NATIONAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Thursday, November 16, 2023
Ball State University
L.A. Pittenger Student Center
Cardinal Hall
11:30 a.m.
Order of Events

WELCOME
Geoffrey S. Mearns
President, Ball State University

SPEAKERS
Johnny Sparks
Director, School of Journalism and Strategic Communication

Paaiige Turner
Dean, College of Communication, Information, and Media

Rick Martinez
Vice President, SJSC Alumni Society

Paola Fernandez-Jimenez
Student, School of Journalism and Strategic Communication

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National Journalism Writing Award

The National Journalism Writing Award recognizes excellence in storytelling. The focus of this award is on outstanding writing, a skill critical to informing and connecting people across the globe.

Timothy Egan

“A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan’s Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them”

Timothy Egan worked as a writer for The New York Times for 18 years, where he and a team of reporters earned a Pulitzer Prize for the series, “How Race is Lived in America.”


The book chronicles the life of D.C. Stephenson, the KKK’s Grand Dragon of Indiana and the architect of the group’s second incarnation in 1920s America. At the peak of his influence, the deathbed testimony of Madge Oberholtzer brought Stephenson to justice and set in motion the Klan’s demise.
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Founded in 1979, the Vernon C. Schranz Distinguished Lectureship in Public Relations is the nation’s longest running public relations lectureship and has brought some of the most prominent public relations leaders to campus. Speakers provide insight into public relations trends and create a forum for new ideas among Indiana’s public relations practitioners, faculty, and students.

Ball Corporation of Muncie Indiana, established the lectureship in 1979 to recognize 25 years of outstanding service for its first public relations officer, Vernon C. Schranz. A native to Minnesota, Schranz (1915-90) joined the Ball Corporation in 1954, and eight years later became the company’s first director of the newly organized public relations department—one established on the principles of openness, honesty and community service.

Schranz was active in the community and business affairs, serving as a member of the boards of directors of the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce, Hillcroft Services (formerly DSCS), the Family Counseling Service and the Newman Foundation of Ball State University. He also served as chairman of the Ball State Center for Economic Education and as vice chairman of the Muncie Human Rights Commission.

The Ball Corporation started the series in 1979 in honor of Schranz, the company’s first public relations officer and an advocate for higher education. Schranz often shared his expertise with students and endowed an undergraduate public relations scholarship through a gift of Ball Corporation stock.

Dr. James “Jim” Parham
CEO and President
Hirons and Company
Communications, Inc.

Dr. James Parham ’79 is the 2023 Vernon C. Shranz Distinguished Lecturer in Public Relations. He is the former CEO and President of Hirons and Company Communications, Inc., where he guided the strategy and direction of the company. Prior to Hirons, Parham worked as an Assistant Vice President at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), where he managed communications, public outreach and environmental programs for one of the nation’s largest technology firms.

During his 40 year professional and academic career, Parham collaborated with and hired many Ball State alumni. He is motivated by working with bright, young people to help them find good careers in communication. Now retired from the corporate world, his commitment to the success of Ball State students continues. Parham currently serves as the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication’s Director of Strategic Partnerships and teaches advertising and public relations courses.
PAST LECTURERS

2022 Karla Gower
2018 Raschanda Hall
2017 Fred Cook
2016 Tina McCorkindale
2015 Kelli Parsons
2014 Robert Hoopes
2013 Merrie Spaeth
2012 John D. Graham
2010 Lisa Baird
2009 Robert Grupp
2008 Peter Debreceny
2007 John Paluszek
2006 Maj. Gen. Mari Eder
2005 Cheryl Procter-Rogers
2004 Marilyn Laurie
2003 Willard D. Nielsen
2002 Christopher Komisarjevsky
2001 Bradley Wilks
2000 Daniel J. Edelman
1999 Lord Chadlington

