

## 2020 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 4 | Enrollment 2,001 to 2,650

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

### NEWS

#### Best News Story

1st: Troi Howell & Kennedy Keaton, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Female students lack easy access to feminine hygiene products. Period.](#)

2nd: Charlotte Calmes & Laynee Scheck, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Nico-teens: The legality of & student perspectives on the rampant use of juuling](#)

3rd: Oliver Simpson, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[West Campus senior helps save brother's life](#)

HM: Emma Snyder, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Symphonic band performs at All-State](#)

#### Best In-Depth News Story

1st: Ryan Barich, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Decoding John Wayne Gacy](#)

2nd: Mary Petersen, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Z4 policy to be put in place for 2020/21 year](#)

3rd: Michelene Havard, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Hidden Pearl moves out to accommodate Booster Club](#)

### FEATURES

#### Best Feature Story

1st: Tanya Koomjohn & Alex Prince, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Students, staff consider the impact, cause of students dropping classes](#)

2nd: Ciara Duncan, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Seeing Color](#)

3rd: Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Hidden in Plain Sight](#)

HM: Evie Snoeyink, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[An ongoing love: Bradshaw to retire after fostering learning at NCHS](#)

#### Best Personality Profile

1st: Ryan Barich, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[From halftime shows to 4th quarters](#)

2nd: Evie Snoeyink, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Beyond the books](#)

3rd: Jared Biseyek, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Passion for fashion](#)

## SPORTS

### Best Sports News Story

1st: Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Gymnastics makes State](#)

2nd: Zach Brown, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Boys cross-country team steps it up at State](#)

3rd: Andrew Le, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Varsity boys avenge loss against Plainfield North Tigers with 63-46 victory](#)

HM: Ben Schmidt, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Varsity Wolves put playoff bid in danger with loss to Plainfield North](#)

### Best Sports Feature Story

1st: Vivian La, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Toeing the line: Shaun Nano bowls for promising start to career, high school](#)

2nd: Alyssa Schulz, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Jean Walker: A pioneer for girls in sports](#)

3rd: Monika Jurevicius, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Female athletes competing in male sports](#)

HM: Shannon McGovern, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Real Men Wear Pink](#)

### Best Sports Commentary

1st: Anuraj Nair, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Even in death, Mamba for life](#)

2nd: Connor Graver, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Back to the Future: Pro Sports Edition](#)

3rd: Eli Schneider, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[On Thin Ice: How the NHL can face the problems of the All-Star Game](#)

## OPINION

### Best Staff Editorial

1st: Sam Weinheimer, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Z4's implementation will fail to meet intended goals](#)

2nd: Vivian La, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[The need for, purpose of homework needs to be re-evaluated](#)

3rd: Vivian La, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Black History Month needed as reminder of past, celebration of culture](#)

HM: Staff, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[New vaping policies prove effective](#)

**Best Serious Commentary**

1st: Sam Bull, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Cell phones are destroying our generation](#)

2nd: Stacy Correra, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S

[The attendance policy at MCHS is too strict](#)

3rd: Kennedy Keaton, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[The "N-Word Pass?" I'll pass.](#)

HM: Kyla Henige, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S

[Your offensive language may hurt someone else](#)

**Best Humorous Commentary**

1st: Zach Holliday, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Plague of Potholes](#)

2nd: Zach Holliday, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[A Sip of Science](#)

3rd: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Madonna is forever & always a 'Material Girl'](#)

HM: Vivian La, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[That's not what I said. You know exactly what I #meme.](#)

HM: Ben Schmidt, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[With no MLB, let's remember why we love the game of baseball](#)

HM: Genevieve Ick, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[At what point does a movie become so bad that it's good?](#)

**Best Review**

1st: Hannah Kocar, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Better to Have Lauv-ed and Lost](#)

2nd: Elizabeth Dyer, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

['Newsroom' provides a fresh look at what it means to do the news](#)

3rd: Sean Kern, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Top 5 movies with amazing cinematography](#)

HM: Tommy Carrico, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Battle of the Big Screen](#)

**PHOTOS****Best News or Feature Photo**

1st: Charlotte Calmes, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Madrigals](#)

2nd: Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[United We Stand](#)

3rd: Abby McKenna, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Snap Decisions](#)

