

**BEST**  
OF THE  
**BEST**  
IN INDIANA JOURNALISM

2014  
Contest Winners

## **SPECIAL HONORS CATEGORIES**

### **INDIANA JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

Winner: Marisa Kwiatkowski

Organization: Indianapolis Star

*Judges Comments: Kwiatkowski probes important public-interest topics, combining deep coverage with an accessible style.*

### **INDIANA STUDENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

Winner: Kayla Sullivan

Organization: University of Indianapolis

*Judges Comments: Kayla Sullivan has taken the initiative to hone her skills at the University of Indianapolis. Based on the review of her application, she conducts herself with professionalism and equanimity. She has demonstrated the ability to anchor in a fast-paced election coverage environment, as well as report on sensitive spot news.*

### **INDIANA STORY OF THE YEAR**

Winners: Mikel Livingston And Steven Porter

Organization: Lafayette Journal & Courier

Title: "The Great Chicago Myth"

*Judges Comments: A well-researched and multi-faceted expose' of a particularly pernicious aspect of urban racism.*

## ***PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES***

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE**

**1ST PLACE:**

JOHN GIBSON

*WNIN-FM*

"IU MED SCHOOL VOTE"

**2ND PLACE:**

JOHN GIBSON

*WNIN-FM*

"CONVENTION HOTEL PROJECT SHUT DOWN"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO BEST NEWSCAST**

**1ST PLACE:**

WFHB NEWS STAFF

*WFHB BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY RADIO*

"WFHB DAILY LOCAL NEWS"

*Judges Comments: Nice energy between the anchors, solid delivery and great intro to pull listeners in.*

**2ND PLACE:**

SEAN BUETER

*WBOI-FM*

"MORNING EDITION NEWSCAST 8/15/2014"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO SPORTS REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

SARA WITTMAYER

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"COLUMBUS RESIDENT SEEKS TO FINISH BOSTON MARATHON"

*Judges Comments: Excellent interview. Made the story feel personal. I wanted to listen to the end because she made be care about the subject.*

**2ND PLACE:**

BARBARA HARRINGTON

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"MARATHON RUNNERS DODGE MOVING TRAIN TO FINISH RACE"

**3RD PLACE:**

SAM KLEMET

*WFYI PUBLIC MEDIA*

"RECLAIMING BOSTON: INDY RUNNERS RETURN AFTER BOMBING"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO IN-DEPTH REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

VIRGINIA ALVINO AND SEAN BUETER

*WBOI-FM*

"THE DIFFERENCE"

**2ND PLACE:**

SAM KLEMET

*WFYI PUBLIC MEDIA*

"THE PRICE OF FREEDOM"

**3RD PLACE:**

CASS HERRINGTON

*WNIN-FM*

"CASS HERRINGTON-WNIN-FM"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO FEATURE STORY**

**1ST PLACE:**

CASS HERRINGTON

*WNIN-FM*

"FREEDOM OF SPEECH- THREE BOYS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER"

**2ND PLACE:**

BARBARA HARRINGTON

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"CHILDCARE COSTS CAN CREATE CYCLE OF POVERTY FOR SINGLE MOMS"

**3RD PLACE:**

MICHAEL PUENTE AND DEREK JOHN

*WBEZ CHICAGO*

"ON THE NIGHT SHIFT WITH A GARY POLICE OFFICER"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL**

**1ST PLACE:**

CASS HERRINGTON AND STEVE BURGER

*WNIN-FM*

"THE TREND: AUTISTIC TEENS TAKE YOUR CALLS"

*Judges Comments: Great use of sound to paint these boys' pictures. Compelling content with exceptional production values*

**2ND PLACE:**

MICHAEL PUENTE AND DEREK JOHN

*WBEZ CHICAGO*

"TWO NEIGHBORING STATES, ONE BIG FINANCIAL GAP"

**3RD PLACE:**

JOHN STRAUSS

*INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO*

"INDIANA WEEKEND: PRISON ART LESSONS"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO CONTINUING COVERAGE**

**1ST PLACE:**

MICHAEL PUENTE AND DEREK JOHN

WBEZ CHICAGO

"HAMMOND COPS "

*Judges Comments: Well-produced pieces, good use of sound. Comprehensive, intelligible and engaging coverage.*

**2ND PLACE:**

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"THE BATTLE IN INDIANA OVER GAY MARRIAGE "

**3RD PLACE:**

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"ISIS CAPTURES INDIANA NATIVE PETER KASSIG"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**1ST PLACE:**

CLARENCE BOONE, WILLIAM HOSEA, CHRIS MARTIN

*WFHB BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY RADIO*

"JUST ONE OF MANY": A DIALOGUE ON FERGUSON"

*Judges Comments: Good discussion by WFHB on Ferguson ... sounded like guests were out of their comfort zone but willing to engage.*

**2ND PLACE:**

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"A CONVERSATION ABOUT BRAIN INJURIES "

**3RD PLACE:**

DOUG STORM, JONATHAN RICHARDSON, CARISSA BARRETT

*WFHB BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY RADIO*

"MEASURED BY MISTAKES: THE REALITY AND REPRESENTATION OF POLICING"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO ELECTION NIGHT COVERAGE**

**1ST PLACE:**

WFHB STAFF

*WFHB BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY RADIO*

"2014 ELECTION NIGHT SPECIAL"

*Judges Comments: Good hustle and solid coverage from WFHB team*



**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPOT NEWS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

INDIANAPOLIS STAR STAFF

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"A FEDERAL JUDGE STRUCK DOWN INDIANA'S BAN ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE"

*Judges Comments: A great package of stories. It's clear the newsroom was prepping for awhile in anticipation of this ruling and that effort paid off. Good variety of voices and perspectives, as well as forward-looking pieces that help readers understand the larger legal context.*

**2ND PLACE:**

INDIANAPOLIS STAR STAFF

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"FATAL SHOOTING OF INDIANAPOLIS POLICE OFFICER PERRY RENN"

**3RD PLACE:**

BRIAN EASON AND TIM SWARENS

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"PETER KASSIG"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPOT NEWS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

LAURA LANE, LINDSEY ERDODY, JON BLAU

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"CONCRETE EMBEZZLEMENT CONSPIRACY"

*Judges Comments: The amount of detail the team got on the parties in this case and the history behind the story was impressive and indicated they mined the legal documents and other sources quickly to produce an excellent package.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JON BLAU, LINDSEY ERDODY, ABIGAIL TONSING

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"WEDDING DAY"

**3RD PLACE:**

STAFF

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"COLD BLASTS CITY"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MARC CHASE

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"OFFICIAL'S 'BRIEFCASE' GIFT ACTUALLY A DESIGNER PURSE, ACCESSORIES"

*Judges Comments: Classic investigative reporting. Chase spotted an odd expenditure and then dug in until he got to the bottom of it--and he didn't quit there. In crisply told stories, he exposed how officials were living large on the taxpayers dime and sparked tangible reforms.*

**2ND PLACE:**

RYAN SABALOW; ROBERT SCHEER; STEVE BERTA

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"BUCK FEVER"

**3RD PLACE:**

STAFF

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"THE PRICE OF POVERTY"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SETH SLABAUGH

*THE STAR PRESS*

"WHAT KEEPS BSU SPORTS AFLOAT? STUDENTS PAYING HIDDEN FEES"

*Judges Comments: Enterprising and informative.*

**2ND PLACE:**

TRACI MOYER

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"TITLE PROCESS IN COUNTY RAISES CONCERNS"

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MARC CHASE

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"NAVY VETERAN STILL MAKING WAVES"

**2ND PLACE:**

ALEC GRAY, SETH MORIN, JESS SEABOLT & STAFF

*THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM*

"30 LAWS IN 30 DAYS"

**3RD PLACE:**

TIM EVANS; MARK ALESIA

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"JIM IRSAY"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MIKEL LIVINGSTON AND STEVEN PORTER  
*LAFAYETTE JOURNAL & COURIER*  
"THE GREAT CHICAGO MYTH"

**2ND PLACE:**

MICHAEL RESCHKE, MARY KECK  
*THE HERALD-TIMES*  
"4 LIVES"

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DAVID HOPPE  
*NUVO*  
"TOO MANY CHURCHES?"

