

2020 WINNERS

**BEST OF INDIANA
JOURNALISM CONTEST**



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SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA STORY OF THE YEAR

TONY COOK, TIM EVANS, EMILY HOPKINS

Careless

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: An impressive 18-month investigation by The Indianapolis Star that uncovered a problem that could have been easily overlooked: how government officials used millions of dollars in federal nursing home funds to boost the budgets of hospitals while leaving residents with some of the worst nursing homes in the country as the COVID-19 pandemic struck and contributed to hundreds of deaths that likely could have been prevented with better staffing.

SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

CHRIS DAVIS

WIBC

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Chris Davis had a very impressive year, reporting live on Indianapolis rioting and providing award-winning coverage of the Democratic Primary and Pete Buttigieg's run for president while running a newsroom and writing and producing quarterly news documentaries.

SPECIAL HONORS

INDIANA STUDENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

ERICA IRISH

Franklin College's TheStatehouseFile.com

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Erica Irish demonstrated outstanding versatility and commitment to her reporting. She reported on tough, big-picture issues, and did so with tenacity and professionalism. Reporting on the alleged sexual misconduct of a former Franklin College president was courageous. Her reporting from the scene of a Black Lives Matter protest was exceptional for a student journalist.

SPECIAL HONORS

FIRST AMENDMENT AWARD

THE INDIANAPOLIS STAR

Advocacy for Making COVID-19 Data Public

SPECIAL HONORS

SLAYMAKER SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AWARD

JILL DITMIRE

WFYI

SPECIAL HONORS

CHAPTER COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

MAGGIE GETZIN, Ball State University

BECCA FOERDER, Ball State University

BLAKE CHAPMAN, Ball State University

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

BEST NEWSCAST (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

FOX59 NEWS AT 10 STAFF

FOX59 News at 10: Week of Protests

WXIN

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This newscast reflects well on the FOX59 staff and is a worthy time capsule for a community during a turbulent time. It features impactful words and images -- and eloquent voices from among those affected by historic events.

2ND PLACE

WTHR NEWS TEAM

13News at 11

WTHR

3RD PLACE

CBS4 STAFF

Storm Damage During a Pandemic

WTTV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

BEST NEWSCAST (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

DANIEL BEALS, JEREMIAH SCHNEIDER, KRISTA MILLER,
BRIEN MCELHATTEN

ABC21 News at 6

WPTA

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This newscast displayed compelling action -- and context -- for dramatic, local events. Good images; good reporting, writing, and production values throughout.

2ND PLACE

TOM POWELL, LINDA JACKSON, JOHN WAGNER, CHRIS
DANIELS

Fort Wayne's NBC News at 5

Fort Wayne's NBC

3RD PLACE

WTIU NEWS TEAM

Indiana Newsdesk

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

WRTV STAFF

Indianapolis Protests

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: In a field of very strong entries across TV stations' entries, WRTV's live breaking news coverage stood out for its knowledge of the area and going beyond the fires.

2ND PLACE

AL CARL AND BRADY GIBSON

Downtown Riots

WISH-TV

3RD PLACE

CAMERON RIDLE, DAVID MARREN

As it happened: Downtown Indianapolis Riots

WRTV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

IAN HOOVER, KRISTA MILLER, BRIEN MCELHATTEN,
JEREMIAH SCHNEIDER

Protesters and police clash

WPTA

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Strong live photography in this rolling coverage of clashes on the streets of Fort Wayne.

2ND PLACE

WSBT STAFF

Storm Coverage

WSBT

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (Indianapolis market)

FIRST PLACE (TIE)

13 INVESTIGATES TEAM

13 Investigates: Unemployment Delays

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The team provided the audience with a thorough and needed look at what is clearly a broken unemployment benefit system in Indiana, and the pain that the failures have caused statewide during the coronavirus pandemic. This series is an exemplary example of serving as a watchdog of government and comforting the afflicted.

FIRST PLACE (TIE)

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL

Tri-West Controversy

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Tri-West Controversy" offers a stunning look at how a teacher/coach may have become a predator with a student on campus, along with astonishing examples of how the school district may have been more concerned with protecting its image than protecting students. Reporter Kara Kenney got "exhibit A" video, and a remarkable interview with an employee who likely sacrificed his job to get the disturbing story out. This investigation was a valuable public service.

2ND PLACE

RICHARD ESSEX

Gritty Dust Worries Neighbors

WISH-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

GEORGE HALE, JOEY MENDOLIA, ADAM PINSKER

Federal Executions Pose Risks To Inmates And Participants

WFIU/WTIU News

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Entries throughout this category were strong. Excellent reports overall. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers went above and beyond in speaking with those most affected by the issues at hand.

2ND PLACE

CARLI LUCA, TYLER WOODS, DON SCHOENFELD,
TYLER YUNK

16 News Now Investigates: Waiting for Payday

WNDU-TV

3RD PLACE

BROCK TURNER

'It Is Abuse': Indiana Caregivers Say Nursing Home Visitation Policies Don't Put Residents First

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

FEATURE STORY (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

CORNELIUS HOCKER, JAKE WELLER

Man loses wife of 55 years to COVID-19, warns others about the dangers

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This was a tough decision, as all the pieces were fantastic. But ultimately, the story of the former anchor who lost his wife brought me to tears, edging out the others.

2ND PLACE

DAN KLEIN

Front Door Prom

WISH-TV

3RD PLACE

CHUCK LOFTON, STEVE RHODES, MEGAN SIMPSON

Chuck's Adventures

WTHR

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

FEATURE STORY (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

TANNER HOLBROOK

Remembering Mary

WFIE

2ND PLACE

KRISTA MILLER, DANIEL BEALS

A Boy's Dream House

WPTA

3RD PLACE

IBRAHIM SAMRA

Coronavirus forces major changes to Ramadan

WNDU

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

CONTINUING COVERAGE (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

WRTV STAFF

Dreajson Reed Coverage

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The dedication to continuing coverage in this case was extraordinary, while maintaining the highest standards of journalism. It was thorough, thoughtful and fair. The reporters and anchors avoided being swept up in the drama of this event. Instead, the coverage was clear and calm, delivering developments in the case as a service to its community.

2ND PLACE

WTHR NEWS TEAM

13 Investigates during the Pandemic

WTHR

3RD PLACE

RICH NYE

Rural Indiana mother killed, husband shot during Indianapolis robbery

WTHR

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

CONTINUING COVERAGE (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

BRIEN MCELHATTEN, IAN HOOVER, KAITLYN KENDALL,
DANIEL BEALS

Digging Deeper: COVID-19 Nursing Home Secrets

WPTA

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Excellent coverage including personal stories from family members and comments from medical officials and politicians on varying levels of transparency with COVID-19 information. Intriguing overall and in-depth reporting.

