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Senior Gabriella Paterson at Powell High School was named the Wyoming High School Student Press Association State Journalist of the Year (JOY) for 2023. Paterson will receive a $500 college scholarship as she moves on to her next endeavors.

Paterson earned the top honor of Wyoming JOY through her strong body of work, which crossed multiple journalism genres for Powell High School’s student newspaper, as well as photography.

Her portfolio will be submitted to the Journalism Education Association Student Journalist of the Year competition, where she will compete with winners from 38 other states for the title of National Student Journalist of the Year. The winner and finalists will be announced at the conclusion of the virtual JEA/NSPA Spring National High School Journalism Convention.

Paterson is advised in her journalism program by Powell’s Amy Moore. In November, Powell’s student newspaper, The Prowl, was the All-State Champion Newspaper in the 3A/4A category.

Runner-up in the competition is Victoria Boulom, a senior at Worland High School, advised by Sarah Staley.

The WHSSPA Board would like to congratulate both student journalists, who displayed strong work in their cumulative portfolios. We are proud to support student journalism in Wyoming and wish them both the best of luck in future endeavors.