**2ND PLACE:**

MIKE LEONARD  
*BLOOM MAGAZINE*  
"GAY BLOOMINGTON: THEN & NOW"

**3RD PLACE:**

PAUL F.P. POGUE, ANGIE HICKS, DIANA LAMIRAND, AND ANGIE'S LIST STAFF  
*ANGIE'S LIST*  
"LEAD PAINT STILL LURKING IN INDY"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION 40,000+, NEWS SERVICES, DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BOB KASARDA, BILL DOLAN

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"THOUSANDS OF PROPERTIES EXEMPT FROM TAXES IN LAKE, PORTER COUNTIES"

*Judges Comments: Important watchdog reporting on government accountability to taxpayers and property owners.*

**2ND PLACE:**

LAURI HARVEY KEAGLE, DAN CARDEN

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"CAMP SUMMIT SAGA"

**3RD PLACE:**

TONY COOK; BARB BERGGOETZ

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"ERIC TURNER INVESTIGATION"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RACHEL BUNN, LINDSEY ERDODY

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"STORIES OF THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN"

*Judges Comments: The Herald-Times coverage put readers in the room (or restaurant) with politicians and constituents. Coverage was entertaining and hit on core issues.*

**2ND PLACE:**

AMBER STEARNS

*NUVO*

"AMBER STEARNS' COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS FOR NUVO"

**3RD PLACE:**

REBECCA PATRICK

*BIZVOICE MAGAZINE*

"ROUNDTABLE POLITICAL PREVIEW"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRC. 40,000+, NEWS SERVICES, DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

EVAN WEST

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"THE BEAT: TURNING THE PAGE"

*Judges Comments: I haven't thought about the Saturday Evening Post in years, so I was fascinated to learn about its fate. It was also the most well-written story of the lot.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KEITH BENMAN

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"BADGERING BUSINESS"

**3RD PLACE:**

STAFF

*INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL*

"INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL"



**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ED FEIGENBAUM AND ADAM VANOSDOL

*INGROUP*

"INDIANA GAMING INSIGHT - GENERAL GAMING COVERAGE"

*Judges Comments: Indiana Gaming Insight seems like required reading for anyone interested in the gambling industry. The breadth and depth of its information is impressive.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DAVE STAFFORD

*INDIANA LAWYER*

"PHOTO FIGHT"

**3RD PLACE:**

REBECCA PATRICK

*BIZVOICE MAGAZINE*

"BURDENED BY BUREAUCRACY"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: EDUCATION REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SCOTT ELLIOTT

*CHALKBEAT INDIANA*

"KEY LEARNING COMMUNITY AIMS TO REKINDLE PAST GLORY"

*Judges Comments: Winner takes a deeper look at the challenges facing a school that seeks to reinvent education in a way that is truly "innovative," a word that gets tossed around far too frequently and loosely.*

**2ND PLACE:**

HAYLEIGH COLOMBO

*CHALKBEAT INDIANA*

"INDIANA SUPERINTENDENT HOPING FILM WILL LAUNCH AN EDUCATION MOVEMENT"

**3RD PLACE:**

MEGAN FERNANDEZ

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"IT TAKES A VILLAGE"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: EDUCATION REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

STATEIMPACT INDIANA

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"STATEIMPACT INDIANA EDUCATION "

*Judges Comments: StateImpact successfully breaks down the ins and outs of education practice and policy for readers, fulfilling a critical mission of public media: Keeping the audience well-informed.*

**2ND PLACE:**

CHARLEE BEASOR

BIZVOICE MAGAZINE

"THEY'RE BEING TRAINED TO GO TO LIFE"

**3RD PLACE:**

ELISABETH ANDREWS

BLOOM MAGAZINE

"THE REMARKABLE RISE OF CHANCELLOR JENNIE VAUGHAN AND THE EVOLUTION OF IVY TECH"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BILL MCCLEERY, TIM EVANS, AND JUSTIN MACK

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"MAN'S RAPE CONFESSION LEAVES JUSTICE UNDONE"

*Judges Comments: Fascinating, complete coverage of a sensitive topic from first report to healing finish.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MICHAEL RUBINO

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"IN THE LINE OF FIRE"

**3RD PLACE:**

MEGAN FERNANDEZ

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"WHEN WILL KRISTINE BUNCH BE FREE?"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION**  
**BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ED WENCK

*NUVO*

"THE WEED ISSUE AND THE GREAT GUN DEBATE"

*Judges Comments: Really thorough coverage of the issues, political pressures and economics involved in the debates over guns and marijuana legalization.*

**2ND PLACE:**

RACHEL BUNN

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"NEW ERA BEGINS"

**3RD PLACE:**

CARMEN SIERING

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"HUMAN TRAFFICKING: NOT JUST A PROBLEM IN OTHER PLACES"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION 40,000+, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ROBERT KING

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"A PRISON OF HIS OWN MAKING: COLT LUNDY"

*Judges Comments: Robert King brought his story and characters to life with vivid details and crisp writing. A real page turner.*

**2ND PLACE:**

VIRGINIA BLACK

*SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE*

"PROTECTING CHILDREN"

**3RD PLACE:**

MARISA KWIATKOWSKI

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"SOCIAL SERVICE ISSUES IN INDIANA"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

AMY WIMMER SCHWARB

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"ONE OF THE BOYS"

*Judges Comments: This story was precious. The color and details really captured a little boy grappling with a serious illness, yet brought to life with his 'big brothers.'*

**2ND PLACE:**

STAFF OF THE HERALD BULLETIN

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"FEEDING THE MASSES; LOVE OF A CHILD; MOTHERLY ASSISTANCE; SPECIAL KIDS; STUDENT LEFT IN THE COLD"

**3RD PLACE:**

AMBER STEARNS

*NUVO*

"KIDS FIGHT FOR THE HOMELESS AND THE ENVIRONMENT"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SHAINA CAVAZOS AND SCOTT ELLIOTT

CHALKBEAT INDIANA

"TOUGH DISCIPLINE AT STATE TAKEOVER SCHOOLS FALLS MORE HEAVILY ON MINORITY CHILDREN"

*Judges Comments: "Tough discipline at state takeover schools falls more heavily on minority children" does a great job of stating the problem, and clearly backing the statement up with numbers. Judges also liked how the piece showed various perspectives about how much, or how little, schools can do to bring positive change for student behavior.*

**2ND PLACE:**

SHAINA CAVAZOS

CHALKBEAT INDIANA

"WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP EMBRACES INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE TO HELP SERVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS"

**3RD PLACE:**

ROBERT KING, CATHY KNAPP, AND HAOYUN SU

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"RACIAL PROFILING "



**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BRIAN HENDRICKSON

NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE

"HOME OF THE BRAVE"

*Judges Comments: A joy to read. The author does master's work painting pictures with words. There are many stories about recent immigrants and the hard work they perform. This piece does a wonderful job at making the subject three-dimensional.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JEREMY SHERE

BLOOM MAGAZINE

"A TOWERING PRESENCE AND MAN OF GOD"

**3RD PLACE:**

KYLE D. HUCKINS

MARION CHRONICLE-TRIBUNE

"KEEPING FAITH"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MICHAEL RUBINO

INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY

"THE BOY WITH HALF A BRAIN"

*Judges Comments: Vivid details, colorful writing, amazing storytelling. One of the best stories I've read in years.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MARC CHASE

THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

"WHAT'S KILLING THE REGION?"

