

2016 WINNERS

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BEST
IN INDIANA JOURNALISM

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Indiana Journalist of the Year

Brian Slodysko

“Associated Press reporter Brian Slodysko”

The Associated Press

Judge’s comments: “Brian Slodysko’s dogged reporting and breadth of coverage in the Indiana politics beat makes him the Indiana Journalist of the Year. His coverage provided important insight for readers into the workings of government and brought accountability and change to the state’s government.”

Indiana Student Journalist of the Year

Charlotte Tuggle

“Charlotte Tuggle”

Purdue University

Judge’s comments: “The judges can confidently say Charlotte embodies all the criteria (and more) of Student Journalist of the Year. The nominations provide excellent insight into Charlotte’s character and work ethics, and her work demonstrate a principled understanding of proper journalism practices, flexibility, strong writing, and solid interviewing skills. Congratulations!”

Indiana Story of the Year

Mark Alesia, Tim Evans, Marisa Kwiatkowski

“A blind eye to sex abuse: How USA Gymnastics failed to report cases.”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “This stunning series of reporting thrust the subjects into the national spotlight and created important, and hopefully lasting, change in USA gymnastics. The pieces are engaging and expertly reported. Congratulations to the reporters behind the USA Gymnastics sex abuse case.”

Spot news reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Jared Council and Scott Olson

“Salesforce expands in Indianapolis”

Indianapolis Business Journal

Judge’s comments: “The Indianapolis Business Journal delivers exactly what you’d expect from solid spot news coverage – go beyond reporting the news to explain why it matters and to whom.”

2nd Place:

Tony Cook, James Briggs, Chelsea Schneider

“Indiana Gov. Mike Pence named VP candidate”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

Bill Dolan, Joyce Russell

“Lake County sheriff, No. 2 indicted on bribery charges; Portage mayor also indicted for bribery”

The Times Media Company

Spot news reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Kurt Christian and Megan Banta

“Making plans to pull the plug”

The Herald-Times

Judge’s comments: “The Herald-Times’ spot news reporting examines an important topic from many perspectives. Solid.”

Investigative Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Sarah Reese, Lauren Leone-Cross

“East Chicago, neighborhood grapple with lead, arsenic contamination ”

The Times Media Company

2nd Place:

Michael Rubino

“A Class Dismissed”

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Marisa Kwiatkowski

“IndyStar investigates Indiana Adult Protective Services”

The Indianapolis Star

Investigative Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Keith Roysdon

“Government corruption in Muncie, Indiana”

The Star Press

Judge’s comments: “Admirable digging to try to get to the bottom of questionable dealings by the city and its sanitary district.”

2nd Place:

Rebecca Bibbs

“Policing Themselves”

The Herald Bulletin

Non-Deadline Story or Series

Newspapers with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

John Tuohy, Tony Cook

“Left in the dark: Indy's deadly streets”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge's comments: “This series by reporters Tuohy and Cook is a classic example of enterprise journalism; of municipal neglect that had become institutionalized and of reporters whose instincts to dig and ask questions exposed the situation. The tragic consequences are illustrated with vivid details and tight, powerful writing.”

2nd Place:

Jerry Davich

“Dakota Yorke - transgender boy runs for prom high school prom queen”

Post-Tribune Newspaper/Chicago Tribune Media

3rd Place:

Staff

“Opioid Series”

The Journal Gazette

Non-Deadline Story or Series

Newspapers with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Devan Filchak, Christopher Stephens, Kelly Dickey, Heather Bremer and staff

“Picture of Health”

The Herald Bulletin

Judge's comments: “What a ton of information in this report. Kudos to all who had a hand in pulling all the threads together for this report.”

2nd Place:

Lauren Slavin

“Left behind”

The Herald-Times

3rd Place:

Douglas Walker & Keith Roysdon

“Cold Case: Muncie”

The Star Press

Non-Deadline Story or Series

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Staff

“Proposed new railroad unleashes 270-mile protest”

The Times Media Company

Judge’s comments: “This series hangs together extremely well with tight writing. There is very nice clarity in presenting positions on both sides of the rail line proposal. The vivid profile of proponent Patton was a solid piece that informs the other stories. It seems to the judge that the reporting team consists of strong, experienced writers supported and led by a very good editor. Congratulations to the Times.”

2nd Place:

Tom Schuman, Rebecca Patrick, Matt Ottinger and Katie Coffin

“Corporate Social Responsibility”

BizVoice

Coverage of Government or Politics

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Brian Slodysko

“Coverage of Government and Politics by Brian Slodysko”

The Associated Press

Judge’s comments: “Solid watchdog reporting that showed enterprise and endurance.”

2nd Place:

Bill Dolan

“Feds took time to build case against Lake County sheriff, Portage mayor in bribery cases”

The Times Media Company

3rd Place:

Alaa Abdeldaiem, Shelby Mullis, Adrianna Pitrelli, Megan Powell

“30 Laws in 30 Days”

TheStatehouseFile.com

Coverage of Government or Politics

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Katherine Coplen, Emily Taylor and Amber Stearns

“R.I.P. women's rights in Indiana”

NUVO

Judge's comments: "Incredibly detailed reporting covers the passing of HEA 1337 from beginning to end. Congrats on your hard work!"

2nd Place:

Dave Stafford

“More than \$1.4M and counting”

Indiana Lawyer

3rd Place:

Matt Ottinger

“Trump's Emergence Brings Memories of Willkie”

BizVoice

Election and Campaign Coverage

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Tony Cook

“Bayh campaign coverage”

The Indianapolis Star

2nd Place:

Brian Slodysko and Tom Davies

“Election and Campaign Coverage by Brian Slodysko and Tom Davies”

The Associated Press

3rd Place:

Hayleigh Colombo

“Hayleigh Colombo - election coverage”

Indianapolis Business Journal

Election and Campaign Coverage

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Mark Bennett

“Vigo County, America's Bellwether”

Tribune-Star

Judge's comments: “Mark Bennett's series on Vigo County was an excellent local report in the chaos of the national election. Very nice historical dive on this.”

2nd Place:

Megan Banta

“Megan Banta— Election coverage”

The Herald-Times

3rd Place:

Staff

“Election coverage”

The Herald Bulletin

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Joseph S. Pete

“Steel layoffs put safety in the spotlight”

The Times Media Company

Judge's comments: “In an extremely competitive category, Pete's reporting stands out because of his dedication to a story with life-and-death stakes that may have otherwise been ignored.”

2nd Place:

James Briggs

“Best of Briggs”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

John Russell

“John Russell - business reporter”

Indianapolis Business Journal

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Amber Stearns and Annika Larson

“Let's get hemp-notized!”

NUVO

Judge's comments: "Let's Get Hemp-notized is a comprehensive study of a story that combines history with a modern predicament, leveraging personalities and policy challenges. An important story told in an engaging way."

