National Awards Program

Thursday, September 30, 2021
Ball State University
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Cardinal Hall
11:30 A.M.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 | 11:30 A.M

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Geoffrey S. Mearns, President, Ball State University

SPEAKERS
Paige Turner, Dean, College of Communication, Information, and Media
Johnny Sparks, Chair, Department of Journalism
Becca Foerder, Magazine Media Major, Department of Journalism

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National Journalism Writing Award

The National Journalism Writing Award recognizes excellence in long-form journalistic storytelling. It is given for a story published during the prior calendar year, from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31. The focus of this award is on outstanding writing, a skill critical to informing and connecting people across the globe. Established in 1960, the award has honored dozens of journalists and news outlets both large and small for their powerful storytelling prowess.

The Ball State University Department of Journalism is pleased to award this year’s 2021 National Journalism Writing Award to Hannah Dreier.

Hannah Dreier
The Washington Post

Dreier is a national enterprise reporter at The Washington Post, where she has covered immigration, mental health care and federal disaster aid. She is the recipient of the 2021 Livingston Award for national reporting. From 2017 to 2019, she reported for ProPublica. Her series about immigrants whose lives were shattered by a botched crackdown on the gang MS-13 on Long Island won the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for feature writing.

Dreier’s winning feature, “The Worst-Case Scenario,” highlights the growing problem of police shootings during mental health crisis calls in the city of Huntsville, Alabama. Judges praised the piece as an example of “relentless reporting,” with a “literary feel, vivid descriptions and strong quotes.”

PAST RECIPIENTS

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Majeri Award for Graphic Journalism

The Majeri Award recognizes innovation and leadership in the profession of graphic journalism. It may be awarded to a publication staff or person for creating a body of work or a singular piece that demonstrates innovation in news design or graphics reporting. This award is named for Anton Majeri Jr., who is now retired but is a former senior editor for design and graphics at the Chicago Tribune. Under Majeri’s leadership the Chicago Tribune won more than 100 awards for design and graphic excellence from the Society for News Design. While aesthetics presentation is important, a nominee’s work should emphasize how the visual display of information is driven by editorial content.

Past Recipients

2020 Suzette Moyer
2019 Janet Michaud
2018 Alberto Cairo
2017 Joe Ward
2016 Joey Marburger
2015 Steve Dorsey
2014 David Kordalski
2013 Sara Quinn
2012 Lou Silverstein
2011 Martin Gee
2010 Michael Price
2008 Pegie Stark Adam
2007 Nigel Holmes
2006 Scott Horner, Don Wittekind
2005 Kay Addis
2004 Mario Garcia
2003 Richard Curtis
2002 Karl Gude
2001 Tim Harrower
2000 Harris G. Siegel
1999 Deborah Withey
1998 Chicago Tribune Department of Photography, Design and Graphics

Indiana Journalism Award

The Indiana Journalism Award recognizes outstanding achievements in Indiana journalism. Writers, reporters, columnists, editors, publishers, foundations, media outlets and auxiliary organizations are eligible. All entries and nominations should be in the form of a letter supporting the nomination. Pertinent support material is encouraged.

Past Recipients

2020 Steve Key, HSPA
2019 Kelsey Timmerman
2018 IndyStar Investigative Team
2017 Dave Bangert
2016 Gerry Dick
2015 Ruth Chin
2014 Henry Bird
2013 Woman’s Press Club of Indiana
2012 The Herald-Times
2011 Bob Segall, WTHR-TV
2010 Matthew Tully and Danese Kenon, The Indianapolis Star
2009 The Columbus Republic
2008 Emmis Publishing
2007 Dennis Ryerson
2006 John Robinson
2005 Scott Schurz
2004 Jack Ronald
2003 William Nangle
2002 Jon Schwantes, The Indianapolis Star and WTHR Channel 13
2001 Juli Metzger
2000 The Indianapolis Recorder
1999 “State of Secrecy Project”: The Times of Northwest Indiana; The Indianapolis Star; The Evansville Courier; South Bend Tribune; The Star Press, Muncie; The Tribune-Star, Terra Haute; The Journal Gazette, Fort Wayne
1998 David Stamps, Hoosier State Press Association
1997 The Indianapolis Star
1996 Morry Mannies

2019 Katrice Hardy
Indianapolis Star

1995 Larry Lough
1994 Bob Collins
1993 Howard Caldwell
1992 Eugene C. Pulliam
1991 Jim Davis
1990 Harold Trulock
1989 John Rumbach
1988 Randy West
1987 Andrew Lippman
1986 Gerald Stewart
1985 Greensburg Daily News
1984 Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame Association
1983 Ernest E. Williams
1982 Mortense Myers
1981 The Gary Post-Tribune
1980 The Shelbyville News
1979 John Blair
1978 Wendy Gilford
1977 Ed O’Neal
1976 Boyd Gill
1975 Robert Barnet
1974 William Harley Bierce, Richard Cady
1973 Robert O’Rannah
1972 The South Bend Tribune
1971 Richard Blackledge
1970 Richard W. Cardwell
1969 The Wabash Plain Dealer
1968 Robert Gambles
1967 Hoosier State Press Association
1966 James Neal
1965 Herb Silverburg
National Public Relations Achievement Award