1998 Tim Traverse-Healy
1997 Betsy Plank
1996 Terrie Williams
1995 Paul H. Alvarez
1994 John W. Felton
1993 Ann Barkelew
1992 Fraser P. Seitel
1991 Robert Dieneschneider
1990 Carole M. Howard
1989 John F. Budd Jr.
1988 James L. Tolley
1987 David W. Ferguson
1986 Denny Griswold
1985 Kernyn King
1984 Patrick Jackson
1983 Chester Burger
1982 Philip Lesly
1981 Dorothy Gregg
1980 Douglas Hearle
1979 Edward Block

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

2022 Grace Wallace
2021 Grace Carman
2020 Melissa Kraman
2019 Raylin Taylor
2018 Emily Gralak
2017 Haley Gustafson
2016 Hannah Rifile
2015 Brittany Noe
2014 Kelsey Kotnik
2013 Jacob Kluth
2012 Lily Barker
2011 Alison Barnes
2010 Jenny Pyle
2009 Samantha Adamczewski
2008 Melissa Nobbe
2007 Melissa Nobbe
2006 Jennifer K. Rice

2005 Beth-Allison Lazaros
2004 Amber Bauer
2003 Amanda Goings
2002 Dawn New
2001 Wendy Wolfred
2000 Jaclyn Shubert
1999 Jeff Harris
1998 Rachel Allen
1997 Angel Soyrou
1996 Angel Soyrou
1995 Todd Watzel
1994 Jennifer Dolce
1993 Sonya Popp
1992 Rebecca Scheiman
1991 Susan Warren
1990 Julie Willis
1989 Debra Hayes
The Majeri Award recognizes innovation and leadership in the profession of graphic journalism and 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., 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.

**PAST RECIPIENTS**

- **2022** Chiqui Esteban
- **2021** Javier Zarracina
- **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
- **2009** New York Times Graphics Department
- **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
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 School of Journalism and Strategic Communication at Ball State University. During her tenure, Weaver garnered a national reputation for being a staunch supporter of scholastic journalism.

Justin Peeper
Homestead High School

2022 Sarah Nichols
2021 Carrie Wadycki-Cruz, Sarah Verpooten
2020 Ryan Gunterman
2019 Mary Beth Tinker

Indiana Scholastic Journalism Award
2018 Ed Clere, Ed DeLaney
2017 Indiana Planning Committee for 2016 JEA/NSPA Fall Convention
2016 Jim Streisel
2015 Jill Lyday
2014 Kathy Craghead
2013 Candace Perkins Bowen
2012 Tom Gayda
2011 Carey Kehler
2010 Broad Ripple Magnet High School
2009 Y-Press
2008 Mary Andis
2007 Student Press Law Center
2006 Kim Green
2005 Diana Hadley
2004 Jack Dvorak
2003 Richard Johns
2002 Pam Essex
2001 Tony Willis
2000 North Central High school
1999 Journalism Education Association
1998 Mark Haab
1997 Wendy Kruger
1996 Louis E. Ingelhart
1994 Dennis Cripe
1993 H. L. Hall
1992 Hurley Goodall

1991 State of Indiana Planning Committee for the JEA/NSPA Convention
1990 Thomas Engelman
1989 Nancy Ruth Patterson
1988 Mark Goodman
1987 Joseph A. Jungblut
1986 David Massy
1985 Marilyn Athmann
1984 Larry Glaze
1983 Nancy Hastings
1982 Wilma Taylor
1981 Rod Vahl
1980 Terry Nelson
1979 Joseph W. Glowacki
1978 Marilyn Weaver
1977 Jerry Woodring
1976 Quill and Scroll Society
1975 Joan Lentczner
1974 Pat Clark
1973 Robert Chupp
1972 Jayne Staley and The Indianapolis News
1971 Kenneth J. Atwell, John M. Butler
1970 Joseph M. Murphy
1969 Mary Benedict
1968 Frances Halberstadt
1967 Ruth Marie Griggs
1966 James Dold and Mary Dold
1965 Gretchen Kemp
1964 Edgar Henderson
1963 Dean Speicher, Robert Heintzelman
1962 Earl Johnson
1961 John Boyd
Young Alumna Award

Awardees have achieved significant recognition or accomplishment in their chosen field (e.g. journalism, media, strategic communication, business, academia, etc.), community service, or university service. Awardees are under 36 years of age and majored or minored in one of the areas taught in the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication or worked for student agencies/media within the school.

