SPECIAL HONORS

Indiana Journalist of the Year
WINNER: Robert King
ORGANIZATION: The Indianapolis Star
JUDGE COMMENTS: In a category full of excellent, tough and well-reported entries, Robert King’s writing and reporting stood out for its clarity and creativity.

Indiana Student Journalist of the Year
WINNER: Sarah Phinney
ORGANIZATION: Ball State University
JUDGE COMMENTS: Sarah Phinney epitomizes the perfect journalism student and, thus, deserves to be named 2013 Indiana Student Journalist of the Year. Since her freshman year, she has filled her time with internships and college media positions, expanding her knowledge of and experience in television and radio reporting, editing and producing. The quality of her radio and TV piece show she has prepared herself well for a career in the field.

Slaymaker Service to Journalism Award
WINNER: Gerry Lanosga
ORGANIZATION: Indiana University, Indiana Coalition for Open Government
NOMINATOR COMMENT: Gerry is among a handful of individuals in Indiana who go beyond merely supporting efforts to maintain government transparency but who also commit themselves to doing the often thankless work that is vital to keeping those efforts in force.

First Amendment Award
WINNER: Patrick Fazio
OUTLET: WTWQ-TV
JUDGE COMMENTS: Patrick Fazio wins for putting a spotlight on a restriction of the public’s right to be a government watchdog. His work on this issue began with the story of a Terre Haute area man who faced charges under the Illinois Eavesdropping Statute. More stories showed how officials selectively applied the law and how many state legislators were resistant to changing or repealing the law that carried a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison.
Professional: BOOKS

Best Non-Fiction Book

1st Place
WINNER(S): Ray E. Boomhower
TITLE: The People's Choice: Congressman Jim Jontz of Indiana
JUDGE COMMENTS: Ray E. Boomhower's thoroughly researched and documented biography of Jim Jontz is a touching story well told – an inspiring portrait of a man's passion for the environment.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Staff
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Madison County's 100 Greatest Athletes
Professional: BOOKS

3rd Place
WINNER(S): City of Evansville Bicentennial Committee, Heather Gray and Kristen K. Tucker
ORGANIZATON: Tucker Publishing Group
TITLE: Evansville at 200

Professional: ONLINE AWARDS

Best Journalism Website

1st Place
WINNER(S): Lynae Sowinski and Kaye Lee Johnston
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: Magbloom.com
JUDGE COMMENTS: All content enhanced with relevant and well-composed images, strong video content, clean display that organizes content and ads distinctly and without distraction. Archives easy to access and use. An inviting website, and the team there tells the stories of life in Bloomington very well.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): TheStatehouseFile.com staff
ORGANIZATON: Franklin College Statehouse Bureau
TITLE: TheStatehouseFile.com website
Professional: ONLINE AWARDS

Best Online Multimedia

1st Place
WINNER(S): Robert Scheer and Indianapolis Star Staff
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Behind the scenes with the Pacers
JUDGE COMMENTS: Superb photography enmeshed with Grade-A audio. I was amazed at the level of detail the audio specialist was capturing. It really put you in the middle of this behind-the-scenes exploration of a Pacers game. The editing to bring the photography and audio together was spot-on. Wonderful piece.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Bonnie Layton, Julie Rawe
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: A Walk Behind The Wire: Women In Indiana's Prisons

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Danese Kenon, Kelly Wilkinson, Michelle Pemberton, Dawn Mitchell
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Warriors in White

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Design Other Than Cover
All magazines and periodicals

1st Place
WINNER(S): Kristen K. Tucker, Laura M. Mathis and Heather Gray
ORGANIZATION: Evansville Living
TITLE: Wind, Reel & Print
JUDGE COMMENTS: This entry caught my eye immediately. Excellent opener and use of typography expands upon the editor's story and pulls you right in. I love the different layers in the pages, with various pull outs and sidebars. There's just the right amount of energy to the page, making it my pick for first. Well done.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kaye Lee Johnston
ORGANIZATION: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: 36 Spots Where the Burgers Are Tops
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3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kaye Lee Johnston
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: A Farm Where the Water Buffalo Roam

Design Other Than Page One
All newspapers

1st Place
WINNER(S): Allison Vondrell
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Bourbon Trail

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Deb Hile
ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Digital age pickpockets

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Brad Saleik
ORGANIZATON: The News-Sentinel
TITLE: Sports memorabilia

Features Photography
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Matt Detrich
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Never too old
JUDGE COMMENTS: Sharp image, vivid color & image caught a peak action. Excellent facial expression on coordinator's face.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kelly Wilkinson
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Prom Beauty
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Erin McCracken
ORGANIZATION: Evansville Courier & Press
TITLE: Families adopt 13 children at celebration

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Features Photography
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Steve Raymer
ORGANIZATION: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: Make Way Bloomington, Here Come the Brains!
JUDGE COMMENTS: A striking all-in-one shot. Each section of the image is distinct and easily read. Looks like a tight workshop with just enough room to move around, but Raymer was able to give us a complete feel for the space, people, and the colorful sculpted brains. I can see this being a double-truck spread that readers can linger upon.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jennifer Mayo
ORGANIZATION: Shore Magazine
TITLE: Fashion on the Shore

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Shannon Zahnle
ORGANIZATION: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: Laser Surgery

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Graphics and Illustrations
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Deb Hile
ORGANIZATION: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Where food deserts are
JUDGE COMMENTS: Smart use of data and charting to illustrate what the nature of a food desert is, and its prevalence in the community. Adding photo of a gallon of milk and noting its weight really brings home the nature of the problem. (It got me thinking, as I'm sure it did for many others.) Lots of data subsets represented, but it was clean and easy to read, on top of being engaging.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Stephen Beard
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Seismic Shift in Pope Culture

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Graphics and Illustrations
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Ryan Alvis
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Mighty Maestro
JUDGE COMMENTS: Christine S: Engaging caricature, great sense of movement, use of color, dramatic shadowing. You get a sense of the man's personality and passion without reading a word.