This award is the only national public relations award that recognizes people for their public relations experience, contributions to the profession and encouragement of educational programs in public relations. The award is open to all public relations professionals who demonstrate excellence in public relations experiences and outstanding achievements in the field, contributions to the public relations profession through continuing education and support of public relations education by sponsoring practical work experiences for students. People fulfilling the criteria may nominate themselves or be nominated by others who recognize their contributions to the field of public relations. A letter of nomination detailing the activities of the candidate will be sufficient. Supporting materials are appreciated, but not necessary.

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Marilyn Weaver Scholastic Journalism Award

The Marilyn Weaver Scholastic Journalism Award recognizes individuals or organizations who make outstanding contributions to scholastic journalism. This award is named after Marilyn Weaver, who is now retired but is the former workshops director and chairperson of the Department of Journalism at Ball State University. During her tenure, Weaver garnered a national reputation for being a staunch supporter of scholastic journalism. Nominations should be made in a letter documenting the nominee’s contribution to scholastic journalism.

Carrie Wadycki-Cruz
Lake Central High School

2020  Ryan Gunterman  2019  Mary Beth Tinker

Indiana Scholastic Journalism Award


Sarah Verpooten
Lake Central High School

**Outstanding Journalism Alumna**

The nominee must have either majored or minored in Ball State’s Department of Journalism or worked for student media. The nominee must have established a career in some phase of the media, making the person worthy of recognition and acknowledgment.

**Past Recipients**

- **2020** Sonja Popp-Stahly
- **2019** David Haugh
- **2018** Rachel Greene
- **2017** Brian Peiritsch
- **2016** Lori Rader-Day
- **2015** Kendall Monahan
- **2014** Margaret Walter
- **2013** Michelle Linn-Gust
- **2012** Beth Harris
- **2011** David Sullivan
- **2010** John Dye
- **2009** Erik Johnson
- **2008** Jason Whitlock
- **2007** Bernie Kohn
- **2006** Paul Nusbaum
- **2005** Amy Ahlersmeyer
- **2004** Raymond S. Begovich
- **2003** Karen Garloch
- **2002** Terry Nelson
- **2001** Bradley D. Wilks
- **2000** Don Yaeger
- **1999** Bruce E. Konkle
- **1998** Douglas E. Toney
- **1997** Milbert O. Brown
- **1996** Timothy M. Andrews
- **1995** James Yunker
- **1994** Jon Hughes
- **1993** Peter Nye
- **1992** Myra Borshoff
- **1991** Holly Miller
- **1990** Marilyn Weaver
- **1989** Phil Schermerhorn
- **1988** Kristine Sandrick
- **1987** Brian T. Usher, Sandra Usher
- **1986** Fred Blevens
- **1985** Beverley Pitts
- **1984** Betsy Ross
- **1983** Alan G. Lisle
- **1982** Debbie Marquardt
- **1981** Michael P. Smith
- **1980** Dala “Dee” McKinsey
- **1979** Samuel P. Smith
- **1978** Deborah Taylor Givens
- **1977** Eugene Policinski
- **1976** Robert Goebel
- **1975** Nancy Green
- **1974** Richard P. Johns
- **1973** Kathleen Meehan
- **1972** Marie McCarty Geary
- **1971** Don Park, Michael Rogers
- **1970** Robert Heintzelman
- **1969** Marilyn Walker
- **1968** William DuBois Jr.
- **1967** Dale Burgess
- **1966** Homer W. King
- **1965** Glenn M. White
- **1964** Ralph J. Whittinger
- **1963** Dean Detweiler
- **1962** James Rohrbaugh
- **1961** J. William Click

**Young Alumna/Alumnus Award**

The nominee must be 35 years of age or younger, must be a graduate of Ball State’s Department of Journalism and must work in a media communications-related field. A nominee also must have exhibited distinguished professional qualities that warrant recognition. Up to three nominees from different disciplines may receive the award in a given year.

