

BEST
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IN INDIANA JOURNALISM

2011-2012

Contest Winners

SPECIAL HONORS CATEGORIES

Indiana Journalist of the Year

Kara Kenney
WRTV

Indiana Student Journalists of the Year (tie)

Danielle Paquette
Indiana University

Alberto Pimienta
Ball State University

First Amendment Award

John Russell
The Indianapolis Star

The Slaymaker Indiana Service to Journalism Award

Chad Carrothers
WFHB Public Radio

PROFESSIONAL CATEGORIES

Category 6A: Spot News, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Robert King, David Lindquist, Matt Kryger and Staff
"State Fair Stage Collapse"
The Indianapolis Star

Judges' Comments: *Excellent reporting, strong writing and obvious determination to get the facts. The entry also tells a compelling story of more than just what happened.*

2nd Place: Staff
"Daniels won't Run for President"
The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Sarah Tompkins
"Indicted - County Officers Accused of Profiting from Illegal Gun Sales"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Category 6B: Spot News, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Abby Tonsing & Herald-Times Staff
"7 Warnings, 1 Tornado"
The Herald-Times

Judges' Comments: *Excellent all-around coverage. Main story is strong, but what makes this entry a winner is all the information Herald-Times staff provides to readers in terms of damages and aid. Staff clearly put in lots of overtime to put this issue together. Hope they were well paid.*

2nd Place: Mike Snyder, Steve Garbacz, Rachelle Haughn
"Historic Flood"
The Commercial Review

Category 7A: Non-deadline Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Robert "Bobby" King
"Vanished"
The Indianapolis Star

Judges' Comments: *Wow. A terrific job of writing about a missing college student. The whole package is impressive, including the detailed, old-fashioned footwork. A clear winner.*

2nd Place: Sarah Tompkins
"Consumers Abusing Legal Synthetic Versions of Cocaine, Meth, Marijuana"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

3rd Place: John Russell
"Danger Below"
The Indianapolis Star

Category 7B: Non-deadline Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Abby Tonsing & Herald-Times Staff
"Bloomington"
The Herald-Times

Judges' Comments: *The amount of time and effort that went into this story is astounding, digging for multiple sources and fresh leads. It's well written and gives readers insights into a major issue in a university town, the perils of student safety. The stories could be a tutor for crime reporters.*

2nd Place: Evan Shields
"This Stuff is killing our kids"
Madison Courier

3rd Place: Roger Moon
"Legislation kicks in when common sense fails"
Times-Mail

Category 7C: Non-deadline Reporting, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Donald L. Ward
"Road to Recovery"
RoundAbout Madison

Judges' Comments: *Making tragedy more than news, but personal. This story is long, but interesting throughout and masterfully crafted, using multiple sources to give it balance. The kind of stories newspapers ought to be telling.*

2nd Place: Rebecca Townsend
"Barefoot Crusade against veteran suicides"
NUVO

3rd Place: Rebecca Townsend
"Star Employees protest newsroom gutting"
NUVO

Category 8A: Cover. Of Gov't/Politics, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Alex Campbell
"Hinkle"
The Indianapolis Star

***Judges' Comments:** If there is one thing that gets the public's attention in politics is the hypocritical politician. Your series on state Rep. Hinkle showed why rock-solid, old-school information gathering is still the standard. Story was way out in front of the competition. Outstanding work.*

2nd Place: Sarah Tompkins
"Probe into Lake County Sheriff's Officers"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

3rd Place: Jon Seidel
"Dems Disappear"
Post-Tribune

Honorable Mention Place: Tim Evans, Mark Alesia
"Townships: Still Stashing Your Cash"
The Indianapolis Star

Category 8B: Cover. Of Gov't/Politics, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Dawn Hewitt
"State Officials Seek to Recover Richland Funds"
The Herald-Times

***Judges' Comments:** Outstanding government coverage. You know your beat and it shows. Loved the stories about officials seeking to recover Richland funds and those about the auditor's problem. Good watchdog work.*

2nd Place: Craig Mauger
"Government Coverage"
The Courier-Times

Category: 8C Cover. Of Gov't/Politics, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Elisabeth Andrews
"The Duanys' Amazing Journey"
Bloom Magazine

***Judges' Comments:** Great depth, rock solid quotes and a very interesting story. Well deserving of a first place.*

2nd Place: Rebecca Townsend
"Election Guide 2011"
NUVO

Category 9: Series

1st Place: Keith Roysdon & Douglas Walker
"Cold Case: Muncie"
The Star Press

***Judges' Comments:** This could be a book on crime reporting. The amount of investigation, combined with gripping, well-crafted writing, is stunning. It's a mark of excellence when readers get so involved that they call the newspaper looking for help on other cases, rather than the police. A testament to solid journalism.*

2nd Place: Robert "Bobby" King
"Donnan Middle School"
The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Craig Mauger
"New Castle's Faded Heartbeat"
The Courier-Times

Category 10: Editorial Cartoon

1st Place: Tim Campbell
"Anthony Weiner - Member of Congress"
Current Publishing

***Judges' Comments:** Funny and straight to the point.*

2nd Place: Wayne Bertsch
"Four good Quarters?"
NUVO

Category 11: Editorial

1st Place: Malcolm Abrams
"Editorial"
Bloom Magazine

***Judges' Comments:** Well thought out, well written editorial make this entry tops.*

2nd Place: Dan Carpenter
"Editorial"
The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Angie Hicks
"Don't put up with Poor Service"
Angie's List Magazine

Category 12: Personal Column

1st Place: Phillip Gulley
"Back Home Again"
Indianapolis Monthly

Judges' Comments: *By far the strongest in the category. Philip's column about Harold Camping was an outstanding piece of column writing. Heads and shoulders above the rest.*

2nd Place: Dave Kitchell
"Tax payers deserve explanation..."
Pharos Tribune

3rd Place: Kevin Leininger
"City's on his side, superhero, at 104 she's a survivor."
The News-Sentinel

Category 13A: Headline - News, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Doug Ross
"Indiana's Flee Crisis Needs to End"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges' Comments: *Headlines perfectly fit content. Well written and enticing to the reader.*

2nd Place: Patrick L. Maman
Post Tribute Newspaper of NWI

3rd Place: Roxanne Morgan
The Indianapolis Star

Category 13B: Headline - News, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Penny Reid
"Standing Up, Chair, Yappy New Year"
The Herald-Times

Judges' Comments: *Clever and witty. Nice spin on stories.*

Category 13D: Headline - News, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Symone C. Skrzycki

“Hoping for a Home Run”

Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice Magazine

Judges’ Comments: *Excellent job. Headlines perfectly convey subject matter in intelligent and witty way.*

Category 14A: Headline - Features, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Carl Sygiel

The Indianapolis Star

Judges’ Comments: *Nice way to make food interesting. Overall good work.*

2nd Place: Tom Swenson

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Maureen Gilmer

The Indianapolis Star

Category 14D: Headline - Features, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Molly Woulfe

“Sheer Masculine Bliss”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges’ Comments: *Witty, snappy and funny.*

2nd Place: John Nalley

“Don’t be a Pour Neighbor, etc.”

Angie’s List Magazine

3rd Place: Malcolm Abrams

“Droppings, Bagels, etc.”