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Magazine Cover Design

1st Place
WINNER(S): Hector Sanchez
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: January 2012 cover

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Tanja Pohl, Red Nose Studio
ORGANIZATON: Angie's List Magazine
TITLE: Chasing the storm

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kristen K. Tucker, Laura Mathis, Heather Gray and Mike Wheatley
ORGANIZATON: Tucker Publishing Group
TITLE: Evansville Living, November/December 2012
Multiple Picture Group
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Frank J. Oliver
ORGANIZATION: Indiana Department of Natural Resources
TITLE: Surf Indiana
JUDGE COMMENTS: *The story rose to the top because it was an visually interesting subject -- surfing in an unexpected location. The photographer did a nice job of using different lenses and getting different perspectives, and succeeded in capturing the juxtaposition of surfing and factories. The detail of the icicles on the face was a nice addition.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Shannon Zahnle
ORGANIZATION: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: IU Jacobs School of Music: The Next Generation

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): J. Bruce Baumann
ORGANIZATION: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: Autumn in Monroe County

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Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

News Photography
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Denny Simmons
ORGANIZATION: Evansville Courier & Press
TITLE: A somber homecoming
JUDGE COMMENTS: *The photographer nicely paired the mom's raw grief with the somber formality of the military uniformity.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Charlie Nye
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Firefighter...just like dad

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Denny Simmons
ORGANIZATION: Evansville Courier & Press
TITLE: Farewell to fallen firefighter
Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

**News Photography**
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Joseph C. Garza
ORGANIZATION: Tribune-Star
TITLE: Prayerful Moment, powerful welcome
JUDGE COMMENTS:
*Good shot. Sometimes stepping back is tells the story better than something in your face.*

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Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

**Newspaper Page One Design**
*All newspapers*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Shirley Gioia
ORGANIZATION: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Gunman Dead
JUDGE COMMENTS:
*This entry features solid breaking news coverage played well, with a gripping lede photo and good layering. What really makes this entry rise to the top is the restraint used in the design. Many of the design embellishments used hurt the other entries in this category. News design should be edited as strongly as the stories on the page.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Asha Patel
ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Jealousy Jane's Punk Couture

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Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

**Sports Photography**
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Matt Kryger
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Big Lift
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Sharp image, vivid color & image caught a peak action. Excellent facial expression on coordinator's face.*
2nd Place  
WINNER(S): Erin McCracken  
ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press  
TITLE: Carrying High Hopes

3rd Place  
WINNER(S): Matt Detrich  
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star  
TITLE: Race Shave Fan

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS  

Sports Photography  
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

1st Place  
WINNER(S): Rich Janzaruk  
ORGANIZATON: Bedford Times-Mail  
TITLE: Sectional Track Final  
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Nice angle of capture w/wide angle not normally seen by the crowd. Three closest runners all are airborne. Officials at the finish line are a nice touch.*

2nd Place  
WINNER(S): William Gibson (photographer), Dean Hockney (Editor)  
ORGANIZATON: Sports Journal of Central Indiana  
TITLE: The spin

3rd Place  
WINNER(S): John P. Cleary  
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin  
TITLE: Hair Raising
Arts and Entertainment Writing

All daily newspapers

1st Place
WINNER(S): Will Higgins
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Museum discovers Picasso in its midst
JUDGE COMMENTS: A little masterpiece of arts reporting. Sidestepping the cliché of multimillion-dollar-art-found-in-basement, Will Higgins takes us through a landscape dotted with possums, Coke cans, a charismatic curator and an old carousel. The reporting is wide-ranging, from a modern New York art dealer and 1950s Paris to an Indiana community denied even a peek at the Picasso found in their museum. And the reporting is in depth, delving into the vagaries of the art market and board decision-making. Higgins’ skillful writing paints in whole swaths of context with just a few words (“39 years is a long time to mourn a carousel”) and moves through the scenes at a tight pace that keeps the intrigue and charm coming. Superbly done.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Scott L. Miley
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Between the lines

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Peter Jacobi
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: First time in almost 50 years, 'Der Rosenkavalier' comes to IU

Arts and Entertainment Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place
WINNER(S): Elisabeth Andrews
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: The Lotus Festival
JUDGE COMMENTS: Loved that this article captured the exuberance and uniqueness of the Lotus Festival.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Elisabeth Andrews
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: IU Jacobs School of Music: The Next Generation

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Scott Shoger
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Mighty Maestro

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Daniel S. Comiskey
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: Mad Money
JUDGE COMMENTS: Daniel Comiskey’s fascinating portrait of the gold bug Bernard von NotHaus and the history of the Liberty Dollar is the just the kind of story that makes magazines still relevant in the digital age. Good characters, insightful asides, and just plain good storytelling. And, as a bonus, the reader gets a short course on the history of the gold standard. What could be more fun?

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Cory Schouten
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal
TITLE: Land Bank Giveaway

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Chris O'Malley
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal
TITLE: Globetrotting sparks scrutiny
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Jeremy Shere
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: The Young Turks of Technology
JUDGE COMMENTS: A lively, readable, and interesting piece.

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Keith Roysdon
ORGANIZATON: The Star Press
TITLE: Delaware County officials cited millions in debt from failed streetlight maker

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Laura Lane
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Nathan Butler Funeral Home closes months after funeral fracas

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Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing
*Magazines and non-daily newspapers*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Christine Barbour
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: My Plate or Yours
JUDGE COMMENTS: Food writing, at its best, hits all of us at home. That's something Christine Barbour does regularly with My Plate or Yours. She deftly ties in delicious descriptions of noodles, desserts and exotic dishes with personal memories and experiences. Even if you don't share her background, her writing transports you back to your favorite restaurants, your grandparents kitchen or your childhood favorite treat. Along the way, you’ll learn something such as the difference between simple and comfort food, the flavors and techniques of Lebanese cooking or even what it takes to make the perfect gummy bear.

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Jim Poyser
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly/Indiana Living Green
TITLE: Doom & Bloom
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing
Newspapers circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Scott Underwood
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
JUDGE COMMENTS: Mr. Underwood's writing shows excellent journalistic style: it's clear, concise and very readable. He uses personal experience to illustrate larger points, which gives his writing an accessibility that is often lacking in newspaper columns. He has a humorous, self-deprecating touch that invites readers to identify with him and learn a little something along the way. If I were a regular Herald Bulletin reader, his columns would be must-reading.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kyle Huckins
ORGANIZATON: Marion Chronicle-Tribune
TITLE: In the Spirit

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Edward D. Feigenbaum
ORGANIZATON: INGroup
TITLE: Statehouse Dispatch columns

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Doug Ross
ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Gary's abandoned schools are a 'Left Behind' story
JUDGE COMMENTS: Doug Ross was the winner, with strong, engaging and conversational writing.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Dan Carpenter
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place
WINNER(S): John Krull, executive editor
ORGANIZATON: TheStatehouseFile.com, Franklin College
Coverage of Children’s Issues
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Marisa Kwiatkowski
ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Children in Peril
JUDGE COMMENTS: *A gripping and compassionate look at the lives of parents pushed up against a wall by children they cannot control and a system that gave them virtually no options to get help. The series helped prompt the state to develop a plan to ensure parents don’t have to “abandon” their kids to get mental health services.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Tim Evans
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Could their deaths have been prevented?