**Past Recipients**

- **2020** Becky Rother, Jacob Lane
- **2019** Chelsea Kardokus, Alberto Pimienta, Natalie Steger
- **2018** Kyle Bentle, McKenzie Clift, Justin Friend
- **2017** Matt Kelly, Megan McNames, Katie Smith Allen
- **2016** Danny Gawlowski, Adam Maksl, Jacque Smith
- **2015** Kim Maxwell Vu, Nicole Danielle Reinhart, Rebecca Berfanger
- **2014** Christopher Campbell, Andrew Pollen
- **2013** Rachel McCarver, David Studinski
- **2012** Matthew Perry, Jonathan Seidel, Irving Washington III
- **2011** Rachel Perkins, Stephen Salcedo, Todd Witkemper
- **2010** Deana Haworth
- **2009** Navbahor Imamova
- **2008** Heidi Monroe-Kroft, Justin Gilbert
- **2007** Rachel Allen, Scott Navarro
- **2006** Jennifer George-Palionis, Steven Patterson
- **2005** Tom Gayda, Trish Taylor-Jones
- **2004** Michael S. Kellams, Rowan Benecke
- **2003** Attila Schillinger
- **2002** Daniel Swenson
- **2001** Michael Marker
- **2000** David A. Haugh
- **1999** Emily A. Holmes
- **1998** Julie-Allyson Jaron
- **1997** Sonja Popp, Don Yaeger
- **1996** Michael Price, Joseph Hernandez
- **1995** Bradley Wilks
- **1994** Scott McCarty
- **1993** Beth Harris
- **1992** Vance N. Meyer
- **1991** Mark A. Kormann
- **1990** Timothy M. Andrews

**Nominees**

- **2020** Dawn Araujo-Hawkins (The Christian Century)
- **2019** Amy Cavenaile (The Washington Post)
- **2018** John Ratz (The Walt Disney Company)

**Winner**

- **2020** Oseye Boyd
  - Indianapolis Recorder
  - Newspaper
Journalism Hall of Fame Award

The nominee must have either majored or minored in Ball State's Department of Journalism, worked for student media or taught in the Department of Journalism. The nominee must have excelled in some phase of journalism, public relations or advertising, making that person worthy of induction into the Hall of Fame.

Bernard ‘Bernie’ Kohn has spent 30 years as a reporter or editor for newspapers, including the Tampa Tribune, the Charlotte Observer, the Washington Post, and the Baltimore Sun, where he led a Pulitzer-prize-finalist team in 2007 for stories chronicling abuses in Maryland’s centuries-old ground-rent laws.

Kohn joined Bloomberg News in 2010 as a regulation team leader and then became the news service’s first weekend managing editor before moving in 2019 to Bloomberg Industry Group, which provides specialized news and information for law, government and tax professionals.

He’s been a speaker at seminars for the American Press Institute and the Knight Center for Specialized Journalism, and he’s the former president of the Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing (SABEW).

Stephenie Overman is an author, writer, and editor who specializes in workplace and health-care issues. With a career spanning more than three decades, Overman’s content has appeared in publications such as Fortune.com, Forbes.com, Washington Post Express, Virginia Business, Salon, the Los Angeles Business Journal, HR Magazine and Bloomberg Daily Labor Report.

She’s currently a contributor to Virginia Business magazine as well as HR News / HR Magazine, which focuses on a wide range of human resource-related subjects, including health care, recruiting/hiring, wages, benefits, family leave, EEOC and overtime regulations. Overman’s also a contributing editor for The HR Agenda, Japan’s first bilingual human-resource-focused magazine.

Along with numerous awards and accolades, Overman is an active member and former officer of SPJ.

Stephenie earned a B.S. in Journalism and Political Science at Ball State and a master’s in Labor Studies from the University of the District of Columbia.

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2020 Kathy Barks Hoffman, Jason Whitlock
2019 Beth Harris, Phillip McFarren, Gardi Wilks
2018 Casey Nichols
2017 Michael Price
2016 Karen Wessel Garloch
2015 Erik Johnson
2014 Kim Green
2013 Gary Graham
2012 Douglas Toney
2011 Marilyn Weaver
2010 David Knott, Hank Nuwer, Jim Wright
2009 Brad Wilks
2008 Anton (Tony) Majeri Jr.
2007 Timothy Andrews, Mark Popovich
2005 Mike Lopresti
2004 Nancy Hastings
2003 Jan Clark
2002 Sam Smith

2001 Myra Borshoff, Mary Dale Walters
2000 Jon Hughes
1999 John Butler, Gary Hengstler, Homer Smith
1998 Beverley Pitts, Betsy Ross
1997 Earl Corn
1996 Holly Miller
1995 Michael Smith
1994 Emmett Smelser
1993 Edward Lewis, Paul Ingels
1992 Larry Hornery
1991 Edgar Henderson, Eugene Policinski
1990 William Du Bois Jr., Marie Geary
1989 Marie Fraser, Richard Johns
1988 Nancy Green
1987 J. William Click, Ralph Kramer, A. Dean Speicher
1986 Joseph Costa
1985 Sharley DeMotte, Louis Ingelhart, Kathleen Meehan

Bernard ‘Bernie’ Kohn
Bloomberg News

Stephenie Overman
Virginia Business Magazine
Citation Awards

Special citations are awarded by the Department of Journalism to recognize persons or organizations for outstanding accomplishments and/or significant contributions within their fields.

