

Student columnist takes third place in NY Press Association contest

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A columnist for the Fiat Lux, Alfred University's student newspaper, has earned a third-place honor in the New York Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest. Karli-Marie Reyes, a communication studies major from Warwick, was cited based on two of her columns, one focused on Internet sites Facebook and My Space, and the other on appreciating Thanksgiving as she gets older. Reyes is a graduate of Warwick Valley High School. Also this spring, Reyes won an Alfred University "Alfie" Award for most valuable Fiat Lux contributor. She was also inducted into Alfred University's chapter of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. Some 227 newspapers submitted 4,084 entries in this year's competition. Members of the New Jersey and Oklahoma press associations judged entries. Judges comments on Reyes columns included: "Good commentary on Facebook and My Space and how commercial intrusions are changing what once were simple social connections for Generation Y. Also good piece about Thanksgiving and how she once coped with the holiday. Now she's older and the holiday (and her family) have meaning." Dr. Robyn Goodman, associate professor of communications, is Fiat Lux adviser.