Coverage of Government or Politics
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Samm Quinn, Timothy Cox, Adrian Gillaspy, Sandie Love
ORGANIZATON: TheStatehouseFile.com, Franklin College
TITLE: Right to work - 2012
JUDGE COMMENTS: *All solid entries in this category, but the coverage by this group of reporters put the reader right on the statehouse floor.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Tom LoBianco
ORGANIZATON: The Associated Press
TITLE: Mourdock's Makeover

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Chris Sikich
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Why we're paying $255 million to tunnel under trees
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Government or Politics
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jon Blau
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Big Brother is reading your emails
JUDGE COMMENTS: A very compelling and eye-opening piece about the powers government agencies have to read the emails of private citizens.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: 2012 Election guide

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Staff
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Primary 2012 election coverage

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Minority Issues
All publications and digital media

1st Place
WINNER: Lee Ann Sandweiss
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: A Sentimental Journey
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is a well-written feature about one man's return to his homeland for the first time after many years. It contains colorful tidbits about his background, his journey to Cuba and life in the country he left as a youngster. An enjoyable and informative read that speaks to the minority/immigrant experience in a creative way.

2nd Place
WINNER: Carrie Ritchie
ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Does he deserve to be punished?

3rd Place
WINNER: Scott Elliot
ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Why do so many black teens get so many waivers?
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Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Criminal Justice Reporting
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Michael Rubino
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: If You Don't Keep Going, I Will Let You Fall over the Edge and Die.'
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is a strange and compelling story, thoroughly reported and wonderfully told. Chris Carlson, the young grandfather who took his three grandsons on a misbegotten journey, emerges as a complex and not entirely unsympathetic character.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Robert King
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Growing up locked up

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Todd Moore
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: Life and Death. And Life.

Criminal Justice Reporting
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jon Blau and Victoria Ison
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Bloomington is a haven for the homeless, but at what cost?
JUDGE COMMENTS: This entry had clear, thorough writing and reporting with vivid details.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: RecycleForce: Ex-offenders pan e-waste for urban gold

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Laura Lane
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Convicted killer Robert Lee getting out of prison, coming back to town

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL
Editorial cartoon
All publications and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Gary Varvel
ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Legends
JUDGE COMMENTS: Gary Varvel's cartoon "Legends" has all the qualities a great cartoon requires.... excellent draftsmanship, stylish caricature, and a fresh, well conceived message. Juxtaposing political and athletic careers is a clever vehicle for commentary on the impermanence of status for even those who might otherwise think themselves untouchable. Plus, it's darn funny.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Tim Campbell
ORGANIZATON: Current Publishing
TITLE: Troubled Kids

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Tim Campbell
ORGANIZATON: Current Publishing
TITLE: I Am Your Father
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial writing
All publications and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Doug Ross
ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Unplug Powers’ dreams of trash-to-ethanol riches
JUDGE COMMENTS: The editorial convincingly argues that public officials wasted too much time entertaining proposals of a businessman without a solid financial plan. The editorial describes how county officials suspended reality because they were blinded by the promise of jobs.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Scott Miley
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Rape case points to disconnect between police, public

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Dan Carpenter
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Lugar’s Legacy Remains Strong Even in Defeat
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Education Reporting
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Scott Elliott
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
JUDGE COMMENTS: Scott Elliott’s education stories are based on data but driven by people. His piece, "Is this diploma good enough?," raises serious public policy issues that would not be evident without some serious digging. And his profile of “five schools that beat the odds” delves into a host of weighty education issues while still engaging readers with great descriptions and details of how these schools operate.

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): J.K. Wall
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Business Journal

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Sarah Butrymowicz
ORGANIZATION: The Hechinger Report
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Education Reporting
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): The Herald Bulletin Staff
ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Title IX
JUDGE COMMENTS: Excellent, comprehensive series that provides rich details — and a diversity of voices — on how Title IX has transformed sports nationally and for a local community. The series also makes clear that, 40 years on, there is still much work to be done to ensure equity for women in sports.

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Dani Palmer and staff
ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Student debt

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend
ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: In the Mind Trust we trust?
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Environmental Reporting
*Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

1st Place
WINNER(S): Lauri Harvey Keagle, Bowdeya Twah
ORGANIZATION: Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Residents pipe up on Enbridge plan
JUDGE COMMENTS: *A very comprehensive package on the local impact of a new oil line project.*
Environmental Reporting
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Jim Poyser, editor
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly/Indiana Living Green
TITLE: Squandered Indiana
JUDGE COMMENTS: A very interesting and in-depth package of stories taking a big-picture look at the environmental challenges facing Indiana.

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Jim Poyser
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: We’ve super-sized the weather

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Baylee Pulliam
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Winds of Change

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Features Writing
*Magazines and non-daily newspapers*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Pat Colander
ORGANIZATON: Shore Magazine
TITLE: How Bunny Fisher learned about herself from her father's story

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Megan Fernandez
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: Lincoln Like Me

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Amy Wimmer Schwarb
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: After the Fire
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Writing
/Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Sarah Tompkins
ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Pelke’s devotion to family, faith resonates decades after murder
JUDGE COMMENTS: In a category full of emotional stories, Sarah Tompkins’ multimedia package stands out. Its partner story on the convicted teen, Paula Cooper, who has served more than two decades of her sentence and was counting down to her early release, also is compelling. This particular look at the Pelke Family showed the reporter’s compassionate side, reporting skills and overall storytelling ability. It provides a good timetable – then and now – balance of the story.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Shari Rudavsky
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: A special bond

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Vanessa Renderman
ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Victims of war, battle from within

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Writing
/Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Blake Sebring
ORGANIZATON: The News-Sentinel
TITLE: Longtime pals battle cancer
JUDGE COMMENTS: Reporter Blake Sebring puts two aging athletes in vivid relief as they saddle up for the final fight of their lives. The two “best buds” could spend entire days together in silence, but Sebring got them to open up, and gave his readers a treat.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Dann Denny
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Miracle Man
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Abbey Doyle
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Amid tragedy, keeping the faith

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Investigative Reporting
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Tim Evans
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Did DCS chief cross the line?
JUDGE COMMENTS:
This article is proactive, digs deeply into an issue of public interest, reveals secrets, exposes potential wrong-doing, looks beyond individuals at fault to systems that allow abuse to happen and explains not only what happened but why.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): John Russell and Alex Campbell
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: The China Letter

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Evan West
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: The Lauren Spierer Mystery, Unraveled
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Investigative Reporting
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Andy Kopsa
ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Separation Anxiety
JUDGE COMMENTS: The writer does a good job of connecting the dots to show the cozy intersection between religion and politics in Indiana. He highlights the lack of accountability and transparency on the state's part, raising legitimate questions about whether public money is being spent properly. This is the kind of watchdog journalism that can make a difference, giving readers useful information to become more engaged in how their tax dollars are being spent.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jon Blau
ORGANIZATION: The Herald-Times
TITLE: Nigerian online fraud schemes expand into rental market