Ellen Gilmer  
Bloomberg Government  
Bloomberg Law

Kate Burnett Sarlitto  
Riley Children’s Foundation
PAST RECIPIENTS

2022  Grace Hollars,  Jennifer Prandato
2021  Dawn Araujo-Hawkins,  Amy Cavenaile,  John Ratz
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-Palilonis,  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 Ieron
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. Kornmann
1990  Timothy M. Andrews
Outstanding Alumnus Award

Awardees have established a distinguished career in their chosen field (e.g. journalism, media, strategic communication, business, academia, etc.), community service, or university service. Awardees majored or minored in one of the areas taught in the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication or worked for student agencies/media within the school.

John Ketzenberger
The Nature Conservancy

Jeff Robinson
Visit Indy
PAST RECIPIENTS

2022 Stephen Beard, Deana Haworth
2021 Oseye Boyd
2020 Sonja Popp-Stahly
2019 David Haugh
2018 Rachel Greene
2017 Brian Peiritisch
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 Nussbaum
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
1967 Dale Burgess
1966 Homer W. King
1965 Glenn M. White
1964 Ralph J. Whitingier
1963 Dean Detweiler
1962 James Rohrabaugh
1961 J. William Click
SJSC Hall of Fame Award

Inductees have demonstrated a long-term commitment and reputation of excellence in their chosen field (e.g. journalism, media, strategic communication, business, academia, etc.), community service or university service. Inductees majored or minored in one of the areas taught in the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication, worked for student agencies/media within the school, taught in the school, or provided outstanding support to the school.

SJSC ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Kiersten Flint, ’21  
Casey Smith, ’18
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Dr. Frederick Blevens developed a love for journalism in eighth grade, when his English teacher linked the work of Shakespeare to that of American journalist H.L. Mencken. Since then, a series of mentors at Ball State and beyond instilled in him professionalism, accuracy, compassion, passion, idealism and the old adage, “When grandma says she loves you, get three sources.”

Blevens graduated from Ball State in 1974 with a bachelor’s in journalism and a teaching certificate before earning his master’s in journalism as a Cardinal in 1979. He taught at Ball State, San Antonio College and Texas A&M University before earning his doctorate in journalism in 1995 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he also taught.

From 2006-2018, he served as a professor and, for a time, as associate dean at Florida International University. With more than 30 years in the classroom, he has taught nearly 16,000 students and founded or directed three university-based residential workshops for Hispanic and American Indian high school students, including the Peace Sullivan/James Ans in High School Workshop in Journalism and New Media at the University of Miami. To honor his impact on generations of journalists, the Freedom Forum named Blevens the National Journalism Teacher of the Year in 2005.

When Blevens left Southwest Texas State University in 2002, students gave him a plaque that read: “A great teacher is a lifelong treasure and inspiration.”

He has also worked as a reporter and editor for more than nine publications, including the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, the Houston Chronicle, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the Tampa Tribune. As an editor, his reporters have won a multitude of state and national awards.
Pulitzer Prize winner Dr. Milbert O. Brown Jr. seemed destined for a career in journalism. As a shy second-grader, young Milbert rushed home to tell his parents he aspired to become a reporter after his teacher assigned him the role of classroom reporter to improve his confidence. The native of Gary, Indiana, later purchased his first camera by selling newspapers in his neighborhood. He continued evolving as a storyteller, attending Ball State Journalism Workshops in 1973 and graduating from Ball State with a bachelor’s in journalism in 1978. He understands the importance of early journalism education and diverse topics and identities in the classroom.