HM: Anya Ball, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Matt Maxey \(first photo in gallery\)](#)

**Best Sports Photo**

1st: Abbey McKenna, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[The Dirty Work](#)

2nd: Erik Velazquez, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Jumpman](#)

3rd: Madison Wise, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Logan LaRose stretches](#)

HM: Nolen Stevens, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Football referee](#)

**ART & GRAPHICS****Best Editorial Cartoon**

1st: Mary Petersen, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Kids with cell phones](#)

2nd: Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Playground Politics](#)

3rd: Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Champions](#)

**Best Illustration**

1st: Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Class Cut-Down](#)

2nd: Bella Alexander, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Say What?](#)

3rd: Inkspot Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Nico-teens](#)

**Best Infographic**

1st: Inkspot Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Get 'Clue-d' in](#)

2nd: Brendan Burke, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Tracking the Money \(page 7\)](#)

3rd: Jenna Koch, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Astrology Crash Course](#)

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Best Alternative Storytelling

1st: Annie Cleaver, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Meet MB Cornejo, West's first student choreographer](#)

2nd: Kelsey Kern & Hannah Kocar, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[NCHS artists on self-portraits](#)

3rd: Matt Stepp, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[PHS Swim and Dive takes on Hoffman](#)

HM: Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Political themes persist throughout 2010s](#)

### Best Use of Social Media

1st: Sam Bull, Sam Weinheimer, Jill Anthony & Hailey Grubich, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Instagram @dgn\\_omega](#)

2nd: Rick Lytle, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Twitter @ProspectorNow](#)

3rd: Becky Arendarczyk, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Facebook @mchenrymessngr](#)

HM: Anya Ball, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Instagram @phs.cutlass](#)

HM: Becky Arendarczyk, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Instagram @mchenrymessngr](#)

HM: Staff, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Twitter @TheGlenBard](#)

### Best Headline

1st: Charlotte Calmes & Laynee Scheck, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Nico-teens](#)

2nd: Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Hidden in plain sight](#)

3rd: Jared Bysiek, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Glow all out](#)

### Best Advertisement

1st: Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Hair Happens](#)

2nd Mara Nicolaie, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Busse's Flowers and Gifts](#)

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**PRINT CATEGORIES** | *Open to print-only publications & print versions of hybrid publications***Best Single-Page Story Package**

1st: Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Burning the Midnight Oil](#)

2nd: Elizabeth Keane, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Pinning up Final Memories](#)

3rd: Sam Bull, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Trump impeachment](#)

**Best Centerspread Story Package**

1st: Jenna Koch & Brendan Burke, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Living in a Green State](#)

2nd: Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Looking back on the 2010s ...](#)

3rd: Brendan Burke, Olivia Kim & Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Suffocating in Secret](#)

**Best Photo Story**

No winners

**Best Front-Page Design**

1st: Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Front page — February 2020](#)

2nd: Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Front page — November 2019](#)

3rd: Sam Bull & Sam Weinheimer, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[Front page — Dec. 11, 2019](#)

HM: Elizabeth Keane, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Front page — Feb. 7, 2020](#)

**Best Overall Design**

1st: Staff, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Issue — Feb. 7, 2020](#)

2nd: Staff, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Issue — Nov. 1, 2019](#)

3rd: Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Issue — February 2020](#)

HM: Staff, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Issue — November 2019](#)

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

### Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow

1st: Crest Staff, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Prospect Gives Back](#)

2nd: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[‘Nevertheless, THEY Persisted’: Photos from the Chicago Women’s March 2020](#)

3rd: Annie Cleaver, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Girls Varsity Basketball Defeats Waubonsie Valley](#)

HM: Anya Ball, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Sign Language Club hosts rapper Matt Maxey](#)

HM: Charlotte Calmes, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Coronavirus impacts grocers shelves](#)

HM: Laynee Scheck & Charlotte Calmes, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[The 19th Annual Madrigal Dinners](#)

HM: Alexis Esparza, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Homecoming Assembly](#)

HM: Madison Wise, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[MCHS spreads the love on Valentine’s Day](#)

### Best Video Story

1st: Annie Cleaver & Griffin Murphy, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Bricks ‘n Mortar: Glen Ellyn’s Small Businesses](#)

