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06.13-16.2021

ATPI Summer Workshop for
Instructors Only, virtual

9.29.2021

Texas Photographic Society
International Student
Competition deadline

09.29.2021

ATPI Social Media
Contest deadline
#ATPIMakeSomeNoise

10.16-18.2021

TAFE Fall Fiesta
San Antonio
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10.29.2021

ATPI Fall Photo Contest
deadline

11.27.2021

ATPI Social Media
Contest deadline
#ATPIGiveMeABreak

1.26.2022

ATPI Social Media Contest
deadline #ATPITickledPink

02.2022

ATPI Winter Conference,
Austin

03.30.2022

ATPI Social Media Contest
deadline #ATPITheStarsAlign

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St. Mark's, Van Alstyne, Memorial Top Awards

After spending more than eight hours on a Saturday morning and afternoon judging 984 images and videos, six judges selected St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas (Scott Hunt, instructor), for the 14th time in 15 years, as the Top Program.

The judges selected Van Alstyne High School (Mark Campbell, instructor) as the Top Video Program and Memorial High School in Houston (Elizabeth Carney, instructor) as the Rising Star Program. Memorial students captured first place in all three categories they entered.

The top scholarship winners in the Hal Fulgham Memorial contest were Caden Rainwater from Texas

High School in Texarkana (Clint Smith, instructor) and Casee Harl from Advanced Technology Complex in Denton (Will Milne, instructor). Both students will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

The judges for this year's contest were Darren Braun, Dallas editorial photographer; Maria De Jesús, Houston Chronicle photojournalist; Bryan Florentin, assistant professor and photography area coordinator for the University of Texas at Arlington; Tom Grant, adjunct photography instructor for Austin Community College; Janis Hefley, Dallas photographic artist; and Linda Puntney, retired executive director for the Journalism Education

Association, Manhattan, Kansas.

"The photographs submitted reflected the admirably high standards of the students and their instructors. Ranking the portfolios was quite difficult at times because most of the work was of such high quality," Florentin said. "These students should be proud of their accomplishments."

The winners' list for all contests, including category winners, can be found at www.atpi.org/contests. The contest judging was recorded and will be posted on Vimeo. The winning galleries will be at atpi.smugmug.com.

Vallery Orr's portrait was part of the First Place portfolio from Memorial High School (Houston) in the Rising Star Program.



2021 Summer Workshop Goes Virtual Again

Photography Optics, Sound Design, Storytelling Available for Teachers

The ATPI Summer Workshop returns virtually for the second year June 13-16. The workshop has offered specialized instruction to over 900 teachers for more than 28 years.

You'll be able to join the workshop from the comfort of your own home and still learn valuable information that can help you as a teacher. This three-and-a-half day workshop allows teachers to choose from one of several tracks, providing opportunities for improving personal skills and classroom activities.

The first track, Photography Optics will be led by John Knauer, retired senior marketing manager for Olympus America, Ian McVea, former photo editor for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and now a photography teacher at Martin High School, Arlington, and John Skees, Director of Media for the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools, Fort Worth.

Ian McVea describes the class as designed to demystify these concepts and to demonstrate clearly and concisely how and why lens focal length and aperture choices are so crucial to the look, feel and power of the final image. But it isn't just theory. Teachers will have practical assignments designed to turn "technical" into "technique," and resources will be available to take back to the classroom for use in both beginning and advanced classes.

The second track, Post Production Sound Design is geared towards video production and is led by Kyle Jun-

tunen, broadcast adviser at Allen High School, Allen, and Matthew Koby, CTE instructor at Dickinson High School, Dickinson.