Bloom Magazine

Honorable Mention Place: Matt L. Ottinger

“Private Fleet Backhaul”

Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice Magazine

Category 15A: Feature, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Alex Campbell
"One Little Girl, Many Angels"
The Indianapolis Star

Judges' Comments: *Excellent job piecing together a complicated scene. Alex Campbell's storytelling was exceptional.*

2nd Place: Jerry Davich
"Cold Case Detective"
Post Tribute Newspaper of NWI

3rd Place: Tim Evans
"Bolstering Vets' Ranks"
The Indianapolis Star

Category 15B: Feature, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Dann Denny
"Thankful for a Fresh Start"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges' Comments: *Hands down - an easy winner. Wonderful writing by Denny makes this story sing.*

2nd Place: Craig Mauger
"Court Dismissed"
The Courier-Times

3rd Place: Blake Sebring
"She's an Unwilling Spectator to Fights"
The News-Sentinel

Category 15C: Feature, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Donald L. Ward
"Lasting Impact"
RoundAbout Madison

Judges' Comments: *Ward told story from an interesting perspective. Nice job reporting and writing.*

2nd Place: Shaun Tilghman
"How Far They've Come"
The Paper of Wabash County

Category 15D: Feature, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Tony Rehagen

“More than a Thousand Days”

Indianapolis Monthly

Judges’ Comments: *Riveting story about how a mother got her children back. Beautiful storytelling*

2nd Place: Gena Asher

“Treasures of the Lilly”

IU Alumni Magazine

3rd Place: Evan West

“Out on the Trail”

Indianapolis Monthly

Category 16A: Investigative Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Tim Evans, John Russell, Heather Gillers

“Stage Collapse Investigation”

The Indianapolis Star

Judges’ Comments: *This series did more than just dig for answers. It raised questions that has never been raised before. It explored areas of the law unknown to the public. It put officials' feet to the fire when they tried to pass blame somewhere else. This entry is a classic example of investigative journalism worthy of first place.*

2nd Place: John Russell

“Duke-IURC Scandal”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Marisa Kwiatkowski

“Drunken Driving”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

Honorable Mention Place: Jon Murray, Tim Evans, Alex Campbell, Heather Gillers

“Lite Box”

The Indianapolis Star

Category 16B: Investigative Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Laura Lane, Chris Fyall, Michael Malik

“The Trouble with Townships”

The Herald-Times

Judges’ Comments: *Excellent work. Way to take a new law and use it to its full potential. The series cracks open a hard shell on townships and exposes the corruption stewing inside. One of the best entries in the contest. Period.*

2nd Place: Laura Lane
"Pretrial Diversion"
The Herald-Times

Category 17A: Sports Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Mark Lazerus
"The Grey Area of Grey Matter"
Post Tribute Newspaper of NWI

Judges' Comments: *Outstanding research. Lazerus takes a very serious matter and explores it full tilt. Presentation was great with strong writing. An overall fantastic package.*

2nd Place: Mark Ambrogi
"One Family Tells its Side of Story"
The Indianapolis Star

Category 17B: Sports Reporting, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Dustin Dopirak
"Kent State Offers Senderoff 2nd Chance"
The Herald-Times

2nd Place: Dustin Dopirak
"Wilson: Pulling no Punches"
The Herald-Times

Category 17C: Sports Reporting, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Lori Lovely
"100 Years of the Indy 500"
NUVO

Judges' Comments: *Good comprehensive piece. Well written and well reserved.*

Category 17D: Sports Reporting, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Lauri Harvey Keagle
"At Home with Hawk"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges' Comments: *Wonderfully written piece, full of character and life. Harrelson's quotes are terrific.*

2nd Place: Tony Rehagen
"The Amazing Tunnys"
Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place: Elisabeth Andrews
"Little 500: Then and Now"
Bloom Magazine

Category 18B: Art/Ent. Feature, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Scott L. Miley
"Born to Play the Blues"
The Herald Bulletin

***Judges' Comments:** Lovely feature about a blues prodigy and how he got there. Very effective lede with B.B. King anecdote. Great job.*

2nd Place: Jeff Routh
"Wayward Diary Sparks Local Exhibit"
Times-Mail

3rd Place: Peter P. Jacobi
"Cleveland Orchestra Residency"
Bloomington Herald-Times

Category 18C: Art/Ent. Feature, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Katelyn Coyne
"Gospel According to James"
NUVO

***Judges' Comments:** Nice technique following the day to day development of an original play. Great work.*

2nd Place: David Hoppe
"Mural City"
NUVO

3rd Place: Scott Shoger
"We Are Hex"
NUVO

Category 18D: Art/Ent. Feature, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Megan Fernandez
"Loved and Lost"
Indianapolis Monthly

***Judges' Comments:** Tenacious research and reporting. Good investigative work made this a winner.*

2nd Place: Amy Winner Schwab
"Modern Family"
Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place: Nancy Hiller
"The Life and Legacy of TC Steele"
Bloom Magazine

Category 19A: Lifestyle Feature, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Shari Rudavsky, Barb Berggoetz, and T. J. Baner
"Super Cure"
Indianapolis Star

Judges' Comments: *touching, informative and inspiring stories gave a new and local perspective on this evergreen topic*

2nd Place: Jerry Davich
"Greatest Day of My Life"
Post Tribune

3rd Place: Lindsay Machak
"Husband Keeps Giving"
Times of NW Indiana

Category 19B: Lifestyle Feature, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Dawn Hewitt
"100 Thing Challenge"
Herald-Times

Judges' Comments: *Concrete description and bright quotes made this informative and fun to read. The sidebar on "fixie" bikes was a smart addition. Tightly written, as befits a story on minimalism!*

2nd Place: Lisa Esquivel Long
"China"
News-Sentinel

3rd Place: Blake Sebring
"What do the Komets Mean to Fort Wayne?"
News-Sentinel

Category 19C: Lifestyle Feature, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Julianna Thibodeaux
"Growing the Local Food Movement"
NUVO

Judges' Comments: *Nice fusion of profile and feature--timely and informative. Good reporting and writing led to a lively and engaging piece.*

Category 19D: Lifestyle Feature, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Nancy Comiskey & CJ Lotz

“Hidden Brown County”

Indianapolis Monthly

***Judges’ Comments:** A meandering drive pulls the reader into this lively, engaging story packaged into easily digestible chunks. Makes you want to get in the car and take a road trip.*

2nd Place: Julia Spalding

“Right on Q”

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place: Lee Ann Sandweiss

“Homes Where the Livin’ Is Easy”

Bloom Magazine

Honorable Mention Place: Lee Ann Sandweiss

“The Girls of Meadowood”

Bloom Magazine

Category 20A: Personality Profile, Daily newspaper (circulation 40,000 or more)

1st Place: Phil Richards

“An Unknown Legend”

The Indianapolis Star

***Judges’ Comments:** A picturesque profile with nuanced writing and turns of phrase that even non-baseball readers should enjoy.*

2nd Place: Kyle Neddenriep

“He Found His Own Field of Dreams”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Mark Lazerus

“Drews’ Journey Takes Drastic Turn”

Post Tribute Newspaper of NWI

Honorable Mention Place: David Woods

“Can Anyone Beat Jaime D. Dizzle”

The Indianapolis Star

Category 20B: Personality Profile, Daily newspaper (circulation less than 40,000)

