

DODEA selects proven educator for top post

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An educator with decades of experience at military schools overseas has been appointed as the assistant associate director for education for the Department of Defense Education Activity.

Charlie Toth, superintendent for the Korea District, was appointed to the post earlier this month, DODEA announced in a news release.

Toth has worked in Department of Defense Dependents Schools for 28 years, including stints as principal of Würzburg High School in Germany and Alconbury High School in England.

Among other things, DODEA described his new duties as providing “leadership in planning, executing and evaluating the effectiveness of DODEA’s core programs in education.”

DODDS-Pacific honors student journalists

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YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — Seoul American, Kubasaki of Okinawa and E.J. King of Japan grabbed the lion’s share of individual and team awards during this week’s DODDS-Pacific Far East High School journalism conference at Nile C. Kinnick High School.

More than 100 newspaper and yearbook student-journalists from the Far East’s 12 DODDS and DDESS schools gathered at Kinnick and Yokosuka’s Officers’ Club for a series of 50 instructional sessions and writing, photography, layout and editing challenges.

Seoul American nearly swept the yearbook and newspaper team awards, and also won four individual first-place awards. Kubasaki earned five gold medals, while E.J. King walked away with four.

The top three finishers in each category:

Photo portfolio challenge (beginner): 1, Ellen Peterson, Kubasaki; 2, Alexis Yamsuan, Zama American; 3, Melissa Tolentino, E.J. King.

Photo category challenge winners (beginner): Local culture non-person, Monica Yang, Seoul American; Local culture person, Vinnie Sanchez, Kubasaki; Action, Jane Curtis, Matthew C. Perry; Group, Sara Rhodes, Guam High; Portrait, Alexis Yamsuan, Zama American; Unusual angle, Arlene Mancilla, Guam High; Closeup, Emily Vail, E.J. King.

Photo portfolio challenge (advanced): 1, Patrick Gillian, Seoul American; 2, Coral Boozer, Kubasaki; 3, Erica McInnis, Yokota.

Photo category challenge winners (advanced): Local culture non-person, Patrick Gillian, Seoul American; Local culture person, Erica McInnis, Yokota; Action, Patrick Gillian, Seoul American; Group, Coral Boozer, Kubasaki; Portrait, Melissa Tolentino, E.J. King; Unusual angle, Patrick Gillian, Seoul American; Closeup, Coral Boozer, Kubasaki.

Feature writing: 1, Emily Vail, E.J. King; 2, Courtney Aragon, E.J. King; 3, Melissa Tolentino, E.J. King.

News writing challenge: 1, Ann Kimble, Taegu American; 2, Samantha Cannon, Robert D. Edgren; 3, Johanna Jorgensen, Guam High.

Sports writing challenge: 1, Maria Mizell, Kadena; 2, Caitlen Miller, Kadena; 3, J.R. Delacruz, Guam High.

Caption writing challenge: 1, Maria Mizell, Kadena; 2, Hannah Nash, Matthew C. Perry; 3, Hannah Spark, Osan American.

Newspaper layout challenge: 1, E.J. King; 2, Robert D. Edgren; 3, Taegu American.

Yearbook layout challenge: 1, Kipp Padua and Kathleen Abille, Kadena; 2, Sara Rhodes, Guam High; 3, Robert Shabazz and Jude Vitug, Guam High.

Personal ad layout challenge: 1, Kathleen Abille, Kadena; 2, Nadina Abear and Yumi Yamsuan, Zama American; 3, Carl'Meisha Wourman, Nile C. Kinnick.

Staffers' choice, newspaper: 1, Seoul American; 2, Guam High; 3, Kadena.

Staffers' choice, yearbook: 1, Seoul American; 2, Kubasaki; 3, Taegu American.

Judges' choice, newspaper: 1, Seoul American; 2, Kubasaki; 3, Taegu American.

Judges' choice, yearbook: 1, Kubasaki; 2, Seoul American; 3, Taegu American.