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BEST
IN INDIANA JOURNALISM

2012

Contest Winners

SPECIAL HONORS

Indiana Journalist of the Year

WINNER: Robert King

ORGANIZATION: The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE COMMENTS: *In a category full of excellent, tough and well-reported entries, Robert King's writing and reporting stood out for its clarity and creativity.***Indiana Student Journalist of the Year**

WINNER: Sarah Phinney

ORGANIZATION: Ball State University

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

WINNER: Gerry Lanosga

ORGANIZATION: Indiana University, Indiana Coalition for Open Government

NOMINATOR COMMENT: *Gerry is among a handful of individuals in Indiana who go beyond merely supporting efforts to maintain government transparency but who also commit themselves to doing the often thankless work that is vital to keeping those efforts in force.***First Amendment Award**

WINNER: Patrick Fazio

OUTLET: WTWO-TV

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

Professional: BOOKS

Best Non-Fiction Book

1st Place

WINNER(S): Ray E. Boomhower

TITLE: The People's Choice: Congressman Jim Jontz of Indiana

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Ray E. Boomhower's thoroughly researched and documented biography of Jim Jontz is a touching story well told – an inspiring portrait of a man's passion for the environment.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Staff

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Madison County's 100 Greatest Athletes

Professional: BOOKS

3rd Place

WINNER(S): City of Evansville Bicentennial Committee, Heather Gray and Kristen K. Tucker

ORGANIZATON: Tucker Publishing Group

TITLE: Evansville at 200

Professional: ONLINE AWARDS

Best Journalism Website

1st Place

WINNER(S): Lynae Sowinski and Kaye Lee Johnston

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: Magbloom.com

JUDGE COMMENTS: *All content enhanced with relevant and well-composed images, strong video content, clean display that organizes content and ads distinctly and without distraction. Archives easy to access and use. An inviting website, and the team there tells the stories of life in Bloomington very well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): TheStatehouseFile.com staff

ORGANIZATON: Franklin College Statehouse Bureau

TITLE: TheStatehouseFile.com website

Professional: ONLINE AWARDS

Best Online Multimedia

1st Place

WINNER(S): Robert Scheer and Indianapolis Star Staff

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Behind the scenes with the Pacers

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Superb photography enmeshed with Grade-A audio. I was amazed at the level of detail the audio specialist was capturing. It really put you in the middle of this behind-the-scenes exploration of a Pacers game. The editing to bring the photography and audio together was spot-on. Wonderful piece.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Bonnie Layton, Julie Rawe

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: A Walk Behind The Wire: Women In Indiana's Prisons

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Danese Kenon, Kelly Wilkinson, Michelle Pemberton, Dawn Mitchell

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Warriors in White

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Design Other Than Cover

All magazines and periodicals

1st Place

WINNER(S): Kristen K. Tucker, Laura M. Mathis and Heather Gray

ORGANIZATON: Evansville Living

TITLE: Wind, Reel & Print

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This entry caught my eye immediately. Excellent opener and use of typography expands upon the editor's story and pulls you right in. I love the different layers in the pages, with various pull outs and sidebars. There's just the right amount of energy to the page, making it my pick for first. Well done.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kaye Lee Johnston

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: 36 Spots Where the Burgers Are Tops

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kaye Lee Johnston
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: A Farm Where the Water Buffalo Roam

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Design Other Than Page One

All newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Allison Vondrell
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Bourbon Trail
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Well-rounded package. User friendly and creative design.*

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

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

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Features Photography

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

1st Place

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kelly Wilkinson
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Prom Beauty

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Erin McCracken
ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press
TITLE: Families adopt 13 children at celebration

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Features Photography

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jennifer Mayo
ORGANIZATON: Shore Magazine
TITLE: Fashion on the Shore

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Shannon Zahnle
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: Laser Surgery

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Graphics and Illustrations

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

1st Place

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Stephen Beard
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star
TITLE: Seismic Shift in Pope Culture

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Graphics and Illustrations

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

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

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Magazine Cover Design

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kristen K. Tucker, Laura Mathis, Heather Gray and Mike Wheatley
ORGANIZATON: Tucker Publishing Group
TITLE: Evansville Living, November/December 2012

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Multiple Picture Group

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Frank J. Oliver

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Department of Natural Resources

TITLE: Surf Indiana

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The story rose to the top because it was an visually interesting subject -- surfing in an unexpected location. The photographer did a nice job of using different lenses and getting different perspectives, and succeeded in capturing the juxtaposition of surfing and factories. The detail of the icicles on the face was a nice addition.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Shannon Zahnle

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: IU Jacobs School of Music: The Next Generation

3rd Place

WINNER(S): J. Bruce Baumann

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: Autumn in Monroe County

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

News Photography

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Denny Simmons

ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

TITLE: A somber homecoming

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The photographer nicely paired the mom's raw grief with the somber formality of the military uniformity.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Charlie Nye

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Firefighter...just like dad

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Denny Simmons

ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

TITLE: Farewell to fallen firefighter

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

News Photography

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Joseph C. Garza

ORGANIZATON: Tribune-Star

TITLE: Prayerful Moment, powerful welcome

JUDGE COMMENTS:

Good shot. Sometimes stepping back is tells the story better than something in your face.