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Magazine Headline Writing

1st Place
WINNER(S): Symone C. Skrzycki and Matt L. Ottinger
ORGANIZATION: Indiana Chamber of Commerce/BizVoice magazine
TITLE: Best in Show(room); (Virtual) Reality Check; For a Few Dollars More
JUDGE COMMENTS: A clever selection of headlines

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Tom Chmielewski
ORGANIZATION: Shore Magazine
TITLE: The Wright House at the Wrong Time

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Angie's List Magazine staff
ORGANIZATION: Angie's List Magazine
TITLE: Eco-friendly or eco-fake? The dish on diet experts, Pain in the arch?
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Medical or Science Reporting
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Shari Rudavsky
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
JUDGE COMMENTS: Clear and concise writing that really puts a face to those affected by these medical issues.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jeff Swiatek
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place
WINNER(S): J.K. Wall
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Medical or Science Reporting
Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Robin Gibson and Lathay Pegues
ORGANIZATON: The Star Press
TITLE: ‘You budget for life, not cancer’

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Newspaper Headline Writing

1st Place
WINNER(S): Dave Stafford
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Lawyer
JUDGE COMMENTS: The play on words was clever and very fitting. Well done! They employed a subtle use of play on words that didn't overwhelm the story.
Non-Deadline Story or Series
*Newspaper circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

1st Place
WINNER(S): Robert King
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: 49 Miles, 49 Minutes
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Masterful pace to the writing makes us feel as if we're outrunning the storm as we read. The series is full of the kind of incredible detail that only comes from deep reporting.*

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Tim Evans
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Losing Devin

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Robert King
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: And then the earth shook

**professional: print and digital**

**Non-Deadline Story or Series**
*Newspaper circulation below 40,000*

1st Place
WINNER(S): Craig Mauger
ORGANIZATON: The Courier-Times
TITLE: One Step At A Time
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Excellent series on the dedication of athletes, particularly those who have overcome obstacle. The reporter's personal journey was added to the overall impact of the importance of an active, healthy lifestyle.*

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Fran Quigley
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: We deserve better

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Nathan Brown and Mike Allee
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Homelessness in Indianapolis
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile
*Magazines and non-daily newspapers*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Evan West  
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Monthly  
TITLE: Kickin' It with Pat McAfee

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Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile
*Newspaper circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Will Higgins  
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star  
TITLE: 21-year old is hitting bass fishing's big time  
JUDGE COMMENTS: Higgins gives us action, voice, and a real sense of what it's like to be on the professional fishing circuit—as well as how this level-headed kid is navigating it all.

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Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile
*Newspaper circulation below 40,000*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Dan Grossman  
ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly  
TITLE: The cultural mashups of Mike Graves  
JUDGE COMMENTS: A polished piece that does a great job of exploring this artist's broad range of interests. It sets the scene, provides telling details and colorful quotes and conveys a sense of what Graves' work is about, what he's like and how he got to where he is now. This story has everything a good profile should. I enjoyed reading this!

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Howard Greninger  
ORGANIZATION: Terre Haute Tribune-Star  
TITLE: Pioneering vision
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Abbey Doyle
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Paralyzed farmer

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Column Writing
Newspaper circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Bob Kravitz
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
JUDGE COMMENTS: Displayed his versatility as well as verse ability in three different columns. Took strong stance in the 107-2 girls hoops blowout; did a nice reporting job on Irsay/Manning divorce by speaking with ex-49er brass Policy; used his twitter followers on off-beat topic of Andrew Luck’s neard.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Anthony Schoettle
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal
TITLE: The Score by Anthony Schoettle

3rd (tie) Place
WINNER(S): Dan Korb
ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

3rd (tie) Place
WINNER(S): Paul Oren
ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Column Writing
Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): George Bremer
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
JUDGE COMMENTS: George Bremer writes about people, and they are the heart of sports. They make his columns interesting. Good job.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Bob Bridge
ORGANIZATON: Bedford Times-Mail

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Rick Teverbaugh
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting
Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place
WINNER(S): Michael MacCambridge
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: Luck
JUDGE COMMENTS: Michael's article was very well written and informative. But what it did best was provide the reader with a good look at the person and not just the football player. Well done!

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Amy Wimmer Schwarb
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly
TITLE: Turning the Corner

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Jon R. LaFollette
ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly
TITLE: Roy Rising
Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting
Newspaper circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): David Woods
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
JUDGE COMMENTS: David Woods' piece on Crishawn Hopkins would be enough to win, but Woods includes four other stories coming from the heart and the will to win. There's Danielle Carruthers trying again to get on the Olympic team as a hurdler at age 32 and Rotnei Clarke, a Butler basketball player who was so popular in Oklahoma that they had to put in a highway exit so people could find their way to his games. Woods weaves life and sports together. The Chrishawn Hopkins story is well done and just plain amazing. The Butler basketball player had many roadblocks in his life -- from killings of his friends to the shooting-up of his house leaving him without a place to live. Most people would have given up. But not Chrishawn Hopkins.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kyle Neddenriep
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Dan Korb
ORGANIZATION: Evansville Courier & Press

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting
Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place
WINNER(S): Staff
ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Manning departure
JUDGE COMMENTS: Stunning in its comprehensiveness and dramatically presented on two section fronts. Clear and sharp distinctions between sidebars was laudable, a tricky dance when making a big story local. A great template for how to blow out a big story.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Mike Miller
ORGANIZATION: The Herald-Times
TITLE: A balloon for Jeremy
3rd Place
WINNER(S): George Bremer
ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Colts coverage

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Spot news reporting
Publication circulation above 40,000, news services and digital media

1st Place
WINNER(S): Star Staff
ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Richmond Hill Explosion
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is comprehensive, first-rate coverage of a deadly and costly disaster, full of drama, rich imagery, and gripping, colorful quotes. The reporting staff chewed on this like a bone, and never let go until the last bit of marrow was gone.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jeff Burton, Bob Kasarda, Joyce Russell and Sarah Tompkins
ORGANIZATION: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Gunman dead

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Bill Dolan
ORGANIZATION: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Pastor dismissed for 'sin'
Spot news reporting  
*Publication circulation below 40,000*

1st Place  
WINNER(S): Stephanie Taylor Ferriell, Kate Wehlann, Marcia Walker  
ORGANIZATON: Leader Publishing Company of Salem, Inc.  
TITLE: Deadly Pekin tornado 'Extra'  
JUDGE COMMENTS: *This entry take the top prize for a reporting-through-their-tears account of a monstrous storm's surreal aftermath. The Salem Leader's readers needed restrained, accurate description, quotes from their neighbors that sounded like real people talking, and a pictorial record of the heartbreak all around, and they got that in this eight-story, 40-photo next-day package. Ferriell's personal reflections as she cautiously walked Voyles Road — on this afternoon, Pekin's Ground Zero — are particularly memorable.*

