

2020 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 2 | Enrollment 701 to 1,300

CORE CATEGORIES | *Open to all publications — print only, digital only & hybrid*

NEWS

Best News Story

1st: Jazlyn Jimenez & Libni Luna, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Student government hosts a DACA Rally](#)

2nd: Emma Murphy, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Koenig to retire at end of semester; Brown to fill position](#)

3rd: Emily Gonzalez & Yadira Lopez, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Administrative Changes at Pritzker](#)

HM: Sean McLaughlin, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Technology melts snow days away](#)

Best In-Depth News Story

1st: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep

[Students strike for climate action](#)

2nd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[THS changes graduation requirements, transitions to 4.0 GPA scale](#)

3rd: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Chicago breathes sigh of relief after two-week odyssey comes to a close](#)

HM: Stephania Flores, Yareli Garcia, Nayeli Hernandez & Samantha Ortiz, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[South Lawndale's rate for simple assault surpasses those in Hermosa over the course of four years](#)

HM: Charlotte Herz, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[A Profitable Program for Students? \(click here for continuation of article\)](#)

FEATURES

Best Feature Story

1st: Madison Bratley, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Amidst strike, teachers' kids had unique view](#)

2nd: Magda Saliba & Natalia Ruich, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Algebra I: The equity initiative at Payton](#)

3rd: Natalie Bustamante, Alejandra Maldonado & Emily Trujillo, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Cafeteria Heroes: Some heroes wear aprons](#)

HM: Jill Doherty & Ashley Edgeworth, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Many countries, one school: International Program welcomes students from across seas](#)

Best Personality Profile

1st: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Solving the programming puzzle](#)

2nd: Malachi Asberry, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[From Payton student to coach and teacher](#)

3rd: Alex Price, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Lone female building trades student opening doors of opportunity for herself and program](#)

SPORTS**Best Sports News Story**

1st: Liz Setti, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Dancing With Determination: The Royallettes go to State Despite This Year's Obstacles](#)

2nd: Sam Carens, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[Hockey players face off against pressure](#)

3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Cherry makes record time at Jacksonville Invitational; boys cross-country team places third](#)

Best Sports Feature Story

1st: Julia Benkendorf, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[CTU strikes cord with athletes](#)

2nd: Julia Benkendorf, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[Former Lion tackles NFL head-on](#)

3rd: Daniel Sloan, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Wright, Odugbesan, Buschon advance football careers in college together](#)

HM: Daniel Sloan, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Wrestling team members get matching mullets, find promise among all wrestlers](#)

Best Sports Commentary

1st: Mimi Hamada, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[InequaliTEA in Payton's sports fanaticism](#)

2nd: Alex Ganchiff, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Unbearable: Mitch Trubisky just isn't a good quarterback, fans want a change](#)

3rd: Dionsono Delacruz, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.

[Stay Fit! Be Active!](#)

OPINION

Best Staff Editorial

1st: Mimi Hamada & Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Never too late to promote equity](#)

2nd: Charlotte Herz & Staff, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Offensive Opponents](#)

3rd: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Mayor Lightfoot, Close the Schools](#)

HM: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Honor students no longer to be seated in front row at graduation](#)

Best Serious Commentary

1st: Malachi Asberry, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[The Issue with 'Safe Spaces' at Payton](#)

2nd: Charlotte Herz, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Celebrating Our Diverse Cultures](#)

3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Little but Fierce](#)

HM: Alisia Harris, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.

[Asking your teachers the right questions](#)

Best Humorous Commentary

1st: Quentin Perry, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Is the Popeyes sandwich worth the craze?](#)

2nd: Brody Drake & Luke Losasso, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Dear Underclassmen...](#)

3rd: Kimberly Duncan, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Kim's Corner](#)

HM: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[\(Moe\)ments](#)

Best Review

1st: Ronan Soloman, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[The top 10 best films of 2019](#)

2nd: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Swift's 'Lover' shows more joyous side of artist](#)

3rd: Matthew Zehner, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Is "The Rise of Skywalker" Worth the Hype?](#)

HM: Skylar Crisp, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

["Little Women," Big Impact](#)

PHOTOS

Best News or Feature Photo

1st: Monserrat Munoz, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Pep Rally](#)

2nd: Owen Ziliak, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Students Strike for Climate Action](#)

3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Band students prepare new holiday ensembles](#)

HM: Lily Pes McMillan, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Black History](#)

HM: Madeline Dauphin, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[Parishioners react to archdiocese mergers \(photo at bottom of page\)](#)

Best Sports Photo

1st: Daniel Sloan, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Wrestling](#)

2nd: Gio Arroyo, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Goalie leaps for a save](#)

3rd: Magda Saliba, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Homecoming Recap \(football player being tackled\)](#)

HM: Marcelina Gorny, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[Hockey players](#)

ART & GRAPHICS

Best Editorial Cartoon

1st: Rabia Mamo, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[College Apps](#)

2nd: Jade Mellon, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Blago Pardon](#)

3rd: Kate Urich, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[School Safety for Students](#)

HM: Jade Mellon, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[New Year's Resolution Timeline](#)

Best Illustration

1st: Vahim Srikumar, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Reality of WWII](#)

2nd: Lukas Ruiz Mullen, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S

[The force may falter, but the fandom will stay strong](#)

3rd: Rabia Mamo, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Happy Holidays](#)

HM: Jayde Hudson, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Get St. Patrick's Day revenge next year](#)

Best Infographic

1st: Samantha Ortiz, Yarelia Garcia, Stephania Flores & Nayeli Hernandez, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Simple Assault](#)

