

2020 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 5 | Enrollment 2,651 & above

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

NEWS

Best News Story

1st: Chloe Arciero & Maggie Baumstark, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[History made: Winningest team at South brings home another strong finish](#)

2nd: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Pritzker signs law clarifying schools' responsibilities when questioning students suspected of criminal activities](#)

3rd: Hannah Sussman, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Accidental lockdown leaves student body shocked](#)

HM: Olivia Janik, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[School implements new violent incident procedure](#)

Best In-Depth News Story

1st: Vivian Zhao, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

['We're putting a Band-Aid on': Late postings, low pay leave Special Ed department short on staff](#)

2nd: Robert Sullivan & Alfonso Fernandez, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Administration combats achievement gaps](#)

3rd: Anjini Grover, Humza Qai & Greycen Ren, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Veiled in Vapor](#)

HM: Julia Nagel, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Evanston approves a city-wide reparations program](#)

HM: Ashley Reilly, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[What happened to Coach Woo?](#)

FEATURES

Best Feature Story

1st: Madeleine Chan & Yoo Young Chun, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Bleeding with dignity](#)

2nd: Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Student-created 'Project Dandelion' database raises awareness of college sexual assault](#)

3rd: Mia Merchant & Esther Lim, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

["You don't belong here."](#)

HM: Christie Lee, Emily Lu & Serena Mehta, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Active Voices](#)

Best Personality Profile

1st: Ellie Armstrong, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[The wheels on the bus](#)

2nd: Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Agne Giedraityte: Classically trained, musically accomplished](#)

3rd: Leah Schmidt, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[What it's like: Growing up with a hearing disability](#)

SPORTS**Best Sports News Story**

1st: Brady Blais & Charlie Mihelic, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S..

[Strong team bonds anchor the success of boys' hockey](#)

2nd: Maggie Kahn, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Callahan Dunn '20 places first in state](#)

3rd: Maggie Kirwin, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Girls basketball has a successful Senior Night against Prairie Ridge](#)

HM: Delaney Cairns, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Huntley girls track and field places first at Rockford Auburn Invitational](#)

Best Sports Feature Story

1st: Ruhi Gulati, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Eat, sleep, breathe, play volleyball](#)

2nd: Carsten Sheehan, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Dale Grooms: the man behind the New Trier sports machine](#)

3rd: Brady Blais & Jack Rogula, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Dupor furthers baseball career with Serbian National Team](#)

HM: Brooks Herb, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[David Davidkov looks to future as top player in his class](#)

Best Sports Commentary

1st: Maggie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Overworked](#)

2nd: Henry Schleizer, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Fashion offers creative outlet in the professional world](#)

3rd: Tommy Layden, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Fantasy makes the No Fun League Fun](#)

OPINION

Best Staff Editorial

1st: Vivian Zhao, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[To the district: Communication \(not censorship\) is key](#)

2nd: Ashley Reilly, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[The good, the bad, and the ugly](#)

3rd: Julia Nagel, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Beyond a presentation, we need a change in culture](#)

HM: Kate Riley, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Angel Fund blesses students](#)

Best Serious Commentary

1st: Vivian Zhao, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[The pitfalls of activist media](#)

2nd: Mattea Carberry, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Suicide and mental illness are real. Let's talk about it like it is.](#)

3rd: Ally Jorgensen, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Students without lunch go hungry](#)

HM: Tommy Marquardt, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

["Okay, Boomer" becomes rallying cry of youth](#)

Best Humorous Commentary

1st: Katy Pickens, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[....Ok boomer](#)

2nd: Maggie Kirwin, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[The great legging debate](#)

3rd: Olivia Janik, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[New year, same you](#)

HM: Emma Mansour, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[The politics of school dances](#)

HM: Braden Hajer, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Guys, you've gotta cool it with the ice](#)

Best Review

1st: Jacqueline Sumida, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Twice's latest release will truly make you 'Feel Special'](#)

2nd: Braden Turk, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Seagulls, mermaids, and wickies](#)

3rd: Ellie Armstrong, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Coldplay still rules the world](#)

HM: Emily Brodzinski, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Justin Bieber's 'Yummy' Flops](#)

PHOTOS

Best News or Feature Photo

1st: Katie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Airport/coronavirus](#)

2nd: Kimberlynn Bjurstrom, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Ron Hankin](#)

3rd: Gwyn Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Valiant Voices](#)

HM: Maggie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Civil rights leaders](#)

HM: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Manny Stier](#)

Best Sports Photo

1st: Ashley Boak, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Wrestling \(first photo in gallery\)](#)

2nd: Nicole Surcel, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Triumphant Gymnasts \(left photo\)](#)

3rd: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Boys basketball \(eighth photo in gallery — #32 goes for a layup\)](#)