2nd Place:

Carmen Siering

“The Story of Lennie & Jeff: How a Young Couple Fell Out of Love and Built a Food and Beer Mini-EmPIRE”

Bloom Magazine

3rd Place:

Symone C. Skrzycki, Matt Ottinger, Charlee Beasor and Katie Coffin

“Building Boom”

BizVoice

Education Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Adam Wren

“The Mind Trust Is...”

Indianapolis Monthly

Judge's comments: "Very competitive category! "The Mind Trust" stood out as a well-researched, well-written deep dive into a divisive topic: Charter Schools."

2nd Place:

Peter Balonon-Rosen

“At-Risk Students ... And Solutions”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

3rd Place:

Chelsea Schneider

“Chelsea Schneider covers education”

The Indianapolis Star

Education Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Rebecca R. Bibbs

“Life coaches, ACS initiative, Seat time, Classroom therapy dog, Sexting”

The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Carmen Siering

“Serve IT”

Bloom Magazine

3rd Place:

Barb Berggoetz

“Beekeeping Gaining Popularity As Bee Colonies Continue to Die”

Bloom Magazine

Criminal Justice Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Virginia Black

“Profits vs. prisoners?”

South Bend Tribune

2nd Place:

Mary Milz

“Blindsided”

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Stan Jastrzebski

“Lafayette's Crime Mapping Challenges”

WBAA.org

Criminal Justice Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Rebecca Bibbs

“State of crisis, Leaps of faith, County prepared for shooter, Convicted molester, Pink steel”

The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Dave Stafford

“Justice at long last”

Indiana Lawyer

3rd Place:

Laura Lane

“Laura Lane — Criminal Justice Reporting”

The Herald-Times

Coverage of Children’s Issues

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Giles Bruce, Carmen McCollum, Marc Chase, Damian Rico

“Working poor to get a boost with new United Way ALICE program”

The Times Media Company

2nd Place:

Adam Wren

“System Reboot”

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Casey Kenley

“Confessions of a Free-Range Parent”

Indianapolis Monthly

Coverage of Children's Issues

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Kelly Dickey

"Lost Kids"

The Herald Bulletin

Judge's comments: "A well-written and well-researched set of articles that digs into a complex issue of massive local (and national) interest."

Coverage of Minority Issues

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Amy Wimmer Schwarb

"Where Pride Meets Prejudice "

Champion magazine

Judge's comments: "All of the details in this package—the timeline, the quotes, the history, and overall reporting—add up create the best of a very competitive category."

2nd Place:

Amanda Heckert

"A New Avenue"

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Shaina Cavazos

"The end of busing in Indianapolis: 35 years later, a more segregated school system calls it quits "

Chalkbeat Indiana

Coverage of Minority Issues

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Rebecca Bibbs
“Sundown Towns”
The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Emily Taylor
“Healthcare in the closet”
NUVO

3rd Place:

Douglas Wissing
“Black History in Indiana: A Different Perspective”
Bloom Magazine

Medical or Science Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Shari Rudavsky
“Medical stories”
The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “There were a number of stories on opioid addiction. Rudavsky’s stood out with its organization, punchy writing and by neatly weaving all the medical information with the players: users, care providers, families and community.”

2nd Place:

Giles Bruce
“Opioid addiction in the Region coming to be seen more as health than criminal issue”
The Times Media Company

3rd Place:

Brian Burnsed
“Training Days ”
Champion magazine

Medical or Science Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Kylie Veleta

“The business of science”

Inside Indiana Business

2nd Place:

Devan Filchak

“Extra mile, \$30,000 baby, Parkinson's patients, Mental illness in jail, Rare disease”

The Herald Bulletin

3rd Place:

Carmen Siering

“IU Researchers & Local High Schools Working Together on Revolutionary Concussion Device”

Bloom Magazine

Environmental Reporting

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Sara Burnett and Jason Keyser

“East Chicago lead contamination”

The Associated Press

Judge's comments: “The investigative nature of the East Chicago lead contamination gives it the edge in a well-represented category.”

2nd Place:

Nick Janzen, Lauren Chapman

“Setbacks For Wind Turbines Balance Economic Development, Property Rights”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

3rd Place:

Mark Alesia

“Indiana's drinking water”

The Indianapolis Star

Environmental Reporting

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Katja Krasnovsky
“What's in the water?”
NUVO

Judge's comments: “This in-depth story not only contains valuable and important information, it presents it in a way that is accessible and clear, even to today's distracted reader. It was obviously the product of much research and benefited from involving many members of the newsroom and production staff -- it clearly distinguished itself among the competition.”

2nd Place:

Christopher Stephens
“Indiana In-Depth Environment”
The Herald Bulletin

3rd Place:

Carol Kugler
“Carol Kugler — environmental coverage”
The Herald-Times

Features Writing

Newspapers with circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Robert King
“Paula Cooper story”
The Indianapolis Star

Judge's comments: “The Indianapolis Star's piece about Paula Cooper demonstrates the pinnacle of deeply researched prose that illuminates complicated, interesting characters. The Star demonstrates a deep, enterprising skill through this narrative. It's difficult to stop once you start reading this piece.”

2nd Place:

Zak Keefer
“History of the Indy 500”
The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

Shaina Cavazos
“The end of busing in Indianapolis: 35 years later, a more segregated school system calls it quits”
Chalkbeat Indiana

Features Writing

Newspapers with circulation below 30,000

1st Place:

Abby Tonsing
“She was in too deep”
The Herald-Times

Judge’s comments: “A riveting, evocative story of addiction spotlighting a community--and nationwide--problem”

2nd Place:

Justin Kenny
“Former white supremacist slowly erasing his tattooed past”
The News-Sentinel

3rd Place:

Emily Taylor
“Gentrifying Indy?”
NUVO

Features Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Amy Wimmer Schwarb
“Follow Through ”
Champion magazine

Judge’s comments: ““Follow Through” was compelling, well paced and pulled you into the journey of this severely injured basketball player and his family. Clever and unpredictable opening. Nice positioning of quotes and artful interjection of characters, such as Grandma Mary.”

2nd Place:

Thomas French
“The Master's Call”
Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Kasey Jackson
“VIVA CUBA”
Kiwanis International

Personality Profile

All newspapers and digital media

1st Place:

Zak Keefer

“Zak Keefer: Personality profile of Donte Montcrief”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “The first-place winner is such a great profile. It’s fast paced, just like the subject. You feel his energy, his impatience, his drive. Such a fun read.”

