. "But they [facilities] acted really fast and kept good communication with those who were affected and we got to move back in earlier than we originally expected."

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