

Renfroe receives Journalism recognition at Mississippi State Press Association convention

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Because the Mississippi State Press Association (MSPA) fall convention mainly centers around yearbook and literature magazine awards, the Pelahatchie High School (PHS)'s *Hatchie News* staff competed for categories in Best of Show, and senior editor Laura Renfroe took home several awards: Best Lede, Best Graphic Illustration, and Best Headline, which MSPA Director RJ Morgan read to the audience. She also placed as a finalist for Best Caption.

Awards were given at the November 1 awards ceremony at the University of Southern Mississippi (USM). The winning pieces, published on hatchieheadlines.com, were designed written by Renfroe.

Renfroe plans to attend USM, seeking a degree in graphic design with a minor in journalism, in pursuit of a career in Entertainment Journalism, where she would work for a publication like *Time Magazine* or *Entertainment Weekly*.

In her time working with *Hatchie News* through the journalism class taught by Advisor Laura Grice, Renfroe has accumulated a number of honors, including the ones below.

- **Best of Show** - "Bring the Soul Movie Offers Impactful Insight to



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Design and copy are Laura Renfroe's forte as indicated by the numerous honors she has received in her time at PHS. She plans to go into Entertainment Journalism after completing her degree at Southern Miss. She is shown with the four awards she received at the Fall MSPA Convention.

- Stardom Struggles," awarded 2019
- **Best of Show** - "Newest 'Avengers' SuperM Burn the Stage at Atlanta Concert," awarded 2019
- **Best of Show** - "BTS Inspires and Dominates the World with Mature and Artistic New Album," awarded 2020
- **Best of Show** - "BTS Opens Up to the World with Completely Raw Comfort of an Album," awarded 2020
- **Best of Show** - "WandaVision Ris-

es as Marvel's Newest Delightful Oddity," awarded 2021

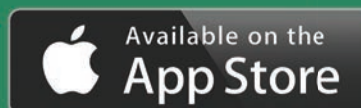
- **Best of Show** - "Diverse Feel-Good Novel Publicizes the Prejudices of Ideldom," awarded 2021
- **Best of Show** - "People Need to Listen to Us': The Anguish of Asian Stereotypes," awarded 2021
- **Best of Show** - "Squid Game Confronts Capitalism with Unsettlingly Relevant Dystopia," awarded 2021
- **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association All-Mississippi Honoree**,

awarded 2020

- **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association All-Mississippi Honoree**, awarded 2021
- **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association Best of Show:**
- **Best Photo Illustration Winner**, awarded 2021
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- **Best Photo Illustration Winner**, awarded 2021
- **Best Lede Winner**, awarded 2021
- **Best Headline Winner**, awarded 2021
- **Best Caption Finalist**, awarded 2021
- **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association Fall Convention Poster Contest Winner**, awarded 2021
- **Mississippi Scholastic Press Association News Publication Awards:**
- **Best Review Finalist**, awarded 2019
- **Best Review Finalist**, awarded 2021

In addition to Advisor Laura Grice, the five-year old *Hatchie News* has two student overseers, Malik Latin for broadcast, and Laura Renfroe for copy. The seven-person staff is made up of Ryan Bayliss, Macy McCamon, Adlyn Till, Caleb Walters, Deuce Ward, Kaitlyn White, and Keith Henley.

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