

# At a glance **CONTESTS**



*JACC On-the-Spot contests are designed to provide enriching student learning experiences*

## **Competition Rules**

- Contestants in on-the-spot contests are expected to behave in a professional manner when competing in and preparing their entries, and to follow the instructions of proctors at all times.
- Unless otherwise specified, each college is allowed a maximum of two entries per contest, or one team.
- Students are required to sign up for off-site contests and obtain a bus ticket when they register at the JACC info desk. Students without bus tickets will not be seated on JACC-provided transport.
- Advisers may not collaborate with students in preparation of on-the-spot contests.
- Contestants in timed writing labs are not allowed to pre-write their stories.
- Students may use recording devices in the writing labs if they use headphones that don't distract other students (check leakage beforehand). Electronic dictionaries, Associated Press Stylebook mobile apps or any other electronic-equivalent devices are allowed, but the lab site will not have wireless access.

## **Writing Lab Requirements**

To participate in the writing labs, each college must provide its own laptop or Chromebook or a combination of one each. You must also provide your power cords and flash drives for downloading stories for printing. JACC will not be responsible for storing your equipment before, during or after the competition.

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### **Copy Editing — On-site**

**Contest:** Friday, 3-4:15 p.m., Salon A  
**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, AP Stylebook, calculator and pencils. Mobile apps are allowed, but the contest site will not have wireless access.

### **Critical Review — On-site**

**Contest:** Friday, 10-11 p.m., Grand Ballroom  
**Writing lab:** Friday, 11:15 p.m.-12:15 a.m., Salon A  
**Materials required:** 1 laptop or Chromebook and USB drive per person; bring power cord if needed.  
**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook, and notes and handouts from event.

### **Editorial Cartoon — On-site**

**Contest:** Thursday, 9-10:30 p.m., Salon C/D  
**Drawing lab:** Thursday, 10:45-11:45 p.m., Salon D  
**Materials required:** Drawing materials and paper.

### **Feature Photo — Off-site**

**Contest:** Friday, noon-6 p.m. *Students must attend an on-site photo orientation to participate.*

**Feature photo lab:** Friday, 4:30-8 p.m., Feather River Room; photographers may be arriving at the lab at different times so check in with the lab coordinator upon arrival. Photographers may need to wait for an open computer. If so, remain in hallway next to the photo lab to have your photos be eligible for judging.

**Bus-ticket required:** Students must sign-up for this contest and get a bus ticket when they register Thursday at the JACC info desk. JACC will provide shuttle service to this contest site over the six-hour period. First-come, first-serve seating — students must present their tickets to be seated on the bus. Lineup starts at noon outside the hotel lobby.

**Required Photo Orientation:** Thursday, 5-5:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room; Friday, 8-8:45 a.m., Salon A



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## Feature Writing — On-site

**Contest:** Friday, 9-10:15 a.m., Salon B  
**Writing lab:** Friday, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Salon A  
**Materials required:** 1 laptop or Chromebook and USB drive per person; bring power cord if needed.  
**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook and notes and handouts from event.

## News Judgment-Layout — On-site

*Each school may enter a total of two students in this contest, and each contestant must choose whether to design tabloid or broadsheet. This contest is for news judgment and layout of a broadsheet or tabloid front page. The top four of each of the broadsheet and tabloid categories will be selected to complete their layouts on JACC-provided Mac computers using InDesign. A list of finalists will be posted using students' contest numbers. The list will be posted outside the JACC info desk by 8:30 a.m. Friday.*

**Round 1:** Thursday, 10:30-11:30 p.m., Garden/Terrace  
**Notification of finalists:** Friday, 8:30 a.m. outside the Garden/Terrace Room.

**Round 2:** Friday, 9-11 a.m., Feather River Room  
**Materials allowed:** Ruler, pencil, calculator, slide rule/proportion wheel, dictionary, paper, AP Stylebook.

## News Photo — On-site

**Contest:** Friday, 10:30-11:45 p.m., Salon C/D.  
*Students must attend an on-site photo orientation to participate in any photo contest.*  
**News photo lab:** Friday, noon-1:15 p.m., Feather River Room  
**News photo lab check-in:** Friday, noon. Students must check in by noon and remain in hallway next to the photo lab to have their photos be eligible for judging.  
**Required Photo Orientation:** Thursday, 5-5:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room; Saturday, 8-8:45 a.m., Salon A

## News Writing — On-site

**Contest:** Friday, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Salon C/D  
**Writing lab:** Friday, noon to 1 p.m., Salon A  
**Materials required:** 1 laptop or Chromebook and USB drive per person; bring power cord if needed.

**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook and notes and handouts from event.

## Opinion Writing — On-Site

**Contest:** Thursday, 9-10:30 p.m., Salon C/D  
**Writing Lab:** 10:45 to 11:45 p.m. Thursday, Salon A  
**Materials required:** 1 laptop or Chromebook and USB drive per person; bring power cord if needed.  
**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook and notes and handouts from event.

## Sports Photo — Off-site

**Contest:** Thursday, 6:30-8:30 p.m., location TBA.  
*Students must attend an on-site photo orientation to participate in any photo contest.*  
**Sports photo lab:** Thursday, 8:30 p.m., Feather River Room  
**Photo lab check-in:** Thursday, 8:30 p.m. Students must check in by 8:30 and remain in hallway next to the photo lab to have their photos be eligible for judging.  
**Required Photo Orientation:** Thursday, 5-5:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room  
**Bus-ticket required:** Students must sign up for this contest and get a bus ticket when they register Thursday at the JACC info desk. JACC will provide shuttle service to the competition site. First-come, first-serve seating — students must present their tickets to be seated. Lineup starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Breezeway outside the hotel lobby.