HM: Katie Ambrogio, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Hockey Photo \(seventeenth photo in gallery — player in white between two defenders\)](#)

ART & GRAPHICS

Best Editorial Cartoon

1st: Yoo Young Chun, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Student Voices of Central ...](#)

2nd: Elliot Sheets, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[The New A Hallway](#)

3rd: Margo Kazac, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Numbers influence perceptions, should not define people](#)

Best Illustration

1st: Katia Tsytsarina, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Deconstructing Our Democracy 1](#)

2nd: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Cover illustration](#)

3rd: Grace Kulat & Liz Gremer, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Cuffing Season](#)

HM: Grace Kulat & Liz Gremer, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Church League](#)

HM: Elliot Sheets, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[School spirit needs to skyrocket](#)

HM: Katia Tsytsarina, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[Deconstructing Our Democracy 4](#)

Best Infographic

1st: Luc Alvarez, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Temperatures of DGS sinks](#)

2nd: Esther Yun & Ellie Ruos, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Academic Honesty and Integrity Policy \(graphic across bottom of the spread\)](#)

3rd: Quinn Riordan & Charlotte McLaughlin, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Report Card Breakdown](#)

MISCELLANEOUS**Best Alternative Storytelling**

1st: Paulina Ornatsky & Trisha Patel, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

["Chicago:" Role Call](#)

2nd: Isabella Johnsen, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[The new generation: How teens use fashion to express themselves](#)

3rd: Tommy Layden, Liz Gremer & Grace Kulat, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Church League](#)

HM: Nellie Maloney & Vaasu Kakuturu, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Girls Tennis: Holding Court](#)

HM: Isabella Johnsen & Lauren Wilmore, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[The same, but different: Birthday twins](#)

HM: Vivian Zhao & Amisha Sethi, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[A conversation with Mary Beth Tinker](#)

HM: Om Patel & Naomi Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[The Oracle Factory](#)

HM: Annie Rogula, Om Patel, Quinn Toomey & Skylar McWilliams, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[South's D1 Athletes](#)

Best Use of Social Media

1st: Om Patel & Naomi Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Instagram @gbsoracle](#)

2nd: Paula Recio, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Instagram @centraltimes](#)

3rd: Grace Carpenter, Riy Walker, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Twitter @HuntleyVoice](#)

Best Headline

1st: Vivian Zhao & Richie Holmberg, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Spring Outbreak: Schools shut down as District 203 takes measures to prevent spread of COVID-19](#)

2nd: Sara Gebka & Meghan Bentley, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Keeping It Reel](#)

3rd: Tanpreet Bhathal & Sydney Novak, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[All fore the best](#)

Best Advertisement

1st: Maggie Kirwin, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Delta Millwork, LLC](#)

2nd: Om Patel, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[GBS RAK Week](#)

3rd: Om Patel, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Like What You See?](#)

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

1st: Annie Rogula, Tommy Marquardt & Dany Herrera, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[DOMination](#)

2nd: Violet Guzman-Robles, Brendan Wolf & Margo Kazak, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Students Download Tik-Tok](#)

3rd: Ben Bowler & Cheryl Chen, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Standardized Tests](#)

HM: Emily Kang & Emily Lu, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Plastered in Plastic](#)

Best Centerspread Story Package

1st: Anne Ribordy & Ellie Ruos, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

["You don't belong here."](#)

2nd: Grayson Martinescu, Isabella Johnsen, Ariel Oh, Sarah Barber, Alyssa Deplaris, Kevin Tate & Madeline O'Neil, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Student diversity shown through different languages at DGS](#)

3rd: Yoo Young Chun, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[The K-Pop Wave](#)

HM: Mia Bonfiglio, Dani Almase, Liz Gremer & Paige Darling, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Sex Education](#)

HM: Danielle Pritchard & Amisha Sethi, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[What's in a school day?](#)

Best Photo Story

1st: Paulina Ornatsky, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

["Chicago": Behind the Scenes](#)

2nd: Isabella Johnsen & Lauren Wilmore, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Friday night lights: Touchdown of football season recap](#)

3rd: Pooja Jain, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[The Transition of Doodle Pequeño](#)

HM: Isabella Johnsen, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Student diversity shown through different languages at DGS](#)

Best Front-Page Design

1st: Alex Gergova & Ayla Dursun, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Front page — February 2020](#)

2nd: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Front page — Jan. 31, 2020](#)

3rd: Madaket Chiarieri, MJ McNary & Gwyn Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Front page — March 17, 2020](#)

HM: Alex Gergova & Ayla Dursun, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Front page — September 2019](#)

HM: Alison Goulding, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Front page — Oct. 4, 2019](#)

Best Overall Design

1st: Madaket Chiarieri, MJ McNary & Gwyn Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Issue — Feb. 14, 2020](#)

2nd: Madaket Chiarieri, MJ McNary & Gwyn Skiles, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Issue — Dec. 20, 2019](#)

3rd: Staff, Statesman, Stevenson H.S.