2nd Place  
WINNER(S): Stu Hirsch, Abbey Doyle and Sam Brattain  
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin  
TITLE: Shooting shocks Pendleton

3rd Place  
WINNER(S): Abby Tonsing  
ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times  
TITLE: Bloomington police shoot, wound man after he shoots up neighborhood

Professional: RADIO

Best newscast

1st Place  
WINNER(S): WFYI News Staff  
ORGANIZATON: WFYI Public Radio  
TITLE: Primary Election Results  
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Newscasts are a great vehicle to show what a radio station has to offer: writing, voices, transitions, production. This sample from WFYI has it all. The story showcases good local reporting with expert production values. Their stories are local and top notch. The whole newscast provides context around a single, important story. Also the voices are varied to give the listener a reason to stay tuned. Nice pacing. Everything is seamless.*
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kristin Malavenda, Mike Loizzo, Sam Klemet
ORGANIZATON: WBAA
TITLE: WBAA Newscast

3rd Place
WINNER(S): WFHB Staff
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: Daily Local News September 5, 2012

Professional: RADIO

Breaking News Coverage
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Ryan Dawes
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: Workers Seek Right-to-Work Amendments
JUDGE COMMENTS: Effective combination of a brief set-up with a toss to solid on the scene reporting accompanied by floor sound of lawmakers. Interviews in the field captured the passion of those involved in the story.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Mike Corbin
ORGANIZATON: WIBC
TITLE: Garfield Park

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Emily Wood, Alycin Bektesh, Helen Harrell
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: Local Schools Respond to Sandy Hook Shooting

Professional: RADIO

Documentary of Special

1st Place
WINNER(S): John Strauss
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Public Radio
TITLE: Indiana Weekend: Election and Race
JUDGE COMMENTS: Interesting topic, very well executed.
Professional: RADIO

Election Night Coverage

1st Place
WINNER(S): WFIU News Team
ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU
JUDGE COMMENTS: Good summary/recap for listeners tuning in during the night. Strong local focus included familiarity not only with the races but also the candidates and issues involved in the election, as well as the underlying context.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): WIBC News
ORGANIZATON: WIBC

3rd Place
WINNER(S): WFHB Staff
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

Professional: RADIO

Feature Story
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jackson Caldwell
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: I’m Too Young for this @#!%
JUDGE COMMENTS: Learning about someone’s brain tumor has never been so much fun and awful and revealing. Great use of found sound mixed with interview tape.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kyle Stokes
ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Changes To Autism’s Definition Could Affect Millions In School Funding
Professional: RADIO

In-Depth Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Michael Puente
ORGANIZATION: WBEZ
TITLE: Gary's Black Political Convention
JUDGE COMMENTS: There are a lot of good entries in this category but the look back at Gary's Black Political Convention is a clear winner. The historical subject shines a light on current politics and provides meaningful context for Indiana voters. The piece exploits radio's best offerings with engaging sound, high value production and top notch interviews. Add tight, insightful writing and this is becomes an even more meaningful journalistic effort.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Julie Rawe
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Women in Prison

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Mike Loizzo
ORGANIZATION: WBAA
TITLE: Drought worsens

Professional: RADIO

Radio Public Affairs

1st Place
WINNER(S): Sharon Alseth and John Krull
ORGANIZATION: WFYI Public Radio
TITLE: No Limits - Bullying
JUDGE COMMENTS: Taking on a timely subject in an informed and thoughtful way. The speakers on the subject have a welcome expertise and ability to communicate that. The real gem, though, is a call from a particularly eloquent listener who rounds out the expertise with a hard-hitting yet very personal perspective. The host and producers of this segment assemble just the right ingredients for a moment in time that provides real public service in an engaging way.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Sharon Alseth and John Krull
ORGANIZATION: WFYI Public Radio
TITLE: No Limits - Human Trafficking
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Joe Crawford
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: Crowd Protests "Southern Heritage" Demonstration

Professional: RADIO

Sports Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Sam Klemet
ORGANIZATON: WBAA
TITLE: Boudia's Olympic Journey
JUDGE COMMENTS: Good use of natural sound and sharp writing--especially at the top of the piece. Effective interviews and good pacing. Nice touch on the diver's fear of heights. Colorful report without falling into cliche in approach or language.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Ryan Dawes
ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio
TITLE: The Bleeding Heartland Rollergirls

3rd Place
WINNER(S): WIBC News
ORGANIZATON: WIBC
TITLE: Super Bowl
Professional: TELEVISION

Best Newscast
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Fox59 News Team
ORGANIZATION: WXIN-TV, Fox59
TITLE: Fox59 News at 10: South Side Disaster
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great reaction, pictures of victims and reach into story right from the top. Anchors are speaking too loudly; no need to. Energy is being conveyed nicely. Multiple angle helps viewers understand the circumstance, and it's clear the news team has worked their many sources to tie it all together. There is a lot of information, but it's easy to understand with a rundown that makes sense. Great emotion in overall coverage. Thought the tease to first break was too long (continuing coverage slate) without video to keep viewer intrigued. Nonetheless, coverage really kept people involved. The comparison of the neighborhood before and after -- excellent. Even greater, the use of Google maps to look at the houses from the street view. Great job to entire team.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Phil Cannelongo, Brady Gibson & the RTV6 News Team
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: RTV6 News at 11

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Toby Capion and Jeff Benscoter
ORGANIZATION: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Super Bowl Eve
Professional: TELEVISION

Best Newscast
*Outside Indianapolis market*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): WFFT Local News Staff
ORGANIZATION: WFFT
TITLE: WFFT Local News First at 10
JUDGE COMMENTS: *This show is well produced and paced, with 6 stories and sports before the first break. It's easy to see how WFFT touts itself as award winning. This overall presentation works well.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Annie Ilnicki
ORGANIZATION: WANE-TV
TITLE: June 29 Storm

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Fernando Zapari, Tim Zink and Marcela Zapari
ORGANIZATION: El Mexicano Newspaper
TITLE: Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

Professional: TELEVISION

Breaking News Coverage
*Indianapolis market*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): 24-Hour News 8 Staff
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: South Side Explosion
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Well done live coverage with context and great video.*
Professional: TELEVISION

Breaking News Coverage
*Outside Indianapolis market*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Tabnie Dozier, John Simpson, Curtis McNeely, Ryan McCurdy
ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Sharon Place Fire
JUDGE COMMENTS: *This was a great way to present team coverage. Liked the VO setup to start. Excellent camera work and good shots. Also good use of props for live shot. Nice way of showcasing how the fire impacted businesses.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Kayla Moody and Curtis McNeely
ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Devastating Fire Destroys Nine Newburgh Businesses

