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Arkansas Scholastic Press Association Calls for Contest Entries: General Excellence and All-Arkansas Awards

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. – The Arkansas Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) proudly announces its call for entries for the esteemed General Excellence and All-Arkansas awards, targeting literary magazines and yearbooks. With a mission to spotlight the paramount creativity and journalistic excellence of students in Arkansas, this contest stands as a testimony to the talent embedded within the state's academic institutions.

Eligibility and Submission Details:

- The contest is exclusively available to registered and active members of ASPA.
- Only submissions of literary magazines and yearbooks published during the 2022-2023 academic year will be considered.
- All entries can be submitted digitally or by mail with a physical book.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Early Entries:** August 30 - October 29, 2023.
- **Late Entries:** October 30 - December 9, 2023.

Renette S. McCargo, ASPA Executive Director, commented on the launch of the entry call, saying, "Each year, the depth of creativity and the caliber of journalism presented by our students astonish us. This contest is about recognizing the best among us and celebrating the spirit of scholastic journalism and storytelling in Arkansas."

Champions of the contest will receive accolades during a dedicated ceremony at the 2024 ASPA State Convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, on April 25-26, 2024.

Schools, educators, and students are encouraged to prep their finest works for submission and to utilize the early entry window for smoother proceedings. Comprehensive guidelines and rubrics can be accessed at www.arkansasscholasticpressassociation.org/fall-geaa, including submission criteria and the digital entry procedure.

For media inquiries or to schedule interviews related to the ASPA 2024 State Convention, please contact Charli Thweatt at media@arkansasscholasticpressassociation.org.

Founded in 1929 by Walter J. Lemke, the Arkansas Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) supports, promotes, and recognizes excellence in scholastic journalism in Arkansas. ASPA empowers the next generation of journalists and storytellers through workshops, conventions, and a commitment to upholding the highest journalistic standards.

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