2018 Bob Heisse
2017 Jim Shella
2015 Bona and Lawrence Press
2013 William Nangle
2011 The Herald
2010 Stephen Key
2009 Tony Snow (posthumous) Edward D. Feigenbaum

2008 Virginia Tech Collegiate Times, Indiana Collegiate Press Association, Rhoda Weiss
2007 Dennis Cripe, SND Ethics Team
2006 David Clark, Fred Bagg, Times-Picayune Staff
2005 Terry Coomer
2004 Anne Mullin O’Connor, Jeff Smulyan
2003 Anne Condran, Chicago Tribune
2002 Gov. Frank O’Bannon American Society of Newspaper Editors

2001 The Washington Post
2000 Ron Lema star, John Robinson and The House of White Birches, John E. Worthen
1999 Mark Dominick and Eugene S. Pulliam
1998 Newseum
1997 Hoosier PRSA Chapter and National Scholastic Press Association
1996 Phil Ball alias Charles F. Coldwater, M.D.
1994 Anton (Tony) Majeri Jr.
1993 Karen Randolph, Tim Carroll and Dana Wichern

1992 Rita Winters
1990 Thomas Engelman
1989 Sister Ann Christine Heintz
1988 Bob Barnett
1987 The Butler Collegian and James Parham
1986 Central Newspapers Foundation and the Richmond Palladium-Item
1985 Barbara Poree
1984 Society of Professional Journalists and Tri-State University
1983 Glen W. Robinson and The Columbus Republic
1982 John A. Boyd
1979 Marilyn Aughurn Sharp and Verner C. Schranz
1978 Martin Weinberger and Jerry Stewart
1977 Paul A. Bennett
1976 Ann Ely
1975 The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne
1972 The Daily News and Jack Anderson
1968 The Nashville Tennessean


John R. Emens Award for Support of a Free Student Press

1995 Gerald O’Connor
1994 Richard H. Wells
1993 Everett Frost
1992 Virginia Tech Collegiate Times, Virginia Tech Alumni Society

1991 Thomas Meredith
1990 F. Jay Taylor
1989 Committee of Concerned Professors, University of Minnesota
1988 Anne Condran, Chicago Tribune
1987 John E. Worthen
1986 Martin W. Robinson and Jerry P. Williams
1985 buurt, The Journal Times
1984 Tony Snow (posthumous)
1983 Marc Campos, The Associated Press
1982 Jerry P. Williams
1981 Louis J. Gregory and Guy L. Johnson
1980 The Butler Collegian and James Parham
1979 Marilyn Aughurn Sharp and Verner C. Schranz
1978 Martin Weinberger and Jerry Stewart
1977 Paul A. Bennett
1976 Ann Ely
1975 The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne
1974 Joseph C. Wagner, The Marion Newspapers Inc. and Nixon Newspapers Inc.
1973 The Daily News and Jack Anderson
1972 The Nashville Tennessean

1971 Thomas Meredith
1970 Committee of Concerned Professors, University of Minnesota
1969 Martin W. Robinson and Jerry P. Williams
1968 Martin W. Robinson and Jerry P. Williams

Joseph Costa Courtroom Photography Award

This award recognizes photographers who have used their cameras to accurately and carefully document the action of the courtroom. The winning entry demonstrates the use of this communication tool in what is a highly sensitive area. As a founder of the National Press Photographers Association, Joseph Costa, who taught in Ball State’s Department of Journalism in the 1970s and 1980s, was one of the first to fight for the photographer’s right to be in the courtroom, and it is his pioneering spirit that lives on in this award. Entries must have been published in a newspaper or magazine during the prior calendar year. Entries may consist of a single photo or picture story.

2019 Gary McCracken, Pensacola News Journal
2018 David Burnett, Time
2017 Kelly Jordan, Sun News
2016 Joe Dineen, The Oregonian
2015 Tony Giberson, Pensacola News Journal
2014 Sarah Maisto, Juli Metzger
2013 Jim Grim, Charlotte Shepperd

President’s Award

The President’s Award recognizes extraordinary service to Ball State’s Department of Journalism and the Journalism Alumni Society. This award is selected and given by the journalism alumni society board president in collaboration with department leadership. Award recipients are not notified of their selection in advance of the recognition.

2019 Brian Hayes, Daniel Waechter
2018 Sarah Maisto, Juli Metzger
2017 Jim Grim, Charlotte Shepperd
2016 Mark Doxtator, The Associated Press
2015 Tony Giberson, Pensacola News Journal
2014 Sarah Maisto, Juli Metzger
2013 Jim Grim, Charlotte Shepperd