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# THE TECH TALK

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*The award-winning student voice of Louisiana Tech University*

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**2006 National Federation of Press Women** collegiate competition: 1st - feature writing; 2nd - graphics-illustration, opinion-editorial writing, news reporting, sports writing; 3rd - page design

**Southeast Journalism Conference Best of the South competition** (seven-state area): 1st - opinion-editorial writing; 2nd - Collegiate Journalist of the Year; 3rd - public service journalism; 4th - press photography; 5th - opinion-editorial writing, news-editorial artist-illustrator; 10th - Best College Newspaper

**Region 12 Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence** collegiate competition (four-state area): 1st - sports column; 2nd - Best All-Around Non-Daily, general news reporting, general news photography, sports photography

**Louisiana Press Association Better Student Newspaper Editorial Competition:** 1st - personal column; 2nd - General Excellence, news/feature story, sports photo, sports news story/feature; 3rd - sports photo; honorable mention - sports photo

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**2005 SEJC:** 2nd - public service journalism; 4th - Collegiate Journalist of the Year, feature writing, 7th - arts/entertainment writing, newspaper page design, opinion-editorial writing; 10th - opinion-editorial writing, special events reporting. **SEJC on-site competition:** 1st - copy editing, column writing; 3rd - entertainment writing

**Region 12 SPJ:** 2nd - Best All-Around Non-Daily, Best All-Around Online Student Newspaper, column writing, sports photography, photo illustration; 3rd - spot news reporting, sports column, general news photography

**LPA:** 1st - General Excellence; 3rd - sports story

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**2004 SEJC:** 1st - Collegiate Journalist of the Year; 3rd - special events reporting; 6th - press photography; 8th - sports writing, Best College Newspaper; 9th - editorial-opinion writing. **SEJC on-site competition:** 2nd - arts/entertainment writing, feature writing, TV newscasting

**Region 12 SPJ:** 2nd - Best All-Around Weekly, photo illustration; 3rd - editorial writing, feature photography, general column writing, sports photography

**LPA:** 2nd - column writing, General Excellence; 3rd - sports story/feature

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**2003 SEJC:** 1st - feature writing; special events reporting; 4th - Collegiate Journalist of the Year; 5th, 7th, 10th - column writing; 5th - photography, news reporting

**Region 12 SPJ:** 1st - feature writing, general news reporting; 2nd - photo illustration, spot news reporting; HM - column writing

**LPA:** 1st - column writing, sports story; 2nd - general excellence

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**2002 SEJC:** 2nd - on-site feature writing, on-site breaking news; 3rd - sports column, computer-generated news art

**Region 12 SPJ:** 1st - spot news writing; 2nd - sports writing

**LPA:** 2nd - news/feature writing

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**2001 Scripps Howard Foundation/College Media Advisers:** One of nation's "Five Most Valuable Staffers" on college newspapers

**SEJC:** 2nd - arts/entertainment column, editorial section; 3rd - arts/entertainment/feature section

**Region 12 SPJ:** 1st - Best-All Around Non-Daily, editorial writing; 2nd - sports writing; 3rd - editorial writing, sports writing

**LPA:** 1st - sports writing, staff-generated B&W ad; 2nd - column writing, sports photo; 3rd - general news/feature photo, sports writing

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**2000 SEJC:** 1st - on-site copy editing, sports game photo; 2nd - Collegiate Journalist of the Year; 3rd - editorial page design

**Region 12 SPJ:** 1st - editorial column writing, sports photo; 2nd - Best-All Around Non-Daily, spot news reporting; 3rd - feature series

**LPA:** 1st - news/feature story, sports photo, sports/feature story; 2nd - General Excellence, color ad over 1/4 page; 3rd - column writing

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**1999 Region 12 SPJ:** Best All-Around Non-Daily; 1st - in-depth reporting; 2nd - spot news reporting, column writing, feature writing; 3rd - editorial writing.

**SEJC:** Overall Excellence/Best Newspaper, honorable mention; 2nd - Collegiate Journalist of the Year; 3rd - news series.

**LPA:** 1st - General Excellence, staff-generated ad over one-quarter page; 2nd - sports photo; 3rd - personal column.

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**1998 Region 12 SPJ:** Best All-Around Non-Daily; 2nd - editorial writing.

**LPA:** General Excellence Award; 1st - general news/feature photo, personal column; 3rd - personal column, sports story/feature.

*The Tech Talk was ranked as one of the best three non-daily college publications in the United States in 1990 by the Associated Collegiate Press/Newspaper Association of America. It also won Overall Excellence/Best Newspaper in 1997 from the seven-state Southeast Journalism Conference. Louisiana Tech journalism students have won awards for their radio and television work in competitions sponsored by the Associated Press, the Southeast Journalism Conference and the Society of Professional Journalists; for their magazine articles, other students have placed in a national competition sponsored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication. They also consistently win state, regional and national scholarships and internships.*