2nd Place:

Kyle Neddenriep

“Kyle Neddenriep: Personality profile of Ajanae Thomas”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

Joseph S. Pete

“Dean White: The billionaire who stayed home”

The Times Media Company

Personality Profile

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Rachel Stark

“The Missing Peace”

Champion magazine

Judge’s comments: “Rachel Stark’s profile of Lillian Martino Bradley, a Ghanian adoptee turned BYU athlete, begins with an anecdote: the first time Bradley saw carrots and plastic dolls with their lifeless eyes - things she’d never seen as a child. From there, it’s a hop, skip and a jump until we’re deeply involved in her struggle against human trafficking.”

2nd Place:

Brian Burnsed

“Transformed ”

Champion magazine

3rd Place:

Steph Weber and Ross Pfund

“Leading the Class Action Cavalry”

Super Lawyers

Arts and Entertainment Writing

Newspapers with circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Joseph S. Pete

“Star Plaza Theatre closing, history, impact -- and rebirth”

The Times Media Company

2nd Place:

Lou Harry

“Lou's Views and more”

Indianapolis Business Journal

3rd Place:

Andrew S. Hughes

“Arts and Entertainment Writing”

South Bend Tribune

Arts and Entertainment Writing

Newspapers with circulation below 30,000

1st Place:

Kelly Dickey

“A Town Center, Kids in the spotlight, Wandering through art, Paramount Theatre, Fall in love”

The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Katherine Coplen

“Songs on Screen: Local musician Kelly Pardekooper is already inside your head ”

NUVO

3rd Place:

Becca Costello

“Hiking Through History”

WFIU/WTIU News

Arts and Entertainment Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

John Nagy

“Long Crescendo”

Notre Dame Magazine

Judge’s comments: “With a devotion to detail, much like the makers of the pipe organ being written about, the story captures the rigorous work of creating an instrument of this magnitude. Beautiful work.”

2nd Place:

Kevin Brennan

“Rockin' Red Rocks”

Notre Dame Magazine

3rd Place:

Daniel S. Comiskey

“Drawing Conclusions”

Indianapolis Monthly

Editorial writing

All publications and digital media

1st Place:

Greg Andrews

“High court sides with secrecy”

Indianapolis Business Journal

Judge’s comments: “In a strong field of contenders, it was challenging to narrow this down to three entries. I can’t think of a more important value to advocate for than government transparency. The value of what it could accomplish represents the highest aspirations of journalism.”

2nd Place:

Lesley Weidenbener

“Absurd vaping law needs do over”

Indianapolis Business Journal

3rd Place:

Mark Bennett

“School pay formula a mess that needs fixing”

Tribune-Star

Editorial cartoon

All publications and digital media

1st Place:

Tim Campbell

“They Always Have a Pet”

CNHI

2nd Place:

Gary Varvel

“Gary Varvel editorial cartoon”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

Tim Campbell

“Turkeys In Denial”

Current Publishing

Column Writing

Newspapers with circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Abdul-Hakim Shabazz

“Turning Snowflakes into Something Stronger”

Indy Politics

2nd Place:

Virginia Black

“Here's the thing ...”

South Bend Tribune

3rd Place:

Doug Ross

“Birth of a Nation”

The Times Media Company

Column Writing

Newspapers with circulation below 30,000

1st Place:

Scott Underwood
"Scott Underwood"
The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Bob Zaltsberg
"Monday Morning"
The Herald-Times

3rd Place:

Amy Lindgren
"Working Strategies weekly business column"
Fort Wayne News-Sentinel

Column Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Deborah Paul
"Deborah Paul"
Indianapolis Monthly

Judge's comments: "Deborah Paul's personal, memoir-esque columns hooked me immediately with the clean, spare writing and strong narrative. I'm sure that many of her readers, like me, found in each of her columns something they could relate to in their own lives."

2nd Place:

Philip Gulley
"Back Home Again"
Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Malcolm Abrams
"Bloom Magazine Editor's Message"
Bloom Magazine

Sports Reporting

Newspapers with circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

David Woods

“David Woods Olympic stories”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “Great stories on local athletes and their challenges on the way to the Olympics. Detailed account and captivating story/analogy that brings the reader through.”

2nd Place:

Zak Keefer

“Zak Keefer sports stories”

The Indianapolis Star

3rd Place:

Randy Beard

“Randy Beard's sports writing entries”

Evansville Courier & Press

Sports Reporting

Newspapers with circulation below 30,000

1st Place:

Jon Blau, Kat Carlton

“Title IX”

The Herald-Times

Judge’s comments: “Great investigative series into a sports issue. Well-researched, organized, and well-told.”

2nd Place:

George Bremer

“George Bremer sports coverage”

The Herald Bulletin

3rd Place:

Blake Sebring

“Szdowski scores inspirational goal ”

The News-Sentinel

Sports Reporting

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Brian Hendrickson

“Value Added? ”

Champion magazine

2nd Place:

Jon Wertheim

“Tennis, Anyone? Anyone?”

Indianapolis Monthly

3rd Place:

Amy Wimmer Schwarb

“Within a Split Second”

Champion magazine

Sports Column Writing

Newspapers with circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Gregg Doyel

“Best of Gregg Doyel sports columns”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “Tough choices, all were very well done. But the Pagano/Irsay story was spot on. Great read.”

2nd Place:

Randy Beard

“3 columns: New hockey team owner, Lilly King's parents, 104-year-old Cubs fans”

Evansville Courier & Press

3rd Place:

Bob Kravitz

“Bob Kravitz”

WTHR

Sports Column Writing

Newspapers with circulation below 30,000

1st Place:

Reggie Hayes

“It’s a family affair//Ali was here//DeKalb football fights through the tears”

The News-Sentinel

2nd Place:

Justin Kenny

“Are the glory days gone forever//With our without NFL career//Golden Shame”

The News-Sentinel

3rd Place:

George Bremer

“George Bremer columns”

The Herald Bulletin

Sports Column Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place:

Dean Hockney

“Dean Hockney Sports Columns”

Sports Journal of Central Indiana

Headline Writing

All publications

1st Place:

WBAA News Staff

“WBAA.org Headlines”

WBAA.org

2nd Place:

Kristen K. Tucker, Trista Lutgring, Nicole Neff and Emily Miles

“Anatomy of a Dish”

Tucker Publishing Group

3rd Place:

Champion magazine staff

“The Missing Peace; Follow Through; Where Pride Meets Prejudice ”

Champion magazine

News Photography

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Mykal McEldowney

“Kokomo deputy's funeral”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge's comments: “First place photo has good emotion and composition.”

News Photography

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Don Knight

“Swearing In”

The Herald Bulletin

Judge's comments: “The photojournalist took an otherwise mundane event and turned it into something the viewer can connect with by capturing this unexpected and emotional moment. Well done.”

2nd Place:

Michael Stanley

“Chief photobombs car fire”

Spencer Evening World

3rd Place:

Don Knight

“Prayer Walk”

The Herald Bulletin

Sports Photography

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Mykal McEldowney

“Diving for the end zone”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “It’s a wonderful piece of peak action. Tack sharp. You can see the faces.”

