BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | Division 2 | Enrollment 1,000 to 1,979

The results for 2023 IJEA Best Publication are determined by the number of points accumulated in the contest's 30 individual categories. Our point system is:

- 1st in a category = 5 points
- 2nd in a category = 4 points
- 3rd in a category = 3 points
- Honorable mention (HM) in a category = 1 point

Best Print Publication | Publication that appears in print only

1st: The Advocate — Washington Community H.S., Jennifer Reiser, adviser

Best Digital Publication | Publication that appears online only

1st: Wildcat Chronicle — West Chicago Community H.S., Leslie Fireman, adviser

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

1st: Kaneland Krier — Kaneland H.S., Dominic Bruno, adviser
2nd: The Paw Print — Walter Payton College Prep H.S., Stephanie Vargas, adviser
3rd: The Knight Times/Knights Media — Grayslake North H.S., Brenda Smith, Wes Clevenger & Mark Lard, advisers*
HM: The Redbird Word/The Daily Bird — Alton H.S., April Gray, adviser
HM: The Elk Grove Guardian — Elk Grove H.S., Kevin Modelski & Patrick McGing, advisers
*Wes Clevenger is assistant newspaper adviser; Mark Lard is broadcasting adviser

Best Overall Publication | Most points regardless of publication type

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