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Newspaper Page One Design

All newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Shirley Gioia

ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Gunman Dead

JUDGE COMMENTS:

This entry features solid breaking news coverage played well, with a gripping lede photo and good layering. What really makes this entry rise to the top is the restraint used in the design. Many of the design embellishments used hurt the other entries in this category. News design should be edited as strongly as the stories on the page.

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Asha Patel

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: Jealousy Jane's Punk Couture

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Sports Photography

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Matt Kryger

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Big Lift

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Sharp image, vivid color & image caught a peak action. Excellent facial expression on coordinator's face.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Erin McCracken

ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

TITLE: Carrying High Hopes

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Matt Detrich

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Race Shave Fan

Professional: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

Sports Photography

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Rich Janzaruk

ORGANIZATON: Bedford Times-Mail

TITLE: Sectional Track Final

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Nice angle of capture w/wide angle not normally seen by the crowd. Three closest runners all are airborne. Officials at the finish line are a nice touch.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): William Gibson (photographer), Dean Hockney (Editor)

ORGANIZATON: Sports Journal of Central Indiana

TITLE: The spin

3rd Place

WINNER(S): John P. Cleary

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Hair Raising

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Arts and Entertainment Writing

All daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Will Higgins

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Museum discovers Picasso in its midst

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Scott L. Miley

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Between the lines

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Peter Jacobi

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: First time in almost 50 years, 'Der Rosenkavalier' comes to IU

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Arts and Entertainment Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Elisabeth Andrews

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: The Lotus Festival

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Loved that this article captured the exuberance and uniqueness of the Lotus Festival.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Elisabeth Andrews
ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine
TITLE: IU Jacobs School of Music: The Next Generation

3rd Place

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

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

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

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Chris O'Malley
ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal
TITLE: Globetrotting sparks scrutiny

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jeremy Shere

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: The Young Turks of Technology

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A lively, readable, and interesting piece.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Keith Roysdon

ORGANIZATON: The Star Press

TITLE: Delaware County officials cited millions in debt from failed streetlight maker

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Laura Lane

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Nathan Butler Funeral Home closes months after funeral fracas

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Christine Barbour

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: My Plate or Yours

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jim Poyser

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly/Indiana Living Green

TITLE: Doom & Bloom

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing

Newspapers circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Scott Underwood

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kyle Huckins

ORGANIZATON: Marion Chronicle-Tribune

TITLE: In the Spirit

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Edward D. Feigenbaum

ORGANIZATON: INGroup

TITLE: Statehouse Dispatch columns

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Doug Ross

ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Gary's abandoned schools are a 'Left Behind' story

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Doug Ross was the winner, with strong, engaging and conversational writing.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Dan Carpenter

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place

WINNER(S): John Krull, executive editor

ORGANIZATON: TheStatehouseFile.com, Franklin College

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Children's Issues

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Marisa Kwiatkowski

ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Children in Peril

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A gripping and compassionate look at the lives of parents pushed up against a wall by children they cannot control and a system that gave them virtually no options to get help. The series helped prompt the state to develop a plan to ensure parents don't have to "abandon" their kids to get mental health services.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Tim Evans

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Could their deaths have been prevented?

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Government or Politics

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Samm Quinn, Timothy Cox, Adrian Gillaspy, Sandie Love

ORGANIZATON: TheStatehouseFile.com, Franklin College

TITLE: Right to work - 2012

JUDGE COMMENTS: *All solid entries in this category, but the coverage by this group of reporters put the reader right on the statehouse floor.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Tom LoBianco

ORGANIZATON: The Associated Press

TITLE: Mourdock's Makeover

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Chris Sikich

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Why we're paying \$255 million to tunnel under trees

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Government or Politics

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jon Blau

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Big Brother is reading your emails

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A very compelling and eye-opening piece about the powers government agencies have to read the emails of private citizens.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: 2012 Election guide

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Staff

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Primary 2012 election coverage

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Coverage of Minority Issues

All publications and digital media

1st Place

WINNER: Lee Ann Sandweiss

ORGANIZATON: Bloom Magazine

TITLE: A Sentimental Journey

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This is a well-written feature about one man's return to his homeland for the first time after many years. It contains colorful tidbits about his background, his journey to Cuba and life in the country he left as a youngster. An enjoyable and informative read that speaks to the minority/immigrant experience in a creative way.*

2nd Place

WINNER: Carrie Ritchie

ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Does he deserve to be punished?

3rd Place

WINNER: Scott Elliot

ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Why do so many black teens get so many waivers?

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Criminal Justice Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Michael Rubino

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: If You Don't Keep Going, I Will Let You Fall over the Edge and Die.'

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This is a strange and compelling story, thoroughly reported and wonderfully told. Chris Carlson, the young grandfather who took his three grandsons on a misbegotten journey, emerges as a complex and not entirely unsympathetic character.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Robert King

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Growing up locked up

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Todd Moore

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: Life and Death. And Life.

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Criminal Justice Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jon Blau and Victoria Ison

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Bloomington is a haven for the homeless, but at what cost?