Brown was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism for Explanatory Reporting as a contributing team member for the Chicago Tribune. While serving as the faculty advisor at Howard University, Brown established the National Press Photographers Association’s first student chapter at a Historically Black College or University. He received the Award of Excellence for Sports Magazine Reporting from the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) in 2022.

Brown served as a photojournalist and sports photo editor at two of the nation’s top newspapers, the Boston Globe and the Chicago Tribune, for a combined 18 years. As a writer, Brown covered South Africa’s first free election as a member of the Foreign Correspondents Association. Later, a joint NABJ-United Nations committee selected Brown to report on Liberia’s elections. He covered the Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta and London and the National Basketball Association Finals.

Brown earned a master’s in photography and photojournalism from Ohio University and a doctorate in higher education leadership from Morgan State University. He has taught art, media history, multimedia reporting, news writing, and photojournalism courses at high schools and universities. He cites professors Bob Heintzelman and Ken Atwell as having a significant influence on his professional trajectory.

Brown said he wants to be known as someone who persisted through racism and rejection to achieve his dreams. Those trials enabled him to capture the rich and complicated tapestry of the African-American experience. Much of his work and service has focused on empowering journalists of color.
The Flood of 1982

For a week in March 1982, the nation’s eyes were focused on Fort Wayne when a major flood, the likes of which the city had seen only once before, tore through its heart. Heavy winter snow accumulations, a rapid early March thaw, and rain combined to cause the flooding. When it was over, about 9,000 people had fled their homes. Damage reached $56.1 million. Heroic rescue efforts and a massive group of volunteer sandbaggers led to Fort Wayne becoming known as The City That Saved Itself.

The News-Sentinel, with four photographers and nine city desk reporters, responded with front-page stories for six days, 96 smaller stories and 111 photographs. In the early days of the flood, the newspaper published information on road closings, emergency telephone numbers, utility shutoffs and food spoilage. With the waters receding, the newspaper followed up with a 24-page special section about plans to prevent future flooding and polled residents about how public officials and others had handled the emergency.

Source: News-Sentinel Online; The New York Times

Alumni on Fort Wayne News-Sentinel Team

Emily M. (Born) Schilling, ’81
Gary L. Graham, ’72
Michael L. Hanley, ’78
Kerry L. Hubartt, ’83
Richard A. Isenhour, ’75, ’82
Robert J. Jonason, ’80
Kevin J. Leininger, ’77

Daniel M. Luzadder, ’76
Charlene Mires, ’79
Rebecca J. Richards, ’72
William J. Scott, ’77
Joseph F. Sheibley, ’82
Michael P. Smith, ’73
Thomas D.N. Zaenger, ’82
FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Fort Wayne News-Sentinel editors and reporters were speechless — but delighted — upon learning the newspaper had won the Pulitzer Prize in general local reporting for coverage of last spring’s record floods.

“We had kind of suspected we have been among the finalists, but we didn’t know,” executive editor Stewart Spencer said Monday.

“We read it on the wire with everyone else.”

“We’re speechless, but we’re delighted. The staff did an excellent job during that week, so we’re pleased to see them get this recognition.”

He said editors and the reporters for the 70,000 circulation evening newspaper gathered for a staff meeting Monday, then stood around ‘watching the wire’ for the Pulitzer announcements.

“They (the reporters) just were all laughing and crying and hugging each other,” he said.

It is the first Pulitzer ever won by the News-Sentinel, a Knight-Ridder newspaper. There were 79 entries for a Pulitzer in the general local reporting category.

Spencer said the paper’s editors just ‘stripped the newspaper to the bone’ and used all nine reporters to cover the devastating floods in the spring of 1982, which destroyed homes and businesses in the northern Indiana city.

Fort Wayne suffered millions of dollars in damage when the Maumee, St. Mary’s and St. Joseph Rivers spilled out of their banks and leaked through dikes, reaching within inches of the record heights of 1913.

Fort Wayne later was declared a disaster area by President Reagan and Gov. Robert Orr. No one was killed in the floods.

