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**MCCC STUDENT NEWSPAPER WINS FIRST  
PLACE IN STATE FOR GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

***Mullin Named Student Journalist of the Year***

MONROE, Mich. – Monroe County Community College's student newspaper, The Agora, won first place for General Excellence at the Michigan Community College Press Association's annual conference Saturday at Central Michigan University. Dan Shaw, assistant professor of humanities and journalism, has announced.

MCCC won the General Excellence award for colleges with fewer than 10,000 students; Washentaw Community College in Ann Arbor won first place for colleges with an enrollment higher than 10,000.

The Agora also won first place for Overall Newspaper Design, and its website, [www.mcccagora.com](http://www.mcccagora.com), took second place behind Washtenaw Community College and ahead of Lansing Community College.

Student Katie Mullin was named Student Journalist of the Year by the MCCA. According to Shaw, Mullin has begun working on her bachelor's degree in communication on MCCC's campus through Siena Heights University.

For individual awards categories, MCCC students competed against all the community college newspapers in the state, Shaw said.

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In total, the newspaper and its staff won 11 awards, five of them for first place.

Mullin also won first place for In-depth Reporting and second place for Blog. Carla Crocket won first place for Multi-Media Reporting. Editor Julia Wells won two awards: third place for Front-page Design and honorable mention for Headline Writing.

Below is a list of all of MCCC's awards:

## **The Agora Staff:**

First Place – General Excellence

First Place – Overall Newspaper Design

Second Place – Online Newspaper

## **Carla Crocket:**

First Place – Multi-media Reporting

## **Melanie Jacobs-Davis:**

Third Place – Photo Essay

## **William Miko:**

Second Place – Sports Feature Story

## **Katie Mullin:**

First Place – Student Journalist of the Year

First Place – In-depth Reporting

Second Place – Blog

## **Julia Wells:**

Third Place – Front Page Design

Honorable Mention – Headline Writing

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