

## **EARTHWINDS NAMED CROWN FINALIST**

**Earthwinds 2009** has been named a Crown Finalist in the annual international competition sponsored by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, a division of the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University in New York City. A total of 1,558 newspapers, magazines, and yearbooks published during the 2008-2009 academic year were eligible in the 2010 Crown Awards Program. Earthwinds is one of only 18 high school literary magazines from around the world that earned the distinction of Crown Finalist. Other finalists include magazines from Georgia, Texas, Pennsylvania, California, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Dubai, and China. Crown Finalists will be awarded either a Gold or Silver Crown, to be presented at a ceremony at Columbia University in March.

This year's award continues a rich tradition of excellence in recent years for Earthwinds, which has won Silver Crowns in 2005, 2006, 2007, and a Gold Crown in 2008. Because of his consistent success as sponsor of Earthwinds, Paul D. Smith, PhD, has been asked to speak at the upcoming 86th annual Convention at Columbia University in March.

In addition to the Crown Award, Earthwinds 2009 received several Gold Circle Awards for specific elements of the magazine. Nathan Barclay was awarded First Place in Cover Design; Miriam Taylor received Second Place in Art Headline Typography, and a Certificate of Merit in Page Spread Typography; and Alexandra Franklin was awarded Third Place in Poetry (Closed Form).