2nd Place:

Jonathan Miano

“Cubs win!”

The Times Media Company

3rd Place:

Robert Scheer

“Tough loss”

The Indianapolis Star

Sports Photography

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Reggie Hayes

“Wayne embraces feeling of winning again”

The News-Sentinel

Judge’s comments: “Great moment and emotion in these. So much feeling in Wayne photo. Lots of energy in 2nd place photo and such a teenage scene with the cell phones up.”

2nd Place:

John P. Cleary

“Championship Selfie”

The Herald Bulletin

3rd Place:

Don Knight

“Celebration”

The Herald Bulletin

Features Photography

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Jamie Schwaberow

“Within a Split Second ”

Champion magazine

Judge’s comments: “Within a Split Second was wonderfully done with a complexity I’m sure I don’t fully appreciate, but it all worked for the viewer. And I love all the supporting text that went with this package. Visuals, information, quotes — all impressive.”

2nd Place:

Barbara Johnston

“Grand Entrance”

Notre Dame Magazine

3rd Place:

Jonathan Miano

“Lima Lima Flight Team”

The Times Media Company

Features Photography

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Don Knight

“Hammock Highrise”

The Herald Bulletin

2nd Place:

Jenn Hamm

“Getting to Know Your Local Cop Over a Cup of Coffee (or Juice)”

Bloom Magazine

3rd Place:

Tall and Small Photography

“Mazel Tov: A Traditional Wedding in a Rustic Setting”

Bloom Magazine

Multiple Picture Group

All Publications

1st Place:

Mykal McEldowney

“Mickey Deputy's quest to be queen”

The Indianapolis Star

Judge's comments: “A wonderfully told story with many moments that took a lot of care to make”

2nd Place:

Stephen Sproull

“Memorable Images of Places Close to Home”

Bloom Magazine

3rd Place:

Nikita Shokhov

“Relish: Women's Clothing That Transcends Trendiness”

Bloom Magazine

Newspaper Page One Design

All newspapers

1st Place:

Kaylee Stewart

“Designs for The Herald Bulletin”

CNHI Indiana

2nd Place:

Patrick Caldwell

“Herald Bulletin 1”

The Herald Bulletin

3rd Place:

Bill Thornbro and Janice Rickert

“March 26, 2016; June 3, 2016”

The Herald-Times

Magazine Cover Design

All magazines or periodicals

1st Place:

Kristen K. Tucker and Heather Gray

“Evansville Living May/June 2016 Cover — The Lincoln Mallet”

Tucker Publishing Group

Judge’s comments: “This cover is brilliant in its restraint and bold in its presentation. The simplicity of the color palette juxtaposed with the hand lettering is effective and engaging without sacrificing hierarchy. The creative direction here demonstrates command and understanding of the content. It is playfully apt and leaves its mark on the viewer.”

2nd Place:

Will McCarty and Joey Smith

“Pride Stalls at the Statehouse”

NUVO

3rd Place:

Todd Urban

“Indianapolis Monthly covers”

Indianapolis Monthly

Design Other Than Cover

All print media

1st Place:

Amanda Goehlert

“Staking Claim ”

Angie's List

Judge’s comments: “Masterful design intertwining images and type to entice the reader through stories about using reclaimed work. A reader couldn’t help but read this piece thanks to the first-rate design.”

2nd Place:

Patrick Caldwell

“Design for The Herald Bulletin”

CNHI Indiana

3rd Place:

Design: Matt Mukerjee

“Herron-Morton”

Angie's List

Graphics and Illustrations

Any publication with circ. above 30,000, news services and digital media

1st Place:

Michael Campbell

“Ray Adams: A Predator's trail”

The Indianapolis Star

2nd Place:

Kristen Hambridge and Susan Orr

“Bikeshare by the numbers”

Indianapolis Business Journal

3rd Place:

Daniel Downey

“The 500: A Century of Speed”

Indianapolis Monthly

Graphics and Illustrations

Any publication with circ. below 30,000

1st Place:

Heather Bremer

“Picture of Health: Tobacco, Alcohol and Prescription Drugs”

The Herald Bulletin

Judge's comments: “The Picture of Health infographic is well-organized, easy to follow and quick to digest. Blocks of color help the reader quickly identify one stat from another. Brief blocks of text provide additional context, which is much appreciated. There was a good mix of presentation, including the big number percentages and visual representations. Overall, great execution!”

2nd Place:

Dave Windisch

“Vinyl Quest: Your journey toward and epic Record Store Day”

NUVO

3rd Place:

Heather Bremer

“Crossroads of America”

The Herald Bulletin

Best Journalism Website

1st Place:

IndyStar digital team
“IndyStar.com website”
The Indianapolis Star

Judge’s comments: “Indystar.com’s custom projects, stories, databases and interactives stood above the rest. “Out of Balance” was especially impressive.”

2nd Place:

John Nagy, Barbara Johnston, Tony Fuller and Taylor Packet
“Long Crescendo”
Notre Dame Magazine

3rd Place:

Heather Bremer
“heraldbulletin.com”
The Herald Bulletin

Best Online Multimedia

1st Place:

John Nagy, Barbara Johnston, Tony Fuller and Taylor Packet
“Long Crescendo”
Notre Dame Magazine

Judge’s comments: “The team that created this should be very proud of the amazing collection of text, video, photo, timeline, etc. that creates a true multimedia storytelling experience. Moreover, the online presentation invited the reader in and offered several paths to explore this complex story.”

2nd Place:

Victor Cortez
“Seeing It Through ”
Champion magazine

Non-Fiction Book

1st Place:

Jessica Nunemaker

“Little Indiana: Small Town Destinations”

Little Indiana

Judge’s comments: “The author put together a thorough, but fun and easy-to-read guide to Indiana. The inclusions were thought out, insightful, and well-written. The entry is perfect for visitors or residents looking to learn more about where they live.”

2nd Place:

Kyle D. Huckins

“Race, Faith and Politics Today”

Berean Publishing

Best Newscast

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Allison Herman, Jeff Kew, Rachel Senn and Staff

“Four Kids Killed in Fire”

WXIN

Judge’s comments: “WXIN’s execution of this newscast was well written, well edited and well produced. It was hard not to turn away.”

2nd Place:

Phil Cannelongo & WTHR News Team

“Eyewitness News Nightbeat”

WTHR

3rd Place:

Alex Dierckman, Jason Fechner, Rafael Sanchez and Kevin Gregory

“RTV6 News at 11:00”

WRTV

Best Newscast

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WANE-TV Staff

“August Tornadoes 5pm Newscast”

WANE

Judge’s comments: “Heartbreaking but important newscast demonstrates the power of journalism and storytelling.”