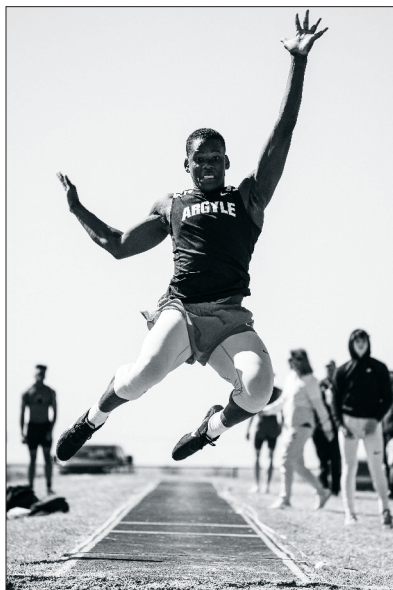
This track covers the importance of great audio and how it's paramount to great video. This course provides an overview of the tools and techniques used in sound design and audio engineering. It also provides tips and tricks to make videos sound their best.

The third track, Storytelling, follows the old adage that a picture is worth a thousand words. This class will be led by Shannon Oden, photography instructor at Ben Barber Innovation Academy, Mansfield, and Leah Waters, journalism adviser at Heritage High School, Frisco.

"The Storytelling class is designed for any instructor -- brand new or seasoned veteran -- who wants to sharpen their approach to visual narratives. Our class focuses on how to focus on intimacy, depth and characters in images, as well as how to sequences images into a story. The most helpful part of the sessions are group feedback, a time to give and receive critiques. The class will also allow instructors to share resources and ideas about how to teach these topics to their students," Waters said.

Registration is now open on the ATPI website under Events. The website also provides a daily schedule. The registration fee of \$50 includes the courses, online instruction and feedback as well as contests and prizes.

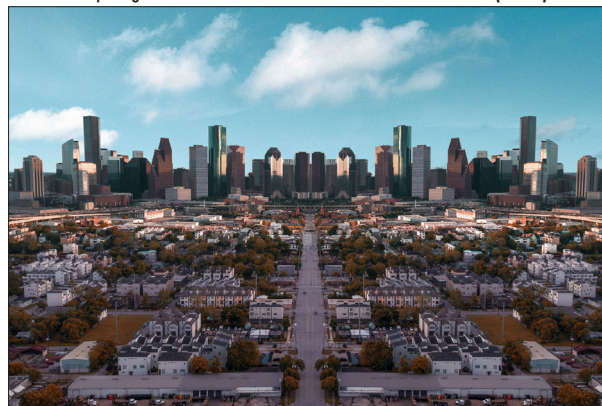
2021 Spring Contest



Second Place Top Program Sports: Nicholas West - Argyle HS (Argyle)



First Place Top Program Portrait: Paul Valois - St. Mark's School of Texas (Dallas)



First Place Rising Star Architecture: Luke Chapman - Memorial HS (Houston)



First Place Top Program Documentary/Photojournalism: Aric Shaw - Westlake HS (Austin)

Top 10 Texas Student Photographers Named to Imagemaker Team

Members of the 2020-2021 Imagemaker Team have been named. They are:

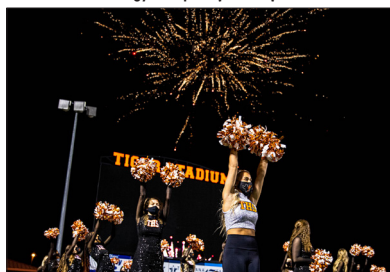
- Philip Cherian Alex – Trinity HS, Euless
- Abby Elliott – Texas HS, Texarkana
- Mary Abby Goss – Austin HS, Austin
- Grant Johnson – Rock Hill HS, Frisco
- Assad Malik – Texas HS, Texarkana
- Olivia McKeever – John Paul II HS, Plano
- Caden Rainwater – Texas HS, Texarkana
- Bella Russo – McCallum HS, Austin
- Aric Shah – Westlake HS, Austin
- Peyton Sims – Texas HS, Texarkana

Their instructors are Melanie Sherwood (Austin HS), Kristy Rodgers (John Paul II HS), David Winter (McCallum HS), Margie Raper (Rock Hill HS), Clint Smith (Texas HS), Michael Peña (Trinity HS) and Alison Strelitz (Westlake HS).

The Imagemakers are the top ten Texas students based on awards received in regional, state, national and international photo contests announced during the current school year. This year's team ranged in points from 90 to over 200 from more than 30 different contests.



