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Citrus College Student Newspaper Wins 14 Journalism Awards

Glendora, CA—The Citrus College *Clarion* student newspaper recently won 14 journalism awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges (JACC) Southern Region Conference held at Fullerton College. Seven reporters and graphic designers received awards in 11 categories, including JACC's highest honor, General Excellence.

Evan Solano, the *Clarion's* managing editor and JACC Southern Region student president for 2015-2016, received eight of the *Clarion's* awards, establishing a Citrus College record. He was also one of the conference's student speakers.

"The Citrus College community is immensely proud of the *Clarion's* impressive accomplishments at the JACC conference," said Superintendent/President Geraldine M. Perri, Ph.D. "As a College of Completion, Citrus College's outstanding language arts and communications programs provide student journalists with high caliber academic experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, that ensure opportunities for transfer to a four-year institution and preparation for their chosen careers."

The *Clarion* won first-place awards for front-page layout, inside page layout, and photo illustration. The inside page layout, informational graphic, student designed advertisement, and webcast/broadcast news categories received second place awards, while Illustration, photo illustration and student designed advertisement earned third place awards. The column writing and enterprise news story/series categories garnered fourth and fifth place respectively. An honorable mention for opinion writing rounded out the *Clarion's* sweep.

In addition to Solano, winners of the abovementioned awards included Editor-in-Chief Megan Bender, Dillon Cooper, Pat Cordova-Goff, Emily Cristler-Hermosillo, Mickey Romero and Mara Sullivan. In addition to picking up their awards during the conference, the students attended workshops where they interacted with local editors, photographers, and writers.

"The *Clarion* staff consistently demonstrates their extraordinary talents as individual writers and designers and as a team that invariably produces an award-winning publication," said Mrs. Susan M. Keith, president of the Citrus Community College District Board of Trustees. "Many of them go on to achieve successful careers that enrich their communities and make Citrus College proud."

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