2ND PLACE

ADAM PINSKER, JOEY MENDOLIA, GEORGE HALE

Federal Government Resumes Executions During Pandemic

WFIU/WTIU News

3RD PLACE

TREVOR PETERS

Delphi Homicides Three-Year Anniversary

WLFI

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

BRADY GIBSON

Coping with the Coronavirus

WISH-TV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Early in the pandemic when misinformation and fear permeated social media, the station dedicated vast resources and airtime for this special to factual presentation of COVID-19. This is a clear example of news leadership through dedicated public service and explanatory journalism. The special spent substantial time relying on medical experts and community leaders to answer viewer questions.

2ND PLACE

WFYI & THE INDIANAPOLIS RECORDER STAFF

Where Do We Go From Here? A Community Conversation

WFYI & The Indianapolis Recorder

3RD PLACE

WRTV STAFF

Back to School Safely

WRTV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

JUSTIN CROSSLEY, RON PRICKEL, RAYMOND WISE, ROB ANDERSON

Amen! Music of the Black Church

WTIU

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Had a wonderful time watching every entry. The dedication to storytelling was evident in the form and meticulous editing.

2ND PLACE

TUCKER GRAGG, AUSTIN GARDNER, KEVIN WEAVER, ROB ANDERSON

Feel of Vision

WTIU

3RD PLACE

16 News Now

Black, White and Blue: An open conversation about race in Michiana

WNDU-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

BOB SEGALL, BILL DITTON

Surrounded by Marijuana

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This is a comprehensive examination of the political landscape of marijuana legalization in Indiana, not only through extraordinary access within the state but by contrasting it with Michigan and Ohio. The reporting left very few questions unanswered about the intersection of government in the examination of this issue.

2ND PLACE

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL

Police Ghost Employment

WRTV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

13 INVESTIGATES TEAM

13 Investigates: Consumer Concerns

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Good storytelling of subjects that could otherwise be dull. Great investigative work.

2ND PLACE

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL, JASON RONIMOUS, KATIE COX

Cons, Lies and Automobiles

WRTV

3RD PLACE

ETHAN BURKS

Bloomington Restaurants Struggle During COVID Shutdown

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

EDUCATION COVERAGE (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

RICH NYE

Schools during the pandemic

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENT: These stories brought the reopening concerns of students, parents, educators center stage during the pandemic while Indiana officials tried to contain COVID-19. Strong visuals, voice over and composition.

2ND PLACE

KARA KENNEY, BRAD FORESTAL, KEITH HATTEN

Classrooms in Chaos

WRTV

3RD PLACE

ADAM PINSKER

Teachers Retiring Early Amid COVID Concerns: 'I Miss It Already'

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

RICH NYE AND RYAN THEDWALL

Surprise Justice

WTHR

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Surprise Justice" was incredibly well produced. The interviewee was clearly comfortable with the reporter which made for an intimate and revealing package.

2ND PLACE

RUSS MCQUAID AND SHAUN MURPHY

Indianapolis Riots Aftermath Reports

WXIN

3RD PLACE

MICHAEL HUSAIN AND JEREMY TATARA

No Harm: The Battle to Save IV Drug Users

WFYI-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

WRTV STAFF

Protecting Hoosier Kids

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The WRTV Staff did a comprehensive report that showed moms who were struggling, but also what was happening in the government with these issues. Their coverage was well organized, and the presentation was interesting to watch and informative.

2ND PLACE

SCOTT SWAN, SCOTT ALLEN

Beneath the Scars

WTHR

3RD PLACE

BEAIRSHELLE EDMÉ AND FOX59 STAFF

For Chelsea: Suicide Now Leading Cause of Death for Kids

WXIN

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

COVERAGE OF MINORITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ISSUES (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

KYLE TRAVERS

Move to Include -- Katrina Kelly

WFYI-TV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The manner in which Ms. Kelly's life was presented truly embodied the theme of the story. She was presented as a human being and the reporter shared information about her job and family in addition to information about her diagnosis. A great way to cover inclusion issues is to be inclusive.

2ND PLACE

FOX59 STAFF

A Discussion of Race

WXIN

3RD PLACE

GEORGE HALE, ADAM PINSKER, JOEY MENDOLIA

Federal Executions Target Black And Minority Inmates

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

MITCH LEGAN

1,000-plus Tyson Infections And One Hospital

WFIU/WTIU News

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This report about a staggering number of COVID-19 infections at a meat processing plant illuminates risks to workers, and to a community hospital whose workers must process the consequences of corporate and government decisions. A gut-check about decision-making in public policy in pursuit of a healthy economy.

2ND PLACE

KELLY REINKE

Emotional Toll of Frontline Workers

WTTV

3RD PLACE

FARAH YOUSRY, VINNIE MANGANELLO

Blood Sugar Rising: COVID-19 and Diabetes are Dangerous Mix

WFYI-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

JOHN TIMM

Journey Indiana: What If The Lights Go Out?

WTIU

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A stunning, fascinating portrayal of Indiana's state insect. This story is beautifully composed and seeks to do what all great environmental journalism should seek to do: inform and educate. "Everyone needs a little magic, and we hate to lose magic."

2ND PLACE

REBECCA THIELE, ALAN MBATHI

Rising Water Threatens The Great Lakes Shoreline Too

Indiana Public Broadcasting News

3RD PLACE

REBECCA THIELE, ALAN MBATHI

What state officials and local communities are doing to prepare for life after coal plants

Indiana Public Broadcasting News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN COVERAGE (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

CAROLINE TORIE AND DEMARCO BROWN

Iowa Caucus

WSBT

2ND PLACE

BROCK TURNER

Excuse Or Not, It's Still Unclear Who Can Vote By Mail This November

WFIU/WTIU News

3RD PLACE

BROCK TURNER

Vigo County Has Correctly Picked POTUS Since 1952, Streak Could End In 2020

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

COVERAGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

BRYAN BOYD AND GABRIELLE STEENBERGER

A Difficult Task

WFYI-TV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This was a well-produced, touching piece that pulled at the heartstrings. Some of the lighthearted interactions were perfect, much-needed moments of levity which humanized the subjects without diminishing the message.

