

## **THIRD ANNUAL EMERGE MEDIA AWARDS ANNOUNCE WINNERS**

### **Eight winners chosen for the Emerge Media Awards from hundreds of submissions**

**TORONTO, ON (April 25, 2017)** – The winners of the third annual Emerge Media Awards (EMAs) were announced last night at the event’s awards ceremony in Toronto. Designed to celebrate and showcase the achievements of journalism, media studies and communications students in Canada, the EMAs seek to recognize the best writing, editing, videography, audio, graphic design, communications and public relations work at the postsecondary level. Selected by an independent [panel of judges](#) from a record 313 submissions, the eight winning individuals or teams represented various post-secondary institutions across the country. The winners and runners-up are:

#### WRITTEN WORD

First place

**Lucas Provencher, MacEwan University**

“Point and Shoot”

Second place

**Cherise Seucharan, University of British Columbia**

“Two Meals a Day: Living on Disability Assistance in Vancouver”

#### AUDIO STORYTELLING

First place

**Clare Bonnyman, Humber College**

“The Story of Studio 212”

Second place

**Sean Towgood, Tevin Guthrie and Chris Wheeler, Humber College**

“Stigma”

#### VIDEOGRAPHY

First place

**Rachel Carlson, Lauren MacGill, Jeff Schultz and Kerri Savard, Red River College**

“Beauty in Focus”

Second place

**Naseem Loloie, Queen’s University**

“Belly Up”

## MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTION

First place

**Jessica Andersen, Megan Beam, Rachel Broderick, Leighia Chapman-Klaassen, Harley Davidson, Kathleen Driscoll, Hugo Garcia Gonzalez, John Hopkins-Hill, Jeremy Houghton, Brendan Jure, Sara Kozak, Corey Leblanc, Hyojung May Lee, Ziwen Lu, Yusuf Turabi, Melanie Ross, Hayley Sedgewick, Carley Soltesz, Ryan Thorpe, Lydia Versluis, Alex Yorke, Niagara College**  
"Crisis on Campus"

Second place

**Richa Syal and Jacqueline McKay, Ryerson University**  
"How Accessible is Ryerson?"

## PHOTOGRAPHY

First place

**Ans Li, McMaster University**  
"More"

Second place

**Cody Bonner, Mohawk College**  
"Unzipped"

## PUBLIC RELATIONS

First place

**Naeema Bawa, Kayla Da Silva, Dylan Mainprize, Kim Maunder and Ashley Taylor, McMaster University**  
"Ralphy's Retreat Strategic Communications Plan"

Second place

**Cianna Wilkinson, Sheridan College**  
"Canada's Bright Idea"

## DESIGN: PRINT MAGAZINE COVER OR SPREAD

First place

**Scott Rigmond, Fanshawe College**  
"Alba Gu Brath (Scotland the Brave)"

Second place

**Lauren Gorfinkel and Jason Lau, McMaster University**

Incite Magazine: Vol. 19, Issue 2 (Imperfection)

DESIGN: ONLINE MAGAZINE OR NEWS SITE

First place

**The Sheridan Sun, Sheridan College**

Second place

**The Varsity, University of Toronto**

In addition to attending the ceremony, the finalists and general public are invited to the Emerge Conference taking place on April 25 at the University of Guelph-Humber. This year's theme is Media Rehab: Reinventing the Industry. The Emerge Conference will discuss the recent splintering from the media's traditional role in the era of fake news, social-media self-focus and the blurring of lines between fact and opinion, objectivity and partisan messaging. The conference is an interactive, one-day event organized by fourth year media studies students that offers the opportunity to interact with a variety well-versed media professionals in the industry. The goal is for all participants to analyze prevalent and significant media trends in order to deepen their understanding of this profession and positively make a difference in the future.

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### **About the EMERGE Media Awards**

The Emerge Media Awards is an event catered to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of journalism, media studies and communications students in Canada. The EMAs seeks to recognize the best writing, editing, videography, audio, graphic design, communications and public relations work at the postsecondary level, inviting work from institutions across all provinces and territories. While the EMAs program is administered and organized by the University of Guelph-Humber, all judges at both levels of review are independent professionals who do not work for and are not affiliated with any educational institution.

### **About the University of Guelph-Humber**

The University of Guelph-Humber was established through a partnership between the University of Guelph and the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. This unique merge resulted in Canada's only hybrid school, providing students with equal parts academic knowledge and applied education for a well-rounded set of skills. Guelph-Humber offers a higher education through seven undergraduate programs to 4,300 full-time students. Upon graduation, Guelph-Humber students earn two credentials; a university honours degree from the University of Guelph and a college diploma from the Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning. To learn more, visit [guelphhumber.ca](http://guelphhumber.ca).