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This entry had clear, thorough writing and reporting with vivid details.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: RecycleForce: Ex-offenders pan e-waste for urban gold

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Laura Lane

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Convicted killer Robert Lee getting out of prison, coming back to town

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial cartoon

All publications and digital media

1st Place

WINNER(S): Gary Varvel

ORGANIZATON: The Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Legends

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Tim Campbell

ORGANIZATON: Current Publishing

TITLE: Troubled Kids

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Tim Campbell

ORGANIZATON: Current Publishing

TITLE: I Am Your Father

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial writing

All publications and digital media

1st Place

WINNER(S): Doug Ross

ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Unplug Powers' dreams of trash-to-ethanol riches

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The editorial convincingly argues that public officials wasted too much time entertaining proposals of a businessman without a solid financial plan. The editorial describes how county officials suspended reality because they were blinded by the promise of jobs.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Scott Miley

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Rape case points to disconnect between police, public

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Dan Carpenter

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Lugar's Legacy Remains Strong Even in Defeat

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Education Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Scott Elliott

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): J.K. Wall

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Sarah Butrymowicz

ORGANIZATON: The Hechinger Report

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Education Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): The Herald Bulletin Staff

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Title IX

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Dani Palmer and staff

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Student debt

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Rebecca Townsend

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: In the Mind Trust we trust?

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Environmental Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Lauri Harvey Keagle, Bowdeya Tweh

ORGANIZATION: Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Residents pipe up on Enbridge plan

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A very comprehensive package on the local impact of a new oil line project.*

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Environmental Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jim Poyser, editor

ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly/Indiana Living Green

TITLE: Squandered Indiana

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A very interesting and in-depth package of stories taking a big-picture look at the environmental challenges facing Indiana.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jim Poyser

ORGANIZATION: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: We've super-sized the weather

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Baylee Pulliam

ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Winds of Change

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Writing

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Pat Colander

ORGANIZATION: Shore Magazine

TITLE: How Bunny Fisher learned about herself from her father's story

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Megan Fernandez

ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: Lincoln Like Me

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Amy Wimmer Schwarb

ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: After the Fire

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Writing

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Sarah Tompkins

ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Pelke's devotion to family, faith resonates decades after murder

JUDGE COMMENTS: *In a category full of emotional stories, Sarah Tompkins' multimedia package stands out. Its partner story on the convicted teen, Paula Cooper, who has served more than two decades of her sentence and was counting down to her early release, also is compelling. This particular look at the Pelke Family showed the reporter's compassionate side, reporting skills and overall storytelling ability. It provides a good timetable – then and now – balance of the story.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Shari Rudavsky

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: A special bond

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Vanessa Renderman

ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana

TITLE: Victims of war, battle from within

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Writing

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Blake Sebring

ORGANIZATON: The News-Sentinel

TITLE: Longtime pals battle cancer

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Reporter Blake Sebring puts two aging athletes in vivid relief as they saddle up for the final fight of their lives. The two "best buds" could spend entire days together in silence, but Sebring got them to open up, and gave his readers a treat.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Dann Denny

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Miracle Man

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Abbey Doyle

ORGANIZATION: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Amid tragedy, keeping the faith

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Investigative Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Tim Evans

ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Did DCS chief cross the line?

JUDGE COMMENTS:

This article is proactive, digs deeply into an issue of public interest, reveals secrets, exposes potential wrong-doing, looks beyond individuals at fault to systems that allow abuse to happen and explains not only what happened but why.

2nd Place

WINNER(S): John Russell and Alex Campbell

ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: The China Letter

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Evan West

ORGANIZATION: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: The Lauren Spierer Mystery, Unraveled

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Investigative Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Andy Kopsa

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: Separation Anxiety

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jon Blau

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Nigerian online fraud schemes expand into rental market

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Magazine Headline Writing

1st Place

WINNER(S): Symone C. Skrzycki and Matt L. Ottinger

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Chamber of Commerce/BizVoice magazine

TITLE: Best in Show(room); (Virtual) Reality Check; For a Few Dollars More

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A clever selection of headlines*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Tom Chmielewski

ORGANIZATON: Shore Magazine

TITLE: The Wright House at the Wrong Time

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Angie's List Magazine staff

ORGANIZATON: Angie's List Magazine

TITLE: Eco-friendly or eco-fake? The dish on diet experts, Pain in the arch?

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Medical or Science Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Shari Rudavsky

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Clear and concise writing that really puts a face to those affected by these medical issues.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jeff Swiatek

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place

WINNER(S): J.K. Wall

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Business Journal

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Medical or Science Reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Robin Gibson and Lathay Pegues

ORGANIZATON: The Star Press

TITLE: 'You budget for life, not cancer'

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Newspaper Headline Writing

1st Place

WINNER(S): Dave Stafford

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Lawyer

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The play on words was clever and very fitting. Well done! They employed a subtle use of play on words that didn't overwhelm the story.*

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Non-Deadline Story or Series

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Robert King

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: 49 Miles, 49 Minutes

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Masterful pace to the writing makes us feel as if we're outrunning the storm as we read. The series is full of the kind of incredible detail that only comes from deep reporting.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Tim Evans

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Losing Devin

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Robert King

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: And then the earth shook

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Non-Deadline Story or Series

Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Craig Mauger

ORGANIZATON: The Courier-Times

TITLE: One Step At A Time

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Excellent series on the dedication of athletes, particularly those who have overcome obstacle. The reporter's personal journey was added to the overall impact of the importance of an active, healthy lifestyle.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Fran Quigley

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: We deserve better

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Nathan Brown and Mike Allee

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: Homelessness in Indianapolis

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Evan West

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: Kickin' It with Pat McAfee

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): Will Higgins

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

TITLE: 21-year old is hitting bass fishing's big time

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Higgins gives us action, voice, and a real sense of what it's like to be on the professional fishing circuit—as well as how this level-headed kid is navigating it all.*

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Personality Profile

Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Dan Grossman

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: The cultural mashups of Mike Graves

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A polished piece that does a great job of exploring this artist's broad range of interests. It sets the scene, provides telling details and colorful quotes and conveys a sense of what Graves' work is about, what he's like and how he got to where he is now. This story has everything a good profile should. I enjoyed reading this!*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Howard Greninger

ORGANIZATON: Terre Haute Tribune-Star

TITLE: Pioneering vision

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Abbey Doyle
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Paralyzed farmer

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Column Writing

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

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd (tie) Place

WINNER(S): Dan Korb
ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

3rd (tie) Place

WINNER(S): Paul Oren
ORGANIZATON: Times of Northwest Indiana

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Column Writing

Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): George Bremer
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
JUDGE COMMENTS: *George Bremer writes about people, and they are the heart of sports. They make his columns interesting. Good job.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Bob Bridge

ORGANIZATON: Bedford Times-Mail

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Rick Teverbaugh

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting

Magazines and non-daily newspapers

1st Place

WINNER(S): Michael MacCambridge

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: Luck

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Michael's article was very well written and informative. But what it did best was provide the reader with a good look at the person and not just the football player. Well done!*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Amy Wimmer Schwarb

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Monthly

TITLE: Turning the Corner

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Jon R. LaFollette

ORGANIZATON: NUVO Newsweekly

TITLE: Roy Rising

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting

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

1st Place

WINNER(S): David Woods

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kyle Neddenriep

ORGANIZATON: Indianapolis Star

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Dan Korb

ORGANIZATON: Evansville Courier & Press

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting

Newspaper circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Staff

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Manning departure

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Stunning in its comprehensiveness and dramatically presented on two section fronts. Clear and sharp distinctions between sidebars was laudable, a tricky dance when making a big story local. A great template for how to blow out a big story.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Mike Miller

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: A balloon for Jeremy

3rd Place

WINNER(S): George Bremer
ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin
TITLE: Colts coverage

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Spot news reporting

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

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Bill Dolan
ORGANIZATON: The Times of Northwest Indiana
TITLE: Pastor dismissed for 'sin'

Professional: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Spot news reporting

Publication circulation below 40,000

1st Place

WINNER(S): Stephanie Taylor Ferriell, Kate Wehlann, Marcia Walker

ORGANIZATON: Leader Publishing Company of Salem, Inc.

TITLE: Deadly Pekin tornado 'Extra'

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This entry take the top prize for a reporting-through-their-tears account of a monstrous storm's surreal aftermath. The Salem Leader's readers needed restrained, accurate description, quotes from their neighbors that sounded like real people talking, and a pictorial record of the heartbreak all around, and they got that in this eight-story, 40-photo next-day package. Ferriell's personal reflections as she cautiously walked Voyles Road — on this afternoon, Pekin's Ground Zero — are particularly memorable.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Stu Hirsch, Abbey Doyle and Sam Brattain

ORGANIZATON: The Herald Bulletin

TITLE: Shooting shocks Pendleton

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Abby Tonsing

ORGANIZATON: The Herald-Times

TITLE: Bloomington police shoot, wound man after he shoots up neighborhood

Professional: RADIO

Best newscast

1st Place

WINNER(S): WFYI News Staff

ORGANIZATON: WFYI Public Radio

TITLE: Primary Election Results

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Newscasts are a great vehicle to show what a radio station has to offer: writing, voices, transitions, production. This sample from WFYI has it all. The story showcases good local reporting with expert production values. Their stories are local and top notch. The whole newscast provides context around a single, important story. Also the voices are varied to give the listener a reason to stay tuned. Nice pacing. Everything is seamless.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kristin Malavenda, Mike Loizzo, Sam Klemet

ORGANIZATON: WBAA

TITLE: WBAA Newscast

3rd Place

WINNER(S): WFHB Staff

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: Daily Local News September 5, 2012

Professional: RADIO

Breaking News Coverage

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Ryan Dawes

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: Workers Seek Right-to-Work Amendments

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Effective combination of a brief set-up with a toss to solid on the scene reporting accompanied by floor sound of lawmakers. Interviews in the field captured the passion of those involved in the story.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Mike Corbin

ORGANIZATON: WIBC

TITLE: Garfield Park

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Emily Wood, Alycin Bektesh, Helen Harrell

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: Local Schools Respond to Sandy Hook Shooting

Professional: RADIO

Documentary of Special

1st Place

WINNER(S): John Strauss

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Public Radio

TITLE: Indiana Weekend: Election and Race

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Interesting topic, very well executed.*

