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Oakland Post wins three SPJ awards; announces “Best Of” winners

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Competing against many larger collegiate news operations, The Oakland Post brought home three 2009 Mark of Excellence Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) at the group's Region 4 Spring Conference in Cleveland, Ohio this April.

The Post competed in the four-year college/university category, which attracted 479 entries from collegiate media in the region. The Post was awarded:

- 2nd place for Best All-Around Non-Daily Student Newspaper,
- 2nd place in Online News Reporting for Masudur Rahman's coverage of the faculty strike at OU, and
- 3rd place in Breaking News Reporting for Colleen J. Miller's coverage of the vote of no confidence in November.

“With our small staff and budget, and the support of our relatively small but amazing journalism program, we are managing to compete with powerhouse journalism schools and newspapers at Central Michigan University and Duquesne University,” said Miller, The Post's editor-in-chief.

Last year, The Post won two third-place SPJ awards. Miller said this year's improvement “shows that Oakland University's independent student news source is continuing to evolve.”

And after winning awards, The Post now will hand out some of its own.

From 6-9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 14, The Post will announce its “Best of Metro Detroit 2010” winners and give away prizes, including an HDTV, at “Party with The Post.”

The event, held outdoors between the Oakland Center and O'Dowd Hall, will feature free food, a chalk art contest, photo booth with free photos, 2010 cover art gallery and year in review visual presentation.

It also will feature live outdoor performances from Marty Party, as well as Olive Oyl and Harmonic Hoops at 6 p.m., Emily Rose at 7 p.m. and Prussia at 8 p.m.

Sponsored by WXOU and the American Marketing Association, the event is free and open to all OU Students.

For more information on the performers, visit:

- **Marty Party** (techno, house, electronic)
- **Olive Oyl and Harmonic Hoops**
- **Emily Rose** (acoustic)
- **Prussia** (pop/soul)

SUMMARY

The Oakland Post brought home three awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and offers awards of their own at “Party with the Post” April 14.

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