1st Place: Sue Loughlin

“The Woods ‘First Mother’”

Tribune Star

***Judges’ Comments:** A well-organized, insightful look into what makes this new college president tick.*

2nd Place: Steve Garbacz
"Special Helper"
The Commercial Review

3rd Place: Jeff Routh
"Tale of the Storyteller"
Times-Mail

Honorable Mention Place: Dann Denney
"Bundle of Sorrow"
The Herald-Times

Category 20C: Personality Profile, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Scott Shogar
"Crimes in Southern Indiana"
NUVO

Judges' Comments: *An engaging peek into the life and times of a homegrown crime fiction writer, with a few doses of pulpy prose for good measure.*

2nd Place: Kyle Long
"C-Rayz Walz"
NUVO

3rd Place: Dan Grossman
"Exhuberant Expression"
NUVO

Category 20D: Personality Profile, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Tony Rehagen
"The Blink of an Eye"
Indianapolis Monthly

Judges' Comments: *An incredibly poignant tale about a man's devastating diagnosis with ALS, a second chance at love and his refusal to give up. Tony Rehagen lends a wonderful narrative and voice to the story.*

2nd Place: Elisabeth Andrews
"Lee Hamilton"
Bloom Magazine

3rd Place: Adam Wren
"Tony Bennett Has All the Answers"
Indianapolis Monthly

Honorable Mention: Elisabeth Andrews
"Ger's Journey"
Bloom Magazine

Category 21A: Business Reporting, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Keith Benman

“Hostile Climate”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges’ Comments: *An insightful look at how pending social legislation could impact the Indiana business climate. Not many publications delve beyond the social impact of such legislative issues -- well-done.*

2nd Place: Daniel C. Comiskey

“The Audit”

Indianapolis Monthly

Category 21B: Business Reporting, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Rebecca Patrick and Tom Schuman

“Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice Magazine”

Let's Make a (Business) Deal

Category 22A: Cov. Of Children's Issues, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Robert King

“School 61”

Indianapolis Star

Judges’ Comments: *This compelling, moving analysis of life inside a public school in a poor neighborhood made me acutely aware of the struggles in education today from all perspectives - the kids', parents', teachers' and administrators'. Major dailies nationwide should undertake similar projects to increase awareness.*

2nd Place: Kathleen Guilligan, Marisa Kwiatkowski

“Youth Homes Challenge State Decision”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

3rd Place: Christin Nance Lazerus, Ruth Ann Krause

“Hungry, Thirsty, Depressed Child”

Post-Tribune

Category 22B: Cov. Of Children's Issues, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Douglas Walker, Keith Roysdon

“For A Child's Sake: The Epidemic of Child Abuse”

The Star Press

Judges’ Comments: *Reporters Keith Roysdon and Douglas Walker paint an horrific analysis of child abuse, telling the story through the words of victims survivors, social workers, counselors, law enforcement -- and even abusers and increasing public awareness. Their collaboration with other media in their area to tell the story is commendable.*

Category 23A: Cov. Of Environment, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Rowdeya Tweh

“Enviro Concerns, Plant Impact, Timeline, Community”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

***Judges’ Comments:** A great deep dive into a pipeline project that has resulted in many needed jobs, but at the same time, many environmental concerns as well.*

2nd Place: Paul F.P. Pogue

“Future-Proof Your Home with Green Elements”

Angie's List Magazine

3rd Place: Matthew Brady

“Building Blocks for the Future”

Angie's List Magazine

Honorable Mention Place: Staci Giordullo

“A Solution for Your Pollution”

Angie's List Magazine

Category 23B: Cov. Of Environment, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Jeremy Shere

“To Make Bloomington More Sustainable: The Men & Women at the Forefront”

Bloom Magazine

***Judges’ Comments:** This series of profiles is a great example of how short stories can thoroughly inform.*

2nd Place: Dawn Hewitt

“A Slippery Slope”

The Herald-Times

3rd Place: Angela Herrmann

“Living on Indy Island”

NUVO Newsweekly

Category 24A: Med./Science Reporting, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Mark Alesia, Tim Evans

“Toxicology”

Indianapolis Star

***Judges’ Comments:** Good ol' fashioned investigative journalism at its best! These reporters show the complexities and in-depth problems that occur within a government program lacking years of proper controls and procedures. The public's right to know and the need for sweeping change are well documented by this reporting team and the Star.*

2nd Place (tie): Michael Schroeder
"Can't See Eye to Eye"
Angie's List Magazine

2nd Place (tie): Matthew Brady
"Few Gains on Pain"
Angie's List Magazine

3rd Place: Michael Schroeder
"Under Observation"
Angie's List Magazine

Honorable Mention Place: Michael Schroeder
"Health Care on the Go"
Angie's List Magazine

Category 24B: Med./Science Reporting, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Dann Denny
"Ely: I Need Someone to Be My Hands' - Medicaid Budgets Reduced for Many People"
The Herald-Times

***Judges' Comments:** Very human, sensitive look at the affects of cutting assistance programs. Compelling witing style.*

2nd Place: Dan Grossman
"Flounder Lee's Big Adventure"
NUVO

3rd Place: Rebecca Patrick
"Temperatures Rising"
Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice® Magazine

Category 25A: Consumer Reporting, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Staci Giordullo
"Why Home Warranties are No Guarantee"
Angie's List Magazine

***Judges' Comments:** Great topic to cover! Consumers have lots of questions about home warrantees. Thorough look at this topic. Reporter does a lot of the leg work for homeowners with this well-done story.*

2nd Place (tie): Emily Udell
"Pet 911"
Angie's List Magazine

2nd Place (tie): Staci Giordullo
"Puppy Pushers"
Angie's List Magazine

3rd Place: Bowdeya Tweth
"All Charged Up; But Nowhere to Plug"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Category 25B: Consumer Reporting, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Ellen Miller
"Avoiding R.I.P. offs"
Angie's List Magazine

Judges' Comments: *A must read for anyone pre-planning a funeral. For so many people, making such arrangements can be stressful and emotional. This story is filled with information about how not to be ripped off in the process. Excellent story!*

2nd Place: Meranda Watling
"Indy Sting"
Angie's List Magazine

Category 26A: Cov. Of Minority Issues, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Marisa Kwiatkowski
"Region Racial Divide Blurring--Slowly"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Judges' Comments: *Kwiatkowski's analysis combined personal interviews goes far to highlight a region's continued problems with segregation based on race and class.*

2nd Place: Robert King
"For Muslims, a rich and complicated life"
The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Scott Elliott
"Learning to speak the same language"
The Indianapolis Star

Honorable Mention Place: Rebecca Bibbs
"Minorities fight for power in agriculture"
Indiana Minority Business Magazine

Category 26B: Cov. Of Minority Issues, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Lori Lovely
"Land of the Disrespected Indian"
NUVO

Judges' Comments: *Lovely provides a comprehensive look at Indian affairs in Indiana through the lens of a state board dispute tying up thousands of dollars meant to help native Americans.*

Category 27A: Criminal Justice Reporting, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Ingrid Cummings

“Life Sentences”

Indianapolis Monthly

***Judges’ Comments:** Cummings captures the grim world of female inmates with fresh insights and sharp observations.*

2nd Place: Marisa Kwiatkowski

“Sex offenders casting ballots in region schools”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

3rd Place: Carrie Ritchie

“Freed by Mistake”

The Indianapolis Star

/Honorable Mention Place: Evan West

“He Hired Jim Voyles”

Indianapolis Monthly

Category 27B: Criminal Justice Reporting, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place (tie): Laura Lane

“Friends Say Drugs Were at Heart...”