Professional: RADIO

Election Night Coverage

1st Place

WINNER(S): WFIU News Team

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Good summary/recap for listeners tuning in during the night. Strong local focus included familiarity not only with the races but also the candidates and issues involved in the election, as well as the underlying context.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): WIBC News

ORGANIZATON: WIBC

3rd Place

WINNER(S): WFHB Staff

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

Professional: RADIO

Feature Story

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jackson Caldwell

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: I'm Too Young for this @#!%

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Learning about someone's brain tumor has never been so much fun and awful and revealing. Great use of found sound mixed with interview tape.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kyle Stokes

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Changes To Autism's Definition Could Affect Millions In School Funding

Professional: RADIO

In-Depth Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Michael Puente

ORGANIZATON: WBEZ

TITLE: Gary's Black Political Convention

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Julie Rawe

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Women in Prison

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Mike Loizzo

ORGANIZATON: WBAA

TITLE: Drought worsens

Professional: RADIO

Radio Public Affairs

1st Place

WINNER(S): Sharon Alseth and John Krull

ORGANIZATON: WFYI Public Radio

TITLE: No Limits - Bullying

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Taking on a timely subject in an informed and thoughtful way. The speakers on the subject have a welcome expertise and ability to communicate that. The real gem, though, is a call from a particularly eloquent listener who rounds out the expertise with a hard-hitting yet very personal perspective. The host and producers of this segment assemble just the right ingredients for a moment in time that provides real public service in an engaging way.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Sharon Alseth and John Krull

ORGANIZATON: WFYI Public Radio

TITLE: No Limits - Human Trafficking

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Joe Crawford

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: Crowd Protests "Southern Heritage" Demonstration

Professional: RADIO

Sports Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Sam Klemet

ORGANIZATON: WBAA

TITLE: Boudia's Olympic Journey

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Good use of natural sound and sharp writing--especially at the top of the piece. Effective interviews and good pacing. Nice touch on the diver's fear of heights. Colorful report without falling into cliché in approach or language.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Ryan Dawes

ORGANIZATON: WFHB Community Radio

TITLE: The Bleeding Heartland Rollergirls

3rd Place

WINNER(S): WIBC News

ORGANIZATON: WIBC

TITLE: Super Bowl

Professional: TELEVISION

Best Newscast

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Fox59 News Team

ORGANIZATON: WXIN-TV, Fox59

TITLE: Fox59 News at 10: South Side Disaster

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Phil Cannelongo, Brady Gibson & the RTV6 News Team

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: RTV6 News at 11

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Toby Capion and Jeff Bencoter

ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV

TITLE: Super Bowl Eve

Professional: TELEVISION

Best Newscast

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): WFFT Local News Staff

ORGANIZATON: WFFT

TITLE: WFFT Local News First at 10

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This show is well produced and paced, with 6 stories and sports before the first break. It's easy to see how WFFT touts itself as award winning. This overall presentation works well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Annie Ilnicki

ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV

TITLE: June 29 Storm

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Fernando Zapari, Tim Zink and Marcela Zapari

ORGANIZATON: El Mexicano Newspaper

TITLE: Dia De Los Muertos Celebration

Professional: TELEVISION

Breaking News Coverage

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): 24-Hour News 8 Staff

ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV

TITLE: South Side Explosion

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Well done live coverage with context and great video.*

Professional: TELEVISION

Breaking News Coverage

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Tabnie Dozier, John Simpson, Curtis McNeely,
Ryan McCurdy

ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW

TITLE: Sharon Place Fire

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This was a great way to present team coverage. Liked the VO setup to start. Excellent camera work and good shots. Also good use of props for live shot. Nice way of showcasing how the fire impacted businesses.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kayla Moody and Curtis McNeely

ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW

TITLE: Devastating Fire Destroys Nine Newburgh Businesses

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Alyssa Ivanson, Trae Hester, and JR Carmichael

ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV

TITLE: Auto Parts Business Fire

Professional: TELEVISION

Business or Consumer Affairs Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Rafael Sánchez, Jason Scheuer, John Garing, Susan Batt

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: PrimeTime Tax Fraud

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Rafael Sánchez and the WRTV team doggedly pursued a fraudulent tax preparation business, helping to contribute to federal charges against the owners of "PrimeTime Tax." Great job pointing out that the America Opportunity Tax Credit is abused across the country. Good job steering viewers back to the website to find out more about avoiding tax preparation fraud.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Ann Keil and James Suiter

ORGANIZATON: WXIN

TITLE: Critical Alert

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Karen Hensel and Brett Bensley
ORGANIZATION: WISH-TV
TITLE: Uncovering Huge Price Differences for Prescription Drugs

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Children's Issues

Any Indiana station

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

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

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Government or Politics

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Kara Kenney, Paul Chiodo, Susan Batt
ORGANIZATION: WRTV
TITLE: Going Free
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Nice work balancing the investigative work and the explanatory journalism. This story exposed widespread public abuse and misuse of money and a lack of prosecution, and also explained nicely why that happens. Excellent piece of journalism.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Sandra Chapman
and Matt Whisner
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Overdue & Costing You

