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benefits of membership

One of MHSPA's goals is to provide students with the tools they need to become better journalists; **educational programs** taught by journalism experts are a way to meet that goal. The **NSPA/MHSPA Summer Workshop** at the University of Minnesota is an intensive one-week residential program taught by top journalism educators and professionals from around the country. MHSPA's **state high school journalism convention** in the fall will be the first of many learning opportunities this year. Our **after-school specials**, featuring sessions on all aspects of newspaper and yearbook production, are a great way to motivate and prepare your staff for a great year.

MHSPA Update contains all the **information** you need about what's going on around the state. During the school year, the Update features articles and happenings in Minnesota journalism, MHSPA events and contests, and interviews with professional journalists. Included with the Update are inserts containing important information about **scholarships**, programs, contests and other opportunities you won't want to miss.

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MHSPA provides **recognition** of outstanding publications and exceptional student work with a variety of **awards**. The end-of-the-year **Gold Medallion awards** for outstanding individual achievement in writing and design areas of newspaper, yearbook and magazine are presented each fall at the state convention as are **convention Best of Show contests**. In the spring, advisers can recognize their students with nominations for Distinguished Journalist, All-State Journalist or All-Minnesota Editor **honor status**. These opportunities are sponsored by MHSPA at no additional charge for MHSPA members.

Spring Write-offs will continue to present carry-in and on-the-spot competition opportunities for students in an array of visual and verbal categories.

So send in your form! Start today down the path of success and improvement by being part of an association of Minnesota student journalists. There's always something to learn, and you can have along the way.

Education, enrichment and recognition — **you can get it all from MHSPA.**