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### **Distraction Magazine takes home 67 Columbia Scholastic Press Association Awards**

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – Distraction, the University of Miami's student lifestyle magazine, takes home a record breaking 67 [Columbia Scholastic Press Association 34<sup>th</sup> Gold Circle Awards](#) including all four of its 2016-2017 magazines.

"Humbled and overwhelmed. I'm so proud of this incredibly talented staff," said Asmae Fahmy. Receiving 67 is an astounding feat. In previous years, Distraction Magazine has won only one or two of these awards.

Allie Pakroshis, designer, was awarded a complete sweep for three categories: use of typography on one page or spread; use of a designed or art headline; and design multi-page presentation.

Asmae Fahmy, Distraction Magazine's 2016-2017 editor-in-chief, was especially happy that the closest story to her heart on the Syrian refugee crisis won best non-fiction article

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association 34<sup>th</sup> Gold Circle Awards attracts 4,166 yearbook and digital media entries, as well as 7,093 print news and magazines entries. This year's entries came from publications produced by students at colleges, universities, and secondary schools through the United States and abroad who follow the American education plan.

Distraction Magazine is the student run lifestyle magazine serving as entertaining and insightful "Distraction" to the daily stress of college life and features new trends in music, fashion, art, entertainment and student interests. Its first issue of the semester will be released Oct. 30.

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