**3RD PLACE:**

SHARI RUDAVSKY

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"CANCER BREAKTHROUGH: MAJOR MIRACLE "

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ED WENCK

NUVO

"ONE FAMILY'S TRANSGENDER JOURNEY"

*Judges Comments: The author captured the story with sensitivity and candid details.*

**2ND PLACE:**

BRIAN BURNSED

NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE

"A MODEL OF STRENGTH"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RYAN SABALOW

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"BEAR RUN"

*Judges Comments: Bear Run was greatly assisted by the videos submitted by one of the citizens who claim to be effected by the mining operations of Peabody.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JAMES FIGY AND DIANA LAMIRAND

ANGIE'S LIST

"INDIANA METH LAW GIVES HOMEOWNERS, REALTORS NEW TOOL TO AVOID DRUG"

**3RD PLACE:**

LACEY NIX, MIKE LAFOLLETTE, HUGH VANDIVIER, AND SUE WILTZ

ANGIE'S LIST

"INDIANAPOLIS WATER: IS YOUR SOURCE SAFE?"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION**  
**BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

NICK WERNER

*INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES*

"FINAL JEOPARDY?"

**2ND PLACE:**

MJ SLABY

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"THE LAST LECTURE"

**3RD PLACE:**

SETH SLABAUGH

*THE STAR PRESS*

"ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHDOG"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000,  
NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MARISA KWIATKOWSKI

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"A DIFFERENT KIND OF WAR"

*Judges Comments: Marisa Kwiatkowski's portrait of a gang family gave readers remarkable insight into the inner lives of those on the frontlines of America's oft-ignored domestic war. Her relentless pursuit of this ambitious story is a testament to the fact that familiar topics can yield gripping tales.*

**2ND PLACE:**

TOM DAVIES

*THE ASSOCIATED PRESS*

"TRAPPED TRUCKER"

**3RD PLACE:**

DANA HUNSINGER BENBOW

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"WAITING TO FORGET"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ABIGAIL TONSING

*THE HERALD-TIMES*

"STILL SEARCHING FOR LAUREN SPIERER"

*Judges Comments: In "Still Searching for Lauren Spierer," Abby Tonsing took readers inside the sprawling effort to solve a terrible mystery. But she did more than that: She also gave them a portrait of how social media can draw strangers together in a shared endeavor worthy of society's regard.*

**2ND PLACE:**

SCOTT MILEY

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"JOURNEY OF ANGUISH"

**3RD PLACE:**

ROBIN GIBSON, KEITH ROYSDON

*THE STAR PRESS*

"THEY MADE MUNCIE"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

EVAN WEST

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"INTO THE DARKNESS"

**2ND PLACE:**

RACHEL STARK

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"A GAME FOR LAUREN"

**3RD PLACE:**

RYAN M. FAIST

*GRANGER DOES IT MAGAZINE*

"ONE OF GRANGER'S BEST KEPT SECRETS"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: PERSONALITY PROFILE (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, WIRE SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ROBERT KING

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"A LONG JOURNEY TO LOVE"

*Judges Comments: We've been reading a lot in recent years about sports and concussions. This story follows the journey of a son who never knew why his father had bursts of anger and how he eventually did come to love him. Through good storytelling the reader feels the ups and downs of this father-son relationship and also gains insights into the nature of such brain damage.*

**2ND PLACE:**

PHILIP POTEMPA

THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

"STANDING TALL"

**3RD PLACE:**

JOHN TUOHY

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"ROSELAWN PLANE CRASH VICTIMS TO HONOR FAMILIES"



**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: PERSONALITY PROFILE (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WILL HEALEY

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"THIS IS HOW LIFE IS NOW: A VETERAN ADJUSTS TO LIFE WITH PTSD"

*Judges Comments: While much has been written about PTSD, Healy shares a riveting story of one woman's struggle that goes beyond the standard fare. There is an immediacy to the pacing that reflects the stress Cathi Johnson lives with. It is an important story well told through this lively and engaging profile.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JON BLAU

THE HERALD-TIMES

"SOMETHING ABOUT FRED CATE"

**3RD PLACE:**

MICHAEL RESCHKE

THE HERALD-TIMES

"DJ GETS IU PLAYERS, FANS PUMPED UP"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: PERSONALITY PROFILE (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RYAN M. FAIST

*GRANGER DOES IT MAGAZINE*

"THE RED GLARE"

*Judges Comments: Faist's story puts you in the heat of battle, as seen through the eyes of a local veteran.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DANIELLE PAQUETTE

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"MAKING IT IN L.A. IU'S BRICE FOX CHASES HIS DREAM"

**3RD PLACE:**

AMY WIMMER SCHWARB

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"A GAME AND A PLAN"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

JAMI STALL

*SKY BLUE WINDOW*

"THE DIRECTOR'S CUT"

*Judges Comments: Jami Stall pumps up a standard news feature (about the arts) with a breezy pace, telling anecdotes and descriptions that quickly reveal how dynamic and interesting this guy is. Terrific read unencumbered by the speed bump prose usually encountered in this type of profile.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MIKE LEONARD

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"HOW TRUE WAS 'BREAKING AWAY'?"

**3RD PLACE:**

CATHY KIGHTLINGER

*SKY BLUE WINDOW*

"FOR CARING OUT LOUD"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: EDITORIAL WRITING (ALL PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MALCOLM ABRAMS

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"CONSEQUENCES"

*Judges Comments: A painful reminder of life's fragility told plainly, backed by data, sans hyperbole -- and with a gripping lede not a single reader could bypass.*

**2ND PLACE:**

RYAN M. FAIST

*GRANGER DOES IT MAGAZINE*

"THE HOOSIER SPHINX"

**3RD PLACE:**

SCOTT MILEY

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES MUST EXPLAIN NEGLECT CASE"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: EDITORIAL CARTOON (ALL PUBLICATIONS AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

TIM CAMPBELL

*CURRENT PUBLISHING*

"INDIANA VIOLENCE"

*Judges Comments: Beautifully rendered, simple yet powerful images. Fine examples of the cartoonist art.*

**2ND PLACE:**

GARY VARVEL

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"FERGUSON, MISSOURI SHOOTING"

**3RD PLACE:**

ARNEL REYNON

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"POINT OF VIEW"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COLUMN WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000,  
NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MATTHEW TULLY

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"MATTHEW TULLY COLUMNS"

*Judges Comments: Tully crafts powerful commentary with gripping details and description. His writing is highly readable and his story-telling superb.*

**2ND PLACE:**

ERIKA D. SMITH

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"ERIKA D. SMITH'S COLUMNS"

**3RD PLACE:**

MARC CHASE

THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA

"COUNCILMAN TRIPS, PUTTING WORST FOOT FORWARD"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COLUMN WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

JAMES SPRAGUE

*CONNERSVILLE NEWS-EXAMINER*

"CHALLENGING READERS"

*Judges Comments: Clear, well-written and well-reasoned advocacy.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KYLE D. HUCKINS

*MARION CHRONICLE-TRIBUNE*

"KEEPING FAITH"

**3RD PLACE:**

LEO MORRIS

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"ONLY FOR THE YOUNG AND BRAVE//FIVE YEARS AND COUNTING//A BOOMER  
TO MILLENNIALS"

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: COLUMN WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

PHILIP GULLEY

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"BACK HOME AGAIN"

**2ND PLACE:**

DEBORAH PAUL

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"DEBORAH PAUL"

**3RD PLACE:**

DAN CARPENTER

*SKY BLUE WINDOW*

"BIBLIOPHILE'S CONFESSION"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS REPORTING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000,  
WIRE SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ZAK KEEFER

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"HOOSIER HYSTERIA"

**2ND PLACE:**

AL HAMNIK

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"CLIMBING THE WALLS"

**3RD PLACE:**

KYLE NEDDENRIEP

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"MILAN BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP"



**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS REPORTING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BLAKE SEBRING

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"BEASLEY'S LEAP OF FAITH//RUGBY//AREA SHORT TRACKS//CENTRAL  
CATHOLIC//FRANKES CELEBRATE 25 YEARS "