2ND PLACE

WFIE NEWS TEAM

Black Lives Matter Movement

WFIE

3RD PLACE

KATIERA WINFREY

Kicked Out of Gas Station

WISH-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

SPORTS REPORTING (Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

CHARLIE CLIFFORD

WISH-TV

2ND PLACE

DAVE GRIFFITHS

WXIN

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

SPORTS REPORTING (Outside Indianapolis market)

1ST PLACE

MEGAN SALLE

Fort Wayne's NBC

2ND PLACE

CHRIS RYAN, MEGAN SALLE, TOM POWELL

Focused on the Finish Line

Fort Wayne's NBC

3RD PLACE

MEGAN SMEDLEY

WNDU-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

GENERAL NEWS OR SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

RANDI ORR

The heart and chaos of George Floyd protests in Fort Wayne

WANE

2ND PLACE

ZACH GROTH

TinCaps Grounds Crew

WPTA

3RD PLACE

JASON THOMPSON

WISH-TV

PROFESSIONAL: TELEVISION

FEATURES NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY (Any Indiana station)

1ST PLACE

RANDI ORR

Destination Indiana: Winona Lake and Shipshewana Features

WANE

2ND PLACE

JACOB LINDAUER

Journey Indiana: Clarissa Pezone Ceramics

WTIU

3RD PLACE

BRAD FORESTAL

Looking for hope

WRTV

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE:

TONY COOK, TIM EVANS, EMILY HOPKINS

"Careless"

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Every entry in this series was well-written and thoroughly researched, enlightening the public about threats to some of its most vulnerable citizens

2ND PLACE

RYAN MARTIN AND AMELIA PAK-HARVEY

Tenant / Landlord housing package

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

SARAH REESE

Fired Region cop has history of racially charged words, documents show

The Times of Northwest Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

DAVE STAFFORD AND OLIVIA COVINGTON

Judges portrayed as aggressors in gunman's self-defense claim

The Indiana Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE:

INDYSTAR STAFF

Downtown Indianapolis protest coverage

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Thorough on-the-ground reporting by all. Well done.

2ND PLACE

INDYSTAR STAFF

Fiery tanker crash

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

WFYI STAFF

Indianapolis Social Justice Protests

WFYI

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

TYLER FENWICK

'We're just trying to get answers': Fatal IMPD shooting captured on Facebook Live

Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Tyler Fenwick really knows how to tell a story from start to finish.

2ND PLACE

TYLER FENWICK

'They couldn't fix his face': Dreasjon Reed's mother, attorneys give update

Indianapolis Recorder

3RD PLACE

TYLER FENWICK

The birth of a protest

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE:

SARAH KUPER, STEVE BURGER, TAMARA WANDEL, DARRIN WEBER

COVID Between the Coasts

WNIN and the University of Evansville

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Impressive research-driven series involving the University of Evansville and journalism students studying a seven-state region. Informative.

2ND PLACE

KYLE NEDDENRIEP

Coronavirus deaths followed Indiana basketball sectional

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

TONY COOK AND TIM EVANS

Winning lottery tickets

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

NON-DEADLINE STORY OR SERIES (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE:

REBECCA R. BIBBS

Back Into the Buildings series

The Herald Bulletin

2ND PLACE

REBECCA R. BIBBS

Women's Suffrage Centennial Coverage

The Herald Bulletin

3RD PLACE

DAVE STAFFORD

Judge to defendant: Monfort faces discipline for alleged fraud

The Indiana Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services, digital media)

1ST PLACE:

LINDSEY ERDODY

Casino Gambling Scandal

Indianapolis Business Journal

JUDGE'S COMMENT: These entries were extremely well-researched, well-written and detailed despite the inherent obstacles of covering an ever evolving and complex topic.

2ND PLACE

TOM DAVIES AND CASEY SMITH

Indiana's Coronavirus Politics

The Associated Press

3RD PLACE

CHRIS SIKICH

Political Coverage From The Statehouse To The White House

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF GOVERNMENT OR POLITICS (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

ENRIQUE SAENZ

Tracking Regulations Affecting Hoosier Health, Environment

Indiana Environmental Reporter

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This comprehensive submission was compelling and extensive, enlightening the state and its citizens about changing environmental laws and regulations.

2ND PLACE

OLIVIA COVINGTON, MARILYN ODENDAHL, KATIE STANCOMBE

Lawsuits and losses for former Attorney General Curtis Hill

The Indiana Lawyer

3RD PLACE

EMILY ERNSBERGER

Parking garage fight

Herald-Times

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING

(Publication circulation above 30,000, news services, digital media)

1ST PLACE

JOSEPH S. PETE

3 Floyds brewpub had lasting impact and influence on the Region

The Times of Northwest Indiana

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Love the local angle of the 3 Floyds brewpub closing and the effects on the community. This was well done.

2ND PLACE

INDIANAPOLIS BUSINESS JOURNAL STAFF

Pandemic impact on business

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

SARAH BOWMAN

Pandemic impacts farmers' business

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BUSINESS OR CONSUMER AFFAIRS REPORTING

(Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

ENRIQUE SAENZ

Regulatory and Pandemic Difficulties in 2020

Indiana Environmental Reporter

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A thorough report on just one of the many economic ramifications of the pandemic, in this case on agriculture. Graphs and charts provide helpful visuals.

2ND PLACE

AMY LAVALLEY

Chesterton Tribune stops the presses after 136-year run

Post-Tribune

3RD PLACE

ED FEIGENBAUM

Indiana Gaming Insight

Hannah News Service – Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF MINORITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ISSUES (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

HILARY POWELL

Pandemic's Impact On The Indianapolis Community

WFYI - Side Effects & The Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: All of these entries were incredibly well-researched while still being readable and relatable. The entries were gripping and intense and filled with connections to other important issues beyond the main focus of the article.

2ND PLACE

CHRIS SIKICH

Racism & bias in politics

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

HILARY POWELL

Investigating Health Equity in Indiana

The Indianapolis Recorder and WFYI Public Media

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF MINORITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ISSUES (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

MARILYN ODENDAHL

Landmark LGBTQ ruling clouded by ministerial exception expansion

The Indiana Lawyer

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This entry was well-researched and well written. It provided interesting insights into the inner workings of the American legal system and was very interesting and intense while focusing on the possible consequences of the relevant decision.

2ND PLACE

KRISTEN K. TUCKER, TRISTA LUTGRING, LAURA MATHIS

Lifting Black Voices

Tucker Publishing Group

3RD PLACE

BREANNA COOPER

History In The Baking: Indianapolis pastry chef defies odds

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

CARTER BARRETT

Equity And Public Health

WFYI - Side Effects

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This was a really tough decision. There is really well-done reporting and writing among many of the entrants. Ultimately, the decision has to go to those who most fully developed and wrote upon the subjects in health.

2ND PLACE

JOHN RUSSELL

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

SHARI RUDAVSKY

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

MEDICAL OR SCIENCE REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

LAURA LANE

COVID-19 coverage

Herald-Times

2ND PLACE

KYLIE VELETA

The Business of Science

Inside Indiana Business

3RD PLACE

CARMEN SIERING

How Emily Pike Saved Her Stepmother by Donating a Kidney to a Stranger

Bloom Magazine

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

SARAH BOWMAN

White River Environmental Justice series

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: All thoughtful stories on important topics, but the White River Environmental Justice series stood out for keeping the spotlight on an often-forgotten piece of racial injustice — environmental safety concerns. This was heartbreaking to read, but so necessary for change.

