CITY TIMES AWARDED MULTIPLE HONORS
RECEIVES NATIONAL PACEMAKER AWARD

San Diego – December 3, 2015…San Diego City College’s new Digital Journalism program wraps up a banner year of award-winning work as the recipient of a prestigious national honor.

City Times student newspaper, produced through lab courses in the program, received a national Pacemaker award from the Associated Collegiate Press in early November. That award was followed by a General Excellence award from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California conference on Nov. 14.

The ACP Pacemaker award is given to four-year university and community college newspapers that produce top-quality work in breaking news, investigative journalism, features, sports, graphics and photography. City Times’ May coverage of a conflict between the FBI and student journalists from San Diego City College’s “Newscene” television news program was among the award-winning reporting.

The Pacemaker is often equated to a Pulitzer Prize for university and college journalism.

“This award is a testament to the students’ outstanding work for 2014-15 produced under particularly challenging circumstances,” said Roman S. Koenig, professor of journalism and mass communication and advising professor of City Times newspaper and Legend magazine.

The newspaper and magazine, run by student staff members, has published out of several temporary facilities since 2003 as the publications await a permanent home in the midst of campus expansion.

Koenig developed City College’s Digital Journalism program as a way to align instruction with the campus’s award-winning Radio, Television and Film program and ever-changing industry trends.

In addition to the ACP Pacemaker and JACC General Excellence awards, City Times and Legend students have also been recognized by the San Diego Press Club and Society of Professional Journalists.

At the San Diego Press Club awards dinner Oct. 29, Digital Journalism students won:
• Second Place, Best College Newspaper, City Times
• Second Place, Best College Magazine, Legend
• First Place, Cover Design, Angelica Wallingford and David Pradel, City Times
• First Place, News Story, Angelica Wallingford, City Times
• First Place, Opinion Story, Jennifer Manalili, City Times
• First Place, Review, Nowell Montejo, City Times
• First Place, Investigative Journalism, Phoenix Webb, City Times
• Second Place, Cover Design, Angelica Wallingford and David Pradel, City Times
• Second Place, Feature Story, Franchesca Walker and David Pradel, City Times
• Second Place, Feature Design, David Pradel, City Times
• Second Place, Photography, Joe Kendall, Legend
• Second Place, Magazine Cover Design, Angelica Wallingford and Joe Kendall, Legend
• Third Place, Feature Design, Troy Orem, Torrey Spoerer and Miguel Cid, City Times
• Third Place, News Story, Torrey Spoerer and Arie Garcia, City Times

At the Society of Professional Journalists San Diego Chapter awards dinner July 29, students won:

• Second Place, Best College Newspaper, City Times
• Second Place, Arts/Entertainment Story, Amber Henry, City Times
• Third Place, Feature Story, Miguel Cid, City Times
• Third Place, Multicultural Story, Celia Jimenez, Legend
• Second Place, Review, Amber Henry, City Times

City Times also won a Blue Ribbon from the San Diego County Fair Student Showcase over the summer for overall design. Student David Pradel also won a First Place ribbon for his photo essay highlighting City College students.

More information about San Diego City College’s Digital Journalism Program: https://www.sdcity.edu/AcademicPrograms/ProgramsofInstruction/Communications/DigitalJournalism


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