

## 2020 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 3 | Enrollment 1,301 to 2,000

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

### NEWS

#### Best News Story

1st: Elizabeth Delehanty, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Dean O'Neill discusses drug testing program](#)

2nd: Jasmine Lafita, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Illinois Becomes 11th state to Legalize Recreational Marijuana](#)

3rd: Kenzie Meyer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[New EpiPen law makes it easier for children to acquire life-saving medicine](#)

HM: Sara Bogan, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[IT Department Removes Chrome Extensions](#)

#### Best In-Depth News Story

1st: Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[KHS transportation staff asks for change \(go to page 9 in issue\)](#)

2nd: Charlotte Pulte, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Faith vs. Education: The Fight for Eid](#)

3rd: Ella Marsden, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Disintegrating Quotes](#)

HM: Cecelia Gibbons, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Marist Young Adults: Staying connected after graduation](#)

### FEATURES

#### Best Feature Story

1st: Ashley Cline, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Mundelein Took to the Skies: Lasting Impact of Aviation Program](#)

2nd: Rayna Wuh, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Aw Rats, Another New Year?](#)

3rd: Jenna Lin, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Do students have too much on their plate? \(go to pages 10-11 in issue\)](#)

HM: Peter Cunningham, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Top seniors share secrets of their academic success](#)

**Best Personality Profile**

1st: Abbie Reiser, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[WCHS substitute shares stories, life lessons](#)

2nd: Claire Salemi, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Vampirina: Not So Different Underneath](#)

3rd: Peter Cunningham, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Br. Hank looks forward to next chapter](#)

**SPORTS****Best Sports News Story**

1st: Sarah Bennett, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[41 Hoops: The Girls Basketball Team and Their Successes](#)

2nd: Peter Cunningham, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Erin 'goal' braugh: RedHawk soccer heads to Ireland](#)

3rd: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Varsity boys basketball receives media coverage for success](#)

**Best Sports Feature Story**

1st: Rayna Wuh, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Fantasy in Reality: Inside the Daily Workings of Fantasy Football](#)

2nd: Sara Bogan, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Gaming Revolution: The Rise of Esports](#)

3rd: Isabella Schreck, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[The coach behind the state champions](#)

HM: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Kasemets breaks records to place second at state](#)

HM: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Guadarrama leaves a mark after four years of MHS wrestling](#)

**Best Sports Commentary**

1st: Amanda Black, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Why Outside-of-School Athletes Shouldn't Be in PE](#)

2nd: Jack Holder, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Remembering Kobe Bryant](#)

3rd: Ben Durbala, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Life Without Sports](#)

HM: Jacob Stone, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Panther star athletes grace hallways at school with their 'divine talents'](#)

## OPINION

### Best Staff Editorial

1st: Editorial Board, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[See struggles as challenges](#)

2nd: Cecelia Gibbons & Isabella Schreck, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Staring down the barrel of gun violence](#)

3rd: Nadia Hernandez, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Asking for correct pronouns creates a safe classroom](#)

HM: Editorial Board, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Student Press Freedom Day: The importance of scholastic journalism](#)

### Best Serious Commentary

1st: Nadia Hernandez, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Including new perspectives is vital to being an ally](#)

2nd: Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Should high schools remove class rank? \(go to page 6 in issue\)](#)

3rd: Tress Dorfler, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[The lack of learning with standards-based grading](#)

HM: Christian Roberts, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Video Games Don't Cause Violence](#)

### Best Humorous Commentary

1st: Rebekah Rademacher, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Seniors 'fight to the death' as 'Grade Point Average game' ends](#)

2nd: David Bernauer, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[China donates part of Great Wall to U.S. \(page 10\)](#)

3rd: Avery Fischer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Students say Orange Chicken line too long, propose to take immediate action](#)

HM: Michael Egan, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Let me check you out ... please](#)

HM: Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[My quarantined life](#)

### Best Review

1st: Andrew Benoit, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

["Joker": No laughing matter](#)

2nd: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[No jokes to be made about 'Joker' movie](#)

3rd: Andrew Benoit, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

["Queen and Slim": Love in the modern Underground Railroad](#)