**3rd Place**
WINNER(S): Alyssa Ivanson, Trae Hester, and JR Carmichael
ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV
TITLE: Auto Parts Business Fire

Professional: TELEVISION

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting
*Any Indiana station*

**1st Place**
WINNER(S): Rafael Sánchez, Jason Scheuer, John Garing, Susan Batt
ORGANIZATON: WRTV
TITLE: PrimeTime Tax Fraud
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Rafael Sánchez and the WRTV team doggedly pursued a fraudulent tax preparation business, helping to contribute to federal charges against the owners of "PrimeTime Tax." Great job pointing out that the America Opportunity Tax Credit is abused across the country. Good job steering viewers back to the website to find out more about avoiding tax preparation fraud.*

**2nd Place**
WINNER(S): Ann Keil and James Suiter
ORGANIZATON: WXIN
TITLE: Critical Alert
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Karen Hensel and Brett Bensley
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Uncovering Huge Price Differences for Prescription Drugs

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Children’s Issues
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Karen Hensel, Dawn Clapperton and Doug Moon
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Bully Project
JUDGE COMMENTS: Such raw emotion, such impressive effort by the station to dedicate so much time to an issue that affects all of our families and children. Wonderful human reporting, excellent writing, a truly excellent example of the power of television journalism to illuminate and lead to change.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jeremy Brilliant and Matt Whisner
ORGANIZATION: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Day Care Divide

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kara Kenney, Jason Scheuer, Susan Batt
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Deadbeat Parents

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Government or Politics
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Kara Kenney, Paul Chiodo, Susan Batt
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Going Free
JUDGE COMMENTS: Nice work balancing the investigative work and the explanatory journalism. This story exposed widespread public abuse and misuse of money and a lack of prosecution, and also explained nicely why that happens. Excellent piece of journalism.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Sandra Chapman and Matt Whisner
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Overdue & Costing You

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Andrew Warren and Nathan Jenson
ORGANIZATON: WFYI
TITLE: Who's Your Helper?

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Minority Issues
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jim Simmons and Derwin Smiley
ORGANIZATON: WFYI
TITLE: The Lasting Legacy
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great subject, nicely shot and edited.

Criminal Justice Reporting
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Angela Ganote and James Suiter
ORGANIZATON: WXIN
TITLE: Waiting for Justice
JUDGE COMMENTS: Excellent video editing. Wonderful use of emotion and tension.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Troy Kehoe
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
TITLE: Wanted and Found

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Troy Kehoe, Kevin Stinson, Joe Starlin, Amanda Duncan
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
TITLE: Skipping Jury Duty
Professional: TELEVISION

Documentary or Special

Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Todd Connor, Dave Franklin, Susan Batt, Kevin Finch and RTV6 News Team
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: The Envelope
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great energy and interviews at the beginning. I like the editing, which builds anticipation for the Butler applicants. I like the candid shot with the girl who wants to be a talk show host or doctor and the response given to her. The information and facts are good: not overwhelming. Clever writing: "different kind of March madness." Narration is great. The stories humanize these kids, and it makes you root for them. The dissection of applicant selection is intriguing in the second segment. I was particularly interested in the student with the grades that dropped dramatically, but come to find out his father died. I would have liked for a follow up to him, but without knowing the circumstances, of course, the benefit of the doubt is given. Maybe he wasn't available, etc. But it would have been great. The entire story is emotional, exciting, intense, insightful, disappointing (for those who didn't make it in), uplifting (for those same students, except that they were making other plans) and of course happy for students who did make it. I found the story to be unlike anything I've ever seen before. Who would ever think to go behind the scenes at a college admissions office? Terrific from beginning to end. The 'anchor' admission interview helped make the story, for sure. Complete beginning, middle and end.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Dave Furst, Brad Brown, Brady Gibson, Brad Forestal
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Trackside 6

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Ted Green, Jon Sweeney and Pete Saetre
ORGANIZATION: WFYI & The Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Naptown to Super City
SPJ’s “Best in Indiana Journalism” Contest

Professional: TELEVISION

Documentary or Special
Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Alyssa Ivanson
ORGANIZATION: WANE-TV
TITLE: Road Blockers
JUDGE COMMENTS: This story, above all other entries...told me something I didn't realize before. Well written, well executed.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Staff
ORGANIZATION: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Academic Challenge

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kayla Moody and Blaine Fentress
ORGANIZATION: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Ending The Suicide Cycle

Professional: TELEVISION

Education Coverage
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Todd Connor, Dave Franklin, Susan Batt, Kevin Finch and RTV6 News Team
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Inside College Admissions
JUDGE COMMENTS: This story was truly fascinating; taking a topic that seems pretty mundane and shedding a new light on it. Great use of video and extra sound really brought the piece to life and made it exciting. Great in-depth information for the viewer.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kara Kenney, Paul Chiodo, Joe Lynch
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Access Denied

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kim Jacobs and Dave Tarr
ORGANIZATION: WFYI
TITLE: Outside the Box
Professional: TELEVISION

Election Night Coverage
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): 24-Hour News 8 Staff
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Huge Senate Upset
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great use of family emotion and historical significance in the races. Well done.

Professional: TELEVISION

Environmental Reporting
Any Indiana station

1st Place
WINNER(S): Aric Hartvig
Rick Crosslin
ORGANIZATION: WFYI
TITLE: Forests at Work
JUDGE COMMENTS: It is evident that great preparation & research went into this report. Wonderful storytelling and very informative.

Professional: TELEVISION

Feature Story
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Ray Cortopassi, James Suiter, Shaun Murphy
ORGANIZATION: WXIN Fox 59
TITLE: Edwards Story
JUDGE COMMENTS: Wonderful job. Kudos to you for expanding on a breaking news story and bringing the viewer along on Edwards journey. Great storytelling and editing had me drawn in from start to finish.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Russ McQuaid and James Suiter
ORGANIZATION: WXIN
TITLE: Santos Cortez
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kevin Rader and Matt Whisner
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Sugar Ray - Boxing Gold

Professional: TELEVISION

Feature Story
Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Brad Byrd & Brian Cissell
ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Aaron Kizer
JUDGE COMMENTS: Very good storytelling created characters you empathized with; you rooted for them to overcome their challenges and succeed. Great use of video, as well.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Patrick Fazio and Mike McGill
ORGANIZATON: WTWO-TV
TITLE: Train Crash Miracle

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Sarah Curtiss, Ross Crooks and Cara Weaver
ORGANIZATON: WTIU
TITLE: Heidelberg Haus

Professional: TELEVISION

Features Videography
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Dave Grove
ORGANIZATON: WXIN Fox 59
TITLE: 9/11 Flag Memorial
JUDGE COMMENTS: Telling a story about the U.S. flag is never easy...you never want to shoot it wrong, or present it wrong. Mr. Grove, however, did an exceptional job.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): John Duong
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Flashes of Hope
3rd Place
WINNER(S): Joy Hernandez
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV

