

North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year Announced

Ravenscroft High School journalist Nicole Mortimer has been named the 2009 Rachel Rivers-Coffey North Carolina High School Journalist of the Year.

Mortimer serves as editor of her high school newspaper, *The Nevermore*, in Raleigh.

Alternates were Alice Keyes of A.C. Reynolds High in Asheville and Tyler Holbrook of Wake Forest-Rolesville High in Wake Forest.

Special recognition was awarded to Garnet E. Fisher for her design work with West Henderson High School in Hendersonville.

Since 2001 the North Carolina Press Foundation has funded the annual scholarship award in honor of Rachel Rivers-Coffey, a professional journalist and former NCPA president.

NCPF voted this year to increase the scholarship award amount from \$500 to \$2,000. The two alternates will each receive \$500.

The foundation will continue to support each winner's journalism programs. The Journalist of the Year's program will receive \$500. The two alternates' programs will each receive \$250.

Mortimer will now represent the state in the National High School Journalist of the Year scholarship competition. Winners will be announced April 19 at the National High School Journalism Convention in Phoenix.