2nd: Atziri Tapia, Esteven Estrada, Mauricio Rodriguez & George Arroyo, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Sex offenders in Chicago's neighborhoods](#)

3rd: Kimberly Duncan, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Would You Rather ...?](#)

MISCELLANEOUS**Best Alternative Storytelling**

1st: Nayeli Hernandez, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Community Service to Enrichment change](#)

2nd: Alina Rodriguez, Elizabeth Maldonado & Jocelyn Vargas, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Where Pritzker's Class of 2019 is Going](#)

3rd: Malachi Asberry, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[When schools downsize, teachers face uncertainty: Reflections of a displaced teacher](#)

HM: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[School Expectations vs. Reality: School realities disappoint students after high expectations](#)

Best Use of Social Media

1st: Skylah Martinez, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Facebook @pritzkerpress](#)

2nd: Magda Saliba, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Instagram @paytonnews](#)

3rd: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Twitter @PaytonNews](#)

Best Headline

1st: Julia Benkendorf, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Coronavirus leaves March in madness](#)

2nd: Max Mogilner, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

['Clearing the Air': Bathroom plumbing problems stink](#)

3rd: Alex Price, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Foreign exchange students explore whole new world](#)

HM: Annalee Anderson, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[You don't have to be 21 to get this Corona](#)

Best Advertisement

1st: Charlotte Herz, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Winterfest](#)

PRINT CATEGORIES | *Open to print-only publications & print versions of hybrid publications*

Best Single-Page Story Package

1st: Will Foster & Madison Bratley, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[A Strike to Remember](#)

2nd: Madelyn Beaty, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Journalism class embraces change from previous years](#)

3rd: Emmalyn Myers, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[The Best of 2019](#)

Best Centerspread Story Package

1st: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[How to hold the perfect Thanksgiving](#)

2nd: Duncan Grant, David Nevels & Julia Moore, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Post second-scary: Complete guide to education beyond high school](#)

3rd: Sydney Yonk, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Holidays with your Honey: Couples vacation together over winter break](#)

HM: Magda Saliba, Olivia Moore, Brody Drake, Max Mogilner & Wyatt Harley, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Top tens of the decade](#)

Best Photo Story

No winners

Best Front-Page Design

1st: Megan Bosshart & Ruiqi Gao, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Front page — February 2020](#)

2nd: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Front page — Jan. 31, 2020](#)

3rd: Megan Bosshart & Ruiqi Gao, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Front page — December 2019](#)

HM: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Front page — March 2019](#)

HM: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Front page — Sept. 27, 2019](#)

Best Overall Design

1st: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Issue — Dec. 18, 2019](#)

2nd: Ashlee Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.

[Issue — Nov. 22, 2019 issue](#)

3rd: Staff, Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S.

[Issue — February 2020](#)

HM: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Issue — March 2019 issue](#)

HM: Lily Mura, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[Issue — May 6, 2019 issue](#)

DIGITAL CATEGORIES | *Open to digital-only publications & online versions of hybrid publications*

Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow

1st: Magda Saliba, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Payton Basketball 2019-2020](#)

Best Video Story

1st: Harper Robbins, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Inclusion: PNN PSA](#)

2nd: Karl Flener, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[The Strike And Sports](#)

3rd: Esteven Estrada, Marlene Ocampo & Atziri Tapia, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Choose MC JROTC](#)

Best Audio Podcast

1st: Alex Sekulic & Jacob Livni, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Payton Soccer Talk](#)

2nd: Pilar Kelly & Aviva Kaplan, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Big and Little](#)

Best Multimedia Story Package

1st: Sam Frellick, Liam Dillon, Matt Sullivan, Henry Xiao & Joey Pinkert, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Fantasy Football at Payton](#)

Best Website

1st: Carina Lopez, Daisy Negrete, Chris Ticas & Skylah Martinez, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[The Pritzker Press website](#)

2nd: Will Foster & Mimi Hamada, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Paw Print website](#)

SPECIAL CATEGORY | *Open to all publications — results do not count toward Best Publication Awards*

Best COVID-19 Coverage

1st: Ericka Taboada, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[Confusion, chaos, and concern at Pritzker College Prep](#)

2nd: Mimi Hamada, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S.

[Asian Americans Face Stigma as Coronavirus Fear Spreads](#)

3rd: Lilly Titone, Shield, Richwoods H.S.

[You don't have to be 21 to get this Corona](#)

HM: Kayla Cruz, The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep H.S.

[College visits canceled due to COVID-19](#)

HM: Will Foster, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep

[Coronavirus outbreak nixes choir's China trip](#)

BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | *Overall results for Division 2*

The results for Best Publication are determined by the number of points accumulated in the categories listed above, except for the one-time category of Best COVID-19 Coverage. For all others:

- 1st = 5 points
- 2nd = 4 points
- 3rd = 3 points
- HM= 1 point

Best Print Publication | *Publication that appears in print only**

1st: The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S., Stephen Steele, adviser

2nd: Shield, Richwoods H.S., Dan Kerns, adviser

3rd: Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S., Maria Baltsas, adviser

**This includes PDF versions*

Best Hybrid Publication | *Publication that appears in both print and online versions*

1st: Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S., Michelle Mowery, adviser

2nd: The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep, H.S., Katie Curtin, adviser

3rd: Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S., Chris Paoellelli, adviser

Best Overall Publication | *Most points regardless of publication type*

1st: Paw Print, Walter Payton College Prep H.S., Michelle Mowery, adviser

2nd: The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S., Stephen Steele, adviser

3rd: The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep, H.S., Katie Curtin, adviser

HM: Viator Voice, Saint Viator H.S., Chris Paoellelli, adviser

HM: Shield, Richwoods H.S., Dan Kerns, adviser