**2ND PLACE:**

GEORGE BREMER

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"AMAZING LUCK; WEAPONS OF MASS DISTRACTION; LIONS' PRIDE; LUCKY  
STAR; RAIDERS CROWN"

**3RD PLACE:**

PETE DIPRIMIO

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"ONE THING CERTAIN FOR IU//SILENCE A GOOD THING AFTER IU HOOPS  
DRAMA//DAVIS RETURNS TO IU"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS REPORTING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MICHAEL RUBINO  
*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*  
"LARRY BIRD'S GREATEST SHOT"

**2ND PLACE:**

TOM SCHUMAN  
*BIZVOICE MAGAZINE*  
"STRATEGIC FIT"

**3RD PLACE:**

CONRAD BRUNNER  
*NUVO*  
"LUCK CONQUERS ALL"

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, WIRE SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

GREGG DOYEL  
*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*  
"GREGG DOYEL"

**2ND PLACE:**

MIKE LOPRESTI  
*INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL*  
"MIKE LOPRESTI - INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL"

**3RD PLACE:**

STEPHEN HOLDER  
*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*  
"STEPHEN HOLDER SPORTS COLUMNS"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

REGGIE HAYES

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"WORRIES SHADOW CLARK'S RETIREMENT//NOTHING LIKE BEING A DAD//GIFTS PARENTS CAN GIVE TO ATHLETES"

**2ND PLACE:**

PETE DIPRIMIO

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"MARTIN TAKES TOUGH APPROACH //DEEP 3 SINKS MICHIGAN//EXPLAINING THE MYSTERY OF IU'S TEVIN COLEMAN"

**3RD PLACE:**

GEORGE BREMER

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"GEORGE BREMER"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BRIAN HENDRICKSON

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"WHAT TOOK SO LONG?"

**2ND PLACE:**

LOUIS M. PROFETA, MD

*NUVO*

"YOUR KID AND MY KID ARE NOT PLAYING IN THE PROS"

**3RD PLACE:**

DEAN HOCKNEY

*SPORTS JOURNAL OF CENTRAL INDIANA*

"DEAN HOCKNEY SPORTS COLUMN"

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: HEADLINE WRITING (NEWSPAPERS CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MARILYN ODENDAHL; DAVE STAFFORD

*INDIANA LAWYER*

"TIGER BY THE TAIL; JUDGE SAYS NO TO LOVE BUT YES TO MARRIAGE; RUSH TO THE TOP"

*Judges Comments: The headlines from the Indiana Lawyer displayed an effective use of words or details from the stories to create clever and catchy headlines.*

**2ND PLACE:**

GEORGE BREMER AND RICK TEVERBAUGH

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"SHADES OF GRAY; WEAPONS OF MASS DISTRACTION; NOONE: NO ONE BETTER"

**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: HEADLINE WRITING (MAGAZINES AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE STAFF

NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE

*Judges Comments: I felt the NCAA Champion magazine headlines worked well with the summaries. They creatively summed up the stories without giving anything away.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MIKE CORBETT

HAMILTON COUNTY BUSINESS MAGAZINE

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**DIVISION: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (DAILY NEWSPAPERS, WIRE SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ANDREW S. HUGHES

SOUTH BEND TRIBUNE

"ARTS CRITICISM"

*Judges Comments: Andrew Hughes avoids clichés, demonstrates a rare capacity for dynamic, descriptive language plus aggressive verbs, and slides the reader through the story lubed with experience, knowledge and expertise. Most engaging arts leads I've read in ages.*

**2ND PLACE:**

WEI-HUAN CHEN

LAFAYETTE JOURNAL & COURIER

"WEI-HUAN CHEN BODY OF WORK"

**3RD PLACE:**

LOU HARRY

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL

"LOU HARRY - INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL A&E"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

MATT KRYGER

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"EYE ON THE BALL"

**2ND PLACE:**

ROBERT SCHEER

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"TOUCHDOWN SPIKE"

**3RD PLACE:**

MATT KRYGER

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"TRAINING CAMP QUARTERBACK DUEL"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DON KNIGHT

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"WINNING RUN"

**2ND PLACE:**

MICHELLE CRAIG

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"HOCKEY'S BACK!: PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY RETURNS TO INDY WHEN THE FUEL OPEN THEIR SEASON"

**3RD PLACE:**

DON KNIGHT

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"OUT OF REACH"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BRANDON SMITH

*ANGIE'S LIST*

"HOLIDAY DISASTERS"

**2ND PLACE:**

MATT DETRICH

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"SNOW PROPOSAL"

**3RD PLACE:**

BRANDON SMITH

*ANGIE'S LIST*

"ANTIQUING TIPS FROM A 'JUNK ARTIST'"



**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

FRANK OLIVER

*INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES*

"FIGHTING TURKEYS"

*Judges Comments: Never have seen turkeys fighting before. Glad to see something we have not seen before.*

**2ND PLACE:**

SHANNON ZAHNLE

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"FIRE AT LAKE MONROE: IMAGES OF BLOOMINGTON BY SHANNON ZAHNLE"

**3RD PLACE:**

MICHELLE CRAIG

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"YOU BETTER WORK: ALL THINGS PRIDE AND 33 YEARS OF BAG LADIES"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: MULTIPLE PICTURE GROUP (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ROBERT SCHEER

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"BUCK FEVER"

*Judges Comments: Several images and moments stand out, showing an intense and uncommon behind-the-scenes process - the hunters rejoicing, the man removing a gland with child watching, the deer sucking on soda bottles with milk. It showed a multiple day effort with coordination and logistics involved.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MATT DETRICH

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"COPING WITH THE LOSS OF POLICE OFFICERS TO VIOLENT CRIME"

**3RD PLACE:**

CHARLIE NYE

INDIANAPOLIS STAR

"WOMEN'S FULL CONTACT FOOTBALL"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: MULTIPLE PICTURE GROUP (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SHANNON ZAHNLE

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"IMAGES OF BLOOMINGTON BY SHANNON ZAHNLE"

*Judges Comments: The three winners here offered an uncommon view, either through use of light, color, or perhaps the most difficult thing to capture in a photo, humor.*

*Images of Bloomington stood out because the photographer showed a deft use of light and color in multiple situations, from a cold winter scene or a nighttime walk at a bus station. Moments of people were caught, showing both color and composition in the photographs.*

**2ND PLACE:**

PETER HAMLIN

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"LAKE MONROE IN WINTER"

**3RD PLACE:**

SHANNON ZAHNLE

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"COMEDY IN BLOOMINGTON"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: NEWSPAPER PAGE ONE DESIGN (ALL NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WILL MCCARTY

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"INDY WRITES BOOKS: A NEW COMPILATION OF INDIANA'S BEST AUTHORS"

*Judges Comments: NUVO's "Indy Writes Books" cover is clean yet complex. Its design is eye-catching and draws the reader in.*

**2ND PLACE:**

PAT MCCAULEY

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"THE HERALD BULLETIN"

**3RD PLACE:**

BRAD SALEIK

*THE NEWS-SENTINEL*

"PAGE 1"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: MAGAZINE COVER DESIGN (ALL MAGAZINES OR PERIODICALS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

KAYE LEE JOHNSTON AND SHANNON ZAHNLE

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"BLOOM COVERS — APRIL/MAY, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER, AND  
DECEMBER/JANUARY"

*Judges Comments: The Bloom covers are engaging, creative and memorable. They would stand out even in the crowded competition of a well-stocked newstand.*

**2ND PLACE:**

TODD URBAN

*INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY*

"INDIANAPOLIS MONTHLY"

**3RD PLACE:**

RY LICKLITER, EMILY UDELL, AND DAVID DOWNHAM

*ANGIE'S LIST*

"ANGIE'S LIST WEEKLY"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: DESIGN OTHER THAN PAGE ONE (ALL NEWSPAPERS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DAVE WINDISCH