The Herald-Times

***Judges’ Comments:** Lane combines interviews and court records to paint a compelling portrait of a troubled drug addict whose life ended violently.*

Category 28A: Social Justice Reporting, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place (tie): Alex Campbell

“Adding Insult to Injury”

The Indianapolis Star

Category 28B: Social Justice Reporting, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Austin Considine

“Locked Out”

NUVO

***Judges’ Comments:** Considine digs deep to expose poor working conditions of security guards working for a company that's supposed to be labor-friendly.*

2nd Place: Dann Denny

“Troublesome Oversight”

The Herald-Times

3rd Place: Dan Grossman

“Healing Art”

NUVO

Category 29A: Education Coverage, Any publication of circulation exceeding 40,000

1st Place: Scott Elliott

“Takeover”

Indianapolis Star

***Judges’ Comments:** Extremely thorough, comprehensive and well-sourced. Great sidebars as well.*

2nd Place: Scott Elliott

“Mindtrust”

Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Carole Carlson

“A Historic Site Gone”

Post Tribune

Category 29B: Education Coverage, Any publication of circulation less than 40,000

1st Place: Sue Loughlin

“Whatever It Takes to Help Them”

Tribune Star

***Judges’ Comments:** Terrific profile of how teachers and administrators in one of the state's most economically challenged districts are making a real difference in the lives of children.*

2nd Place: Tom Schuman

“Jamie Merisotis: Working to Educate America”

Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice Magazine

3rd Place: Matt L. Ottinger

“New NCAA Chief Emmert Keeps Focus on Students as Athletes”

Indiana Chamber of Commerce BizVoice Magazine

Category 30A: Spot News, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: WTHR-TV News Team

“State Fair Tragedy”

WTHR-TV

***Judges’ Comments:** Great effort. Report demonstrates effective use of newsroom resources. Timely, accurate. Reporters, anchors, producers give top-notch performance.*

2nd Place: Derrick Thomas, Joe Lynch, Tom Triol, Tom MacCabe

“Running From The Law”

WRTV

Category 30B: Spot News, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Chris Hopper, Adam Widener, Trae Hester, J.R. Carmichael
“Jay County Flooding”
WANE-TV

Judges’ Comments: Personal accounts and sharp video make this a winning entry.

Category 30C: Spot News, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: WIBC News Staff
“State Fair Stage Collapse”
WIBC News

Judges’ Comments: Timely reports as tragedy unfolded. Solid work in studio and on scene.

2nd Place: Nichole Carie
“Vincennes Gimbel Corner Fire”
WVUB

Category 31A: Feature, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Scott Swan, Steve Rhodes
“Power of Music”
WTHR-TV

Judges’ Comments: Television at its best. Crisp writing with music beds, pull quotes effectively ties individual story with international news. Excellent, Excellent!

2nd Place: Kevin Rader, Steve Rhodes
“50 year secret”
WTHR-TV

Category 31B: Feature, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Eric Bolstridge
“The Weekly Special: IndyFeral, Inc,”
WTIU

2nd Place: Jordan Vandenberg
“An American Hero - A Life Given, Not Taken”
WEHT-TV

3rd Place: Ron Prickel
“Samara House”
WTIU

Category 31C: Feature, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Stan Jastrzebski
"Legislative Comedy"
Indiana Public Media

Judges' Comments: Clever and entertaining feature

2nd Place: Scott Hoke
"Claude Baker's New Work"
90.1 WFYI Public Radio

3rd Place: Ryan Dawes
"National Night Out: Police Presence in Bloomington's Most Crime-Ridden Neighborhood"
WFHB

Honorable Mention Place: Adam Schwartz
""The Dick Van Dyke" Opera"
WFIU

Category 32A: General News, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Brad Edwards, Brett Bensley, Joy Hernandez
"Christmas Rescued"
WISH-TV

2nd Place: Rafael Sanchez, Tom Sisler
"Shopping Spree"
WRTV

3rd Place: Kara Kenney, Glen Welling
"No Fair Inspections"
WRTV

Honorable Mention Place: Jeremy Brilliant, Greg Wilkerson
"From Tragedy ... A Friendship"
WTHR-TV

Category 32B: General News, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Jordan Vandenberg
"Shattered Glass, Frayed Nerves"
WEHT-TV

2nd Place: Kayla Moody and Brian Cissell
"Arson and Hate Crime Victim Speaks Out"
WTVW Eyewitness News

3rd Place: Alyssa Ivanson, JR Carmichael, Rod Hissong
"Stellhorn Fire"
WANE-TV

Honorable Mention Place: Jordan Vandenberg
"Evansville Holiday Wish List"
WEHT-TV

Category 32C: General News, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Michael Puente
"Gary's Property Tax Nightmare"
WBEZ

2nd Place: Alycin Bektesh, Carolyn Vandewiele
"That's Not How You Sing The National Anthem"
WFHB

3rd Place: Stephanie Wiechmann
"Muncie Honors Fallen Firefighter"
Indiana Public Radio

Honorable Mention Place: January Jones, Joy Laughter
"Guns OK in the Public Library"
WFHB

Category 33A: Continuing Coverage, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: 24 Hour News 8 Staff
"Officer Moore Shot"
WISH-TV

2nd Place: 24 Hour News 8 Staff
"State Fair Tragedy"
WISH-TV

3rd Place: Sandra Chapman, Jeremy Brilliant, Cyndee Hebert
"State Fair Stage Collapse"
WTHR

Honorable Mention Place: Kara Kenney
"Superintendent Payout"
WRTV

Category 33B: Continuing Coverage, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Patrick Fazio, Bob Bruce, Tony Grant
"Recording Police Illegal"
WTWO-TV

Judges' Comments: *The kind of story we should be doing more of. Extensive, thorough coverage of an underreported topic.*

2nd Place: WANE Staff
"Christmas Child Brutalized"
WANE

Category 33C: Continuing Coverage, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Michael Puente and Shaun Allee
"Planned Parenthood in Indiana"
WBEZ

***Judges' Comments:** Owned the story. Depth and breadth- from the personal to the political. Great coverage of actual patient at Planned Parenthood. Good explainer on "Worldview"*

2nd Place: J.D. Gray, Bill Daugherty
"Republicans Miss Ballot Deadline"
WFHB

Category 34A: Investigative Reporting, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Sandra Chapman, Matt Whisner, Steve Rhodes
"Risky Call"
WTHR-TV

***Judges' Comments:** Documenting the unnecessary loss of life is perhaps the greatest public service journalism can provide. This report also spurred whistleblowers to come forward and provide greater depth to the story and spark some measure of corrective action.*

2nd Place: Bob Segall, Matt Whisner, Jacob Jennings, Bill Ditton, Steve Rhodes, Cyndee Hebert
"Hot Trucks"
WTHR-TV

3rd Place: Debby Knox, David Hodge
"AG Subsidies"
WISH-TV

Honorable Mention Place: Eva Pilgrim
"Predatory Towing: You Towed It Buddy"
WXIN Fox 59