HM: Claire Armstrong, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

["Good Omens"](#)

## PHOTOS

### Best News or Feature Photo

1st: Alyssa Williams, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Encouraging Creativity](#)

2nd: Jackson Biagini, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Team Spirit](#)

3rd: Brendan Wolff, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Cardinal Cupich](#)

HM: Lily Hieronymus, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Four Students Holding Sign](#)

HM: Shalynn Billings, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Coffee House Musical Performance \(third photo from left\)](#)

### Best Sports Photo

1st: Brendan Wolff, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Football](#)

2nd: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Wrestling](#)

3rd: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[SPED basketball \(first photo in gallery\)](#)

HM: Avery Fischer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Handing It Off](#)

## ART & GRAPHICS

### Best Editorial Cartoon

1st: Callie Lauderback, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Students react to Illinois bill to end daylight saving time](#)

2nd: Corinne Condos, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Where has spirit gone? \(go to page 7 in issuu\)](#)

3rd: Rhiannon Swanson, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Why save money when you can drown in student debt?](#)

### Best Illustration

1st: Corinne Condos, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Homecoming: With friends or a date? \(go to page 6 in issuu, top illustration\)](#)

2nd: Amanda Black, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Catcalling](#)

3rd: John Wise, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Among WCHS 2018-2019 highlights](#)

HM: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Santa Sleigh \(page 7\)](#)

**Best Infographic**

1st: Avery Fischer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Parking Policy — No Parking](#)

2nd: Jenna Lin, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Do students have too much on their plate? \(go to pages 10-11 in issuu\)](#)

3rd: Gracie Schultz, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[2019 Environmental Conflicts](#)

HM: Tripp Lersch, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[SAT Tips & Statistics for WCHS](#)

**MISCELLANEOUS****Best Alternative Storytelling**

1st: Cali Lichter, Lillian Williams, Rayna Wuh, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[No Cap Recap](#)

2nd: Ben Durbala, Ashlyn Klecka & Abby Lycan, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Looking Back: A Decade in Review \(go to pages 10-11 in issuu\)](#)

3rd: Elly Smith, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[WCHS: The school for you](#)

**Best Use of Social Media**

1st: Jenna Lin & Bailey Prichard, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Twitter @kanelandkrier](#)

2nd: Casey Schanks & Dylan Calabrese, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[YouTube — Krier Krier Channel](#)

3rd: Staff, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Twitter @GNHSKnightTimes](#)

**Best Headline**

1st: Rachel Cormier, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[An uncertain future for finals \(go to page 9 in issuu\)](#)

2nd: Miranda Rogina, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[New Superfan Leaders: Superfans plan the themes, lead the cheers, and support the teams](#)

3rd: Kenzie Meyer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Art, engineering students add 'color' to new Peoria Ronald McDonald House](#)

**Best Advertisement**

1st: Sarah Parduhn, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Emil's Sports Bar & Pizzeria \(page 4\)](#)

2nd: Samantha Callaghan, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Share Machine Inc. \(go to page 20 in issuu\)](#)

3rd: Katelyn Staroszczyk & Ashley Cline, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Mundelein High School Yearbook \(page 4\)](#)

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

**Best Single-Page Story Package**

1st: Ashley Cline, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Mundelein Once Took to the Skies \(page 6\)](#)

2nd: Emma Vaughn, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[‘Top 10’ to be recognized at graduation](#)

3rd: Avery Fischer, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[WCHS history reflects growth, educational services of school](#)

**Best Centerspread Story Package**

1st: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Dancing Through the Decades \(pages 4-5\)](#)

2nd: Gracie Schultz, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Where our 2019 Class is headed](#)

3rd: Ayshe Ali & Jenna Lin, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Homecoming Then vs. Now \(pages 10-11\)](#)

HM: Gracie Schultz, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Immigration perspectives](#)

HM: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Spooky season festivities begin \(pages 4-5\)](#)

**Best Photo Story**

1st: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[SPED basketball game \(page 8\)](#)

2nd: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Veterans Day assembly \(page 5\)](#)

3rd: Dev Kasture, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Athletes compete during Homecoming Week](#)

HM: Ian Doyle, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[MUSE showcase \(page 15\)](#)

**Best Front-Page Design**

1st: Sarah Bennett, Charlotte Pulte & Ian Cox, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Front page — Sept. 26, 2019](#)

2nd: Lily Hieronymous & Ian Cox, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Front page — March 5, 2020](#)

3rd: Nadia Hernandez, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Front page — September 2019](#)

HM: Maddie Lawless, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Front page — Oct. 31, 2019](#)

HM: Staff, The Sentinel, Marist H.S.

