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Crusader Wins Awards

The Crusader received the coveted All-Kansas Award and a Gold Medalist Award in the two-year newspaper overall division at the Kansas Collegiate Media convention April 14-15 in Wichita. The Crusader is the student newspaper of Seward County Community College/Area Technical School.

Crusader editor Jose Medrano was named the Kansas two-year newspaper Journalist of the Year. In addition, the first-place award for two-year online newspapers went to the CrusaderNews.com staff, led by online editor Cinthia Serna of Kismet and past online editor Raul Lemus of Liberal.

The Crusader staff received 25 individual awards, including eight first-place awards, four second-place awards, seven third-place awards and six honorable mentions. The on-site copy-editing contest recognized Crusader news editor Matthew Adkins, Liberal, as the first-place winner. In a sweep of the special sections category, the Crusader staff claimed the first, second and third-place awards for issues produced in February 2013, August 2012, and May 2012.

The All-Kansas award is the top overall award available at the KCM state competition. "It is so difficult to win the All-Kansas," said Anita Reed, journalism instructor and Crusader adviser. "It's kind of like that gold ring on the merry-go-round — we have thought we were within reaching distance several times in the last few years, but we just haven't been able to grab hold. This year, the Crusader staff brought home the prize, and I am so proud of them for the talent and dedication that it took to receive that recognition as an All-Kansas staff."

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