



## ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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### **Student newspaper receives national recognition** *Niagara News, student reporters, honoured at CCNA awards*

*Niagara News*, a campus newspaper produced by students in Niagara College's Journalism–Print program, was among the top campus newspapers in Canada honoured at the Canadian Community Newspaper Association's 2008 Better Newspapers Competition (BNC) held this weekend in Toronto.

*Niagara News* competed against both college and university papers from across Canada in the competition's Campus section, and was the only college paper to place at this year's awards. The paper received second place honours in three of the four campus categories, including Outstanding Campus Newspaper, Best Campus News Story and Best Campus Feature Story.

Student reporter Monica Keyes's in-depth look at the pricing of student textbooks won second place in the Best Campus News Story category, while classmate Joanna Noftall won second in the Best Campus Feature Story category for her story about an individual's troubled history with a methamphetamine addiction. Keyes and Noftall, both of St. Catharines, will graduate from the Journalism–Print program this spring.

"Earning national recognition is a major accomplishment for our students, faculty and our program," said Leo Tiberi, Dean of the Information and Media Studies Division. "The recognition bestowed upon this program and college as one of the best campus newspapers in the country is obviously a great source of pride."

The CCNA is the national voice of the community press in Canada. It is a trade association representing the interests of its members and has been in operation for more than 80 years. CCNA currently represents more than 700 English-language community newspapers with a total first-edition circulation of more than 7.7 million copies per week.

With 6,400 full-time students, Niagara College offers more than 90 certificate, diploma, post-graduate and degree programs at campuses in Welland, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Areas of specialization include hospitality and tourism, viticulture, technology, community safety, and media studies. The College is home to the globally recognized Niagara Culinary Institute and to Canada's first commercial teaching winery.

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