2nd: Sandy Camarillo & Alondra Acosta, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[PTV Beyond culture](#)

3rd: Morgan Rose & Collin Estes, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[Suburban Sustainability](#)

HM: Jessalyn Baer, Jaxon Creasey & Olivia Plangger, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Crave Chronicles: Episode One — Dunkin’ Donuts v. Krispy Kreme](#)

HM: Mukal Verma, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[2019 Boys Cross Country in review](#)

### Best Audio Podcast

1st: Shae Simmons & Evie Snoeyink, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Fresh off the Press: Episode Two — Teacher shortage crisis](#)

2nd: Anagha Arla & Caitlin Wonsowski, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Point of Two: Episode Seven — Graduation](#)

3rd: Elyssa Reed & Anya Ball PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Ladies, the Ball Is in Our Court \(scroll down podcast page\)](#)

HM: Elyssa Reed & Anya Ball, IPHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[Self Care Queens \(scroll down podcast page\)](#)

**Best Multimedia Story Package**

1st: Jayna Dias, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[Dethroned, Part 2: Our queens' decree](#)

2nd: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

['Nevertheless, THEY Persisted': Photos from the Chicago Women's March 2020](#)

3rd: Elizabeth Keane, Caleb Walsh & Matthew Squillacioti, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Prospect Students' Heroic Actions Save Man From Burning Car](#)

HM: Stacy Correra & Madison Wise, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[Fresh ink](#)

**Best Website**

1st: Kyla Henige, Alayna Trimmingham, Jared Bysiek, Zach Brown, Stacy Correra & Madison Wise, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.

[The McHenry Messenger website](#)

2nd: Jane Spencer, Elyssa Reed, Monika Jurivicius & Anya Ball, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.

[PHS Cutlass website](#)

3rd: Sam Bull, Sam Weinheimer, Madeline Schallmoser, Hailey Grubich, Mary Petersen, Anika Canamedi, Amelia Carlson, Jill Anthony, Andy Thompson & Nolen Stevens, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.

[The Omega website](#)

HM: William Hohe, Michelle Bishka, Genevieve Ick, Asiya Mohiuddin, Amy Wozniak, Olivia Edakkunnathu & Ben Galvanoni, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.

[The Glen Bard website](#)

HM: Troi Howell, Allison McDowell, Namratha Prasad, Vivian La, Ben Schmidt, Ashita Wagh & Jayna Dias, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.

[The Howl website](#)

HM: Evie Snoeyink, Shae Simmons, Reid Watkins & Anagha Arla, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[NCHS Inkspot website](#)

HM: Rick Lytle & Olivia Kim, ProspectorNow, Prospect H.S.

[ProspectorNow website](#)

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

**Best COVID-19 Coverage**

1st: Alli Lipsit, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.

[Alli: Diary of a Quaranteen](#)

2nd: Reid Watkins, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Local businesses partner to distribute free lunches amidst closures](#)

3rd: Charlotte Calmes, NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S.

[Coronavirus Update: Local impact and Illinois's response](#)

HM: Grace Givan, The Prospector, Prospect H.S.

[Q&A with Principal Greg Minter Regarding the Coronavirus Situation](#)

HM: Alli Lipsit, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.

[D219 COVID-19 Plan: Consult Health Organizations and Sanitize](#)



## **BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | Overall results for Division 4**

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 Digital Publication | *Publication that appears online only***

1st: The Howl, Oswego East H.S., Justin Howard Query, adviser

2nd: PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S., Sean Berleman, adviser

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

1st: The Prospector, Prospect H.S., Jason Block, adviser

2nd: NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S., Brad Bovenkerk, adviser

3rd: The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S., Dane Erbach, adviser

HM: The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S., Elizabeth Levin, adviser

HM: The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S., Carolyn Fritts, adviser

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

1st: The Prospector, Prospect H.S., Jason Block, adviser

2nd: NCHS Inkspot, Normal Community H.S., Brad Bovenkerk, adviser

3rd: The Howl, Oswego East H.S., Justin Howard Query, adviser

HM: The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S., Dane Erbach, adviser

HM: The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S., Elizabeth Levin, adviser

HM: The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S., Carolyn Fritts, adviser

HM: PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S., Sean Berleman, adviser