2nd Place:

WTIU News

“Indiana Newsdesk February 19, 2016”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

14 News Staff

“October 28, 2016”

WFIE

Breaking News Coverage

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Allison Herman, Andrew Scherer and Staff

“Principal Dies Saving Students”

WTTV

Judge’s comments: “Great team coverage into investigation, followed by reaction from parents and students. You really felt for the community and the school as they suffered with the loss of this principal.”

2nd Place:

Adam Krent, Lindsay Staf, Loni Blandford and Al Carl

“Kokomo Tornadoes”

WISH-TV

3rd Place:

Kathryn Dawson, Daniel Shapiro, Joshua Voight and Staff

“Halloween Standoff”

WXIN

Breaking News Coverage

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WANE-TV Staff

“August Tornado”

WANE

Judge’s comments: “Informative and essential reporting from multiple journalists earns the top award.”

2nd Place:

Stew Hirsch, Cody Bailey, Olivia McClellan and Brooke Welch

“Rapid Murder Arrest”

WFFT-TV

3rd Place:

Kayla Sullivan, Brittany Tyner, Ryan Delaney and Taylor Hardy

“Missing Lafayette Teacher”

WLFJ

Investigative Reporting

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert, Susan Batt, Scott Hums, Steve Wolfe, Amy Ramirez
“Charity Caught on Camera”

WTHR

Judge’s comments: “The surveillance video captured of the charity leaders stealing food, and their self-serving explanations about how their conduct was not wrong, really made me get angry and care about this story. The double set of accounting records clinched it.”

2nd Place:

Sandra Chapman, Ryan Thedwall, Bill Ditton, Susan Batt
“Dangerous Exposure”

WTHR

3rd Place:

Bennett Haeberle
“Imposter Nurses”

WISH-TV

Investigative Reporting

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Alyssa Ivanson
“Baby Boxes”

WANE

Judge’s comments: “It was difficult to select a winner. Baby Boxes won out because this could have been an overwhelming, data-heavy look at a complicated issue but the reporter skillfully disseminated the story and dug in all corners to find out the story behind the story. The photojournalist also produced a well-shot and edited package that could shine in a much bigger market.”

2nd Place:

Alyssa Ivanson, JR Carmichael
“Parking Problems”

WANE

3rd Place:

Jess Powers and Joseph Schlaerth
“Stolen Valor”

WFIE

Sports Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Andrew Pogar and Paul Zink

“Caddy Zack: The Zack Sielck story”

WLF1

Judge’s comments: “A strong category; Caddy Zack was personal and struck a chord”

2nd Place:

Glenn Marini, Ross Kinsey

“Big League Brothers”

WANE

3rd Place:

Dave Calabro, Rich Nye, Rob Lynch, Steve Rhodes

“Off the Track”

WTHR

Feature Story

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Kevin Rader, Steve Rhodes

“Only in Indiana”

WTHR

Judge’s comments: “WTHR’s story about a man with dementia and the son who cares for him is what the world’s best stories are about: universal truths. Love, life, death, grief, family, and the human desire to share stories. This will live with me for a long time.”

2nd Place:

Mark Costello, Daviona Johnson, Emma Edick, Haley Rios

“Kids Dance Outreach”

WFYI-TV

3rd Place:

Shawn Pierce and Phil Sanchez

“Hoosier Hardwood”

WISH-TV

Feature Story

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Amanda Decker and Buckley Tunison
“From Patient to Addict: Heroin in the Tri-State”
WEVV-TV

2nd Place:

Brad Byrd, Ryan McCurdy, John Simpson
“Dawn's Early Light”
WEHT/WTVW

3rd Place:

Erin Meyer
“Santa at the Salon”
WFIE

Documentary or Special

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Ted Green and Pete Saetre
“Attucks: The School that Opened a City”
WFYI-TV

Judge's comments: “A fascinating look at a revolutionary school. The documentary is an excellent marriage of an important story and masterful storytelling.”

2nd Place:

Krista Lane, Kerri Cavanaugh, Olivia Dangler, and Staff
“Indianapolis 500: Past, Present & Future”
WTTV

Documentary or Special

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WTIU News

“Finding The Fix: Heroin's Hold On The Heartland”

WFIU/WTIU News

Judge's comments: “An important story told smartly-- and more importantly-- calmly with devastating impact.”

2nd Place:

Terra Brantley, Jake Weaver

“Focus 15: Journey to the Vatican”

WANE

3rd Place:

Rob Anderson and Sarah Curtiss

“Celebration in Art: Presented by The Weekly Special”

WTIU

Continuing Coverage

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WTHR News Team

“The Death of Deputy Koontz”

WTHR

Judge's comments: “The Death of Deputy Koontz did an excellent job of giving the viewer a sense of his life, his dedication, and the whole his death was leaving not only in his family but in the community.”

2nd Place:

Andrew Scherer, Megan Kramer, Olivia Dangler and Staff

“A Murder, Shots Fired at Police, and One Suspect”

WTTV

3rd Place:

Andy Gipson

“Overnight Storms”

WISH-TV

Continuing Coverage

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WTIU News

“One Year After HIV Outbreak Scott Co. Still In Crisis”

WFIU/WTIU News

2nd Place:

WTIU News Team

“The Ongoing Battle Over LGBT Rights In Indiana”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

14 News Staff

“Gone Without A Trace”

WFIE

Coverage of Government or Politics

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Alyssa Ivanson

“City Councilman Scandal”

WANE

2nd Place:

Paris Lewbel and Kara Kenney

“Call 6 Investigates covers politics”

WRTV

3rd Place:

Hilary Powell

“Backlog keeps would-be citizens from voting”

WSBT

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert, Susan Batt

“13 Investigates: Consumer Concerns”

WTHR

Judge’s comments: “Great consumer report. Nicely edited. Great flow of information without dramatizing events in a sensational way.”

2nd Place:

Barbara Brosher

“Eating Away Indiana’s Asian Carp Problem”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

Kara Kenney, Paris Lewbel, Jason Scheuer and Lee Atherton

“Craigslist Cons, Alarm Hacks and Contractor Crook”

WRTV

Education Coverage

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Bennett Haeberle

“Schools failing at fire drills”

WISH-TV

Judge’s comments: “I appreciated the research that the reporter and staff conducted to compile the data, and I appreciated that it was delivered in a straight-forward way, not over-sensationalized.”

