

2026 IJEA NEWSPAPER & DIGITAL NEWS MEDIA CONTEST

DIVISION 5 BEST PUBLICATION WINNERS — Enrollment 2,530 and above

The results for Best Publication are determined by the number of points accumulated in the 30 individual categories of the IJEA Newspaper & Digital News Media Contest.

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

BEST OVERALL PUBLICATION

(Most points regardless of publication type)

- 1st: Blueprint — Downers Grove South H.S., Mary Long, Kari Alore & Mark Indreika, advisers
- 2nd: The Oracle — Glenbrook South H.S., Bob Wysocki & Marshall Harris, advisers
- 3rd: New Trier News — New Trier H.S., Sarah Hands & Kristan Kenney, advisers
- HM: Statesman — Adlai E. Stevenson H.S., Dean Bradshaw, adviser
- HM: Niles West News — Niles West H.S., Rachel Gross & Kim Barker, advisers
- HM: The Voice — Huntley H.S., Mason Sargent & Lauren Teeter, advisers

BEST DIGITAL-ONLY PUBLICATION

(Most points by publication that appears online only)

- 1st: Niles West News — Niles West H.S., Rachel Gross & Kim Barker, advisers

BEST HYBRID PUBLICATION

(Most points by publication that appears in both online and print versions)

- 1st: Blueprint — Downers Grove South H.S., Mary Long, Kari Alore & Mark Indreika, advisers
- 2nd: The Oracle — Glenbrook South H.S., Bob Wysocki & Marshall Harris, advisers
- 3rd: New Trier News — New Trier H.S., Sarah Hands & Kristan Kenney, advisers
- HM: Statesman — Adlai E. Stevenson H.S., Dean Bradshaw, adviser
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