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"RECORD LABEL COUNTDOWN: YOUR FIELD GUIDE TO HOOSIER LABELS AND THEIR RELEASES"

*Judges Comments: Illustration in record label countdown was creative.*

**2ND PLACE:**

WILL MCCARTY

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"MUSIC: THE QUEEN TALKS THE KING"

**3RD PLACE:**

ASHA PATEL

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"THE SEX ISSUE"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: DESIGN OTHER THAN COVER (ALL MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ARNEL REYNON

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"ONE OF THE BOYS"

**2ND PLACE:**

KAYE LEE JOHNSTON

*BLOOM MAGAZINE*

"OH, THE DELIGHTS YOU'LL FIND AT THE LILLY LIBRARY"

**3RD PLACE:**

ERICA WRIGHT

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"WORST CASE SCENERIO: COCKTAIL GUIDE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A SIP FOR EVERY SITUATION"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION ABOVE 40,000, NEWS SERVICES AND DIGITAL MEDIA)**

**1ST PLACE:**

JACIE SHOAF

*THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM*

"A BREAKDOWN OF THE 2014 LEGISLATURE"

*Judges Comments: A great visual story packed with information and presented in a clean, modern style that cleverly breaks down the makeup of the Indiana General Assembly.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MATT MUKERJEE AND STEPHANIE SNAY

*ANGIE'S LIST*

"HOLIDAY PET HAZARDS"

**3RD PLACE:**

MICHAEL SCHROEDER AND MATT MUKERJEE

*ANGIE'S LIST*

"SIGNS OF STRESS: WHERE IT HURTS"



**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (PUBLICATION CIRCULATION**  
**BELOW 40,000)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WAYNE BERTSCH

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"HERO JR.: THE BAND'S ILLUSTRATED HISTORY ... AS TOLD BY WAYNE  
BERTSCH"

*Judges Comments: Bertsch's work is impressive in its scope, originality, and caliber. It is  
an appealing and clever way to tell a story to a specialized audience.*

**2ND PLACE:**

HEATHER BREMER

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"METH: MENACE OF MADISON COUNTY"

**3RD PLACE:**

WILL MCCARTY

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"PLOTTING NEW YEAR'S EVE"

**DIVISION: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS**  
**CATEGORY: NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

MATT DETRICH

*INDIANAPOLIS STAR*

"ICE RESCUE"

**2ND PLACE:**

RICH JANZARUK II

*BEDFORD TIMES-MAIL*

"CONTROLLED BURN"

**3RD PLACE:**

GUY HOUSEWRIGHT & WENDY VOGT

*NUVO NEWSWEEKLY*

"IMMIGRATION: A JOURNEY OF DEATH: TWO INDY ACADEMICS DIG INTO CRISIS  
AT THE U.S. BORDER"

**DIVISION: BOOKS**  
**CATEGORY: NON-FICTION BOOK**

**1ST PLACE:**

STAFF

*THE HERALD BULLETIN*

"RIVER OF CHANGE: THE SESQUICENTENNIAL HISTORY OF ANDERSON"

*Judges Comments: The Herald Bulletin staff has written an informative and loving history of its hometown.*

*The city's history is told through chronology and portraits of its diverse citizens: men, women, Black, White, Native Americans, soldiers and athletes.*

*Anderson's past is a microcosm of small Midwestern cities that grew from farming communities to industrial hubs to an uncertain future.*

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**DIVISION: ONLINE AWARDS**  
**CATEGORY: BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE**

**1ST PLACE:**

THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM STAFF

*THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM*

"THESTATEHOUSEFILE.COM "

*Judges Comments: The StatehouseFile is an example of a complete web experience. The homepage has a clean layout with the top stories of the day clearly displayed in the carousel. The site uses a variety of formats to tell stories: text, videos, webcasts and more. The videos and stories complement each other. Stories in each format are well told and explain the complexities of government and politics.*

**2ND PLACE:**

STATEIMPACT INDIANA

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"STATEIMPACT INDIANA EDUCATION WEBSITE"

**3RD PLACE:**

WFIU/WTIU NEWS TEAM

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"WFIU/WTIU NEWS WEBSITE "

**DIVISION: ONLINE AWARDS**  
**CATEGORY: BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA**

**1ST PLACE:**

STAFF

*THE TIMES OF NORTHWEST INDIANA*

"TRAIL OF DEATH: THE DARREN VANN CASE"

**2ND PLACE:**

VICTOR CORTEZ

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"UNFINISHED"

**3RD PLACE:**

VICTOR CORTEZ

*NCAA CHAMPION MAGAZINE*

"EARNING THE CALL"

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**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: BEST NEWSCAST (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RACHEL HILL

*WISH-TV*

"24-HOUR NEWS 8 AT 10"

**2ND PLACE:**

ALEX JUD AND THE WTHR NEWS TEAM

*WTHR-TV*

"EYEWITNESS NEWS NIGHTBEAT"

**3RD PLACE:**

TARA BURMIS

*WISH-TV*

"24-HOUR NEWS 8 AT NOON"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: BEST NEWSCAST (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

ANNIE ILNICKI

*WANE-TV*

"EBY AVENUE SHOOTING - 6PM"

**2ND PLACE:**

WLF1 NEWS 18 STAFF

*WLF1*

"PURDUE SHOOTING"

**3RD PLACE:**

WTIU NEWS

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"INDIANA NEWSDESK"

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**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WTHR NEWS TEAM

*WTHR-TV*

"SUMMER TORNADO"

**2ND PLACE:**

CHRIS WILSON, TIA BROZ, AND ANDY GIPSON

*WISH-TV*

"MEGABUS CRASH"

**3RD PLACE:**

KATIE HEINZ, MARC MULLINS, RAFAEL SANCHEZ, DERRIK THOMAS

*WRTV*

"KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WLFI, NEWS 18 STAFF

*WLFI*

"PURDUE UNIVERSITY SHOOTING"

**2ND PLACE:**

TABNIE DOZIER, JOHN SIMPSON

*WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS*

"5TH AVE WAREHOUSE FIRE"

**3RD PLACE:**

ALYSSA IVANSON, SIMON SHUMAN

*WANE-TV*

"PAULDING PLANE CRASH"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BOB SEGALL, STEVE RHODES, CYNDEE HEBERT, SUSAN BATT, JEFFREY HIGGENS

WTHR-TV

"HIT OR MISS: INDIANA FOOTBALL HELMETS"

*Judges Comments: WTHR-TV's team is to be commended for a thoughtful and well-executed story that not only discussed the problem, but the solutions as well. And it provided viewers with a searchable database for them to understand how this bigger picture story hit home in their neighborhood.*

**2ND PLACE:**

TROY KEHOE, LONI BLANDFORD, BRETT BENSLEY, AND SHAWN PIERCE

WISH-TV

"I-TEAM 8"

**3RD PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"CONCUSSION CONFLICT (PART 1)"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DAN KLEIN

WLFJ

"SOLVING THE PUMP PUZZLE"

*Judges Comments: Very comprehensive look at a key consumer issue. This story was done in a methodical manner that gave consumers an insight into what this issue meant to them —no matter the global issues faced. This team took a very "normal" issue and made it into an extraordinary story.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KAYLA MOODY, BRIAN CISELL

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"WORTHLESS PAPER"

**3RD PLACE:**

JORDAN VANDENBERGE

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"DEPUTY DARREN BAUMBERGER INVESTIGATION"



**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: SPORTS REPORTING (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DAVE CALABRO, KEVIN RADER, STEVE RHODES

WTHR-TV

"LEAVING A LEGACY"

*Judges Comments: The visuals of the WTHR entry are stunning. The stories are great, but it's far and away the best-looking entry.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DAVE FURST

WRTV

"DAVE FURST SPORTS"