2nd Place:

Lauren Lowrey and Kevin Ratermann

“Fresh at Risk”

WISH-TV

3rd Place:

Kara Kenney, Jason Scheuer and Brad Forestal

“Holes In the System: Seclusion/Restraint and Campus Rape”

WRTV

Criminal Justice Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Julian Grace and DeAndra Taylor
“City Security Cameras”
WISH-TV

2nd Place:

Brett Thomas, Ross Kinsey
“Mom who Killed her own Children: The Jailhouse Interview”
WANE

3rd Place:

Sandra Chapman, Jeremy Brilliant, Bill Ditton, Ryan Thedwall, Cyndee Hebert
“13 Investigates: Child Exploitation”
WTHR

Coverage of Children’s Issues

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Kara Kenney, Jason Scheuer and Jason Ronimous
“Broken Toy Dangers At Day Care ”
WRTV

Judge’s comments: “Tough story, but as a parent, it made me think about my child's safety. Great reminder that parents cannot be complacent.”

2nd Place:

Hilary Powell
“A nose that knows: Diabetic alert dog helps New Paris girl”
WSBT

3rd Place:

Heather Good and Jacob Embrey
“Teachers Witness Active Shooter Drill in Preschool”
WEVV

Coverage of Minority Issues

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Barbara Brosher

“Legislators, Advocates Poised For Heated LGBT Rights Debate”

WFIU/WTIU News

Judge’s comments: “This piece showcased the issue effectively by telling the story of a transgender woman to set up the context in which Indiana’s legislation would affect her and others affected by the legislation noted in the report. The reporter put a human face on an issue that needs one and told her story along with the issues behind the legislation in a straightforward and easy-to-understand manner.”

2nd Place:

Kevin Rader, Scott Swan, John Duong, Ryan Thedwall

“One Step at a Time”

WTHR

3rd Place:

Barbara Brosher

“Bloomington To Help With Increase In Refugees Admitted To U.S.”

WFIU/WTIU News

Medical or Science Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Sara Wittmeyer

“One Year After HIV Outbreak, More Counties Being Proactive”

WFIU/WTIU News

Judge’s comments: “Engaging and eye-opening reporting on needle exchange and HIV prevention.”

2nd Place:

Barbara Brosher

“New Law Means Hoosiers Can’t Use Online Eye Exam”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

Kara Kenney and Brad Forestal

“Prescription for Disaster”

WRTV

Environmental Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Kara Kenney

“Rusty Drinking Water Woes”

WRTV

2nd Place:

Jackie Monroe

“Inside the World of Deer Poaching”

WFIE

3rd Place:

Sara Wittmeyer

“Indiana Officials Working To Eliminate Feral Hog Population”

WFIU/WTIU News

News Videography

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Shawn Pierce

“Shawn Pierce, Photojournalist”

WISH-TV

Judge’s comments: “Excellent examples of top notch photojournalism. Pierce’s use of close-ups, point of view, and reaction shots gave his work a slight edge.”

2nd Place:

John Duong

“John Duong News Composite”

WTHR

News Videography

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

John Simpson
WEHT/WTWV

2nd Place:

Ryan Delaney
WLFJ

3rd Place:

Ross Kinsey
WANE

Sports Videography

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

John Duong
"Pinned"
WTHR

2nd Place:

Glenn Marini
"Dwenger's Dynamic Duo of Digits"
WANE

Features Videography

Any Indiana station

1st Place:

Jason Scheuer
WRTV

2nd Place:

John Duong
"My Minion"
WTHR-TV

3rd Place:

Katherine Tsakkos
WANE

Election and Campaign Coverage

Indianapolis market

1st Place:

WTHR News Team

“Decision 2016”

WTHR

Judge’s comments: “Comprehensive, insightful coverage. Station made use of the behind-the-scenes access well, and did a nice job explaining the domino effect clearly of the Pence pick. They meshed national and local angles smartly.”

2nd Place:

Matt Smith and Robb Ressler

“Hoosiers in Iowa”

WTTV

3rd Place:

Dan Spehler and Robb Ressler

“Cruz and Fiorina Team Up In Indiana”

WXIN

Election and Campaign Coverage

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place:

Chris Cerenelli, Heather Good and Doug Garrett

“Focused On The Candidates”

WEVV

Judge’s comments: “Engaging, informative and fast-paced enough without being superficial. A clear handling of the candidates and the key issues and where they stand, through their campaign materials, the facts and their own words.”

2nd Place:

Holly Campbell, Katherine Tsakkos

“The Unlikely Candidate”

WANE

Radio Best Newscast

1st Place:

Jill Ditmire, Leigh DeNoon
“WFYI Newscast, July 15, 2016”
WFYI Public Media

2nd Place:

Stan Sollars and the IPR News Team
“Morning Edition, November 17, 2016, 8:43 AM”
Indiana Public Radio

3rd Place:

WFHB Daily Local News staff
“Daily Local News - November 16, 2016”
WFHB Community Radio News

Radio Breaking News Coverage

1st Place:

Peter Balonon-Rosen
“White House Releases Guidance On Transgender Bathroom Use”
Indiana Public Broadcasting

2nd Place:

Joe Crawford
“Anger At Police, IU and Prisons Voiced at Black Lives Matter Rally”
WFHB Community Radio News

Radio Documentary or Special

1st Place:

WFIU News

“Finding The Fix: Heroin’s Hold on the Heartland”

WFIU/WTIU News

Judge’s comments: “Congratulations on an incredibly well done and extremely important piece of journalism. Excellent interviews and great producing.”

2nd Place:

Staff

“Indiana Public Broadcasting State Election Coverage 2016”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

3rd Place:

Steve Burger and Samantha Horton

“Dubois County Avian Flu Outbreak”

WNIN-FM

Radio Election and Campaign Coverage

1st Place:

Staff

“Indiana Public Broadcasting Live Election Night 2016”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

Judge’s comments: “Indiana Public Broadcasting did its listeners a service with this coverage, which combined solid anchoring, diverse viewpoints, high audio production values, and digital complements.”

2nd Place:

Michael Puente

“Indiana Election Coverage by Michael Puente”

Chicago Public Media

3rd Place:

Stan Jastrzebski

“How A Hoosier Presaged Donald Trump”

WBAA Public Radio

Radio Feature Story

1st Place:

Peter Balonon-Rosen

“Want To Address Teachers’ Unconscious Biases? First, Talk About Race”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

Judge’s comments: “Peter Balonon-Rosen’s piece is a deep and meaningful profile of teachers at an Indianapolis elementary school who are facing race head-on. The piece dives effectively into implicit bias, personalizing the issue of race in the classroom and how it effects students.”

2nd Place:

Michael Puente

“East Chicago Not Sure How to Oust Councilman Accused of Murder”

Chicago Public Media

3rd Place:

Annie Ropeik

“In Rural Indiana, Farm Veterinarians In Short Supply And High Demand”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

Radio In-Depth Reporting

1st Place:

Jake Harper

“Jake Harper, Health Reporting”

WFYI Public Media

Judge’s comments: “These stories offer sound rich, character-driven stories and important context on consequential issues.”

2nd Place:

Peter Balonon-Rosen, Claire McInerney

“School Funding Formula Impacts”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

3rd Place:

Sarah Fentem, Jill Sheridan

“How Do We Care For Our Growing Number Of Geriatric Patients?”

