

# Editor

## Jan. 19 deadline for Golden Dozen

### Recognizing Overall Excellence

Entries for the Golden Dozen yearbook competition are now being accepted. The competition is open to all members of SISPA.

Judges who are not affiliated with SISPA will select the top 12 books based on overall quality.

Winners will be announced at the Spring Conference of SISPA.

To enter the Golden Dozen Contest:

- 1) Become a member of SISPA
- 2) Complete the Golden Dozen Entry Form
- 3) Send the entry form, book and \$12 entry fee to:  
Susan Bailey  
Sparta High School  
205 W. Hood

**Sparta, IL 62286**  
Questions about SISPA membership may be directed to Laurie Bielong of Belleville West High School.

Golden Dozen competition questions should be addressed to either Susan Bailey, 618/443-4341, or Herman Albers, Coulterville High School, 618/758-2338.

## GOLDEN DOZEN

Entries must be postmarked by **JANUARY 19, 2001**

ALL entrants must be a member of SISPA.

Name of Yearbook \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

School City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_

Editor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the cover of the 2000 book original design?

yes no

Are the endsheets an original design?

yes no

Send this form along with \$12 fee to:  
Susan Bailey, Sparta High School,  
205 W. Hood,  
Sparta, IL 62286

### The Best of 1999-2000

## Yearbooks, newspapers recognized for excellence

#### GOLDEN DOZEN

*Bellevinois*—Belleville West High School  
*Crimson and Corn*—Murphysboro High School  
*Bulldog*—Sparta High School  
*Columbian*—Columbia  
*Hoop-Pole*—Mt. Vernon  
*Drift*—Taylorville  
*Eagle*—Coulterville  
*Spyglass*—Glenwood  
*Hi-Lights*—Mater Dei (Indiana)  
*Chieftain*—Wayne City  
*Graduate*—Greenville  
*Robinello*—Robinson

#### BLUE BANNER

*Hy News*—Belleville West High School  
*Kahoki*—Collinsville High School  
*The Senator*—Springfield High School  
*The Purple Clarion*—Harrisburg High School  
*The Heath Post*—Heath High School, W. Paducah, KY  
*The Gargoyle*—University Lab High School  
*Screaming Eagle*—Coulterville High School

## 2001 Spring Conference Dates to Remember

2001 Spring Conference  
at the SIU Student Center  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2001**

2000-2001 Newspaper  
Blue Banner Contest Deadline  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2001**

2001 Spring Conference  
Newspaper Best of Contest &  
2001 Yearbook Copy Contest  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2000**

## 2000 Manion Rice Advisers of the Year

NEWSPAPER  
David Porreca  
University Lab  
High School

YEARBOOK  
Julie Bohnsack  
Carbondale  
High School

## SISPA membership offers competitions, seminars

Joining the Southern Illinois School Press Association is so easy that anyone can do it. Two minutes to fill out the membership form and one little check is all it takes.

As a special bonus, one membership fee covers the cost of both newspaper and yearbook membership. The fee is only \$15 for the year.

Membership is open to any school and is required for participating in the Spring Conference.

SISPA offers newspaper and yearbook competition in several categories. The newspaper competition includes the Blue Banner award for overall excellence. Individual staff members can compete in over 20 different newspaper writing categories.

Overall yearbook competition includes the Golden Dozen award for overall excellence. Individual and staff competitions are also available for the yearbook staff.

Along with these competitive events, on-site writing contests and a senior interview contest are offered at the Spring Conference.

Anyone wishing to help with SISPA activities should contact Herman Albers at Coulterville High School at 618/758-2338 or check the box on the membership form.

SISPA is run by area advisers to promote high school journalism. The organization is under the auspices of the Department of Journalism of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

SISPA will continue to operate as long as advisers are willing to help. All assistance is appreciated.

If you have any questions about membership, contact Laurie Bielong at Belleville West High School, 618/222-7623 or [hynews@yahoo.com](mailto:hynews@yahoo.com).

## Fall Conference cancelled because of cost, dates

By now, publication advisers have realized that SISPA did not sponsor a Fall Conference. The conference has been a concern for several years.

Erratic attendance was the biggest problem. SISPA cannot sponsor a conference with fewer than 100 students in attendance.

Timing and location were also problems. Finding a suitable date that is late enough to allow for conference planning, but early enough to provide useful instruction is difficult at best.

With SIU classes in attendance all fall, the conference had to be held at the SIU Student Center, a costly proposition. The conference was held during the SIU fall break one year in the Communications Building which saved considerable money. However, the lateness of the conference—the last week of October—was considered by

many advisers to be too late.