2ND PLACE

JOSEPH S. PETE

Protesters in Dyer: 'Kids are scared to grow up into Black men'

The Times of Northwest Indiana

3RD PLACE

TONY COOK AND TIM EVANS

Profit the landlord

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

MARILYN ODENDAHL

Same-Sex Moms Fight For Equal Recognition On Children's Birth Certificates

Indiana Lawyer

2ND PLACE

TYLER FENWICK

'Police Huggers' Put Movement In A Tough Spot

Indianapolis Recorder

3RD PLACE

ENRIQUE SAENZ

Covering Indiana's Disproportionate Health and Energy Burden

Indiana Environmental Reporter

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

SARAH BOWMAN

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A wastewater story of that magnitude needs a round of applause _ a feat in itself. Holding the EPA and big coal companies accountable for their environmental and public health impact is vital reporting for the community.

2ND PLACE

JOHN RUSSELL

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

LONDON GIBSON

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

BETH EDWARDS

Indiana Environmental Reporter

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "A Question of Scale" was absolutely mind blowing. Great reporting, photos and data visualizations. The Indiana Environmental Reporter excels in its field, and Beth is the ace.

2ND PLACE

ENRIQUE SAENZ

Indiana Environmental Reporter

3RD PLACE

ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Newspapers circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

HOLLY HAYS

Indianapolis loses a classic 'crusty' mechanic as Coopriider Auto closes its doors

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A good-humored look at an individual who helps give a community its quirks.

2ND PLACE

SARAH BOWMAN

Indiana's oldest state employee

Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

JAMIE DUFFY

Detective Liza Anglin

Fort Wayne Journal Gazette

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Newspapers circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

KATIE STANCOMBE

Fostering Hope: Adoption Attorney Releases Documentary Series
On Indiana's Foster Care System

The Indiana Lawyer

*JUDGE'S COMMENT: A heart-warming look at an attorney doing
important, often underappreciated work.*

2ND PLACE

ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer

3RD PLACE

LAURA LANE

Produce And Protests

Herald-Times

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

PERSONALITY PROFILE (Magazines and non-daily newspapers)

1ST PLACE

JANET MANDELSTAM

One Life-Changing Moment for Wealth Manager John Hurlow

Bloom Magazine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: I liked how this was written.

2ND PLACE

MASON CASSADY

The Many Faces of David Ortiz Y Pino

The Ryder

3RD PLACE

CRAIG COLEY

John McCluskey: Author, Athlete, Teacher

Bloom Magazine

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

SARAH BAHR

Ms. Understood: Barbie Turns 60

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Sarah Bahr's "Ms. Understood: Barbie Turns 60" on a museum exhibit covering the long, complex, controversial history of Barbie was thoroughly researched, seriously considered, and simultaneously fair and critical. She gave her subject as much consideration as the curators and historians presenting the exhibit, looking at every aspect of Barbie dolls, and delivered it all in extraordinary prose.

2ND PLACE

DOMENICA BONGIOVANNI

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

LINDA VACCARIELLO

The Second Coming of Bob Ross

Indianapolis Monthly

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT WRITING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

JERRY DAVICH

Twins the New Trend YouTube stars

Post-Tribune

JUDGE'S COMMENT: With terrific subject matter, engaging writing, information, humor and joy, Jerry Davich creates a memorable story and an endearing portrait of two local music sensations.

2ND PLACE

JENNIFER PORTER TILLEY

Adding Voices, Netflix docuseries, Practicing, Seeking ways, and A better future

Herald-Times

3RD PLACE

STEPHEN VOLAN

The Misunderstood Phenomenon of The Queen's Gambit

The Ryder

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COLUMN WRITING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

SUZETTE HACKNEY

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Suzette Hackney's delivers the punch in the gut we all need when it comes to issues that matter to the community. Her words really take you there and help the reader relate and care. Best in a tough category.

2ND PLACE

JAMES BRIGGS

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

PHILIP GULLEY

Back Home Again

Indianapolis Monthly

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COLUMN WRITING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

ALICIA MORGAN

Tribune-Star

2ND PLACE

JERRY DAVICH

Post-Tribune

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

FEATURES WRITING (Newspapers circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

DANA HUNSINGER BENBOW

Chase & Sadie Smith

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: In this highly competitive category, these three pieces were gripping stories to read, full of impact and wonderful depth in the reporting. Kudos to the writers for finding, following and unveiling these very compelling human stories.

2ND PLACE

HOLLY HAYS

Born close to heaven: The short, beautiful life of Baby Abigail

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

Katie Jo Cox

Behind the Box: A mother's story of surrendering her newborn out of love

WRTV

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

FEATURES WRITING (Newspapers circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

LAURA LANE

People and Places

Herald-Times

2ND PLACE

JORDAN GUSKEY

Ball State community rallies around Ishmael El-Amin at Muncie protest he helped organize

The Star Press

3RD PLACE

CAROL KUGLER

A year when Santa's needed most

Herald-Times

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

FEATURES WRITING (Magazines and non-daily newspapers)

1ST PLACE

BLOOM CONTRIBUTING WRITERS

Heroes of the Pandemic

Bloom Magazine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The layout and stories of the Heroes of the Pandemic was beautifully done.

2ND PLACE

LISA RENZE-RHODES

Scenes From The Indiana Mint Harvest

3RD PLACE

TYLER FENWICK, BREANNA COOPER AND OSEYE BOYD

'We've been gentrified'

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDUCATION REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

DYLAN PEERS MCCOY

Chalkbeat Indiana

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Dylan's mastery of the education beat helped hold accountable the state's reopening plans of Indiana schools and successfully the real frustration of students, parents and educators.

2ND PLACE

ARIKA HERRON

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

MJ SLABY

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDUCATION REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

SUE LOUGHLIN

Tribune-Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Sue's coverage of the "COVID slide" due to a digital divide in resources for children in Indiana schools, as well as public health concerns amid the pandemic, gave readers information they needed to know about the shortfalls and disparity in education facing students. Providing this was an essential service to the community.

2ND PLACE

CARMEN SIERING

For the Love of STEM

Bloom Magazine

3RD PLACE

MARILYN ODENDAHL

A year of firsts for the Indiana bar exam

The Indiana Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

KATIE JO COX, RAFAEL SANCHEZ

The shooting death of Dreasjon Reed

WRTV

JUDGE'S COMMENT: WRTV took an in-depth multi-media approach to telling the story of the death of Dreasjon Reed. Great work in a category featuring amazing submissions by all.

2ND PLACE

Vic Ryckaert

ISP says Dreasjon Reed was involved in previous drive-bys, but provides few details

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

CASEY SMITH

Assault at Lake Monroe

The Associated Press

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

TYLER FENWICK

Police have a legitimacy problem to address first

Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Tyler Fenwick's piece took a hard look at the sincerity — or lack thereof — behind the actions of protesters and police. It asked questions and was thought-provoking, making it the clear winner here.

2ND PLACE

OLIVIA COVINGTON AND KATIE STANCOMBE

Making wrongful convictions right

The Indiana Lawyer

3RD PLACE

ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

HOLLY HAYS

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Holly Hays' entry showcases good journalism and a flair for engaging writing as she covers important topics related to children. The mix of hard news on the issue of drug-testing problems at the Indiana Department of Child Services and deftly written personality profiles of children waiting to be adopted demonstrate range and flexibility covering a beat that can be wide-ranging and challenging at times.