Category 34B: Investigative Reporting, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Patrick Fazio, Tim Sanders, Tony Grant
"Still Wrongly Convicted"
WTWO-TV

Category 34C: Investigative Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Michael Puente

“Northwest Indiana Trauma Dilemma”

WBEZ

***Judges’ Comments:** Gripping accounts from multiple sides provide powerful evidence for the need of a northwest Indiana trauma center and the difficult obstacles standing in the way.*

Category 35A: Documentary or Special, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Bryan Boyd, Mark Costello, Chris Elberfeld

“Journey of the Beams”

WFYI TV

***Judges’ Comments:** "Journey of the Beams" was powerful & compelling! Documentary at its best. "Race for the Cure" was informative, emotional, powerful--evoking a visceral response. "Habitat House" proved that sweat equity and the spirit of community can truly triumph!*

2nd Place: Angela Cain, Jennifer Donovan, Young-Hee Yedinak

“Race for the Cure: A 20th Anniversary Celebration”

WTHR-TV

3rd Place: Bob Donaldson, Fanchon Stinger, Olivia Dangler, Larry Delia, Lee Rosenthal

“Habitat House”

Fox 59

Category 35B: Documentary or Special, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: John Winninger, Jason Pear

“Hoosier Hospitality: Craft Beer”

WTIU-TV

***Judges’ Comments:** Hoosier Hospitality was informative, well done! My Hometown was quaint, interesting and creative and Focus 15: Saving America was thorough and compelling!*

2nd Place: Lindsay Merwin, Ryan Sullivan

“My Hometown: New Harmony”

WTVW-TV Local 7

3rd Place: Emily Marini, Mark Mellinger

“Focus 15: Saving America”

WANE-TV

Category 35C: Documentary or Special, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Sound Medicine

“From Gross Anatomy to Compassionate Care”

90.1 WFYI Public Radio

2nd Place: Indiana Public Media
"How 9/11 Shaped Indiana"
Indiana Public Media

3rd Place: Zach Schalk, Chad Carrothers, Andy Freudenberg, Clinton Lake, A.D. Quig
"Indiana Healthcare in Turmoil"
WFHB

Category 36A: Sports Reporting, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Karen Hensel, Douglas Moon
"Lionheart-Ironheart"
WISH-TV

Judges' Comments: A well-told story with unique incorporation of home videos.

2nd Place: Dave Furst, Brad Forestal
"Merlot & Mario"
WRTV

3rd Place: Dave Calabro, Matt Whisner
"Goodwood Festival Celebrates Indy 500"
WTHR-TV

Honorable Mention Place: Derek Daly, Joe Starlin
"Simona's Crash"
WISH-TV

Category 36B: Sports Reporting, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Greg Parker
"National Archery In The Schools Program"
WTIU

Judges' Comments: Good variety of shots and editing.

2nd Place: Doug Kufner & Brian Cissell
"Hoosier Hysteria"
WTVW

Category 36C: Sports Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Michael Puente
"Indy Basketball"
WBEZ

Judges' Comments: Nice topic choice and kept a good pace

2nd Place: Sam Klemet
"Big Ten Championship Game Helps To Heal a Hurting Conference"
WBAA

3rd Place: Sam Klemet
"The State of College Football"
WBAA

Honorable Mention Place: Alycin Bektesh
"Little 500, Big Difference"
WFHB

Category 37A: Cov. Of Gov't/Politics, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Brad Edwards, Kevin Stinson, Joy Hernandez, David Hodge, Deandra Taylor
"One Hoosier, One Check"
WISH-TV

***Judges' Comments:** Not a conventional politics story but an effective one providing a compelling character, telling a good story and generating impact--all elements of strong journalism.*

2nd Place: Kara Kenney, Glen Welling, Tom Triol
"Missing Government Office"
WRTV

3rd Place: Jim Shella, Ron Nakasone
"Statehouse Stalemate"
WISH-TV

Honorable Mention Place: Richard Essex, John Duong
"The Job Interview"
WTHR-TV

Category 37B: Cov. Of Gov't/Politics, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Rob Anderson & Jay Kincaid
"Ten Years Later: The 9/11 Commissioners Reflect"
WTIU

2nd Place: WANE-TV Staff
"Saving America: 28 Ideas in 28 Days"
WANE-TV

Category 37C: Cov. Of Gov't/Politics, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: January Jones, Ryan Dawes, Kelly Wherley, Scott Weddle, Maria McKinley
"Voter Accessibility: Monroe County in Violation of Help America Vote Act"
WFHB

***Judges' Comments:** Strong and persistent coverage of a little-known, yet vital law*

2nd Place: Mike Loizzo

“Collective Bargaining Bill; Officeholder Suspension Bill, Proposed Cuts to Public Transit”

WBAA

3rd Place: John Krull, Sharon Alseth and “No Limits” crew

“Democratic Walkout”

90.1 WFYI Public Radio

Honorable Mention Place: Michael Puente, Shaun Allee

“Indiana Politics”

WBEZ

Category 38A: Newscast, Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: Phil Cannelongo, Brady Gibson and the RTV 6 Team

“RTV 6 News at 11”

WRTV

***Judges’ Comments:** Comprehensive and compelling. Excellent coverage from the RTV 6 News Team!*

2nd Place: Rachel Hill, Tara Burmis Twigg, Karen Hensel and Brad Edwards

“Officer Moore Shot”

WISH TV

3rd Place: Duane Becker, Jeff Benscoter

“Eyewitness News Nightbeat: Super Bowl Ice Store”

WTHR TV

Category 38B: Newscast, Outside Indianapolis market TV stations

1st Place: WFFT Local News Team

“WFFT Local News: First at 10”

WFFT TV

2nd Place: Tom McClananhan, Marcy Foust

“Newscast-Winter Storm”

WTWO TV

Category 38C: Newscast, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: WIBC News Staff

“5pm News 8-23-11”

WIBC News

***Judges’ Comments:** WIBC's newscast was comprehensive with crisp delivery!*

2nd Place: January Jones, Ryan Dawes, David Murphy, Chris Kratzner

“Daily Local News-February 15, 2011”

WFHB

3rd Place: January Jones, Alycin Bektesh, Joy Laughter, David Murphy, Zollie Barnes, Cara Weaver, Bill Daugherty
"Daily Local News-September 6, 2011"
WFHB

Category 39A: Gov. Of Children's Issues, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: David Grove, Jenny Anchondo
"The Little Red Door: Camp Riley"
WXIN Fox 59

2nd Place: Kara Kenney, Tom Triol, Susan Batt
"Daycare Inspections"
WRTV

3rd Place: Stan Jastrzebski, Noel Brennan
"Le Petit Scandal"
Indiana Public Media

Category 39B: Gov. Of Children's Issues, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Lindsey Randle, Joe Ermey, Kai Grise, Addie Camp, Amelia McDermott, January Jones, Ryan Dawes, Chad Carrothers, Andrew Andeson and Andy Shaw
"A King's Legacy 2011: The Next Generation"
WFHB

Judges' Comments: "A King's Legacy 2011" was Perfection! Great use of sound and what a novel idea, to have the kids do the reporting!

