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**Newspaper Interns Honored by  
Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Cox Enterprises**

**Austin** – Editorial interns who worked at *The Dallas Morning News* and the *Houston Chronicle* this past summer are winners of the **2008 H.M. Fentress Award**. The award is jointly sponsored by Cox Enterprises and the Texas Daily Newspaper Association.

Winner **Rachel Slade** attends school at the University of North Texas, and interned at *The Dallas Morning News*. Rachel received \$250 and a plaque. Runner-Up **Michelle Casady**, a *Houston Chronicle* intern, received \$100 and a plaque. Michelle attends Texas Tech University.

About Ms. Slade the Judges comment: “Rachel Slade regarded her internship as a calling, and she clearly answered that call.” *The Dallas Morning News* editors showered Rachel with praise stating “she was at the level where I forgot she was an intern” and “her portfolio is full of spot news: a fire at a popular restaurant, a fire at a popular restaurant; a 93-year old woman beaten nearly to death in her home; a young girl taped to a tree by her stepfather, reportedly as a form of punishment” and, “the impressive scope of Rachel’s portfolio elevates her from a good intern to a superior one” Clearly our Judges agreed!

Runner-up Casady offers a snappy style and focuses on the people in her stories. Her editor commented “she was smart, resourceful and fast” and, “her attitude endeared her to editors and co-workers alike”.

The H.M. Fentress Award was named for Texas newspaperman Harlon M. Fentress who was influential in Waco’s business development and owned newspapers in Waco, Austin, Lufkin and Port Arthur. The Fentress papers were purchased in 1976 by Cox Enterprises based in Atlanta, Georgia.

TDNA was founded in 1921 and is a statewide trade association of daily newspapers in Texas. The association has played a major role in protecting media rights to report the news, and works to strengthen journalism education in the state’s colleges and universities, while providing a wide range of services to newspapers throughout Texas.