2ND PLACE

STEPHANIE WANG

Preschool coverage

Chalkbeat Indiana

3RD PLACE

VIC RYCKAERT

'Letting my son down': At least 5 abuse complaints came before boy warned of his own death

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF CHILDREN'S ISSUES (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

TYLER FENWICK

'They have nowhere to go': When young people face homelessness

Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Great work! Thank you for sharing stories that make a difference.

2ND PLACE

MARILYN ODENDAHL

Children in 'the system'

The Indiana Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN COVERAGE (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

KAITLIN LANGE

Indiana 5th Congressional District Race

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Excellent writing and reporting with strong analysis of a race that compelled the reader to want to know who won and why.

2ND PLACE

LINDSEY ERDODY

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

ADAM WREN

Betting The Farm

Indianapolis Monthly

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

ELECTION AND CAMPAIGN COVERAGE (Publication below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

LEE FEINSTEIN, FEISAL AMIN AL-ISTRABADI, DAWN JOHNSEN, LAUREN ROBEL AND MIAH MICHAELSEN

VOTE: What's At Stake for Bloomington and The Country

Bloom Magazine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Well written and thoughtful commentary that reflected understanding of the community and brought home national issues as well.

2ND PLACE

ED FEIGENBAUM

Indiana Legislative Insight

Hannah News Service - Indiana

3RD PLACE

OLIVIA COVINGTON

Turnover in the Attorney General's Office

The Indiana Lawyer

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDITORIAL WRITING (All publications and digital media)

1ST PLACE

OSEYE BOYD

A word about white privilege

Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A plain-spoken, high-concept thought-piece: Anti-social Caucasian-American lawbreakers are seldom, if ever, told to "go back to Europe."

2ND PLACE

OSEYE BOYD

The integration myth

Indianapolis Recorder

3RD PLACE

KAREN FRANCISCO

Crisis lays bare Indiana's poorly placed priorities

The Journal Gazette

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDITORIAL CARTOON (All publications and digital media)

1ST PLACE

TIM CAMPBELL

Top Ten Moments

Washington Post News Service & Syndicate

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This cartoon is spot on for so many reasons. Everyone in the world was "frothing at the mouth" for 2020 to end. Kudos for capturing it so brilliantly

2ND PLACE

TIM CAMPBELL

Facebook Grip

Washington Post News Service & Syndicate

3RD PLACE

TIM CAMPBELL

Beware Of Dog

Washington Post News Service & Syndicate

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS REPORTING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

ZACH OSTERMAN

The Indianapolis Star

2ND PLACE

NATHAN BROWN

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

JOEL A. ERICKSON

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS REPORTING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

AUSTON MATRICARDI

Bedford Times-Mail

2ND PLACE

JAMES GORDILLO

Herald-Times

3RD PLACE

JOHN RENFROW

Kokomo Perspective

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

Gregg Doyel

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Some writers spend a lifetime in locker rooms and don't get it. I think Doyel gets it and can turn a phrase just fine

2ND PLACE

MIKE LOPRESTI

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

JOSEPH S. PETE

The Times of Northwest Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS COLUMN WRITING (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

JEREMY PRICE

Herald-Times

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Outstanding work. Great storytelling with love for the sport and good attention to detail.

2ND PLACE

TODD GOLDEN

Tribune-Star

3RD PLACE

ROB LAFARY

Ripley Publishing

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

MICHELLE PEMBERTON

Police face demonstrators on third day of Indianapolis protests

The Indianapolis Star

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Very powerful images all around. The clear winner was Michelle Pemberton of The Indianapolis Star for capturing the protester's courage and the tension of the moment.

2ND PLACE

JOHN J. WATKINS

Standoff on U.S. 30

The Times of Northwest Indiana

3RD PLACE

KALE WILK

Protest outside Westville Correctional Facility

The Times of Northwest Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

RICH JANZARUK

Herald-Times

2ND PLACE

RODNEY MARGISON

Bloom Magazine

3RD PLACE

JOSEPH C. GARZA

Tribune-Star

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

ROBERT SCHEER

Incomplete Pass

The Indianapolis Star

2ND PLACE

KALE WILK

Flex It Like Ozimek

The Times Of Northwest Indiana

3RD PLACE

KALE WILK

Baby Powder Toss

The Times Of Northwest Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

AUSTON MATRICARDI

Purple and Gold Gang Tackle

Bedford Times-Mail

2ND PLACE

JOSEPH C. GARZA

Grasp

Tribune-Star

3RD PLACE

DAVID DIXON

'Cats sectional win

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

STEVE RAYMER

Chin People of Indianapolis

Indianapolis Monthly

2ND PLACE

MICHELLE PEMBERTON

Eagle Spirit Dancer

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

JOHN J. WATKINS

Burning of the badnjak

The Times of Northwest Indiana

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

RICH JANZARUK

Halloween, Jacobs School, Leaf blowing

Herald-Times

2ND PLACE

KENDALL REEVES

Bloom Magazine

3RD PLACE

JOSEPH C. GARZA

Pinewood derby

Tribune-Star

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

NEWSPAPER PAGE ONE DESIGN (All newspapers)

1ST PLACE

JEANA OUATTARA

Indianapolis Recorder

2ND PLACE

AUDREY PELSOR AND JULIE KIRKENDOLL

The Indiana Lawyer

3RD PLACE

WENDY SHAPIRO AND AUDREY PELSOR

Indianapolis Business Journal

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

MAGAZINE COVER DESIGN (All magazines)

1ST PLACE

TODD URBAN

Indianapolis Monthly

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Some great magazine covers made this category strong overall. Indianapolis Monthly used eye-catching photos, as well as strong use of typography, to illustrate its features on each of its covers in its entry. The remaining entries in the category presented strong artwork and newsy topics as well. Indiana magazines are displaying excellent journalism.

2ND PLACE

STEPHANIE REEVES AND RODNEY MARGISON

Bloom Magazine

3RD PLACE

ALICIA MORGAN

Terre Haute Living magazine

Tribune-Star

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

DESIGN OTHER THAN COVER (All print publications)

1ST PLACE

STEPHANIE REEVES, MIKE CAGLE

Bloom Magazine

2ND PLACE

STEPHANIE WATTERS-FLORES AND DANIELLE KAY LUCAS

Locked and Loaded

The Ryder

3RD PLACE

JEANA OUATTARA

What you need to know: Coronavirus

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (Publication circulation above 30,000, news services and digital media)

1ST PLACE

AUDREY PELSOR

Downtown by the numbers

Indianapolis Business Journal

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Downtown by the Numbers is an extremely informative graphic, showing great data culled from many sources. The graphic is packaged effectively, giving readers

a good view of downtown Indianapolis in the COVID-19 pandemic.