[Issue — February 2020](#)

HM: Staff, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Issue — Dec. 6, 2019](#)

HM: Editorial Board, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Issue — Jan. 31, 2020](#)

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

1st: Isabella Sorice, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Highlights: All School 2020](#)

2nd: Maggie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Winter assembly 2020](#)

3rd: Paige Darling, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Explore LT's First International Festival](#)

HM: Ashley Boak, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[DGS wrestling wins 42-21 against Leyden](#)

HM: Lily Landoch, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Homecoming Game](#)

HM: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[Boys Basketball vs. Cary Trojans](#)

Best Video Story

1st: Ariel Oh & Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Slowikowski speaks at Red Ribbon Week assembly](#)

2nd: Jackson Wigger, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Boys lacrosse: A look inside](#)

3rd: Ariel Oh, Alex Miranda & Vincent Llanes, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[National Speech and Debate Association Tournament held at DGS](#)

HM: Jason Lee, Frank Saponaro & Jaylin Wright, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S..

[Esports facility coming to Naperville Central](#)

HM: Nina Shearrill & Kaitlyn Joyner, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[The Meanings and Perceptions of Beauty](#)

Best Audio Podcast

1st: Kathleen Woods, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[DGS SoundCloud rappers spit facts](#)

2nd: Kira Matheson, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Daisja Honorable's Duke success](#)

3rd: Tommy Marquardt, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Up to the Minute, Episode 2](#)

HM: Tommy Marquardt, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[Up to the Minute, Episode 1](#)

Best Multimedia Story Package

1st: Vivian Zhao, Amisha Sethi, Mary Jane Deer & Paula Recio, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

['It's up to you': Civil rights leaders visit Central to share experiences, talk about embracing diversity](#)

2nd: Ariel Oh, Ashley Boak, Elliot Sheets, Teagan Smith, Marjorie Lichner, Madeline O'Neil,

Isabella Johnsen & Greyson Martinescu, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[MFP construction underway at DGS](#)

3rd: Luc Alvarez, Ariel Oh, Alex Miranda & Vincent Llanes, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Speech team wins IHSA state title by one-point margin](#)

HM: Paige Darling, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.

[Artist of the Month: Mason Burns](#)

Best Website

1st: Sarah Barber, Paul Szmanda, Jovana Kuzmanovic, Kira Matheson, Kate Riley, Lauren Wilmore & Brenna Cohoon, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Blueprint website](#)

2nd: Madaket Chiarieri, MJ McNary, Gwyn Skiles & Om Patel, The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S.

[The Oracle website](#)

3rd: Braden Turk, The Voice, Huntley H.S.

[The Voice website](#)

HM: Nicole Klein, Kate Ferrell, Olivia Janik & Diane Makovic, Lion Online, Lyons Township H.S.

[Lion website](#)

HM: Katy Pickens & Julia Nagel, New Trier News, New Trier H.S.

[New Trier News website](#)

HM: Cameron Rozek, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Central Times website](#)

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

Best COVID-19 Coverage

1st: Vivian Zhao, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[First week of e-learning considered a success](#)

2nd: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.

[Don't be the grasshopper: Thoughts on COVID-19 from a Chinese American](#)

3rd: Alex Miranda & Jacqueline Barba, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[District 99 confirms first COVID-19 case within school community](#)

HM: Ashley Boak, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.

[Baseball spring break trip canceled due to COVID-19](#)

BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | *Overall results for Division 5*

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

1st: The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S., Bob Wysocki, adviser

2nd: Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S., Mary Long, adviser

3rd (tie): Central Times, Naperville Central H.S., Keith Carlson, adviser

3rd (tie): The Voice, Huntley H.S., Dennis Brown, adviser

HM: Lion, Lyons Township H.S., Jason Scales, adviser

HM: New Trier News, New Trier H.S., Carlo Trovato, adviser

HM: Statesman, Stevenson H.S., Dean Bradshaw, adviser

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

1st: The Oracle, Glenbrook South H.S., Bob Wysocki, adviser

2nd: Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S., Mary Long, adviser

3rd (tie): Central Times, Naperville Central H.S., Keith Carlson, adviser

3rd (tie): The Voice, Huntley H.S., Dennis Brown, adviser

HM: Lion, Lyons Township H.S., Jason Scales, adviser

HM: New Trier News, New Trier H.S., Carlo Trovato, adviser

HM: Statesman, Stevenson H.S., Dean Bradshaw, adviser