Professional: TELEVISION

Features Videography
Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jason Pear
ORGANIZATON: WTIU
TITLE: The Black Widow - Jeanette Lee
JUDGE COMMENTS: I've never seen a TV story on an adult woman teaching girls how to play pool. It's about time! Really good stuff, and really shot well.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Ross Kinsey
ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Justin Crossley
ORGANIZATON: WTIU
TITLE: Expressions: Mike Burchfield

Professional: TELEVISION

Investigative Reporting
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert and Jacob Jennings
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Investigating the IRS
JUDGE COMMENTS: It's evident the team of Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert and Jacob Jennings put a lot of work into this year-long series. From the beginning of the piece, the explanations are there – step by step. I was appalled as a taxpayer that people would go on camera and admit to these wrong doings.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): Troy Kehoe
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Cashing in on Welfare

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Bob Segall, Bill Ditton and Cyndee Hebert
ORGANIZATION: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Released Too Soon?

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Professional: TELEVISION

Medical or Science Reporting
*Any Indiana station*

1st Place
WINNER(S): Aric Hartvig, Rick Crosslin, and Brian Paul
ORGANIZATION: WFYI
TITLE: Wings Over Indiana
JUDGE COMMENTS: Nice use of video and good writing techniques. Camera work and editing was top notch. Nice way of taking a topic and making it easy to understand.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jenny Anchondo, Jamie Suiter, Dave Grove and Derik Hughes
ORGANIZATION: WXIN Fox 59
TITLE: Eating Disorders

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Karen Hensel, Doug Moon
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Common Thread

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Professional: TELEVISION

News Videography
*Any Indiana station*

1st Place
WINNER(S): Brett Bensley
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great creativity with where you put the camera, and how you tell the story with your video.
2nd Place
WINNER(S): John Duong
ORGANIZATION: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Church Gas Buy Down

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Doug Moon
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV

Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting
Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Scott Sander, Doug Moon
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Honoring Dan Wheldon

Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting
Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Randy Moore and Brian Cissell
ORGANIZATION: WEHT/WTVW
TITLE: Ben Weber
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great storytelling helped the viewer really get to know Ben and the struggles he'd had to overcome and how he's persevered.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Joe Whelan
ORGANIZATION: WANE-TV
TITLE: Nick Taylor Honored

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Joe Whelan
ORGANIZATION: WANE-TV
TITLE: DeShaun Thomas
Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Videography

Indianapolis market

1st Place
WINNER(S): Brad Forestal
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Revved Up for May
JUDGE COMMENTS: Keeping Indy 500 fresh year after year in the market must be a tough task. Mr. Forestal did an exceptional job here.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): John Duong
ORGANIZATION: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Ms Hughes and the Cereal Killer
Student: ONLINE

Best Journalism Website

1st Place
WINNER(S): The Echo Staff
ORGANIZATON: The Echo
TITLE: The Echo News
JUDGE COMMENTS: This site is so clean and easy to navigate. The corner peelback to Trojan Nation is a gem! There is good consideration of readers by the inclusion of Echograms and social media links up top. Stories are relevant to both college audiences and non-students. Excellent photography and writing!! This is an excellent website!!

2nd Place
WINNER(S): The Ball State Daily News
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News
TITLE: bsudaily.com

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Staff
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student
TITLE: idsnews.com

Student: ONLINE

Best Online Multimedia

1st Place
WINNER(S): Carolyn Case, Erin Anderson, Mikaela Maranhas, Victoria Roderick
ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings
TITLE: Making the Cut
JUDGE COMMENTS: I like the overall feel of this project, with the different backgrounds and titles/explanations. The video segments help viewers feel more actively involved in the story. Would like to see even more interactive graphics/links and written story.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Ball State Daily News Staff
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News
TITLE: Coverage of Beef O' Brady's Bowl

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Shannon Veerkamp
ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings
TITLE: Sex Trafficking
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing

1st Place
WINNER(S): Michelle Johnson
ORGANIZATION: Ball Bearings
TITLE: Unplugged

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Leah Freestone
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: This Day in History

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kari Travis
ORGANIZATON: Corrie Dyke
TITLE: The Echo

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Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Design other than page one or cover

1st Place
WINNER(S): Kevin Golden
ORGANIZATION: Indiana Daily Student
TITLE: Student of the craft
JUDGE COMMENTS: The interesting use of white space and simple headline treatment really let the art do the talking for the page.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jessica Contrera Missy Wilson and Joe Hanauer
ORGANIZATON: 812 Magazine

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Emma Kate Fittes, Alex Burton, Rebekah Floyd
ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial cartoon

1st Place
WINNER(S): Rodrigo Carneiro
ORGANIZATION: The Echo
TITLE: Round 2
JUDGE COMMENTS: Great artwork! Simple but effective editorial cartoon on the 2nd Presidential Debate.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Abby Gross
ORGANIZATION: The Reflector
TITLE: Supersized self-image

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Bob Allen
ORGANIZATION: The DePauw
TITLE: Alcohol legislation

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial Writing

1st Place
WINNERS: Chase Hall
ORGANIZATION: The DePauw
TITLE: Story fully considered and reported with care
JUDGE COMMENTS: This column was compelling in explaining its point of view and in detailing the thought processes that went into publishing the earlier controversial story. It gave the lay reader a strong sense of DePauw's campus culture and perennial issues that it deals with, such as binge drinking. It's a thoughtful, well-reasoned column that invites conversation and reaction.

2nd Place
WINNERS: The DePauw editorial board
ORGANIZATION: The DePauw
TITLE: Drinking policies wishy-washy

3rd Place
WINNERS: James Figy
ORGANIZATION: The Reflector
TITLE: War in Afghanistan has been forgotten
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Feature Story

1st Place
WINNER(S): Kyle Clayton
ORGANIZATION: 812 Magazine
TITLE: Dubois County Dew
JUDGE COMMENTS: A well-crafted delightful story that I couldn't stop reading.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Lauren Hardy, Liz Spangler
ORGANIZATION: Ball Bearings
TITLE: Traded, Bought, and Sold

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Lindsey Erdody
ORGANIZATION: Inside Magazine
TITLE: Living with one

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Photography

1st Place
WINNER(S): Margaret Distler
ORGANIZATION: The DePauw
TITLE: Memories that can’t be burned: Remembering Rector Hall
JUDGE COMMENTS: Distler's found an intriguing method to bring a time past with today. It strikes me as a little gimmicky, but its effectiveness is unquestionable. This photo of a photo, lined up carefully against the same location, definitely made me stop for a closer look. Great job on finding the archive image and making the connection.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Stephanie Tarrant
ORGANIZATION: Ball Bearings
TITLE: Living with Dock8

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Corey Ohlenkamp
ORGANIZATION: Ball State Daily News
TITLE: Life in Color
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Graphics or Illustration

1st Place
WINNER(S): Bob Allen
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: Stretching the Dollar
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is a phenomenal illustration. True talent. Excellent work!