2ND PLACE

BRAD TURNER

Internships during a pandemic

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

JOSEPH EDWARD LEE

Joe Lee's View

Bloomington Herald-Times

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATIONS (Publication circulation below 30,000)

1ST PLACE

JOHN HURST

Bryant left deep legacy in LA sports, basketball world

Indianapolis Recorder

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The Kobe Bryant illustration is a beautiful locally generated artwork to go with an Associated Press national story. The inclusion of Kobe with his daughter is a nice touch. This category contained a combination of nice artwork and informational graphic work.

2ND PLACE

BRAD TURNER

Sizable nondisability

The Indiana Lawyer

3RD PLACE

JOE LEE

December/January cover illustration

Bloom Magazine

PROFESSIONAL: PHOTOGRAPHY, DESIGN AND GRAPHICS

MULTIPLE PICTURE GROUP (All publications)

1ST PLACE

RICH JANZARUK

Enough is Enough rally

Herald-Times

2ND PLACE

MYKAL MCELDFOWNEY, JENNA WATSON, GRACE HOLLARS,
KELLY WILKINSON

Downtown Indianapolis protests

The Indianapolis Star

3RD PLACE

MICKEY SHUEY, LESLEY WEIDENBENER, GREG ANDREWS

Challenging times: Photos from the Indianapolis protests

Indianapolis Business Journal

Professional: BOOKS

NON-FICTION BOOK

1ST PLACE

DAVID WOODS

Indiana University Olympians: From Leroy Samse to Lilly King

The Indianapolis Star

2ND PLACE

MALCOLM ABRAMS

The Killer Who Fell From the Sky

Bloom Magazine

3RD PLACE

RAY E. BOOMHOWER

To Be Hoosiers: Historic Stories of Character & Fortitude

Indiana Historical Society Press

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE AWARDS

BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE

1ST PLACE

WRTV STAFF

WRTV website

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The WRTV site was easy to navigate. It featured great series -- such as We're Open, an election 2020 guide and so much more. Each page was easy to find information. In addition, the widget on the homepage for coronavirus cases is solid.

2ND PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS STAFF

WFIU/WTIU News Website

3RD PLACE

EOBAN BINDER AND AARON BURATTI

indianapublicmedia.org

WTIU / WFIU

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE AWARDS

BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA

1ST PLACE

WFIU/WTIU NEWS

WFIU/WTIU

JUDGE'S COMMENT: WFIU/WTIU News had a great variety of using maps, databases, photos and more for all of their coverage in 2020.

2ND PLACE

KAYLA CRANDALL

Make It Your Own Mural Fest

WPTA

3RD PLACE

RECORDER STAFF

COVID-19: virtual town hall

Indianapolis Recorder

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE AWARDS

BEST NEWSLETTER

1ST PLACE

INDY MAVEN

"Uncovered" Newsletter

Indy Maven

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Uncovered" is the most well-designed, attractive and compelling of the newsletters considered, with original content meant to be read within the newsletter — not just a roundup of website content.

2ND PLACE

JULIA SPALDING, DEREK ROBERTSON, MARGO WININGER
AND TODD URBAN

The Dish

Indianapolis Monthly

3RD PLACE

HOLLY EDGELL

Side Effects Newsletter

WFYI - Side Effects

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE AWARDS

BEST PODCAST

1ST PLACE

KYLE LONG

Cultural Manifesto

WFYI

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Cultural Manifesto is an outstanding podcast, a journey through history using music.

2ND PLACE

MASON KING

IBJ Podcast

Indianapolis Business Journal

3RD PLACE

DEREK ROBERTSON

The Monthly Weekly

Indianapolis Monthly

PROFESSIONAL: ONLINE AWARDS

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

1ST PLACE

LAUREN CHAPMAN, DOUG JAGGERS, JILL SHERIDAN, ERIC WEDDLE

Indianapolis Social Justice Protests

WFYI

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Recent social justice protests perfectly demonstrated the value of real-time reporting using social media. This entry exemplifies how newsrooms can relay information that matters to the community. Well done.

2ND PLACE

KAYLA CRANDALL, KARLI VAN CLEAVE, ARIELLE CADET, TONY BETTON JR.

Protesters and police clash in Fort Wayne

WPTA

3RD PLACE

LONDON GIBSON AND SARAH BOWMAN

The Scrub

The Indianapolis Star

PROFESSIONAL: RADIO

RADIO BREAKING NEWS COVERAGE

1ST PLACE:

CHRIS DAVIS, JOHN HERRICK, KURT DARLING, ROB CONNETT

Protests and Riots in Indianapolis

WIBC

JUDGE'S COMMENTS: For excellent breaking news coverage, WIBC went above and beyond with reporters and editors in the field to bring the voice of the people over the airwaves during frustrating and harrowing events in Indiana.

2ND PLACE:

MICHAEL PUENTE

Northwest Indiana Officials Say It's Too Early To Begin Reopening

WBEZ

3RD PLACE:

ERIC WEDDLE

Indianapolis Social Justice Protests

WFYI

*PROFESSIONAL: **RADIO***

RADIO BEST NEWSCAST

1ST PLACE:

JOHN HERRICK, CHRIS DAVIS, KURT DARLING, DONNIE BURGESS

June 1, 2020, 8 a.m.

WIBC

JUDGE'S COMMENT: WIBC provided a public service by following a harrowing few days in Indianapolis. The crisp writing and strong Vox Pop gave a vivid soundscape of frustrated Hoosiers.

2ND PLACE:

SARA WITTMAYER

August 23, 2020 Morning Newscast

WFIU/WTIU News

3RD PLACE:

STAN SOLLARS

IPR Morning Edition Newscast, April 28, 2020

Indiana Public Radio

PROFESSIONAL: RADIO

RADIO IN-DEPTH REPORTING

1ST PLACE:

JAKE HARPER

The Pandemic's Impact Inside Indiana Prisons

WFYI - Side Effects

2ND PLACE:

JUSTIN HICKS

Ongoing challenges accessing unemployment during pandemic

Indiana Public Broadcasting News

3RD PLACE:

CHRIS DAVIS

Indy's Violent Crime Problem

WIBC

PROFESSIONAL: RADIO

RADIO FEATURE STORY

1ST PLACE:

SYDNEY FOREMAN

Banneker Center Organizes Black Lives Matter Street Murals

WFHB Community Radio

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This feature features voices who lend perspective to a contemporary issue, helping all listeners understand Black history also matters.

2ND PLACE:

MITCH LEGAN

How Did Monroe County Deal With Spanish Flu Pandemic Of 1918?

WFIU/WTIU News

3RD PLACE:

STEVE BURGER

Morel Hunting During the Pandemic

WNIN

*PROFESSIONAL: **RADIO***

RADIO DOCUMENTARY OR SPECIAL

1ST PLACE:

CHRIS DAVIS

Love's Legacy: Remembering Ryan White

WIBC

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Very well reported, produced.

