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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 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 MHSPA blog (mhspa.studentpress.org) contains all the information you need about what's going on around the state. During the school year, the blog features happenings in Minnesota journalism, MHSPA events, contests and interviews with professional journalists. The Web site also has 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-year Gold Medallion awards for outstanding individual achievement in writing and design for 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 is when we announce the recipient of the Minnesota Journalism Educator of the Year, a way to recognize outstanding teacher/advisers in Minnesota.

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 fun along the way.

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