## Sports Writing — Off-site

**Contest:** Friday, 1-approximately 5 p.m.  
**Writing Lab:** 5:30-6:30 p.m. (approximate) in Salon A. The lab will begin immediately after returning to the hotel — see proctors for details.  
**Materials required:** 1 laptop or Chromebook and USB drive per person; bring power cord if needed.  
**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook and notes and handouts from event.  
**Bus-ticket required:** Students must sign up for this contest and get a bus ticket when they register Thursday at the JACC info desk. JACC will provide shuttle service to the competition site. First-come, first-serve

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## **Social Media — On-site**

**Contest:** Saturday, 10:30-11:45 a.m., Salon C/D.  
*Students must attend an on-site orientation to participate in this contest.*

**Lab:** Saturday, noon-1:15 p.m., Feather River Room.

**Materials needed:** Students must have their own mobile device, a Twitter account, an Instagram account *and* a Storify account. Help for setting up these accounts will be provided by the proctor during orientation.

**Other Information:** This contest requires a wireless connection, and students must work from their own smartphones, tablets or Chromebooks.

**Required Orientation:** Thursday, 9-9:30 p.m., Salon B. Students must attend the orientation to compete in the Social Media contest. Details on how and where to submit your Storify entry will be provided by the contest proctor.

## **Team Feature — Off-site**

**Entrants:** Each college is allowed one team made up of one writer and one photographer. In addition, two colleges may create a cross-college team that does not count against either college's single entry.  
*Students must attend an orientation to participate.*

**Contest:** Friday, noon-6 p.m., location TBA.

**Equipment needed:** A digital camera and a card reader. Students are allowed to work on their own or their college's laptops, although some photo lab time will be provided.

**Team Feature photo lab open:** Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Feather River Room

**Team Feature deadline:** Saturday, 11:30 a.m., Details on how and where to submit your video story will be provided at the orientation.

**Required orientation:** Thursday, 6-6:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room

**Bus-ticket required:** Students must sign up for this

contest and get a bus ticket when they register Thursday at the JACC info desk. JACC will provide shuttle service to the competition site, with the first departing Friday at noon, and the others leaving in regular intervals. First-come, first-serve seating — students must present their tickets to be seated. Lineup starts at noon in the Breezeway outside the hotel lobby. Buses will be on a continuous loop and transport students back from the competition throughout the day, with the final bus leaving the hotel at 6 p.m. Students missing the final shuttle must find their own transportation back to the DoubleTree.

## **Video Story—Off-site**

**Entrants:** Each college is allowed one team of three students, maximum. In addition, two colleges may create a cross-college team that does not count against either college's single entry.

**Contest:** Friday, noon-6 p.m., location TBA.

**Equipment needed:** A digital camera capable of shooting video and a card reader. Students are allowed to work on their own or their college's laptops, although some photo lab time will be provided.

**Team Feature photo lab:** Saturday, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Feather River Room

**Team Feature deadline:** Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Details on how and where to submit your video story contest entry will be provided during the orientation.

**Required orientation:** Thursday, 6-6:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room

**Bus-ticket required:** Students must sign up for this contest and get a bus ticket when they register Thursday at the JACC info desk. JACC will provide shuttle service to the competition site, with the first departing Friday at noon, and the others leaving in regular intervals. First-come, first-serve seating — students must present their tickets to be seated. Lineup starts at noon in the Breezeway outside the hotel lobby. Buses will be on a continuous loop and transport students back from the competition throughout the day, with the final bus leaving the hotel at 6 p.m. Students missing the final shuttle must find their own transportation back to the DoubleTree.

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## “See It On The Big Screen” Slide Show Contests

### Convention Candids Slide Show & Video — On site

The slide show project is an open-ended, cultural observation exercise on anything that happens at the JACC convention. It is non-judged, but students will get professional feedback when submitting their work. Students must attend an on-site photo orientation to participate in any photo contest.

**Required Photo Orientation:** Thursday, 5-5:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room; Saturday, 8-8:45 a.m., Salon A

**Photo lab opens for prep and critique:** Saturday, 2:30-4 p.m., Feather River Room

**Entry limit:** Each student may submit up to five captioned images and three videos.

**Materials allowed:** Dictionary, thesaurus, AP Stylebook and notes-handouts from event.

### Beta Creative Portrait — On site (new)

The beta Creative Portrait contest is an open-ended “imaginary intern photojournalism assignment” in which students produce a creative portrait of a student from another college/district. This contest will be judged and prizes will be given, but it is not part of the Pacesetter Awards sweepstakes. See flier for details. Photo orientation required if you plan to use the photo lab.

**Photo lab:** Saturday, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Feather River Room; check online schedule for drop-in lab hours.

**Deadline:** Saturday, 2:30 p.m., Feather River Room

**Photo Orientation:** Thursday, 5-5:45 p.m., Garden/Terrace Room; Saturday, 8-8:45 a.m., Salon A

**Entry limit:** All students are eligible to participate. Each entrant may submit one image.



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