2ND PLACE:

ADAM PINSKER, GEORGE HALE, JOEY MENDOLIA

A Mother's Justice: The Trials Of Lisa Montgomery

WFIU/WTIU News

3RD PLACE:

MIA BEACH, HUGH FARRELL

Partisan Gardens - Carbondale Spring

WFHB

PROFESSIONAL: RADIO

RADIO CONTINUING COVERAGE

1ST PLACE:

BROCK TURNER

COVID 19 Nursing Home Cases Soar, As State Refuses To Release Data

WFIU/WTIU News

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Compelling, continuing coverage of a developing disaster. Sad news, good reporting.

2ND PLACE

SARAH KUPER

COVID-19 Coverage

WNIN

3RD PLACE

MITCH LEGAN AND GEORGE HALE

Civil Rights Activist Attacked At Lake Monroe

WFIU/WTIU News

PROFESSIONAL: RADIO

RADIO PUBLIC AFFAIRS

1ST PLACE:

EBONY CHAPPEL, CAMERON RIDLE

Open Lines Show: Coronavirus in Indiana's Jails and Prisons

WTLC-FM, WHHH-FM

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Excellent critical but balanced look at a hidden and dangerous situation the public should know about.

2ND PLACE

MICHAEL PUENTE

"Off Mic"

Lakeshore Public Radio

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

HANNAH GUNNELL

Benson-Borna Incident

The Ball State Daily News

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Good story representing campus news. Embedding the video was terrific in making the words of the story come alive. Good job

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

NON-DEADLINE NEWS

1ST PLACE

MATT COHEN

IU's great big COVID-19 experiment

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This story would hold its own in a competition of professional journalists. It has an impressive scope and is well-written, well-sourced and a compelling read — something that's not easy to maintain in a story of this length. This is great work on an extremely important and timely topic.

2ND PLACE

ERICA IRISH

Lost Credit

Franklin College, The Franklin

3RD PLACE

TAYLOR WOOTEN, ERICA IRISH

Coverage of Former Franklin College President Thomas Minar

Franklin College, The Franklin

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

1ST PLACE

EMILY ISAACMAN

A 'concerning pattern'

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The story shows the power that good investigative journalism can have. It has good use of documents as sourcing when people would not agree to interviews, and the

writer got the students who made the allegations to go on record - a key element of the story. By shining a light on a situation in which students were in potential danger, the publication was able to affect change at the university.

2ND PLACE

VIVEK RAO, CARSON TERBUSH

'S' for success; Pandemic playbook

Indiana Daily Student

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COVERAGE OF MINORITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ISSUES

1ST PLACE

GRACE DUERKSEN

Stained Glass: The Lavender Ceiling

Ball Bearings Magazine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "Stained Glass" explores factors beyond race and ethnicity: how being a minority-within-a-minority (including within a religious community) can lead to feelings of isolation and create impediments to progress. The author succeeds in helping the subject communicate.

2ND PLACE

EMILY ISAACMAN

Softening Stigma

Indiana Daily Student

3RD PLACE

DAILY NEWS STAFF

Benson-Borna, A Hidden Hitch, A Catalyst for Change

The Ball State Daily News

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

FEATURE STORY

1ST PLACE

CAROLINE ANDERS

Live and learn

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: An important spotlight on the victims of gun violence plaguing a community, written in a way that draws the reader in.

2ND PLACE

PETER TALBOT

Test of survival: A young woman wrestles with drugs, life and a year on the edge

Indiana Daily Student

3RD PLACE

NICOLE THOMAS, SUMAYYAH MUHAMMAD

'TubLove,' Marwin Strong, ALS

The Ball State Daily News

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

MATT COHEN

The General comes home

Indiana Daily Student

2ND PLACE

ZACH PIATT, CONNOR SMITH

The Ball State Daily News

3RD PLACE

CALEB COFFMAN

The General's Shadow

Indiana Daily Student

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDITORIAL WRITING

1ST PLACE

DAILY NEWS STAFF

OUR VIEW: What's the role, and what's the goal?

The Ball State Daily News

2ND PLACE

REBEKAH AMAYA, BRIAN HANCOCK, ALLYSON MCBRIDE,
KYLE LINDER

IU President Michael McRobbie ignored student needs. It will cost him his legacy

Indiana Daily Student

3RD PLACE

THE REFLECTOR STAFF

UIndy could have done more to protect campus

The Reflector

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

EDITORIAL CARTOON

1ST PLACE

ARIANA LOVITT

A new era calls for change

Franklin College, The Franklin

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A spot-on comment on a pervasive issue unfortunately at many colleges and throughout our country today.

2ND PLACE

ETHAN GERLING

Puzzling mystery on campus

The Reflector

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

COLUMN WRITING

1ST PLACE

JACLYN FERGUSON

Another Kelley professor's comments make Black students feel unwelcome

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Thoughtful and persuasive columns

2ND PLACE

ERICA IRISH

Searching

Franklin College, The Franklin

3RD PLACE

ELISSA MAUDLIN, TAYLOR SMITH, SHWETHA SUNDARRAJAN

Abstraction, Bold Type, This is the Shwe

The Ball State Daily News

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

JACOB MUSSELMAN

Welcome Home

The Ball State Daily News

2ND PLACE

TONY REEVES

Health Science Safety

The Reflector

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

CLAIRE LIVINGSTON

Grace Berger

Indiana Daily Student

2ND PLACE

JACOB MUSSELMAN, JADEN WHITEMAN

Detroit Bound

The Ball State Daily News

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

FEATURES PHOTOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

SHANNON MCCLOSKEY

Fostering Makers in Muncie

Ball Bearings Magazine

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Exquisite photos enhancing the message of a beautiful booklet paying homage to movers and shakers in Muncie.

2ND PLACE

ELLE KREAMER

Test of survival: A young woman wrestles with drugs, life and a year on the edge

Indiana Daily Student

3RD PLACE

JACOB MUSSELMAN, JADEN WHITEMAN, JOHN LYNCH

Local legends visit Ball State

The Ball State Daily News

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

PAGE ONE OR COVER DESIGN

1ST PLACE

ELLIOTT DEROSE, EMILY WRIGHT, MAGGIE GETZIN

Biden vs. Trump, Earth Day, Black Lives Matter Movement

The Ball State Daily News

2ND PLACE

TRISTAN JACKSON

Bicentennial, General returns, Classes suspended

Indiana Daily Student

3RD PLACE

REFLECTOR STAFF

The Reflector Front Pages

The Reflector

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

BEST DESIGN OTHER THAN PAGE ONE OR COVER

1ST PLACE

EMILY HALES

Reeducation

Franklin College, The Franklin

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Everything about this design is professional quality, from the reader-friendly graphics to the pull quotes to the use of color and photos to the recurring book silhouette. This is an attractive and inviting design.

