

Trumbull High's yearbook named tops in New England

The excitement erupted from the Trumbull contingent in Boston on Friday, May 1, as Helen Smith, New England Scholastic Press Association (NESPA) director, announced the 2008 yearbook judging results.

"In Class I, schools of more than 1,000 students, Highest Achievement, Number One Book in all New England, the 2008 Trillium 'Diffusion' from Trumbull High School," she told the crowd in the assembly hall at the Boston University

College of Communication.

As the Trumbull High group cheered and 2009 co-editor-in-chief Caitlin Wilczynski accepted the certificate, several hundred student journalists attending the one-day conference from as far away as Maine applauded in recognition. Trillium had again captured NESPA's highest honor.

Yearbook adviser Susan Berescik said, "We knew that the 2008 book 'Diffusion' was an example of excellence in scholastic journalism, but it was particularly gratifying for the students to be recognized at such a high level. It's unfortunate that the editors who produced the book — Elena Speridakos and Sarah Afifi as editors-in-chief; Kylie Angel and Stella Choi as assistant editors; Elizabeth Golas as photo editor; and other Trumbull High graduates who served on last year's editorial board — are not able to cel-

brate with us."

In addition to the overall Highest Achievement rating and the title of Best Book All New England, Trillium 2008 received special recognition for Best Overall Use of Typographical Design, Best Headline Writing, Best Sports Story ("Baseball Hits a Grand Slam," page 2 Supplement), Best Sports Spread ("Girls' Cross Country Strides for Success," page 214), Best Feature Photograph ("Senior Best Friends," page 16 taken by Golas) and Best Theme Development and Cover.

Eight students from this year's editorial board attended the conference in Boston. Wilczynski and Production Editor Rebecca Gabor conducted a one-hour open forum "Round Table for Yearbook Editors" in the early afternoon at the request of NESPA Board Member Karen Mechem of Lexington High School,

Lexington, Mass. During their planned question/answer presentation, they discussed steps in recruiting and organizing a staff, and methods of selecting a yearbook theme for next year's high school editors from Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Trumbull juniors Cynthia Ruff and Stephanie Squires; and sophomores Jessica McIntyre, Samantha Mott, Emma Ryder and Michael Smith each selected three one-hour seminars of interest. Topics included "Trends in Yearbook Designs and Themes," "Writing for Publication," "Public Relations," "Libel Law," "Finding Great Story Assignments" and "Ethics in Photojournalism."

During the 1 p.m. session, Berescik presented a one-hour PowerPoint discussion called

"Using Graphics to Support Your Yearbook Theme," in which she analyzed Trumbull's effective use of graphic elements to complement themes of the past five years.

Mothers Andrea McIntyre and Lori Wilczynski drove the group to Boston and spent the day learning about yearbook as well. The crowning touch was a dinner celebration at Pizzeria Uno, hosted by Herff Jones independent representative Brian Hawthorne and his wife Maureen.

Berescik said, "Even though it's a long drive for one day, the NESPA conference gave some of our younger editors a chance to learn from professors at Boston University and from experienced yearbook professionals. It was certainly worthwhile."

In the next two weeks the

editors of the 2009 Trillium "all we are" will complete much of the 56-page supplement, the record of all spring events that occur after the book itself goes to press in early March. Delivery is expected in the weeks to come, and distribution has been scheduled for June 8 for seniors and June 9 for everyone. The supplement, included in the price, is mailed to graduates in the fall and available to those returning to Trumbull High School in September.

Yearbooks, intended for all students at Trumbull High, may be purchased upon delivery in June for \$75 each. Some copies of the 2008 book "Diffusion" are still available for the same price. For more information call the Trillium office at 452-4524.