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## **Benjamin Franklin's Riverbend Review Literary Magazine Wins Gold Crown Award from Columbia University Scholastic Press**

*Review also received PRESLM's highest honor*

Riverbend Review, Benjamin Franklin High School's award winning literary magazine, was recently honored with two of the most prestigious awards given to student literary magazines. In March, the Columbia University Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) honored Franklin with its distinguished Gold Crown Award. The Gold Crown Award is the highest recognition given by the CSPA to a student print or online medium for overall excellence. In February, the Riverbend Review received the highest award for its 2008 magazine from National Council of Teachers of English's Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines (PRESLM).

"The Gold Crown for Riverbend Review is in recognition of outstanding achievement in the writing, editing, design and production of a superlative student publication through the cooperative efforts of students, faculty advisor and administrators which epitomizes the high ideals from which this association has drawn its strength and inspiration." Edmund J. Sullian, executive director CSPA.

A panel of Crown Judges assembles each year at Columbia University to view the thousands of entrants, whether they are newspaper, magazines, yearbooks or online media. Judges are experienced former advisers to student media, professional journalists who understand student media, or professionals such as photographers or online specialists with particular expertise needed for the judging exercise.

The National Council of Teachers of English's Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines award recognizes students, teachers, and schools for producing excellent literary magazines. PRESLM's mission is to encourage all schools to develop literary magazines, seeking excellence in writing and school-wide participation in production. Participation in the program serves as an inducement for improving the quality of school literary magazines. Benjamin Franklin's Riverbend Review received the PRESLM's highest award for its 2008 magazine.

If you would like to interview members of the Benjamin Franklin Riverbend Review, please contact Christy Cowart Read at 504-286-2615 or 504-616-4386 or [christina\\_read@benfranklinhighschool.org](mailto:christina_read@benfranklinhighschool.org).

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