**3RD PLACE:**

ANTHONY CALHOUN, AMANDA MAYNARD, DUSTIN GROVE, JULIAN GRACE

WISH-TV

"WISH-TV SPORTS REPORTING"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: SPORTS REPORTING (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BARBARA HARRINGTON

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"TRAIN PUTS MARATHON RUNNERS AT RISK "

*Judges Comments: The video and pictures of the training runners really showed how dedicated (or crazy?) they are.*

**2ND PLACE:**

BRAD BYRD, BRIAN CISSELL

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"TESTING ZACH"

**3RD PLACE:**

GLENN MARINI, JOE WHELAN

WANE-TV

"PLANE CRASH SURVIVOR BECOMES A WOLVERINE"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: FEATURE STORY (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

JASON SCHEUER & RAFAEL SANCHEZ

WRTV

"BACKYARD RACING"

*Judges Comments: Fun, kitchy and quirky, this story worked the first time and the follow-up evolved well. It is a story of delight and surprise.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KYLIE CONWAY AND BRETT BENSLEY

WISH-TV

"BABY REUNITED"

**3RD PLACE:**

KEVIN RADER, JOHN DUONG, STEVE RHODES

WTHR-TV

"ONLY IN INDIANA"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: FEATURE STORY (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

STUART HAMMER, RYAN MCCURDY

*WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS*

"TENNYSON FARMER"

*Judges Comments: This short, tight, respectfully done and moving feature shines with wonderful storytelling.*

**2ND PLACE:**

HILARY POWELL, SARAH HOLST, KRISTYN ESTES

*LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE*

"FARM FIELD TRIP A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR RURAL STUDENTS"

**3RD PLACE:**

ALEX MARAGOS

*WLF1*

"FINDING A NEW VOICE"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

GAIL THOMAS STRONG, WILLIAM BAKER, CARLY WEIDMAN

*WFYI*

"LITTLE CHILDREN, BIG RETURNS"

*Judges Comments: Little Children, Big Returns was provocative and persuasive. Well researched and reported with a variety of voices. An important story.*

**2ND PLACE:**

RAFAEL SANCHEZ, KARA KENNEY, JASON SCHEUER, TERRI COPE-WALTON

*WRTV*

"HEROIN IN THE HEARTLAND"

**3RD PLACE:**

TED GREEN, PETE SAETRE

*WFYI*

"BOBBY 'SLICK' LEONARD: HEART OF A HOOSIER"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

TERRA BRANTLEY, JR CARMICHAEL

WANE-TV

"FOCUS 15: ON TRACK"

*Judges Comments: Focus 15 On Track was filled with history, nuances and future potential for transportation. Well written and reported.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JORDAN VANDENBERG, JOHN SIMPSON, BRIAN CISELL

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"17 WEEKS"

**3RD PLACE:**

ROB LYDICK, JESSE HAWILA, NICHOLAS FERRERI, GREG SHOUP

WANE-TV

"15 FURY: A WINTER WEATHER SPECIAL"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: CONTINUING COVERAGE (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WTHR NEWS TEAM

*WTHR-TV*

"WHO KILLED DOMINIQUE ALLEN?"

*Judges Comments: Great coverage of following the story from the beginning until the arrest of the person charged with the murder of Dominique Allen, and showing the family having a vigil at the end of the story.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

*WISH-TV*

"VA MISTAKES"

**3RD PLACE:**

TROY KEHOE

*WISH-TV*

"MISTAKEN RELEASE"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: CONTINUING COVERAGE (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WTIU NEWS TEAM

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"SAME-SEX MARRIAGE DEBATE"

*Judges Comments: Excellent issue of a national issue.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KELLI STOPCZYNSKI, LUCAS PACKER

WSBT TV

"THE MANHUNT FOR JOSEPH LEE"

**3RD PLACE:**

EYEWITNESS NEWS

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"MISSING WOMEN"



**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SANDRA CHAPMAN, MATT WHISNER, RYAN THEDWALL, CYNDEE HEBERT,  
SUSAN BATT

*WTHR-TV*

"13 INVESTIGATES: POTHOLES, PAYOUTS & REPAIRS"

*Judges Comments: Good use of nats and video, and Great job of explaining the issue.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KARA KENNEY AND JASON SCHEUER

*WRTV*

"MARRIAGE MONOPOLY AND LOGO SIGN CONTROVERSY"

**3RD PLACE:**

BOB SEGALL, BILL DITTON,

*WTHR-TV*

"13 INVESTIGATES: HOLDING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABLE"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RAFAEL SANCHEZ, CLAYTON JENNINGS, JASON SCHEUER

WRTV

"HOUSE OF HORRORS "

*Judges Comments: Compelling story. Informative. Great use of video and editing, and use of background music.*

**2ND PLACE:**

RAFAEL SANCHEZ, JASON SCHEUER, BRAD FORESTAL

WRTV

"REAL ESTATE SCAMMERS STOPPED"

**3RD PLACE:**

BENNETT HAEBERLE AND LONI BLANDFORD

WISH-TV

"BUSINESS & CONSUMER"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: EDUCATION COVERAGE (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

DAN KLEIN

WLF1

"THE COST OF VOUCHERS"

*Judges Comments: The Cost of Vouchers was well reported with excellent and comprehensive fact finding , analysis and balance. A very important and timely topic.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JILL GLAVAN

WX1N

"EDUCATION UNCERTAINTY 2014"

**3RD PLACE:**

ANNE KELLY

RTV6

"OUR CHANGING SCHOOLS"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"WHERE SEX OFFENDERS LIVE"

*Judges Comments: Where Sex Offenders Live provided an important community crime investigation without hype or exaggeration. The story was well research, reported and written providing some actual solutions.*

**2ND PLACE:**

ANDREA MOREHEAD, SCOTT SWAN, MATT WHISNER, MATT MROZINSKI, ANNE RYDER

WTHR-TV

"LIVES CHANGED"

**3RD PLACE:**

ALEX MCBEATH

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"LOCKWOOD RESCUE"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WTIU NEWS TEAM

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

"WTIU'S COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES"

*Judges Comments: The story was well written. Good use of nats and graphics with statistics*

**2ND PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"THE CRAINE HOUSE"

**3RD PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"CONCUSSION CONFLICT: TRACKING CONCUSSIONS"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: COVERAGE OF MINORITY ISSUES (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

SCOTT SWAN, MARY MILZ, EMILY LONGNECKER, MATT MROZINSKI, MATT  
WHISNER

*WTHR-TV*

"WE WON'T BE STOPPED"

**2ND PLACE:**

EMILY LONGNECKER AND RUSS GOVERT

*WTHR-TV*

"BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS FOR THE INTELLECTUALLY DISABLED "

**3RD PLACE:**

HILARY POWELL, SARAH HOLST, AND KRISTYN ESTES

*LAKESHORE PUBLIC MEDIA PUBLIC BROADCASTING SERVICE*

"DIVERSE BREWER TAPS GARY FOR NEW BUSINESS"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

BOB SEGALL, WILLIAM DITTON, SUSAN BATT

WTHR-TV

"THE ENEMY AT HOME"

*Judges Comments: The first place entry used powerful graphics and a diverse array of interview subjects to highlight a dangerous issue affecting U.S. veterans. It also fairly depicted the VA's response to the issue, while showing appropriate skepticism. This was a compellingly told story about a devastating medical problem.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KAREN HENSEL AND DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"QUESTION OVER CARE"

**3RD PLACE:**

JORDAN VANDENBERGE, BRIAN CISELL

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"FIGHTING MORE THAN FIRES"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (ANY INDIANA STATION)**

**1ST PLACE:**

WTIU NEWS

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"WTIU ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING"

*Judges Comments: WTIU's Environmental reporting is indeed the most thorough examination on critical issues with good overviews of the issues and answers for possible solutions.*

**2ND PLACE:**

TROY KEHOE AND BRETT BENSLEY

*WISH-TV*

"TIMBER TROUBLES"