While the Fall Conference Committee has tried many different formats over the years, no one format has proven more successful than another. Even though the Fall Conference was not held this year, it does not mean that there will not be a Fall Conference in the fall of 2001. The future of the Fall Conference will be discussed at the Adviser's Meeting at the Spring Conference.

If you have any comments, suggestions or time for planning, contact a member of the Fall Conference Committee: Andrea Clancy, Red Bud High School; Bonnie Holzinger, Mater Dei High School in Breese; Linda Curtis, Murphysboro High School; LaDonna Talbert, Wayne City High School; or Herman Albers, Coulterville High School.

## Join IJEA

The Illinois Journalism Education Association is a professional organization geared to help publication advisers. Annual membership is \$10. To join the national organization, JEA, membership is \$45.

Contact Susan Tantillo, IJEA Treasurer,  
1239 Sherwood Lane, Palatine, IL 60067  
for membership information.

# Highlights from 2000 Spring Conference

## 1999-2000 Newspaper Best of Winners

**Best Front Page Layout**  
 1st - *The Gargoyle*, University Lab  
 2nd - *The Senator*, Springfield  
 3rd - *The Tilghman Bell*, Paducah Tilghman

**Best Photograph**  
 1st - Martin Ceperley, University Lab  
 2nd - Brad Jackson, Paducah Tilghman  
 3rd - Staff, Evansville Mater Dei

**Best Review**  
 1st - Ben Left, University Lab  
 2nd - Will Milford, Paducah Tilghman  
 3rd - Ryan Keen, Robinson

**Best Advertisement**  
 1st - Tracy Vahlkamp, Belleville West  
 2nd - Staff, Taylorville  
 3rd - Tracy Vahlkamp, Belleville West

**Best Interview Story**  
 1st - Erin Tuttle, Springfield  
 2nd - Danielle Rennie, Harrisburg  
 3rd - Kristen Dirnbeck, Belleville West

**Best Sports Story**  
 1st - Kyle Hightower, Paducah Tilghman  
 2nd - Tony Khan & Zeynab Moradi, U Lab  
 3rd - Jennifer Reffett, Evansville Mater Dei

**Best Sports Column**  
 1st - Sara Fitzgerald, Belleville West  
 2nd - Pete Ackerman, Springfield  
 3rd - Brent Warner, Greenville

**Best Sports Feature**  
 1st - Ben Sapp, University Lab  
 2nd - David Jacobson, University Lab  
 3rd - Katie Boor & Erin Tuttle, Springfield

**Best Featurette**  
 1st - Chelse Hancock, Taylorville  
 2nd - Aaron Apple, Harrisburg  
 3rd - Allison Garcés, Belleville West

**Best Humorous Column**  
 1st - Mike Rudolph, Springfield  
 2nd - Leland Hangh, Paducah Tilghman  
 3rd - Rachel Komeshak, Mater Dei

**Cub Division**  
 1st - Parick Morales-Doyle, University Lab  
 2nd - Justin Flowers, Heath  
 3rd - Michelle Brooks, Jackson

**Best In-Depth Story**  
 1st - Andreana Lau, Melissa Wei and Julianne Kuck, University Lab  
 2nd - Jennifer Chen, University Lab  
 3rd - Cory McElrath, Jackson

**Best Editorial**  
 1st - Lauren Qualmann, Carmi White  
 2nd - Editorial Board, Harrisburg  
 3rd - Emily Hartley, Greenville

**Best News Story**  
 1st - Natalie Goel, University Lab  
 2nd - Corwin Holder, Sullivan  
 3rd - Andreana Lau, University Lab

**Best Original Art**  
 1st - Jack Monahan, University Lab  
 2nd - Vanessa Gallow, Collinsville  
 3rd - James Edwards, Belleville West

**Best Computer Produced Graphic**  
 1st - Jack Monahan and Martin Ceperley, University Lab  
 2nd - Wes Mann, Collinsville  
 3rd - Dan Mayer, Springfield

**Best Original Cartoon**  
 1st - David Gobble, Springfield

2nd - Josh Butcher, Robinson  
 3rd - Jack Monahan, University Lab

**Best Overall Layout**  
 1st - *Gargoyle*, University Lab  
 2nd - *Senator*, Springfield  
 3rd - *Hy News*, Belleville West

**Best Feature Story**  
 1st - Amanda Wise and Molly Wilson, Harrisburg  
 2nd - Angie Kovach, Harrisburg  
 3rd - Zeynab Moradi, University Lab

**Best Editorial Cartoon**  
 1st - Chelsea Grohmann, Red Bud  
 2nd - Nabillah Siddiquee, Springfield  
 3rd - Andreana Lau, University Lab

