



The staff of the 2010 Trumbull High yearbook, with their advisers, recently won the New England Scholastic Press Award for "Best Book in All New England." (Submitted photo)

'Trillium'

Student yearbook tops in New England

Trumbull High School's student yearbook, *Trillium* 2010 "Dig It," won top honors at the annual New England Scholastic Press Association conference at Boston University. The book was named "Best Book in All New England" at an awards ceremony May 6.

Editors of the 2010 and 2011 volumes attended the conference in Boston. The group erupted in cheers

when NESPA President Helen Smith announced the first-place ranking. Current editors-in-chief Emma Ryder and Michael Smith accepted the certificate for "Dig It" and its 2010 advisers Susan Berescik, now retired, and Jordan Miller.

"Dig It" earned five special achievement awards from NESPA as well. These included Best Caption Writing in a New England Yearbook (based on samples from athletics and orga-

nizations); Best Use of Typography in a New England Yearbook (based on divider pages); Best Theme Development and Cover in a New England Yearbook; Best Feature Spread in a New England Yearbook ("Tools of the Trade," pages 86-87); and Best Feature Story in a New England Yearbook ("Lend a Hand," pages 24-25).

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"Really impressive," said Smith, "considering there were 1,138 special achievement entries in total."

"Dig It" focused on construction of the auditorium and its impact on the school. Berescik said, "We incorporated the double meaning of digging down deep into the layers of activities, organizations and events of 2009-10. We were taking an in-depth look at THS with Trumbull's first-ever all-color yearbook."

Miller and new assistant adviser Matt Bracksieck, both

of whom assumed responsibility for Trillium when Berescik retired last spring, drove 10 student editors to Boston for the daylong series of workshops and lectures about yearbook production. The students included Emily Gillis (athletics editor), Raksha Kalyanaraman (athletics section leader), Sarah Longwell (seniors editor), Jessica McIntyre (production executive), Samantha Mott (coverage executive), Morgan Pekera (photography executive), Ryder (editor in chief), Diana Santella (copy executive), Smith (editor in chief) and Dimitrios Toromanides (athletics editor).

Berescik, a member of the

NESPA advisory board, delivered a 50-minute PowerPoint presentation for high school yearbook editors and advisers about using graphics to enhance yearbook effectiveness. She was thrilled that her final THS publication earned top honors.

"Dig It" has also received a critique from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA) with an honor rating of First Place and a perfect score in General Page Design, and a critique from the National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) that included an honor rating of First Class in the high school bracket with Marks of Distinction for Coverage

and Design. The judge wrote, "I dig it! You chose a great theme, and your choice of colors helped you develop it."

Even as copies of "Gold Stays" arrive at THS and get sent out for judging, Miller and Bracksieck now prepare to start the cycle over again as they assemble a team of editors for Trillium 2012. "There's little down time in this business," said Miller. "We're recognized for 2010 while we're distributing 2011 and planning for 2012, all in the space of one month. And while a great group of editors heads off to college, they leave a rich legacy for the next group to follow."