2nd Place: Mike Loizzo
"New Artists Show"
WBAA

3rd Place: Lauren Henderson
"Big Brothers, Big Sisters: Serving Kids in Need"
WFHB

Category 40B: Gov. Of Environment, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Sam Klemet
"The Future of the Newport Chemical Depot"
WBAA

Judges' Comments: Great scene setting, good sourcing

Category 41A: Med./Science Reporting, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Karen Hensel, Deandra Taylor

“Toxic Shock”

WISH-TV

Judges’ Comments: Compelling story, good editing, good expert, congressional action

2nd Place: Deanna Dewberry

“The Preteen Vaccine”

WISH-TV

Category 41B: Med./Science Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Michael Puente

“At One Medical School, Cadavers Don't Leave Personhood Behind”

WBEZ

Judges’ Comments: Compelling, good use of sound from remembrance ceremony, great interview with patient family and psychiatrist with reservations

Category 42A: Consumer Reporting, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Andrea Morehead, greg Goggans, Bill Ditton, Jim Hall

“Unfair Towing”

WTHR-TV

2nd Place: Julian Grace, Deandra Taylor

“Unknown Uploads”

WISH-TV

Category 42B: Consumer Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Richard Fish, Chad Carrothers

“Predatory Lending: Targeting College Students”

WFHB

2nd Place: Richard Fish, Chad Carrothers

“Social Media Scams”

WFHB

Category 43A: Cov. Of Minority Issues, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Trisha Shepherd, Glen Welling, Susan BAtt

“The Glass Ceiling”

WRTV

2nd Place: Rafael Sanchez, Tom Sisler, Susan Batt

“Paying for Identity”

WRTV

Category 43B: Cov. Of Minority Issues, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Liz Mitchell, Chad Carrothers

"We Knew Our Limitations: Growing Up Black in a Segregated Bloomington, Vol. II"

WFHB

2nd Place: Michael Puente, Shaun Allee

"Race for Mayor of Gary, Indiana"

WBEZ

Category 44A: Criminal Justice Reporting, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Karen Hensel

"International Implications"

WISH-TV

Category 44B: Criminal Justice Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Alycin Bektesh, Joy Laughter

"Gunman Killed By Police Sniper"

WFHB

Category 45A: Social Justice Reporting, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Shameka Neely, Stan Jastrzebski, Bill Shaw

"Rosa Parks Bus Re-creation"

Indiana Public Media

2nd Place: Jack Rinehart, Brad Forestal

"Towing Troubles"

WRTV

Category 45B: Social Justice Reporting, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: Andrew Olanoff, Chad Carrothers

"Shelter From The Storm: Homeless in Winter"

WFHB

Category 46A: Education Coverage, Any Indiana television station

1st Place: Rafael Sanchez, Tom Sisler, Susan Batt

"Worthless Diploma"

WRTV

2nd Place: Kara Kenney, Paul Chiodo

"Missing the Money"

WRTV

3rd Place: Kim Jacobs, Dave Tarr, Chris Elberfeld

"The Game Changers"

WFYI-TV

Category 46B: Education Coverage, Any Indiana radio station

1st Place: WFYI News Team
"Improving Education in Indiana"
90.1 WFYI Public Radio

2nd Place: Kyle Stokes
"Flipped Classrooms"
Indiana Public Media

Category 47: Radio Public Affairs

1st Place: Marcus Jackman, Stephanie Wiechmann, Brian Eckstein
"For a Child's Sake"
Indiana Public Radio

2nd Place: John Krull, Sharon Alseth, and "No Limits" Crew
"No Limits: Innovations in Education"
90.1 WFYI Public Radio

Category 48: Radio Use of Sound

1st Place: Matt Guschwan, Cara Weaver, Mack Hagood
"Sounds of I-69: Living in the Path of a Superhighway"
WFHB

Category 49: Radio Writing

1st Place: Shana Ritter
"Firehouse Feedback: A World In Turmoil"
WFHB

Category 50: TV News Video – General

1st Place: Stan Jastrzebsk, Alex Roy
"Comic Books to the Economy's Rescue"
Indiana Public Media

Category 53: TV Sports Video – Feature

1st Place: Brad Forestal
"Indy 500 Legends "
WRTV

Category 54: TV Feature Videography

1st Place: John Duong
"America's Wake-Up Call"
WTHR-TV

Category 55: News Photo – General

1st Place: Rich Janzaruk

Bedford Times Mail

2nd Place: Pete Schriener

Bedford Times Mail

3rd Place: Jonathan Miano

“Lake Michigan Suffering”

The Times of Northwest Indiana

Category 56: News Photo – Spot

1st Place: Pete Schriener

Bedford Times Mail

2nd Place: Stephanie Dowell

“Recycling Fire”

Post Tribute Newspaper of NWI

Category 57: Sports Photo – Action

1st Place: Garet Cobb

“Dive”

Bedford Times Mail

Category 58: Sports Photo – Feature

2nd Place: Pete Schriener

Bedford Times Mail

3rd Place: Rich Janzaruk

Bedford Times Mail

Category 59: Feature Photo

1st Place: Deckard Photography

“A Hoosierific Wedding”

Bloom Magazine

2nd Place: Pete Schriener

Bedford Times Mail

Category 60: Multiple Picture Group

1st Place: Matt Kryger

“Stage Collapse”

The Indianapolis Star

2nd Place: Frank Oliver
"Falcon Hunting"
Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Category 61A: Design - Page 1/Cover, Daily newspaper 40,000 or more

1st Place: Staff
"Page One Design"
The Indianapolis Star

Category 61B: Design - Page 1/Cover, Daily newspaper less than 40,000

2nd Place: Becky Naughton-Wright
"Scholastic Stars"
The Times-Mail

3rd Place: Janice Rickert, Kristina Wood, Stewart Moon, Steve Snyder
"Aug. 9, Sept. 1, Sept. 2, 2011"
The Herald-Times

Category 61C: Design - Page 1/Cover, Non-daily newspaper

3rd Place: Melissa Carter
"Filthy World"
NUVO

Honorable Mention Place: Jarryd Foreman
"C-Rayz Walz"
NUVO

Category 61D: Design - Page 1/Cover, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Hector Sanchez
"Jan. 2011, Feb. 2011, Oct. 2011"
Indianapolis Monthly

Category 62A: Design - Other than Cover, Daily newspaper 40,000 or more

Honorable Mention Place: Staff of the Indianapolis Star
"Where Did Everybody Go?"
Indianapolis Star

Category 62C: Design - Other than Cover, Non-daily newspaper

1st Place: Jarryd Foreman
"C-Rayz Walz"
NUVO

Judges' Comments: *The photo illustration was eye-catching! Good presentation.*

2nd Place: Jarryd Foreman
"Living on Indy Island"
NUVO

3rd Place: Melissa Carter
"Recycling Revelation"
NUVO

Category 62D: Design - Other than Cover, Magazine, special-interest publication or periodical

1st Place: Kaye Lee Johnston
"It's a Wonderful Town: 50 Reasons to Love Bloomington"
Bloom Magazine

***Judges' Comments:** Kaye Lee Johnston set the bar in this category. Her use of illustration, typography and photography was interesting and drew you into the content.*

2nd Place: Kaye Lee Johnston
"An Afternoon at Wonderlab"
Bloom Magazine

3rd Place: Kaye Lee Johnston
"Growing your Own: More Locals -- in town and out --are cultivating home vegetable gardens"
Bloom Magazine