**3RD PLACE:**

13 INVESTIGATES TEAM

*WTHR-TV*

"PCB DISCOVERY"



**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: FEATURES VIDEOGRAPHY (INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

JOHN DUONG

WTHR-TV

"JOHN DUONG FEATURE COMPOSITE"

*Judges Comments: These enterprise stories stood out strong from a rest of the entries.*

*This one had great community journalism pieces put together.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JAMES SUITER

WXIN FOX59

"3 STORIES"

**3RD PLACE:**

SHAWN PIERCE

WISH-TV

"BANNED BOOKS"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: FEATURES VIDEOGRAPHY (OUTSIDE INDIANAPOLIS MARKET)**

**1ST PLACE:**

RYAN MCCURDY

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"RYAN MCCURDY FEATURE VIDEOGRAPHY"

*Judges Comments: Ryan McCurdy features were outstanding work. With his technical skills of camera and storytelling was genius. Chicken and dumpling story showed how he loves his community and side by side vehicle story made him a clear winner.*

**2ND PLACE:**

BRIAN CISELL

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"BRIAN CISELL FEATURE VIDEOGRAPHY"

**3RD PLACE:**

JASON PEAR

WTIU

"THE WEEKLY SPECIAL: FEATURES: THREE HAMMERS FARMS "

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

JOHN SIMPSON

WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS

"17 WEEKS AND GOLF CARTS"

*Judges Comments: John Simpson brilliant portfolio was a clear winner. Simpson's craft with editing and sound was great too.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JASON SCHEUER

WRTV

"JASON SCHEUER VIDEOGRAPHY"

**3RD PLACE:**

DOUG MOON

WISH-TV

"DOUG MOON, PHOTOJOURNALIST 2014"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

BRIAN CISSELL

*WEHT EYEWITNESS NEWS*

"BRIAN CISSELL SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY"

*Judges Comments: Zach's story was made ever more compelling by the shot choices Brian made.*

**2ND PLACE:**

JOHN DUONG

*WTHR-TV*

"JOHN DUONG SPORTS COMPOSITE"

**3RD PLACE:**

CARL DEFFENBAUGH

*WSBT*

"CARL DEFFENBAUGH - 2014 SPJ SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY ENTRY"

## ***STUDENT CATEGORIES***

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT SPOT NEWS REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

BEN SIECK, MALLORY DUNCAN

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

"FORMER BUTLER STUDENT KILLED BY ISIS"

*Judges Comments: Follow-up story on Kassig beheading well-reported especially considering the time frame between confirmation of victim by the feds and story publication.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DAVID ADAMS, ERIKA NORTON

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"CLASS OF '64 LEAVES A LEGACY"

**3RD PLACE:**

NICOLE DECRISCIO, LEANN BURKE

*THE DEPAUW*

"SENIOR HALL BROKEN INTO"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT NON-DEADLINE NEWS**

**1ST PLACE:**

MEGAN JULA

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"WHEN STUDENTS DIE"

*Judges Comments: Fantastic idea to look at how campuses and administrators handle student deaths. The piece raised the questions that no one asks and presents it with powerful narrative. Also excellent photo presentation and graphic ideas to accompany the story and explain the "why and how" to readers.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MARAIS JACON-DUFFY

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

"CLASSIFICATION CONCERNS"

**3RD PLACE:**

DAVID ADAMS, JULIA OLLER, ERIKA NORTON, MATTHEW MORSE

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"TAYLOR CONTESTS ACA MANDATE"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT FEATURE STORY**

**1ST PLACE:**

KARI TRAVIS

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"THE UNSPOKEN SERIES"

*Judges Comments: The Unspoken series has great leads, visual storytelling and impactful issues*

**2ND PLACE:**

SARAH WHALEY AND MADISON BORGMANN

*INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDIA SCHOOL*

"CORN-FED COMEDY"

**3RD PLACE:**

MATTHEW VANTRYON

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

"FORMER PLAYER SMITH DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER"



**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT SPORTS REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

BEN SIECK

*INDIANAPOLISNEWSBEAT.COM*

"DEFINING A CHAMPION: THE FACTORS OF INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC SUCCESS"

*Judges Comments: Excellent narrative opening with a mix of analysis, data and quotes.*

*Authoritative sources, enterprise reporting and clear writing.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MICHAEL MAJCHROWICZ

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"THE ART OF FALLING"

**3RD PLACE:**

CHRIS YINGLING

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"SILENT NIGHT: SHOOTING FOR GLORY"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT EDITORIAL WRITING**

**1ST PLACE:**

LEANN BURKE, NICOLE DECRISCIO, KEVIN KILEEN

*THE DEPAUW*

"MASSIVE SALARY GAP RAISES QUESTIONS"

*Judges Comments: Bluntly confronting the school president's lavish salary, The DePauw editorial board demonstrates thoughtful, courageous -- and necessary -- push back*

**2ND PLACE:**

JULIAN WYLLIE

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

"A CLOUD OF DOUBT"

**3RD PLACE:**

ERIKA NORTON

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"DEAR TAYLOR SWIFT"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**1ST PLACE:**

AUDREY MEYER

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

"EBOLA"

*Judges Comments: Terrific examples of cartoons carrying a powerful message in the most concise way. Great work.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KYLE WEIDNER

*THE REFLECTOR*

"TANNING CARTOON "

**3RD PLACE:**

TYLER MURPHY

*THE DEPAUW*

"EAST COLLEGE CARES"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT COLUMN WRITING**

**1ST PLACE:**

JOE FRIEDRICHSEN

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"UNDER THE RADAR BY JOE FRIEDRICHSEN"

*Judges Comments: Clear, readable and informative commentary on a variety of topics.*

**2ND PLACE:**

ABIGAIL POLLOCK

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"THE BIGGER PICTURE BY ABIGAIL POLLOCK"

**3RD PLACE:**

JULIAN WYLLIE

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

""DIVERSITY IS NOT A NUMBER," "STUDENTS SHOULD PURSUE THEIR  
PASSIONS," "NO PAY? DON'T INTERN""

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

BEN ZEFENG ZHANG

*THE REFLECTOR*

"COSMOS' SCIENTIST SPEAKS AT UINDY"

**2ND PLACE:**

BEN ZEFENG ZHANG

*THE REFLECTOR*

"UINDY CELEBRATES MLK'S LEGACY AND LASTING DREAM"

**3RD PLACE:**

BEN ZEFENG ZHANG

*THE REFLECTOR*

"DISPLAY PROMOTES SUICIDE AWARENESS AMONG STUDENTS"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: STUDENT SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

CAITLIN O'HARA

*IU STUDENT MEDIA*

"THE ART OF FALLING"

*Judges Comments: Nice moments and variety in the art of Falling.*

**2ND PLACE:**

KAMERON CASEY

*THE REFLECTOR*

"FOOTBALL TAMES TIGERS"

**3RD PLACE:**

BEN ZEFENG ZHANG

*THE REFLECTOR*

"MEN'S SOCCER EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO FIVE"

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**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: STUDENT FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

TYLER MURPHY

*THE DEPAUW*

"DIWALI"

**2ND PLACE:**

EMANUEL CELA

*THE REFLECTOR*

"FOLLOW YOUR HEART TO 'URINETOWN: THE MUSICAL'"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT PAGE ONE OR COVER DESIGN**

**1ST PLACE:**

LACEY HOOPENGARDNER

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"INDIANA DAILY STUDENT"

*Judges Comments: The Indiana Daily student allowed strong art to lead each of their pages, which separated them from the pack. They also showed good font choices.*

**2ND PLACE:**

NATALIE SCHUMANN AND SARAH WHALEY, EDITORS

*INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDIA SCHOOL*

"812: THE MAGAZINE OF SOUTHERN INDIANA"

**3RD PLACE:**

MATTHEW MORSE

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"THE ECHO COVER/PAGE ONE DESIGN"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**