Indiana Public Broadcasting

Radio Continuing Coverage

1st Place:

Samantha Horton and Steve Burger
“Dubois County Avian Flu Outbreak”
WNIN-FM

2nd Place:

Staff
“East Chicago Lead Crisis”
Indiana Public Broadcasting

3rd Place:

Barbara Brosher
“Scott County HIV Outbreak”
WFIU/WTIU News

Radio Public Affairs

1st Place:

William Hosea, Amrita Myers, Floyd Hobson, Jim Thrasher
“Bring It On -- A Conversation with Indiana State Police”
WFHB Community Radio News

Judge’s comments: “Fascinating interviews on police violence. Congratulations on an outstanding piece of journalism.”

2nd Place:

Bob Zaltsberg, Sara Wittmeyer, J.D. Gray
“The Death Of LGBT Civil Rights Bills At The Statehouse”
WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

Joe Crawford, Aubrey Seader, Anna Maidi
“Top Stories of 2016: The Targeting of Muslim Hoosiers”
WFHB Community Radio News

Radio Sports Reporting

1st Place:

Michael Puente

“A Little Bit Of Wrigley In Northwest Indiana”

Chicago Public Media

Judge’s comments: “From it's surprising beginning with the sound of a turnstile to the surprising details throughout, this sound-rich feature brings fandom to life in a surprising and entertaining way.”

2nd Place:

Lisa Ryan

“U.S. Paralympic Team Leaves Fort Wayne For Rio”

WBOI

3rd Place:

Lindsey Wright

“PGA League Emphasizes Team Atmosphere, Increases Youth Interest”

WFIU/WTIU News

Student Spot News Reporting

1st Place:

Alexa Chryssovergis

“Hulk Hogan awarded \$115 million in salacious privacy rights trial against Gawker”

Indiana Daily Student

2nd Place:

Kara Berg, Casey Smith

“Lockdown”

Ball State Daily News

Student Non-Deadline News

1st Place:

Laurel Demkovich

“Poisoned: East Chicago residents deal with finding new homes after lead contamination”

Indiana Daily Student

2nd Place:

Sierra Vandervort and Emily Jones

“Touch of Hope”

Indiana University Media School

3rd Place:

Grace Palmieri

“Flies in their image”

Indiana Daily Student

Student Investigative Reporting

1st Place:

Hannah Alani, Grace Palmieri, Taylor Telford
“Sexual Assault Series”
Indiana Daily Student

Judge’s comments: “This team of reporters not only did the work to find the best people to share their difficult stories, but also did the due diligence needed to get all the details that make a great narrative.”

2nd Place:

The Media School, Indiana University
“Billion Dollar Story: Campaign Finance in Indiana”
The Media School, Indiana University

3rd Place:

Alex Kincaid
“Our Money, Their Secrets”
Ball Bearings

Student Election and Campaign Coverage

1st Place:

Daily News Staff
“Election and Campaign Coverage”
Ball State Daily News

2nd Place:

The Reflector
“2016 Election Coverage”
The Reflector

3rd Place:

David Kobe and Rachele Miller
“News DePauw Students Anxiety Soars as Presidential Results Are Announced”
The DePauw

Student Feature Story

1st Place:

Ellen Glover and Allison Chaplin
"Where the Path May Lead"
Indiana University Media School

2nd Place:

Sarah Gardner
"Master and apprentice"
Indiana Daily Student

3rd Place:

Liz Meuser
"Second Sight"
Indiana University Media School

Student Sports Reporting

1st Place:

Grace Palmieri
"Side by side"
Indiana Daily Student

Judge's comments: "'Side by Side' was smartly done...well reported and well written about two Olympic diver hopefuls."

2nd Place:

Samantha Stevenson
"The Academic Athlete"
Ball Bearings

3rd Place:

Robby General
"Sports Reporting by Robby General"
Ball State Daily News

Student Editorial Writing

1st Place:

Alex Kincaid

"Your Money Matters: But We Still Don't Know Where It All Goes"

Ball Bearings

2nd Place:

Chelsea Faulk

"What's wrong with the F-word?"

The Reflector

3rd Place:

Erik Cliburn

"Trigger warnings do not belong on a college campus"

The Reflector

Student News Photography

1st Place:

Madison Hays

"Students teach swim lessons to kids"

The Reflector

2nd Place:

Samuel Caravana

"Election Night 2016"

The DePauw

3rd Place:

Sarah Bahr

"Love is Love"

The Campus Citizen

Student Sports Photography

1st Place:

Laken Detweiler

“Volleyball splits their weekend 2-2”

The Reflector

Judge’s comments: “Very nice moments and action in this category. Good caption information. Peak action and lovely emotion in many of the images”

2nd Place:

Jennifer Ulrey

“Men's soccer defeats Prairie Stars 2-1”

The Reflector

3rd Place:

Cassie Reverman

“Men's lacrosse extends win streak to four”

The Reflector

Student Features Photography

1st Place:

Noble Guyon

“Unrest in the forest”

Indiana Daily Student

Judge’s comments: “Photographer who documented 'Unrest in the Forest' did a great job with point of view, creative compositions, action.”

2nd Place:

Reagan Allen

“A Balancing Act”

Ball Bearings

3rd Place:

Samuel Caravana

“Wasser Brewing Company Fish Tacos ”

The DePauw

Student Page One or Cover Design

1st Place:

Anna Boone

“Indiana Daily Student Page One”

Indiana Daily Student

Judge’s comments: “Unique designs with similar threads. Lovely graphic on 'not alerted,' striking election day edition. Strong use of white space and proportion.”

2nd Place:

Ashley Downing, Maureen Langley, Maggie Stolfa

“Ball State Daily News page one design entries”

Ball State Daily News

3rd Place:

Michael Williams and Anna Boone

“812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana”

Indiana University Media School

Student Best Design Other Than Page One or Cover

1st Place:

Michael Williams, Harley Wiltsey and Anna Boone

“812: The Magazine of Southern Indiana”

Indiana University Media School

Judge’s comments: “Beautiful layouts, particularly 'Fork in the Road,' which had great headlines, color choices and plenty of reader entry points without becoming cluttered.”

2nd Place:

Leigh Durphey

“The Franklin Feature Series designs”

The Franklin

3rd Place:

Maureen Langley, Tyson Bird, Megan Axsom

“Ball State Daily News design other than page one entries”

Ball State Daily News

Student Graphics or Illustration

1st Place:

Anna Boone

“On the Fly”

Indiana University Media School

Judge’s comments: “On the Fly was selected as it kept a clean serene illustration and design style throughout the article. This style matched well the subject matter. Especially liked that the pond was illustrated and the bird’s place within the scene. Also liked the Q&A section to give a birder’s point-of-view.”