Honorable Mention Place: Kaye Lee Johnston
"The Girls of Meadowood"
Bloom Magazine

Category 63A: Info Graphics, Daily newspaper 40,000 or more

1st Place: Stephen Beard
"The Palladium"
Indianapolis Star

***Judges' Comments:** Elegant and sophisticated. Useful details of features and directions for people who will attend events here.*

2nd Place: Jennifer Imes, Stephen Beard, Michael Campbell
"Speed Control"
Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: Diane Cunningham
"1941: Back in Time"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Honorable Mention Place: Deborah Hile
"Communities' racial, ethnic breakdowns"
The Times of Northwest Indiana

Category 63B: Info Graphics, Daily newspaper less than 40,000

Honorable Mention Place: Becky Naughton-Wright

“Definitive Destination”

The Times Mail

Category 64: Journalism Web Site

1st Place: www.WISHTV.com

“WISHTV.com”

WISH-TV

Judges’ Comments: *The WISH site is immediately pleasing and easy to access. The main story box above the subsequent video selections is a nice touch that invites readers/viewers to explore the most recent and popular offerings. The content is up-to-date and constantly changing to bring the audience back. They're greeted with a consistent layout that is clean, easy to use and dynamic. WISH gets extra points for the 'Are you a good witness' test. The LIN web formula is a winner.*

2nd Place: www.indystar.com

“www.indystar.com”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place: WANE Staff

“WANE.com”

WANE

Honorable Mention Place: Glen Hale, Maggie Loiselle, Lauren Horton

“theindychannel.com”

WRTV

STUDENT CATEGORIES

Category 66: Spot News, College Publication

1st Place: Staff of The DePauw

“Campus erupts in wake of Osama Bin Laden's death in Pakistan”

The DePauw

Judges' Comments: *This comprehensive piece was put together on a tight deadline but still managed to collect lots of reaction from students and staff to document the day of this breaking news.*

2nd Place: Rachel Pyle

“Community mourns lost”

The Sojourn

3rd Place: Lauren Sawyer

“IWU announces Kansas as possible med school site”

The Sojourn

Honorable Mention Place: Becca Kraybill

“All of campus freezes as blizzard ensues”

The Goshen College Record

Category 67: Non-deadline News, College Publication

1st Place: Dana Ferguson

“String of Anti-Gay Slurs Hits Home”

The DePauw

Judges' Comments: *Poignant storytelling from the subjects' perspective was evident in this piece - it made the reader care about why this was an important issue to address.*

2nd Place: Stephanie Snay

“Stage Collapses at Indiana State Fair”

The Reflector

3rd Place: Bob Helfst

“Ghana School to Receive Much-Needed Books”

The Reflector

Honorable Mention Place: Molly Meyer

“Budget Approved for a New Building”

The Sojourn

Category 68: Feature, College Publication

1st Place: Lisa Tomcko

“Harp & Soul”

812: *The Magazine of Southern Indiana*

Judges’ Comments: *Excellent flow and organization, as well as superb detailing, make this feature a pleasure to read from top to bottom.*

2nd Place: Meredith Reffner

“The Prawn Broker”

812: *The Magazine of Southern Indiana*

3rd Place: Taylor Smith & Zach Hetrick

“The Giving Trees”

812: *The Magazine of Southern Indiana*

Category 69: Series, College Publication

1st Place: Matt Welch, Maritza Mestre, Kaitlin Klose

“DePavensis Futurum: A 20/20 Look at DePauw 2020”

The DePauw

Judges’ Comments: *The reporters on this series did a great job of taking a comprehensive look at a wide-ranging plan and breaking it down to explain what it means for the campus community.*

2nd Place: Staff

“9/11: Looking Back, Looking Forward”

Indiana Daily Student

3rd Place: Hayleigh Colombo

“Parking”

The Butler Collegian

Category 70: Lifestyle Feature, College Publication

1st Place: Claire Ronner

“The Morel Mystique”

812: *The Magazine of Southern Indiana*

Judges’ Comments: *Nicely researched and beautifully written, this feature on morel mushroom foraging made me want to tramp out into the damp woods.*

2nd Place: Ben Sutter

“Winning Marathons, a Daily Occurrence”

The Goshen College Record

3rd Place: Haley Vannarsdall

“A Personal Battle”

The Reflector

Category 71: Arts/Ent. Feature, College Publication

1st Place: Danielle Rindler and Chaz Mottinger

“Made in Southern Indiana”

812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana

***Judges’ Comments:** Through five mini-profiles of contemporary artisans, this feature paints a warm and accessible picture of regional arts.*

2nd Place: Dana Ferguson and Rachel Cheeseman

“Yo-Yo Ma Visits DePauw”

The DePauw

3rd Place: Kaley Belakovich

“Kellogg Writers Series Premieres”

The Reflector

Category 72A: Coverage of Gov't/Politics, Indianapolis market college publication

1st Place: Anna Wieseman

“UIndy to host mayoral debate”

The Reflector

***Judges’ Comments:** Anna Wieseman demonstrated an ability to take the top issues of the Indianapolis mayoral race, and boil them down into a short story.*

2nd Place: Bob Helfst

“Students protest House bill”

The Reflector

3rd Place: Stephanie Snay

“Campus leaders thank legislators for higher education grants”

The Reflector

Category 72B: Coverage of Gov't/Politics, Outside Indianapolis market college publication

1st Place: Macy Ayers, Samuel Weigley, Dana Ferguson, Haotian Cheng

“Simply Stellar”

The DePauw

***Judges’ Comments:** Not only did The DePauw explain what a Stellar Communities Grant would mean for Greencastle, but the newspaper's reporting team also presented a skeptical viewpoint from a local business owner, preventing the story series from being one-dimensional.*

Category 73: Sports Reporting, College Publication

1st Place: Michael Applegate

"The Great Teacher"

The DePauw

Judges' Comments: *Strong story-telling skills made this indepth profile of a coach stand out.*

2nd Place: Colin Likas

"Seat not saved"

The Butler Collegian

3rd Place: Jeremy Sharp

"Just Dance"

The Sojourn

Honorable Mention Place: Michael Applegate

"My coach is gonna kill me"

The DePauw

Category 74: Editorial Writing, College Publication

1st Place: Matthew Cecil, Ellen Funke, ChaseHall, Stephanie Sharlow

"Low Tallies Hurt Credibility"

The DePauw

Judges' Comments: *This entry takes a strong stand on an issue important to students. The editorial writers point to a significant campus problem (low student voter turnout), and stake out a cogent position. They offer a solution--that may be at least partially tongue-in-cheek--that gets at what students must be feeling. The writing is concise, sharp and effective.*

2nd Place: Bob Helfst

"Where's the respect?"