2ND PLACE

EMILY HALES

Unexcused

Franklin College, The Franklin

3RD PLACE

REFLECTOR STAFF

The Reflector

STUDENT: PRINT AND DIGITAL DIVISION

GRAPHICS OR ILLUSTRATION

1ST PLACE

KAMI GERON

Beeing Aware: The Buzz About Bumblebees

Ball Bearings Magazine

2ND PLACE

ELLIOTT DEROSE, EMILY WRIGHT

Scuba diving, Climate change, COVID-19

The Ball State Daily News

3RD PLACE

JUNO MARTIN

A little bit of dread

Indiana Daily Student

STUDENT: ONLINE

BEST JOURNALISM WEBSITE

1ST PLACE

DAILY STUDENT STAFF

Idsnews.Com

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The extensive number of topics covered is impressive, particularly in the news section. That Black Voices is a featured navigation is an important recognition of how the national issues facing our country impact student lives as well. This category has strong competition, but this site stands out as understanding its audience and offering numerous points of entry and connection for students. It's also attractive and easy to navigate.

2ND PLACE

DAILY NEWS STAFF

The Ball State Daily News

3RD PLACE

REFLECTOR STAFF

The Reflector Online

The Reflector

STUDENT: ONLINE

BEST ONLINE MULTIMEDIA

1ST PLACE

MADISON SMALSTIG, IZZY MYSZAK, CARSON TERBUSH

Steve Moore almost died

Indiana Daily Student

JUDGE'S COMMENT: The team that worked Steve Moore's story accomplished much more than the telling one man's story. Through stunning images, heart-wrenching audio and video, and vivid narrative, students accomplished what many professional newsrooms envy.

2ND PLACE

JACK WILLIAMS, EMILY WRIGHT, JAKE HELMEN, WILL ENGLISH

The Shondell Effect

The Ball State Daily News

3RD PLACE

SHAYLA CABALAN

COVID-19 Washing Hands Explainer

The Reflector

STUDENT: ONLINE

BEST USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

1ST PLACE

EMILY ISAACMAN AND STAFF

'A concerning pattern'

Indiana Daily Student

STUDENT: ONLINE

BEST PODCAST

1ST PLACE

ZAHRIA HART

Culture Crush

The Ball State Daily News

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Impressive. Good research, show preparation and communication skills with use of voice (as well as words) as an instrument -- from a breezy welcome to deadly-serious commentary. The simple audio production and transition cues are appropriate for this presentation. "Culture Crush" is a promising project.

STUDENT: TELEVISION

STUDENT TELEVISION BEST NEWSCAST

1ST PLACE

STAFF

IU NewsNet

JUDGE'S COMMENT: A well-composed community newscast, featuring campus connections to Indiana, national and world events. Impressive packages; great lead to fire story by G.Griffin. Also of note: graphics, lighting, audio, writing and direction. Be pleased, staff.

2ND PLACE

JACEY CRAWFORD, JON WILLIAMS, JORDAN YANEY

Andersonian Newscast

The Andersonian

STUDENT: TELEVISION

STUDENT TELEVISION NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

ANDREW LAMPARSKI

Indiana University COVID-19 Update

Hoosier News Source

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Andrew's storytelling is clear, effective and delivered well. I liked the standup bridge used to segue into the flu vaccine portion of the story. Bonus points for his ability to break news to students about the flu vaccine mandate.

2ND PLACE

HOLDEN ABSHIER

Breonna Taylor Protests

IU NewsNet

3RD PLACE

MEREDITH STRUEWING AND ANDREW LAMPARSKI

Enough is Enough Rally

Hoosier News Source

STUDENT: TELEVISION

STUDENT TELEVISION SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

SEENA GREIWE AND MICHAEL GARBARZ

The Will To Continue

Ball State Sports Link

2ND PLACE

JORDAN YANEY

Raven Watch

The Andersonian

3RD PLACE

CONNOR HINES

IU Soccer goes fishing

IU NewsNet

STUDENT: TELEVISION

STUDENT TELEVISION FEATURES REPORTING

1ST PLACE

LEXI VENNETTI

Ken Beckley speaks out on loss of his wife to COVID-19

IU NewsNet

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This was a very emotional piece that brought tears to my eyes. The fact that it's a student report is very impressive. The entire article with the photos and extended interview really made the piece. And the tie-in with the alumni/namesake is very relevant. Well done.

2ND PLACE

ANDREW LAMPARSKI

Distracted Driving

IU NewsNet

3RD PLACE

JACK BASSETT

Charlie Bird

Hoosier News Source

STUDENT: TELEVISION

STUDENT TELEVISION VIDEOGRAPHY

1ST PLACE

JUSTIN MEININGER, GRACE DAYTON, SOPHIE OLSON,
LUKE SCHNEIDER

The Jewel of Richmond

Taylor University

JUDGE'S COMMENT: "The Jewel of Richmond" is an informative and historical story of a gem of an important church in a town rich of history. In addition to the detailed back story of the founder, viewers participated in an emotional journey about the neglect of

the town and their surroundings. Nice job in all phases of production.

2ND PLACE

JEFF OGDEN, RYNE KRALL, JEFF CLAYTON, KIAMA KARIANJAH

The Aviators: A Father/Son Story

Taylor University

3RD PLACE

SAWYER PASMA, EVAN WARDELL, JACK KERSEY, KIM FERRELL

Wild Winds: Spirit of the Bison

Taylor University

STUDENT: RADIO

STUDENT RADIO BEST NEWSCAST

1ST PLACE

TAYLOR WOODS

WICR Information Update

WICR Radio / University of Indianapolis

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Woods did a professional job delivering the news headlines and stacking the broadcast. While it might

have been tempting to lead with stories that she could support with audio clips she correctly lead with the news with the biggest Indiana impact. Writing was clear and tight. Solid job.

STUDENT: RADIO

STUDENT RADIO NEWS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

NATHANIEL BARBEE

USI Tours

University of Southern Indiana

JUDGE'S COMMENT: This is a good story about how COVID-19 has impacted student tours. The audio is clear and the story is well organized.

2ND PLACE

CHRISTINE HATFIELD

College Town Businesses Deal With Early COVID Restrictions

Indiana Public Radio

3RD PLACE

MARINA CURRENT

USI COVID 19 Impact

University of Southern Indiana

STUDENT: RADIO

STUDENT RADIO SPORTS REPORTING

1ST PLACE

COLE CARTER

USI Basketball Attendance

University of Southern Indiana

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Carter did a good job presenting the upside of the school's new sports facility. He looked at the downside too -- the possible impacts of COVID-19 on getting fans into the stands. He supported the story with statistics and a good interview with arena staff on how they will try to make game days safe for fans.

STUDENT: RADIO

STUDENT RADIO FEATURES REPORTING

1ST PLACE

Katrine Bruner

Project Threatens Ecosystems In Hoosier National Forest

WFHB

JUDGE'S COMMENT: Bruner did a professional job reporting on a complex story. I found the report very interesting. She concisely laid out the importance of conservation in the Lake Monroe area, the threats to the ecology. Her interview with the local expert supported the story well. Good job in delivery as well.