First Place Hal Fulgham Fine Art Scholarship: Casee Harl - Advanced Technology Complex (Denton)



Second Place Rising Star Thematic: Emily Achtermann - Austin HS (Austin)

First Place Hal Fulgham Photojournalism Scholarship: Caden Rainwater - Texas HS (Texarkana)

ATPI Goes Virtual for Winter Conference, Sees Record Attendance

Almost 500 Students and Teachers from Six States Participate in Event Platform

In a year where everything changed, ATPI shifted its 2021 Winter Conference to a virtual platform where students and instructors across Texas and other states could still engage and compete with other programs. The conference's event-hosting platform Whova acted as a centralized hub for schools, allowing participants to view pre-recorded classes, create and engage in meet-up chat rooms, and share photos and content easily.



More than 400 people were actively using the Whova platform through February, more than half of those in the mobile app. About 250 people watched the videos on the site, the Keynote and Awards ranking as the most popular stream of the conference. Former White House photographer

Pete Souza spent time talking about his photographs with a small panel of students for the Keynote address.

"Having the opportunity to talk with Pete Souza inspired me to keep pushing towards a professional career in photography. Ever since freshman year, I've learned about Pete Souza's work in my photojournalism classes, so having a conversation of my own with him makes me feel that anything I put my mind to is achievable," Peyton Sims, Texas HS (Texarkana) student said.

Although this virtual form of the conference can't replace the energy and community of the in-person event, instructors and students were able to save money without travel and hotel costs. This allowed some programs to participate that normally would be prevented from attending. It also gave students and teachers in Arkansas, California, Kansas, Michigan, and Missouri the opportunity to attend the conference.

Erica Garcia, Navasota HS teacher, said, "We loved the flexibility this year. We actually have never got to attend because we usually are very busy in February with Skills USA. So the fact that it was virtual we were able to participate and compete in something new. My students loved every part of it and truly enjoyed the live feedback."

Despite still having an engaging program, the conference didn't have all the elements of years past. Photographers had an expanded window of time to create images for the pre-convention contests. Also, many of the contests that were usually "on-site," like Digital

Image and Digital Editing, moved to pre-convention.

The B.I.G. 72 contest and scavenger hunt were also eliminated for this year but will be back next year. The conference culminated in a day of live sessions, portfolio critiques and Cropped.

Our thanks go to the instructors that recorded hands-on workshop classes that students and teachers were able to view on their own schedule. Each class included an assignment that students could complete and receive feedback. These instructors included **Alyssa Boehringer** (McKinney High School), **Andrea Negri** (Bellaire High School), **Clint Smith** (Texas High School), **Don Goble** (LaDue High School, MO), **Eddie Hinojosa** (Robert

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G Cole High School), **Ellen Austin** (The Harker School, CA), **Joshua Baker** (AzulOx Visuals), **Krista Luter** (Allen High School), **Laura Negri** (Alief Kerr High School), **Leah Waters** (Heritage High School), **Mike Simons** (Corning-Painted Post High School, NY), **Shannon Oden** (Ben Barber Innovation Academy), and **Stan Godwin** (Stan Godwin Photography, NC).

Other special guests included Zach Hettrick, New York editorial photographer; Tim Broekema, professor at Western Kentucky University; Nancy Farrar, a commercial photographer in Dallas/Fort Worth; Chris Rupert from Nametag Films; Ryan Lochhead, a Dallas commercial photographer; Michael Dionne from Nikon; Dave LaBelle from Kent State University; and Beryl Striewski, a food photographer from Michigan.

Students and teachers received a commemorative lapel pin and teachers received a swag box thanks to the sponsors.

Far Left: Arianna Panduro, Robert G. Cole High School (San Antonio), won Student Best of Show for this image from her Picture Package. Brenda Marafioti is her instructor.

Above: This composite image won First Place in the Digital Editing contest. The creation was done by Jules Weinstein from Episcopal High School (Houston). Japheth Storlie is Jules' teacher.