2nd Place:

Betsy Kiel

“Cut down meth”

Ball State Daily News

3rd Place:

Tyson Bird

“What makes Fontaine’s record unique?”

Ball State Daily News

Student Television Best Newscast

1st Place:

Jacob Wilson, Mallory Weil, Troy Scott
“Election Eve 2016”
NewsLink Indiana

Judge’s comments: “Newslink Indiana’s “Election Eve 2016” newscast had fair, effective and interesting coverage. The stories overall were stimulating and very important to share with their viewers the night before the election. Also impressed with the enterprise of their stories, especially the one with the college educated women voters.”

Student Radio Best Newscast

1st Place:

Kaitlyn Kendall and Harrison Silcox
“WICR Radio News Update at 5:00”
University of Indianapolis/WICR Radio

Judge’s comments: “Winners Kaitlyn Kendall and Harrison Silcox seemed in control of the firehose of information that is a newscast. They helped present the news for maximum digestibility.”

2nd Place:

Elizabeth Holbrook and Tanner Gurin
“WICR Radio News Update at 5:00”
University of Indianapolis

3rd Place:

Christie York
“Morning Newscast (December 15)”
University of Southern Indiana

Student Television News Reporting

1st Place:

Becca Costello

“400,000 Birds Killed In Avian Flu Outbreak”

WFIU/WTIU News

Judge’s comments: “This is a powerful story that delves deep into an issue that not only affects the county the reporter focuses on, but is also AN international problem that has affected thousands of people throughout the years. The reporter’s utilization of her interviewees was very effective for adding valuable perspectives that helped move the story forward. Overall, the story was captivating, accurate and was a complete story on a topic that may have been daunting for other student reporters.”

2nd Place:

Sophia Saliby

“Invasive Plants Affect Recreation and Property Statewide”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

Meredith Juliet

“Dental Stem Cells Could Aid Future Medical Discoveries”

WFIU/WTIU News

Student Radio News Reporting

1st Place:

Charlotte Tuggle

“LGBT Youth Consider How Life May Change Under 'RFRA Fixes”

WBAA Public Radio

2nd Place:

Christie York

“Pipeline Protest”

University of Southern Indiana

Student Television Election and Campaign Coverage

1st Place:

Sophia Saliby

“Indiana Primary Election Delegates: What You Need To Know”

WFIU/WTIU News

2nd Place:

Tony Sandleben, Brittney Ermon

“NewsLink Indiana's 2016 Election Coverage”

NewsLink Indiana

Student Radio Election and Campaign Coverage

1st Place:

Christie York

“Election Coverage 2017”

WSWI

2nd Place:

Charlotte Tuggle

“Purdue Students Rally Against Trump's 'Hate Speech’”

WBAA Public Radio

Student Television Continuing Coverage

1st Place:

Tony Sandleben

“Meth in Delaware County”

Unmasked: The Stigma of Meth

Judge's comments: “‘Meth in Delaware County’ was an interesting and thought-provoking piece that was able to touch on different aspects of how meth is affecting Indiana. The reporter's ability to get a variety of perspectives on the impact of meth in the community was critical to the story and made it more dynamic. During the series, the reporter was not only fair by getting a variety of opinions on the matter, but also showcased the ability to construct a clear, accurate and interesting story on a topic that may be difficult to cover.”

Student Radio Continuing Coverage

1st Place:

Charlotte Tuggle

“Changes In Indiana Policing”

WBAA Public Radio

Judge’s comments: “Tuggle’s exploration of police issues from recruitment to body cameras went deep. Particularly memorable was when a police officer said it wasn’t feasible to redact body camera videos, because the activity required time-consuming editing. And so Tuggle enlisted a professional video editor to test that assertion - by redacting a video of her entering his workplace. This kind of clever, independent thinking makes this entry deserving of a 1st place prize.”

Student Television Sports Reporting

1st Place:

Tyler Bradfield, Connor Nichols

“Dear Teddy”

Ball State University

Judge’s comments: “Exceptional story woven together with very good script and video, both historic and current. Very well done.”

2nd Place:

Kevin Hyland

“Pickleball Gains Traction In Terre Haute”

WFIU/WTIU News

Student Radio Sports Reporting

1st Place:

Azra Ceylan

“Social Media And Football Sexual Assault Allegations”

WBAA Public Radio

Judge’s comments: “Ceylan’s story is bold, exposing an issue that is unpopular. But she substantiates the story’s claim with efficient use of interview.”

2nd Place:

Tony Sandleben

“Hoosiers at the Games”

Indiana Public Radio

Student Television Features Reporting

1st Place:

Tyler Bradfield, Connor Nichols

“Dear Teddy”

Ball State University

Judge’s comments: “Great job of letting the interviews tell the story”

2nd Place:

Sophia Saliby

“Indiana Clinic Seeks Exoneration For Wrongful Convictions”

WFIU/WTIU News

3rd Place:

Becca Costello

“Buddhism In U.S. Grows While Shrinking Worldwide”

WFIU/WTIU News

Student Radio Features Reporting

1st Place:

Sophia Saliby

“Indiana Clinic Seeks Exoneration For Wrongful Convictions”

WFIU/WTIU News

2nd Place:

Christie York

“Labor Day at the Lake”

University of Southern Indiana

Student Television Documentary or Public Affairs

1st Place:

Unmasked Team, Ball State University

“Unmasked: The stigma of meth”

Ball State University

2nd Place:

Tim Reusche

“ICE League: Season 2”

Ball State University

3rd Place:

Ball State University Department of Telecommunications

“Everlasting Light: The Story of Indiana's Bicentennial Torch Relay”

Ball State University

Student Radio Documentary or Public Affairs

1st Place:

Christie York

“Spotlight: President Linda Bennett Interview”

University of Southern Indiana

Student Best Journalism Website

1st Place:

Staff

“idsnews.com”

Indiana Daily Student

Judge’s comments: “deeply impressed by the special projects submitted by the Indiana Daily Student, which would fit right in with the enterprise output of many professional newsrooms. “The Cleanup Man” and “The Little Sister” in particular are beautiful multimedia stories, combining audio, video, and data visualization in a mobile-friendly digital package. Really nice work.”

2nd Place:

Unmasked Team, Ball State University

“Unmasked: The stigma of meth”

Ball State University

Student Best Online Multimedia

1st Place:

Ball State University Department of Telecommunications

“Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay”

Ball State University

Judge’s comments: “Really lovely video with a comprehensive website designed around it.”

2nd Place:

Brody Miller, Katelyn Rowe, Wenqing Yan, Josh Margolis, Michael Williams

“Midwestern jungle”

Indiana Daily Student

3rd Place:

Tyson Bird

“Tyson Bird's student online multimedia”

Ball State Daily News