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

News Photography

1st Place
WINNER(S): Chet Strange
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student
TITLE: Henryville tornado
JUDGE COMMENTS: Wow, a seemingly playful moment in all that devastation. Good picture.

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Non-Deadline News

1st Place
WINNER(S): Chase G. Hall
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: Reporting class sparks controversy over academic freedom
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is an engaging article that clearly, thoroughly and evenhandedly reports circumstances that grabbed the attention of top university administrators and prompted a debate over fundamental academic principles and values. Great use of context and background information to help readers understand the case.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jon Strosine
ORGANIZATON: The Echo
TITLE: A Walking Stigma

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Bojana Jankova
ORGANIZATON: Goshen College Record
TITLE: Undocumented immigrant shares her story on stage
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Page One or Cover Design

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jennifer Prandato
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News
JUDGE COMMENTS: Both entrants at Ball State smartly design their front pages with a good sense of alignment, spacing, dominant images and headers. I give the edge to this one because the art was more difficult to work with... less "compelling," and it came out very well.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Emily Theis
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Chelsea Kardokus
ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Photography

1st Place
WINNER(S): Emily Green
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: Tigers sweep Wittenberg, but drop from national ranking
JUDGE COMMENTS: The photographer did a good job of capturing peak action at home plate in this photo. The flying dirt and outstretched leg gives this image a lot of energy.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Bobby Ellis
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News
TITLE: More than a win

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Margaret Distler
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: Relay teams dominate 26th DePauw Invitational
Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Charles Scudder
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student
TITLE: Class warfare
JUDGE COMMENTS: Loogootee, Milan. The names almost tell the story itself of the Hoosier high school basketball mania surrounding the little guy vs. the big school. Well written and well communicated. The storytelling doesn't fail to fascinate and inform.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Teddy Cahill
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News
TITLE: Signing Off

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Gabe Bain
ORGANIZATON: The Echo
TITLE: Preparing for Silence

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Spot News Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Charles Scudder
ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student
TITLE: After tornado, town rebuilds
JUDGE COMMENTS: The reporter weaves an interesting story that draws the reader right in with personal experiences of the tornado and interesting turns of phrase (i.e., “beast from above”). In addition to the narrative style, however, is an adherence to newsy details such as the breadth of the storm across the Midwest and how many people died. Well done!

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Joseph Fanelli, Chase Hall and Ellen Kobe
ORGANIZATON: The DePauw
TITLE: Driver who flipped car sentenced to day in prison

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Jeremy Sharp
ORGANIZATON: The Sojourn
TITLE: Indiana Wesleyan University Smith to retire
Student: RADIO

Best newscast

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jason Newhouse
ORGANIZATON: University of Indianapolis
TITLE: WICR Radio News
JUDGE COMMENTS: This is a timely and well-produced newscast. It includes all local information about a critical issue (election) and includes a concise and pressing update from the field. The content of the cast includes perspective on a key moment in the election when Republicans gain majority control. The information is organized somewhat on the fly given the changing nature of the news. So it's even more impressive that the flow and analysis is so maturely presented.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Serena Jones
ORGANIZATON: The Edge Radio/University of Southern Indiana
TITLE: The Edge 8am Newcast

Student: RADIO

Election Night Coverage

1st Place
WINNER(S): Jason Newhouse
ORGANIZATON: University of Indianapolis
TITLE: WICR Election Report
JUDGE COMMENTS: WICR clearly puts a lot of effort into election reporting with reporters at campaign headquarters giving periodic updates from the field. There were election updates and then, just as we start wondering what all of it mean, the host brings in an outside poll watcher to explain. Nicely done with very timely updates, excellent pacing and solid content.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Payne Horning, A.J. Brammer, Lisa Ryan and Jennifer Farrington
ORGANIZATON: WCRD Ball State University
TITLE: WCRD News 2012 Election Coverage
Student: RADIO

Features Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Sehvilla Mann
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Affordable Care Act’s Impact On Hoosier Farmers Uncertain
JUDGE COMMENTS: This piece grabs the listener from the start with a profound anecdote that sets the scene for the rest of the story. This takes a prominent national issue and brings it home to local listeners. It is well edited, with good interviews, scene setting and organizational structure.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Jimmy Jenkins
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Some Still Uncertain About I-69’s Economic Impact

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Jason Gabrick
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Lawmakers Will Fund Full-Day Kindergarten Before Pre-K

News Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Amanda Solliday
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Madison Juvenile Facility Helps Track Butterfly Migrations
JUDGE COMMENTS: Out of all the entries, this story was the most memorable. The idea is great, but I wish you would have played with the words more. Overall, great effort.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Kody Gilliland
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: ATV Accidents Trending Upward In Indiana

3rd Place
WINNER(S): Kody Gilliland
ORGANIZATION: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Residents Damage Foreclosed Homes Before Eviction
Student: TELEVISION

Election Night Coverage

No Winners Selected

Student: TELEVISION

Features Reporting

1st Place
WINNER(S): Chris Renkel, Chris Kosinski, Emily Barker
ORGANIZATON: Ball State Sports Link
TITLE: The Jake Brehmer Story
JUDGE COMMENTS: Nicely done overall. Some really interesting camera shots that worked.

Student: TELEVISION

News Reporting

1st Place
WINNERS: Sehvilla Mann
ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Indianapolis Case Could Influence Reproductive Law
JUDGE COMMENTS: The lead grabs the listeners and pulls them in while getting right to the point. The report zeroes in on the point of conflict and covers a lot of bases in short order. An interesting topic well presented and explained. Writing and editing are top notch.

2nd Place
WINNERS: Sehvilla Mann
ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: Indiana Same-Sex Assault Cases Cannot Be Classified As Rape

3rd Place
WINNERS: Rachel Hartog
ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU
TITLE: IU Heterosexual Domestic Partners At Center Of 12-Year Fight
Student: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting

No Winners Selected

Student: TELEVISION

Best newscast

1st Place
WINNER(S): Amanda Richardson, Natalie Wagner, Bryan Shawver, Nicole Griffin, and staff
ORGANIZATON: NewsLink Indiana
TITLE: Pre-Election Coverage
JUDGE COMMENTS: Viewers would likely be better informed by watching this newscast than most professional newscasts. Complete in-depth coverage of every candidate students would be voted on, plus nice weather forecast and sports production makes this an award-worthy production. Nice looking set, and production values as well.

2nd Place
WINNER(S): Producer Heather Good
ORGANIZATON: UIndy TV
TITLE: UIndy News