LOGAN— The Society of Professional Journalists announced the national winners of the 2012 Mark of Excellence Awards, recognizing collegiate work published or broadcasted during 2012. USU Student Journalism student MacKenzie Hamilton's article on a young man's mission to help the street children of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia was chosen for the award out of 4,600 entries. “Mackenzie’s article was reported during our trip to Africa in the summer of 2012,” said JCOMM professor Matthew LaPlante. “The story is about a young man named Jason Burton who has dedicated to the better part of his 20s to working to get children off the streets of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, one of the world’s poorest cities.” Hamilton’s work was published in several publications but the version that appeared in The Oregonian won the SPJ’s national Mark of Excellence award for feature writing. Hamilton is a student in the Journalism and Communications Department of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

LINKS
Story: www.oregonlive.com
SPJ SITE: www.spj.org

CONTACT
Matthew LaPlante, matthew.laplante@usu.edu