Left: Philip Cherian Alex's photo captured First Place in the Digital Image: Red category. His instructor, Michael Peña, teaches at Trinity High School (Eules).



Briefs

Membership Reminder

Have you renewed your membership in ATPI yet? You can join ATPI for only \$20/year and help support the organization. You can also join TAJE (\$40), JEA (\$65), SIPA (\$30) or the Texas Photographic Society (\$40) using the same form on the ATPI website. If you aren't sure if you have already paid, email info@atpi.org and we'll let you know.

TAJE Fall Fiesta

TAJE will hold its annual Fall Fiesta Oct. 16-18, 2021, at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio. Members are urged to sign up to present a session, judge contests and critique publications.

Information about the convention, including contest rules and registration, will be available soon at taje.org.

ATPI Winter Conference

The 35th Annual ATPI Winter Conference for students and teachers will be in person in February 2022 in Austin.

The conference provides on-site contests for students and teachers, along with hands-on classes related to all types of photography and video.

The Austin conference is a two-day conference with Friday events taking place at the Texas State Capitol, culminating with a keynote and awards that evening. Saturday includes portfolio reviews and 90-minute in-depth classes Saturday at 10 a.m. and 1:15 p.m.

More details will be announced in late Fall. Student registrations will be capped at 300.

Members Elect New ATPI Board

In April ATPI conducted the biannual election for the board. The new board will start on June 1, 2021 and will serve until May 31, 2023.

Re-elected as president for ATPI is Shannon Oden who teaches at Ben Barber Innovation Academy in Mansfield. Oden will be serving her second term as president.

Also re-elected to the board is Vice President Laura Spray, who teaches at Loma Alta Middle School in San Antonio. Spray, who originally taught at Bryan HS, is the only vice president continuing on the board. Andrea Negri, journalism adviser at Bellaire High School in Houston, is continuing her term as secretary.

Three new board members were elected as vice presidents this year. Joining the board will be Erica Garcia, photography teacher at Navasota High School, Sergio

Almendariz, video instructor at Ben Barber Innovation Academy in Mansfield, and Natalie Ramsey, art and photography teacher at Crandall High School.

Clint Smith, CTE teacher at Texas High School in Texarkana will continue to serve as past president while Dr. Bradley Wilson is the senior consultant for the board.

Our thanks go out to the departing board members, who have all served tirelessly through some tough times for the past two years. This includes Krista Luter and Kyle Juntunen from Allen High School, Brenda Marafiotto from Robert G. Cole High School, Cassandra Syler from Round Rock High School and Leah Waters from Heritage High School.

Board committee assignments will be announced this Summer. Contact president@atpi.org with any questions or concerns.

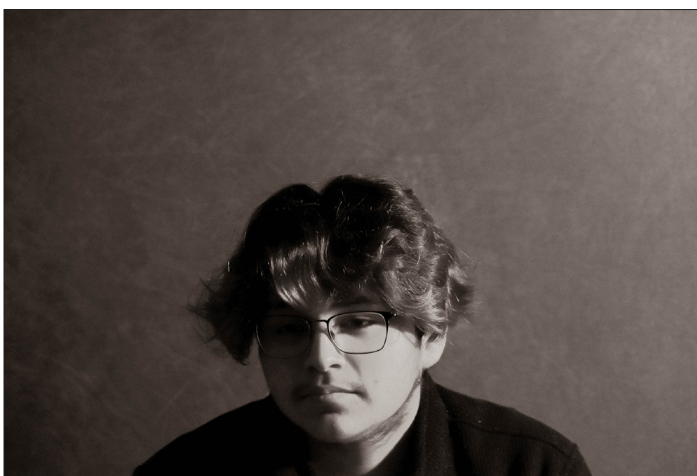
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West Orange-Stark High School student Lacey Hale included this image as part of her three-photo Picture Package, which received Third Place at the Winter Conference. Lacey Hale is Cole's teacher.

Winning Faculty Best of Show for her Faculty Black and White entry was Shannon Oden, who teaches at Ben Barber Innovation Academy in Mansfield.