3rd Place

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

Professional: TELEVISION

Coverage of Minority Issues

Any Indiana station

1st Place

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

Professional: TELEVISION

Criminal Justice Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

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

Professional: TELEVISION

Documentary or Special

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Todd Connor, Dave Franklin, Susan Batt, Kevin Finch and RTV6 News Team

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: The Envelope

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Dave Furst, Brad Brown, Brady Gibson, Brad Forestal

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: Trackside 6

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Ted Green, Jon Sweeney and Pete Saetre

ORGANIZATON: WFYI & The Indianapolis Star

TITLE: Naptown to Super City

Professional: TELEVISION

Documentary or Special

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Alyssa Ivanson

ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV

TITLE: Road Blockers

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This story, above all other entries...told me something I didn't realize before. Well written, well executed.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Staff

ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW

TITLE: Academic Challenge

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kayla Moody and Blaine Fentress

ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW

TITLE: Ending The Suicide Cycle

Professional: TELEVISION

Education Coverage

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Todd Connor, Dave Franklin, Susan Batt, Kevin Finch and RTV6 News Team

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: Inside College Admissions

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This story was truly fascinating; taking a topic that seems pretty mundane and shedding a new light on it. Great use of video and extra sound really brought the piece to life and made it exciting. Great in-depth information for the viewer.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kara Kenney, Paul Chiodo, Joe Lynch

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: Access Denied

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kim Jacobs and Dave Tarr

ORGANIZATON: WFYI

TITLE: Outside the Box

Professional: TELEVISION

Election Night Coverage

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): 24-Hour News 8 Staff

ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV

TITLE: Huge Senate Upset

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Great use of family emotion and historical significance in the races. Well done.*

Professional: TELEVISION

Environmental Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Aric Hartvig

Rick Crosslin

ORGANIZATON: WFYI

TITLE: Forests at Work

JUDGE COMMENTS: *It is evident that great preparation & research went into this report. Wonderful storytelling and very informative.*

Professional: TELEVISION

Feature Story

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Ray Cortopassi, James Suiter, Shaun Murphy

ORGANIZATON: WXIN Fox 59

TITLE: Edwards Story

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Wonderful job. Kudos to you for expanding on a breaking news story and bringing the viewer along on Edwards journey. Great storytelling and editing had me drawn in from start to finish.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Russ McQuaid and James Suiter

ORGANIZATON: WXIN

TITLE: Santos Cortez

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kevin Rader and Matt Whisner

ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV

TITLE: Sugar Ray - Boxing Gold

Professional: TELEVISION

Feature Story

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Brad Byrd & Brian Cissell

ORGANIZATON: WEHT/WTVW

TITLE: Aaron Kizer

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Very good storytelling created characters you empathized with; you rooted for them to overcome their challenges and succeed. Great use of video, as well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Patrick Fazio and Mike McGill

ORGANIZATON: WTWO-TV

TITLE: Train Crash Miracle

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Sarah Curtiss, Ross Crooks and Cara Weaver

ORGANIZATON: WTIU

TITLE: Heidelberg Haus

Professional: TELEVISION

Features Videography

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Dave Grove

ORGANIZATON: WXIN Fox 59

TITLE: 9/11 Flag Memorial

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Telling a story about the U.S. flag is never easy...you never want to shoot it wrong, or present it wrong. Mr. Grove, however, did an exceptional job.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): John Duong

ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV

TITLE: Flashes of Hope

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Joy Hernandez

ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV

Professional: TELEVISION

Features Videography

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jason Pear

ORGANIZATON: WTIU

TITLE: The Black Widow - Jeanette Lee

JUDGE COMMENTS: *I've never seen a TV story on an adult woman teaching girls how to play pool. It's about time! Really good stuff, and really shot well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Ross Kinsey

ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Justin Crossley

ORGANIZATON: WTIU

TITLE: Expressions: Mike Burchfield

Professional: TELEVISION

Investigative Reporting

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert and Jacob Jennings

ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV

TITLE: Investigating the IRS

JUDGE COMMENTS: *It's evident the team of Bob Segall, Bill Ditton, Cyndee Hebert and Jacob Jennings put a lot of work into this year-long series. From the beginning of the piece, the explanations are there – step by step. I was appalled as a taxpayer that people would go on camera and admit to these wrong doings.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Troy Kehoe
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
TITLE: Cashing in on Welfare

3rd Place

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

Professional: TELEVISION

Medical or Science Reporting

Any Indiana station

1st Place

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

2nd Place

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

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Karen Hensel, Doug Moon
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
TITLE: Common Thread

Professional: TELEVISION

News Videography

Any Indiana station

1st Place

WINNER(S): Brett Bensley
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
JUDGE COMMENTS: *Great creativity with where you put the camera, and how you tell the story with your video.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): John Duong
ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV
TITLE: Church Gas Buy Down

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Doug Moon
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV

Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Scott Sander, Doug Moon
ORGANIZATON: WISH-TV
TITLE: Honoring Dan Wheldon

Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting

Outside Indianapolis market

1st Place

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Joe Whelan
ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV
TITLE: Nick Taylor Honored

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Joe Whelan
ORGANIZATON: WANE-TV
TITLE: DeShaun Thomas