The Reflector

3rd Place: Abby Gross

"Campus has a lack of news variety"

The Reflector

Category 75: Editorial Cartoon, College Publication

1st Place: Abby Gross

"Handicap Entrances"

The Reflector

Judges' Comments: *Great art - uncomplicated, easy to understand. Conveys message simply but effectively.*

2nd Place: Hali Bickford

"Reps, Think Twice About SGA Budget"

The Butler Collegian

3rd Place: Abby Gross
"Wall Street"
The Reflector

Category 76: News Photograph, College Publication

1st Place: Elizabeth Wheeler
"Peking Acrobats"
The Reflector

Judges' Comments: *Nice job capturing the moment of impact and the expressions on the subjects' faces. The composition gives the photo depth.*

2nd Place: Mark Felix
"Occupy Protests"
Indiana Daily Student

3rd Place: Kelbi Ervin
"Celebration of the Flags"
The Reflector

Category 77: Sports Photograph, College Publication

1st Place: Maria Porter
"Dunk"
The Butler Collegian

Judges' Comments: *Good timing and use of lighting for effect.*

2nd Place: Victoria Jenkins
"Volleyball"
The Reflector

3rd Place: Jessica Stucky
"Men's Basketball"
The Reflector

Category 78: In-Depth Reporting, College Publication

1st Place: Sarah Hutchins
"Sexual Assault in Bloomington: Fighting Back"
Indiana Daily Student

Judges' Comments: *Writer clearly did exhaustive, comprehensive reporting to put together useful information, tips and analysis of the data, illustrating a compelling, important topic in a unique way.*

2nd Place: Maritza Mestre and Becca Stanek
"Students contribute to county, state redistricting in Indiana"
The DePauw

3rd Place: Chris Goff and Kyler Naylor
"Flooding poses problem for campus officials"
The Butler Collegian

Category 79: Page 1/Cover Design, College Publication

1st Place: Indiana Daily Student -- staff
"Indiana Daily Student"
Indiana Daily Student

Judges' Comments: *Lively, engaging design. Solid photo use. Enticing refers and other entry points draw readers to inside content. Smart use of color and graphic elements.*

2nd Place: Helene DeLone, Zach Hetrick, Rebecca S. Dille, Danille Rindler, Matt Callahan.
"812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana"
812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana

3rd Place: Jill McCarter, Hayleigh Colombo
The Butler Collegian

Honorable Mention Place: Bob Helfst
"March 9, 2011 front page"
The Reflector

Category 80: Design (Not Cover), College Publication

1st Place: Margaret Distler
"Spread design"
The DePauw

Judges' Comments:
Posner headline was dramatic and eye catching. Concert lineup clock was creative touch. Nice use of color and fun photos in the "Teams" spread.

2nd Place: Haley Vannarsdall
"Stressed out feature"
The Reflector

3rd Place: Rebecca S. Dille, Helene DeLone, Matt Callahan
812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana

Honorable Mention Place: Haley Vannarsdall
"Above and beyond feature"
The Reflector

Category 81: Informational Graphic, College Publication

1st Place: Jill McCarter
"Inside the SGA budget"
Butler Collegian

Judges' Comments: *Smart use of a graphic element to show readers where their money is going. Use of art added impact to some of the categories.*

2nd Place: Steven Porter
"Social-networking sites and the grassroots."
The Sojourn

3rd Place: Margaret Distler
"Operation"
The Depauw

Honorable Mention Place: Jill McCarter
"Inside the SGA budget"
The Butler Collegian

Category 82B: Newscast, Any Indiana college television station

1st Place: Natalie Wagner, Amanda Richardson, Brandon Pope, Allison Suer, Trent Townsend, Alberto Pimienta, Michael Behrens, Robert Connett, D.J. Pulce, Alex Miller
"NewsLink Indiana 11/7/11"
Ball State University

Judges' Comments: *Good coverage of election-based issues in top of newscast. Good pacing between anchors and reporter coverage. Just a reminder to the weather guy - make sure your mic is on!*

2nd Place: Heather Good
"UIndy News"
Univ. of Indianapolis TV

Category 83B: News Reporting, Any Indiana college television station

1st Place: Julian Teekaram
"Students Turn to Study Drugs"
Newslink Indiana

Judges' Comments: *Good interview to get on a tough subject matter, and solid writing.*

2nd Place: Alex Miller
"Muncie Blighted Homes"
Newslink Indiana

3rd Place: Sarah Phinney
"Tattoo Community"
Newslink Indiana

Category 84A: Feature, Any Indiana college radio station

1st Place: Ashley Isaac, Taylor Buchannan, Kelly Reeves, Kelsey Dentinger
"DePauw's Party Image"
WGRE 91.5 FM

***Judges' Comments:** In-depth reporting and a variety of sources brough this serious issue on campus to light and how the campus hopes to handle it.*

2nd Place: Sarah Phinney
"Tea with the Teapot Club"
Indiana Public Radio

Category 84B: Feature, Any Indiana college television station

1st Place: Ben Wagner, Chris Renkel and Joe Sailer
"Ball State Sports Link: Tarblooder Mission "
Ball State University

***Judges' Comments:** This four-and-a-half minute sports feature highlights four football players who came from the same rough neighborhood in Cleveland. Great use of detail shots and submitted snapshots.*

2nd Place: Alberto Pimienta
"Stress Management on Freshmen"
Newslink Indiana

3rd Place: Joel Bragg, Josh Blessing, Alex Kartman
"Ball State Sports Link: Coaching from Above "
Ball State University

Category 85: Sports Reporting, College radio or television

1st Place: Ben Wagner, Joel Bragg, Kyle Binder, Pat Boylan, Chris Renkel
"Ball State Sports Link: 3rd Down Chirp"
Ball State University

***Judges' Comments:** Strong interweaving of recap video, interactive commentary and feature on player. Very comprehensive, well-organized, professional coverage.*

2nd Place: Benjamin J. Kelly
"Leaf Legends: Dr. John Ingold"
WGCS-FM Goshen College

Category 86A: Public Affairs/Documentary, Any Indiana college radio station

1st Place: Brian Alkire, Anna Olson, Kelsey Christensen

“Investigation of Marsa Gipson Death ”

WGRE 91.5 FM

Judges’ Comments: *zzzzGood coverage of this long-standing investigation. Storytelling was well-done; even if you knew nothing about the case you could jump right in and understand the key points in the investigation and search to solve this mystery death.*

2nd Place: Ariella Ford

“WGRE News DPView”

DePauw Univ.

Category: 87 Coverage of Gov't/Politics, College radio or television

1st Place: Alberto Pimienta

“Relationship between Muncie City Council and Mayor McShurley”

Newslink Indiana/Ball State University

Judges’ Comments: *Alberto Pimienta provided a great recap of Muncie city politics, getting some conflict into his coverage.*

Category: 91 Videography, Any Indiana college television station

1st Place: Ben Wagner, Chris Renkel, Joe Sailer

“Ball State Sports Link: Tarblooder Mission”

Ball State University

Judges’ Comments:

Solid editing and shooting really helped bring the storytelling to a new level. Good interview shots; looked like a professional did the work.

2nd Place: Joel Bragg, Josh Blessing, Alex Kartman

“Ball State Sports Link: Coaching from Above”

Ball State University

3rd Place: Andy Gipson

“Downtown Construction”

Univ. of Indianapolis TV

Category: 92 College Journalism Website

1st Place: Staff

“IDSNEWS.com”

Indiana University Student Media

Judges’ Comments: *Clean, concise, attractive and loaded with local content for the audience the publication serves. Above the fold, it's got everything you need. Stories are current and compelling with inviting graphics to draw in users. This site is better than many offerings by professional news organizations.*

2nd Place: Bob Helfst

“The Reflector Online”

The Reflector