“We did stories on the flood and the dikes, on businesses that were closed, on relief efforts and on the visit by the president,” Spencer said.

“It was a huge staff effort,” he said.

Source: United Press International (UPI) Archives
Citation Awards

Special citations are awarded by the School of Journalism and Strategic Communication to recognize people or organizations for outstanding accomplishments and/or significant contributions within their fields.

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President’s Award

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2022 Hon. Marianne Vorhees
2021 Katrice Hardy
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

1993 Deryl Leaming
1991 Thomas Meredith
1987 F. Jay Taylor
1984 Committee of Concerned Professors, University of Minnesota

1982 Rev. John Richardson
1981 Jay F. Ebersole
1980 Martin B. Garrison
1979 Jerry P. Williams
1978 Wendell H. Nedderman
1977 Porter L. Fortune

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

2022 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 C. 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 News Election Reporting Team

1996 Morry Mannies
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 Hortense 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’Bannon
1972 The South Bend Tribune
1971 Richard Blacklidge
1970 Richard W. Cardwell
1969 The Wabash Plain Dealer
1968 Robert Gamble
1967 Hoosier State Press Association
1966 James Neal
1965 Herb Silverberg
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 School of Journalism and Strategic Communication 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.

2022 Sean Krajacic, Kenosha News
2020 Tom Fox, The Dallas Morning News
2012 Matthew Berry, Lancaster Eagle Gazette
2011 Michael Wilson, The Ledger
2009 Lou Toman, freelance
2008 Marc Campos, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
2007 Mark Hertzberg, The Journal Times
2006 Mark Hertzberg, The Journal Times
2005 Ethan Miller, The Las Vegas Sun
2004 Tony Giberson, Pensacola News Journal
2003 Gary McCracken, Pensacola News Journal
2002 Sheila Springsteen, freelance
2001 Mark Hertzberg, The Journal Times
2000 Ethan Miller, The Las Vegas Sun
1999 Scott Wiseman, Palm Beach Post
1998 Jock Fistick, Tampa Tribune
1997 Scott Wheeler, The Ledger
1996 Sandy Hill, The Associated Press
1995 Kurt E. Smith, Post-Intelligencer
1993 David Burnett, Time
1992 Kelly Jordan, Sun News
1990 Tony Ranze, Lakeland Ledger
1989 Jim Lavrakas, Anchorage Daily News
1988 Kenny Kemp, The Charleston Gazette
1987 Mark Hertzberg, The Journal Times

National Public Relations Achievement Award

Established as a “first” national public relations award for individuals who demonstrate excellence in their public relations experience, contributions to the profession, and encouragement of public relations education.

2021 Bruce Berger
2016 Glen Cameron
2013 Virgil Scudder
2012 David Shank, Marilyn Shank
2011 William Whitman
2010 Bill White
2009 Ginger Hardage
2008 MaryLee Sachs
2007 Robert Grupp
2006 Richard Edelman
2005 Kathy Lewton
2004 James Lukaszewski
2003 Ofield Dukes
2002 Amanda Brown, Olmstead
2001 David Drobis
2000 John Paluszek
1999 John M. Reed
1998 Lawrence G. Foster
1997 Tim Traverse-Healy
1996 Daniel J. Edelman
1995 Ann Barkelew
1994 James B. Strenski
1993 James Little
1992 John D. Graham
1991 W. Howard Chase
1990 Chester Burger
1989 Robert L. Dilenschneider
1988 Harold Burson
1987 David Ferguson
1986 Edward L. Bernays
1985 Philip Lesly
1984 Patrick Jackson
1983 Denny Griswold
1982 Betsy Ann Plank
1981 Jim Haynes
1980 Allen H. Center
1979 Frank W. Wylie
1978 Maurice L. Denton
1977 Ellen Hall
NOMINATE DESERVING ALUMNI FOR AWARDS

The School of Journalism and Strategic Communication partners with the SJSC Alumni Society each year to recognize faculty, alumni and friends who are making a lasting mark on the industry and support our students and school initiatives.