Professional: TELEVISION

Sports Videography

Indianapolis market

1st Place

WINNER(S): Brad Forestal

ORGANIZATON: WRTV

TITLE: Revved Up for May

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Keeping Indy 500 fresh year after year in the market must be a tough task. Mr. Forestal did an exceptional job here.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): John Duong

ORGANIZATON: WTHR-TV

TITLE: Ms Hughes and the Cereal Killer

Student: ONLINE

Best Journalism Website

1st Place

WINNER(S): The Echo Staff

ORGANIZATON: The Echo

TITLE: The Echo News

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This site is so clean and easy to navigate. The corner peelback to Trojan Nation is a gem! There is good consideration of readers by the inclusion of Echograms and social media links up top. Stories are relevant to both college audiences and non-students. Excellent photography and writing!! This is an excellent website!!*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): The Ball State Daily News

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

TITLE: bsudaily.com

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Staff

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student

TITLE: idsnews.com

Student: ONLINE

Best Online Multimedia

1st Place

WINNER(S): Carolyn Case, Erin Anderson, Mikaela Maranhas, Victoria Roderick

ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

TITLE: Making the Cut

JUDGE COMMENTS: *I like the overall feel of this project, with the different backgrounds and titles/explanations. The video segments help viewers feel more actively involved in the story. Would like to see even more interactive graphics/links and written story.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Ball State Daily News Staff

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

TITLE: Coverage of Beef O' Brady's Bowl

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Shannon Veerkamp

ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

TITLE: Sex Trafficking

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Column Writing

1st Place

WINNER(S): Michelle Johnson

ORGANIZATION: Ball Bearings

TITLE: Unplugged

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Leah Freestone

ORGANIZATION: The DePauw

TITLE: This Day in History

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kari Travis

ORGANIZATION: Corrie Dyke

TITLE: The Echo

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Design other than page one or cover

1st Place

WINNER(S): Kevin Golden

ORGANIZATION: Indiana Daily Student

TITLE: Student of the craft

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The interesting use of white space and simple headline treatment really let the art do the talking for the page.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jessica Contrera Missy Wilson and Joe Hanauer

ORGANIZATION: 812 Magazine

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Emma Kate Fittes, Alex Burton, Rebekah Floyd

ORGANIZATION: Ball Bearings

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial cartoon

1st Place

WINNER(S): Rodrigo Carneiro

ORGANIZATON: The Echo

TITLE: Round 2

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Great artwork! Simple but effective editorial cartoon on the 2nd Presidential Debate.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Abby Gross

ORGANIZATON: The Reflector

TITLE: Supersized self-image

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Bob Allen

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Alcohol legislation

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Editorial Writing

1st Place

WINNERS: Chase Hall

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Story fully considered and reported with care

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This column was compelling in explaining its point of view and in detailing the thought processes that went into publishing the earlier controversial story. It gave the lay reader a strong sense of DePauw's campus culture and perennial issues that it deals with, such as binge drinking. It's a thoughtful, well-reasoned column that invites conversation and reaction.*

2nd Place

WINNERS: The DePauw editorial board

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Drinking policies wishy-washy

3rd Place

WINNERS: James Figy

ORGANIZATON: The Reflector

TITLE: War in Afghanistan has been forgotten

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Feature Story

1st Place

WINNER(S): Kyle Clayton

ORGANIZATON: 812 Magazine

TITLE: Dubois County Dew

JUDGE COMMENTS: *A well-crafted delightful story that I couldn't stop reading.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Lauren Hardy, Liz Spangler

ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

TITLE: Traded, Bought, and Sold

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Lindsey Erdody

ORGANIZATON: Inside Magazine

TITLE: Living with one

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Features Photography

1st Place

WINNER(S): Margaret Distler

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Memories that can't be burned: Remembering Rector Hall

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Distler's found an intriguing method to bring a time past with today. It strikes me as a little gimmicky, but its effectiveness is unquestionable. This photo of a photo, lined up carefully against the same location, definitely made me stop for a closer look. Great job on finding the archive image and making the connection.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Stephanie Tarrant

ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

TITLE: Living with Dock8

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Corey Ohlenkamp

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

TITLE: Life in Color

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Graphics or Illustration

1st Place

WINNER(S): Bob Allen

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Stretching the Dollar

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This is a phenomenal illustration. True talent. Excellent work!*

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

News Photography

1st Place

WINNER(S): Chet Strange

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student

TITLE: Henryville tornado

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Wow, a seemingly playful moment in all that devastation. Good picture.*

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Non-Deadline News

1st Place

WINNER(S): Chase G. Hall

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Reporting class sparks controversy over academic freedom

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This is an engaging article that clearly, thoroughly and evenhandedly reports circumstances that grabbed the attention of top university administrators and prompted a debate over fundamental academic principles and values. Great use of context and background information to help readers understand the case.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jon Stroshine

ORGANIZATON: The Echo

TITLE: A Walking Stigma

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Bojana Jankova

ORGANIZATON: Goshen College Record

TITLE: Undocumented immigrant shares her story on stage

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Page One or Cover Design

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jennifer Prandato

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Both entrants at Ball State smartly design their front pages with a good sense of alignment, spacing, dominant images and headers. I give the edge to this one because the art was more difficult to work with... less "compelling," and it came out very well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Emily Theis

