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DSHS SENIOR HONORED BY COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

Dripping Springs High School Senior Jaxson Thornton won a Gold Circle Certificate of Merit from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association for his Opinion piece "Don't Let Greed Run our Planet" from last year's February issue of "My DSHS News." Jaxson is in his second year as editor-in-chief of the DSHS student newspaper, "My DSHS News." The category in which he was honored is "Personal Opinion: Off-Campus Issues."

Jaxson's piece shared and supported his position that a powerful few with interests in the fossil fuel and oil industries continue to hold back necessary progress in meeting the challenge of climate change that will soon reach the point of no return. His call to action was that we ensure "our collective legacy does not go down in the history books as one of greed and disaster."

This year, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association 34th Gold Circle Awards program attracted 4,166 yearbook and digital media entries, as well as 7,093 print news and magazine entries. These entries were produced by students at colleges, universities, and secondary schools through the United States and abroad from June 2016 to June 2017. Student journalists working on these print or electronic media submitted entries in 42 yearbook categories and 50 digital media categories.

Judges cited a total of 1,080 winners for either First, Second or Third Place, or for Certificates of Merit for those deemed worthy of honorable mention in a category.