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Dear contest judges,

Sam Fristed joined O'Rourke Media Group in February 2022 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls in December with a degree in journalism. Sam covers the city of River Falls for the Star-Observer. He has covered a wide diversity of stories since joining the staff.

Sam writes well in the face of producing 10 or more bylined stories each week. While we require high production from our reporters, we don't do so at the sacrifice of quality. Sam savors feedback on his stories and grows with each story he writes.

One of the stories submitted as part of Sam's portfolio was co-written with Hannah Coyle, another Star-Observer writer we are submitting as rookie reporter of the year. We debated including this story in both of their portfolios, but each worked equally on the story, and the story is a good example of the quality of journalism we produce weekly in Hudson.

We are proud to have a journalist of the caliber of Sam Fristed on our staff.

Thanks for your consideration.

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