## Yearbook 2000 Winners

**Endsheets**  
 1st - *Pirata*, Heath  
 2nd - *Olean*, East Richland  
 3rd - *Bulldog*, Sparta

**Cover**  
 1st - *Olean*, East Richland  
 2nd - *Bulldog*, Sparta  
 3rd - *Columbian*, Columbia

**Photography**  
 1st - *Spyglass*, Glenwood  
 2nd - *Hi-Lights*, Mater Dei  
 3rd - *Hoop Pole*, Mt. Vernon

**Advertisements**  
 1st - *Columbian*, Columbia  
 2nd - *Hoop Pole*, Mt. Vernon  
 3rd - *Silver Arrow*, Jackson

**Graphics**  
 1st - *Hi-Lights*, Mater Dei  
 2nd - *Spyglass*, Glenwood  
 3rd - *Crimson and Corn*, Murphysboro

**Dividers**  
 1st - *Crimson and Corn*, Murphysboro  
 2nd - *Graduate*, Greenville  
 3rd - *Columbian*, Columbia

**Coverage**  
 1st - *Spyglass*, Glenwood  
 2nd - *Crimson and Corn*, Murphysboro  
 3rd - *Drift*, Taylorville

**Copy**  
 1st - *Bulldog*, Sparta  
 2nd - *Columbian*, Columbia  
 3rd - *Nu Kom I*, Newton

**Layouts**  
 1st - *Bulldog*, Sparta  
 2nd - *Crimson and Corn*, Murphysboro  
 3rd - *Drift*, Taylorville

**Theme**  
 1st - *Belleveinois*, Belleville West  
 2nd - *Bulldog*, Sparta  
 3rd - *Robinillo*, Robinson

## 2001 Winners

**Sports Copy Block**  
 1st - Blake Suedekum and Emily Unverferth, Jackson  
 2nd - Clay Landgraf and Emily Unverferth, Jackson

**Feature Copy Block**  
 1st - Ashley Booker, Melinda Burnett and Theresa Roesener, Jackson  
 2nd - Ashly Booker and Dvin Fost, Jackson

**Photo**  
 1st - Rachel Scheu, Evansville Mater Dei  
 2nd - Mary Kehrner, Freeburg

## On-Site Winners

**Yearbook Cover Design**  
 1st - Gabrielle Lane, Sullivan H.S.  
 2nd - Brittany Godwin, Sparta H.S.  
 3rd - Stephanie Friedrich, Columbia H.S.

**Yearbook Feature Copy Block**  
 1st - Krista Kukowski, Greenville H.S.  
 2nd - Angie Taller, Newton H.S.  
 3rd - Rachel Warren, Jackson H.S.  
 HM - Bret Heger, Belleville West  
 Alyx Perez, Freeburg H.S.  
 Tracy Parres, Columbia H.S.

**Editing**  
 1st - Jennifer Chen, University Lab  
 2nd - Maggie Martin, Jackson H.S.  
 3rd - Holly Eaton, Coulterville H.S.  
 HM - Courtney Erickson, Belleville West

**Yearbook Sports Copy**  
 1st - Beth Becker, Jackson H.S.  
 2nd - Kristen Henke, Belleville West  
 3rd - Kendra Wessel, Belleville West

**Caption Writing**  
 1st - Allison Garcés, Belleville West  
 2nd - Cathy McDonald, Newton H.S.  
 3rd - Ashley Jarr, Newton H.S.  
 HM - Sheena Langhauser, Breese Mater Dei

**Advertising Design**  
 1st - Erin Gielow, Red Bud H.S.  
 2nd - Kyle Schellinger, Mater Dei  
 3rd - Gretchen Moore, Belleville West

**News Writing**  
 1st - Nicole Dinkelmann, Belleville West  
 2nd - Sara Bondioli, Herrin H.S.  
 3rd - Amanda Wise, Harrisburg H.S.

**Editorial Writing**  
 1st - Angie Klein, Breese Mater Dei  
 2nd - Sarah Schauerte, Belleville West  
 3rd - Sabrina Noble, Belleville West

**Review Writing**  
 1st - Sara Fitzgerald, Belleville West  
 2nd - Ben Left, University Lab H.S.  
 3rd - Kyle Hightower, Paducah Tilghman

**Senior Interview**  
 1st - Laura Thomas, Sparta H.S.  
 2nd - Corwin Holder, Sullivan H.S.  
 3rd - Sara Bozza, Freeburg H.S.



# SISPA Membership Form

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment \_\_\_\_\_

Newspaper Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adviser \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

**Send this form with \$15 membership dues per school to:**

**Laurie Bielong, Belleville West High School, 2600 West Main, Belleville, IL 62226**

**Questions: 618 • 222-7623 or lbielong@hotmail.com**

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