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Chelsea Kardokus

ORGANIZATON: Ball Bearings

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Photography

1st Place

WINNER(S): Emily Green

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Tigers sweep Wittenberg, but drop from national ranking

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The photographer did a good job of capturing peak action at home plate in this photo. The flying dirt and outstretched leg gives this image a lot of energy.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Bobby Ellis

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

TITLE: More than a win

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Margaret Distler

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Relay teams dominate 26th DePauw Invitational

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Sports Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Charles Scudder

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student

TITLE: Class warfare

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Loogootee, Milan. The names almost tell the story itself of the Hoosier high school basketball mania surrounding the little guy vs. the big school. Well written and well communicated. The storytelling doesn't fail to fascinate and inform.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Teddy Cahill

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Daily News

TITLE: Signing Off

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Gabe Bain

ORGANIZATON: The Echo

TITLE: Preparing for Silence

Student: PRINT AND DIGITAL

Spot News Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Charles Scudder

ORGANIZATON: Indiana Daily Student

TITLE: After tornado, town rebuilds

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The reporter weaves an interesting story that draws the reader right in with personal experiences of the tornado and interesting turns of phrase (i.e., "beast from above"). In addition to the narrative style, however, is an adherence to newsy details such as the breadth of the storm across the Midwest and how many people died. Well done!*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Joseph Fanelli, Chase Hall and Ellen Kobe

ORGANIZATON: The DePauw

TITLE: Driver who flipped car sentenced to day in prison

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Jeremy Sharp

ORGANIZATON: The Sojourn

TITLE: Indiana Wesleyan University Smith to retire

Student: RADIO

Best newscast

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jason Newhouse

ORGANIZATON: University of Indianapolis

TITLE: WICR Radio News

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

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Serena Jones

ORGANIZATON: The Edge Radio/University of Southern Indiana

TITLE: The Edge 8am Newscast

Student: RADIO

Election Night Coverage

1st Place

WINNER(S): Jason Newhouse

ORGANIZATON: University of Indianapolis

TITLE: WICR Election Report

JUDGE COMMENTS: *WICR clearly puts a lot of effort into election reporting with reporters at campaign headquarters giving periodic updates from the field. There were election updates and then, just as we start wondering what all of it mean, the host brings in an outside poll watcher to explain. Nicely done with very timely updates, excellent pacing and solid content.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Payne Horning, A.J. Brammer, Lisa Ryan and Jennifer Farrington

ORGANIZATON: WCRD Ball State University

TITLE: WCRD News 2012 Election Coverage

Student: RADIO

Features Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Sehvilla Mann

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Affordable Care Act's Impact On Hoosier Farmers Uncertain

JUDGE COMMENTS: *This piece grabs the listener from the start with a profound anecdote that sets the scene for the rest of the story. This takes a prominent national issue and brings it home to local listeners. It is well edited, with good interviews, scene setting and organizational structure.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Jimmy Jenkins

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Some Still Uncertain About I-69's Economic Impact

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Jason Gabrick

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Lawmakers Will Fund Full-Day Kindergarten Before Pre-K

Student: RADIO

News Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Amanda Solliday

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Madison Juvenile Facility Helps Track Butterfly Migrations

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Out of all the entries, this story was the most memorable. The idea is great, but I wish you would have played with the words more. Overall, great effort.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Kody Gilliland

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: ATV Accidents Trending Upward In Indiana

3rd Place

WINNER(S): Kody Gilliland

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Residents Damage Foreclosed Homes Before Eviction

Student: TELEVISION

Election Night Coverage

No Winners Selected

Student: TELEVISION

Features Reporting

1st Place

WINNER(S): Chris Renkel, Chris Kosinski, Emily Barker

ORGANIZATON: Ball State Sports Link

TITLE: The Jake Brehmer Story

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Nicely done overall. Some really interesting camera shots that worked.*

Student: TELEVISION

News Reporting

1st Place

WINNERS: Sehvilla Mann

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Indianapolis Case Could Influence Reproductive Law

JUDGE COMMENTS: *The lead grabs the listeners and pulls them in while getting right to the point. The report zeroes in on the point of conflict and covers a lot of bases in short order. An interesting topic well presented and explained. Writing and editing are top notch.*

2nd Place

WINNERS: Sehvilla Mann

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: Indiana Same-Sex Assault Cases Cannot Be Classified As Rape

3rd Place

WINNERS: Rachel Hartog

ORGANIZATON: WTIU/WFIU

TITLE: IU Heterosexual Domestic Partners At Center Of 12-Year Fight

Student: TELEVISION

Sports Reporting

No Winners Selected

Student: TELEVISION

Best newscast

1st Place

WINNER(S): Amanda Richardson, Natalie Wagner, Bryan Shawver, Nicole Griffin, and staff

ORGANIZATON: NewsLink Indiana

TITLE: Pre-Election Coverage

JUDGE COMMENTS: *Viewers would likely be better informed by watching this newscast than most professional newscasts. Complete in-depth coverage of every candidate students would be voted on, plus nice weather forecast and sports production makes this an award-worthy production. Nice looking set, and production values as well.*

2nd Place

WINNER(S): Producer Heather Good

ORGANIZATON: UIndy TV

TITLE: UIndy News