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Dear Contest Judges,

Please accept my nomination of Madison Area Technical College student Kelly Feng for collegiate journalist of the year. Kelly is the managing editor of The Clarion for the 2022-23 school year, after serving as a staff writer for the 2021-22 school year.

Kelly, a returning adult student taking classes part-time at Madison College, first got involved in the newspaper as part of her work in the college's journalism certificate program. She admitted being a bit worried about how well she'd fit in since she is a returning adult student and takes classes primarily online.

Despite those concerns, she quickly became one of the newspaper's most reliable writers and someone the editors knew they could depend on to produce quality work. Kelly has written for every section of the newspaper and excels in writing long-form profiles. Her willingness to help out with the newspaper's sports section even landed her some freelance work covering high school athletics for the Waukesha Freeman.

This year, Kelly took on the role of managing editor and has helped provide leadership for the rest of the newspaper staff. She edits, writes articles and helps news staff members adapt to working for the newspaper. Kelly is an exemplary writer and editor, and has been a tremendous resource for The Clarion for the past two years.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Doug Kirchberg
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