[Front page — Dec. 6, 2019](#)

**Best Overall Design**

1st: Staff, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Issue — Feb. 13, 2020](#)

2nd: Staff, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Issue — Nov. 14, 2019](#)

3rd: Staff, The Advocate, Washington Community H.S.

[Issue — Sept. 27, 2019](#)

HM: Staff, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Issue — Jan. 16, 2020](#)

HM: Staff, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Issue — August-September 2019](#)

**DIGITAL CATEGORIES** | *Open to digital-only publications & online versions of hybrid publications***Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow**

1st: Sara Bogan, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Fall Musical Leaves Audiences Shook](#)

2nd: Lily Hieronymus, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Caring for Cambodia hosts annual Band Jam](#)

3rd: Hannah Stanley, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[SPED basketball game](#)

HM: Kylie Carrier, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Veterans Day assembly](#)

HM: Joshua Hanold, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[All in a Day's Ride](#)

**Best Video Story**

1st: Josh Shuman, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[The Whole Knight: Aidan Stotz](#)

2nd: Kate Karvelis, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[The Whole Knight: Kayla Martinez](#)

3rd: Dylan Calabrese, Ben Durbala & Casey Schanks, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Krier Sports Wire: Episode 30](#)

**Best Audio Podcast**

1st: Nadia Hernandez, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Morgan's Story About Iverson](#)

2nd: Danielle Broege, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[Storytime With Mrs. Dodd](#)

3rd: Ayshe Ali, Delaney Douglas & Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Front and Center: Episode 2](#)

HM: Ayshe Ali, Delaney Douglas & Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Front and Center: Episode 1](#)

**Best Multimedia Story Package**

1st: Ashley Cline, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Mundelein Took to the Skies: Lasting Impact of Aviation Program](#)

2nd: Pavan Acharya & Amanda Black, Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S.

[Girls basketball wins first game of Buffalo Grove Tournament](#)

3rd: Tress Dorfler, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[Honors Jazz Ensemble takes first at Purdue University](#)

**Best Website**

1st: Casey Schanks & Gianna Provenzano, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Kaneland Krier website](#)

2nd: Editorial Staff, The Mustang, Mundelein H.S.

[The Mustang website](#)

3rd: Nadia Hernandez, Gracie Schultz, Rhiannon Swanson, Maggie Walker, Claire Armstrong, Morgan Buckley, Jasmine Monda, Shalynn Billings, Miranda Rogina, Natalie Smith & Danielle Broege, The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S.

[The Knight Times website](#)

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

**Best COVID-19 Coverage**

1st: Sophia Mullins, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[My quarantined life](#)

2nd: Bailey Prichard, Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S.

[Many lasts, but hit with a huge first](#)

**BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS** | *Overall results for Division 3*

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 Advocate, Washington Community H.S., Jennifer Reiser, adviser

2nd: The Sentinel, Marist H.S., John Gonczy, adviser

*\*This includes PDF versions*



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

1st: Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S., Michael Gluskin, adviser

2nd: Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S., Dominic Bruno, adviser

3rd: The Mustang, Mundelein H.S., Michelle Didzbalis, adviser

HM: The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S., Brenda Smith, adviser

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

1st: Drops of Ink, Libertyville H.S., Michael Gluskin, adviser

2nd: Kaneland Krier, Kaneland H.S., Dominic Bruno, adviser

3rd: The Mustang, Mundelein H.S., Michelle Didzbalis, adviser

HM: The Advocate, Washington Community H.S., Jennifer Reiser, adviser

HM: The Knight Times, Grayslake North H.S., Brenda Smith, adviser

HM: The Sentinel, Marist H.S., John Gonczy, adviser