**CATEGORY: STUDENT BEST DESIGN OTHER THAN PAGE ONE OR COVER**

**1ST PLACE:**

FEATURE AND ART TEAM

*THE REFLECTOR*

"FOUNTAIN SQUARE FEATURE PAGE"

*Judges Comments: Fountain Square design features creative combination of color, photos and headlines. Good balance to pages. The tear marks and crooked pix are nice touches. Spread pulls reader into the story.*

**2ND PLACE:**

MADISON BORGMANN, ART DIRECTOR

*INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDIA SCHOOL*

"CORN-FED COMEDY AND DEAR DOLLY"

**3RD PLACE:**

TYLER MURPHY

*THE DEPAUW*

"TYLER MURPHY'S SPREAD DESIGNS"



**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATION**

**1ST PLACE:**

JANSEN YODER

INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDIA SCHOOL

"TWIST AND SHOUT"

*Judges Comments: An ambitious, well-thought out and exhaustive display of photos and illustrations for anyone who loves theme parks.*

**2ND PLACE:**

CHRIS YINGLING, MATTHEW MORSE, JOSH ADAMS

THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)

"SILENT NIGHT SHOOTERS"

**3RD PLACE:**

COLIN LIKAS

BUTLER COLLEGIAN

"SEX CRIMES REPORTED BY BUPD SINCE 2011"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"SEXUAL ASSAULT AT IU"

*Judges Comments: Thorough reporting about the complexities and "gray" areas surrounding sexual assaults and responses on university campuses. It is obvious the investigative team discussed the implications of the stories and decided how to cover several angles. Excellent use of narrative, data and graphics to explain the stories. The writing is transparent and open. This is one of the best sexual assault series I've seen this year.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DANA FERGUSON, ABBY MARGULIS

*THE DEPAUW*

"PROFESSOR SUSPENDED, FIRED FROM DEPAUW UNIVERSITY"

**3RD PLACE:**

MATTHEW VANTRYON

*BUTLER COLLEGIAN*

""FORMER PLAYERS ALLEGE VERBAL ABUSE, MISTREATMENT""

**DIVISION: STUDENT / ONLINE AWARDS**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE**

**1ST PLACE:**

STAFF

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"IDSNEWS.COM"

*Judges Comments: The idsnews.com site looks and reads like a professional website: design is clean and functional, topics vary, stories are well told, headlines are solid. The site offers something for every student, and did not shy way from tough topics such as campus sexual assaults.*

**2ND PLACE:**

THE ECHO STAFF

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"THE ECHO NEWS"

**DIVISION: STUDENT / ONLINE AWARDS**  
**CATEGORY: STUDENT BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA**

**1ST PLACE:**

INVESTIGATIONS TEAM

*INDIANA DAILY STUDENT*

"AGE OF CHANGE"

*Judges Comments: Great use of interactives, data visualization and video in "Age of change"*

**2ND PLACE:**

ERIN O'BRIEN, SAM CARAVANA

*THE DEPAUW*

"DEPAUW UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL "HANDS UP" PROTEST"

**3RD PLACE:**

ERIKA NORTON

*THE ECHO (TAYLOR UNIVERSITY)*

"AIRBAND 2014: STORIFY"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

ALEX DIERCKMAN

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"MIDWEST EXPERIENCES PROPANE SHORTAGE"

**2ND PLACE:**

KAYLA SULLIVAN, KAITLYN KOPETSKI

*UINDY TV*

"CRASH ON HANNA AVENUE"

**3RD PLACE:**

SARAH FENTEM

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"INDIANA FUNERAL HOME INSPECTIONS INFREQUENT"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: FEATURES REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

AARON VAN AUKEN

*BALL STATE SPORTS LINK*

"ONE DRIVE – THE JAMES BLACKWELL STORY"

*Judges Comments: Top three were very good. Very difficult decisions.*

**2ND PLACE:**

ALEX DIERCKMAN

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"HOW GOOGLE IS CHANGING HEALTH CARE"

**3RD PLACE:**

WILL HEALEY

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"HOW DRONES ARE BEING USED IN INDIANA"

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**DIVISION: TELEVISION**  
**CATEGORY: DOCUMENTARY OR PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**BALL STATE SPORTS LINK: OUT OF THE SHADOWS**

**1ST PLACE:**

BRAD DAILEY, DILLON WELCH

*BALL STATE SPORTS LINK*

"OUT OF THE SHADOWS"

*Judges Comments: Ball State Sports Link looked professionally done. Very nice job.*

**2ND PLACE:**

DAION MORTON

*INDIANA UNIVERSITY MEDIA SCHOOL*

"REDISCOVERING LICK CREEK"

**DIVISION: TELEVISION**

**CATEGORY: TELEVISION VIDEOGRAPHY**

**1ST PLACE:**

AARAON VAN AUKEN, BRAD DAILEY, ANDREW BULTEMEIER, RYAN BICKFORD

BALL STATE SPORTS LINK

"ONE DRIVE – THE JAMES BLACKWELL STORY"

*Judges Comments: One Drive James Blackwell story had great camera work and narration too. We liked the visuals where a golf ball splashed in water, and how story took you back how he was in accident*

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**DIVISION: RADIO**

**CATEGORY: BEST NEWSCAST**

**1ST PLACE:**

CHRISTIE YORK

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA/THE EDGE RADIO

"DECEMBER 15: 8 A.M. NEWSCAST"

**2ND PLACE:**

COLIN BOWLES

88.7 WICR

"DAILY 5 P.M. NEWSCAST"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO NEWS REPORTING**

**1ST PLACE:**

ALEX DIERCKMAN

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"OFFENDERS GIVE BACK BY REFURBISHING HUNDREDS OF WHEELCHAIRS"

**2ND PLACE:**

ALEX DIERCKMAN

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"TWO CONFIRMED DEAD AFTER PLANE CRASHES NEAR BLOOMINGTON"

**3RD PLACE:**

KAT CARLTON

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"ACTIVISTS WORRY MORE HOMELESS WILL BE ON BLOOMINGTON STREETS"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO SPORTS REPORTING**

**USI EXHIBITION BASKETBALL**

**1ST PLACE:**

SHAWN CHAMBERS

*UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA/THE EDGE RADIO*

"USI EXHIBITION BASKETBALL"



**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO FEATURES REPORTING**

**FEATURE: MUSICIAN BRYAN ENGLAND**

**1ST PLACE:**

KAYLA SULLIVAN

*88.7 WICR*

"MUSICIAN BRYAN ENGLAND"

**2ND PLACE:**

WILL HEALEY

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"VETERAN SAYS EXPERIMENTAL PTSD THERAPY CHANGED HER LIFE"

**3RD PLACE:**

ZACH HUFFMAN

*INDIANA PUBLIC RADIO*

"HOOSIER AT THE GAMES / UNCLAIMED VETERANS"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO DOCUMENTARY OR PUBLIC AFFAIRS**  
**DEPAUW ADMISSIONS**

**1ST PLACE:**

WGRE NEWS

*WGRE*

"DEPAUW ADMISSIONS"

**2ND PLACE:**

CARRIE PERRAS, KYLE FROHNING, ELIZABETH ST. JOHN, SARAH BURTENSHAW

*WGRE*

"DEPAUW SAFE RIDE"

**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO CONTINUING COVERAGE**

**1ST PLACE:**

ALEX DIERCKMAN

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"LOW TEMPS AND HIGH DEMAND BEHIND CONTINUED PROPANE SHORTAGE"

**2ND PLACE:**

WILL HEALEY

*WFIU/WTIU NEWS*

"BLOOMINGTON CONSIDERS LAW RESTRICTING CHAIN RESTAURANTS  
DOWNTOWN"

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**DIVISION: RADIO**  
**CATEGORY: RADIO ELECTION NIGHT COVERAGE**

**1ST PLACE:**

KAYLA SULLIVAN, JOEY MULINARO

*88.7 WICR*