

2024 Compiled Winners List

Advisers of the Year

YB: Kelli Keen, Wayne City

NP: Reid Cure, Carterville

WEB: Amanda Thrun, Edwardsville

William Recktenwald Friend of Scholastic Journalism Award

John Wells, SISPA Board and FJ Reitz High School

Legacy Award

Cathy Wall, SISPA Board and Harrisburg High School

Golden Dozen Winners

Carbondale Community High School	Dial
Meridian High School	Meridian Moments
Okawville High School	Timepiece
Frankfort Community High School	The Redbird
Wayne City High School	Chieftan
Alton High School	The Tatler
Edwardsville High School	The Tiger
Glenwood High School	Mnemosyne
Herrin High School	The Herrinite
Mater Dei	Knight
Calhoun High School	Pow Wow
Carmi High School	Carmian

Blue Banner Newspaper

The Redbird Word, Alton High School

The Claw, Edwardsville High School

Vernois News, Mt. Vernon Township High School

The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School

Screaming Eagle, Coulterville High School

Blue Banner Websites

HHSPurpleClarion.org - Harrisburg

TheTigerTattler.com - Herrin

Best Story Contest Winners

CORE: All PLATFORMS	
Advertising	<p>First Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Woolard Lawn and Landscaping”</p> <p>Second Place Veda Kommineni, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “December Issue, Get your Year Book Today”</p> <p>Third Place Francesca Messerschmidt, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Integrated Care for Kids”</p>
News or Feature Photo	<p>First Place Nevaeh McClellan, The Lionite, Carterville High school “Junior Regan Eigenrauch cheers loudly and shares bubbles with the parade attendees during the Homecoming parade”</p> <p>Second Place Ayden Smith, The Chieftain, Wayne City High School “SPARKS FLYin Mr. Robertson’s fifth period welding class...”</p> <p>Third Place Ciera McNaughton, The Tatler, Alton High School “The Symphonic Orchestra Cello section warms up...”</p>
Sports Photo	<p>First Place Regan Eigenrauch, The Sphinx, Carterville High School “Brotherly Love: Sophomore Andy Johnson(6) celebrates his brother, junior, Luke’s (32) crucial fumble recovery against rival Herrin”</p> <p>Second Place Reyez Hangsleben, The Tiger, Edwardsville High School “Sophomore Rachel Johnson hugs junior Alayna Garman after Johnson qualified for sectionals Sept. 28”</p> <p>Third Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Cheerleaders toss Jayla Karns into the air as she hits her pike”</p>
Computer Graphic	<p>First Place Marielle McCarvey, The Daily Bird, Alton High School “ Mic’d Up with Sophie Holiday Edition”</p> <p>Second Place Zach Kennett, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School “NCAA Men’s Basketball Conference Predictions Graphic”</p> <p>Third Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School</p>

	<p>“A very special thank you to the students and teachers of BELA for providing artwork for these pages”</p>
Original Art	<p>First Place Sydney Chong, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Christmas Movie Review Art”</p> <p>Second Place Bel Springman, The Tatler, Alton High School “Greetings from Alton”</p> <p>Third Place Sydney Chong, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Country Music Art”</p>
Editorial Cartoon	<p>First Place Colleen Moore, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Degrees are Degrees Art”</p> <p>Second Place Marielle McCarvey, The Redbird Word, Alton High School “Marquette Explorers vs Alton Redbird”</p> <p>Third Place Francesca Messerschmidt, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Wishing a Merry Christmas to everyone in Bulldog Nation”</p>
Editorial	<p>First Place Paris Thomas, The Redbird Word, Alton High School “U.S. Interest in Israeli-Hamas War Complicates Efforts For Peace”</p> <p>Second Place Francesca Messerschmidt, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “College and Career Center gives individual help to students”</p> <p>Third Place None</p>
Humorous Col.	<p>First Place Sydney Andrews, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “An uneducated plunge into the world of all things country music”</p> <p>Second Place Sydney Andrews, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Focus your opinions on what truly matters”</p> <p>Third Place None</p>
Editorial Col.	<p>First Place Sami McKenney, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Still green: we’re too young to fix this world”</p>

	<p>Second Place Georgia Gaughan, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Degrees are degrees: expensive colleges aren’t worth the money”</p> <p>Third Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Stop honoring the dishonorable”</p>
Sports Col.	<p>First Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Win together, lose together”</p> <p>Second Place Chase Clinton, The Redbird Word, Alton High School “Tom Brady Demolishes NFL Competition, Finishing Greatest Career of all Time”</p> <p>Third Place Zach Cohen, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School “NFL Preseason Power Rankings”</p>
Alternative Storytelling/ Infographic	<p>First Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Who is celebrating what on the second Monday in October?”</p> <p>Second Place Taylor Lawson, The Redbird Word, Alton High School “Post High School Plans”</p> <p>Third Place Tie Staff, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “A Climate Change Overview”</p> <p>Third Place Tie Briley Lewis, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “HOCO Spirit Week”</p>
Review	<p>First Place Zach Kennett, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School “Rich Men North of Richmond” is a Poor Debut for Oliver Anthony”</p> <p>Second Place Owen Anderson, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School “Bad Bunny is unapologetically Ferocious on ‘Nadie Sabe Lo Que Va a Pasar Manana’”</p> <p>Third Place Francesca Messerschmidt, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Five Nights at Freddy’s” gives audiences terrifying Halloween”</p>
Headline	<p>First Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School</p>

	<p>“Matilda’ is arriving: ‘there’s nothing you can do about it” Second Place Christina Webb, The Tatler, Alton High School “The Nest that Never Rests” Third Place Kenley Hackstadt, Launchpad, Okawville High School “No ‘Ifs, ‘Ands, or ‘Putts”</p>
DIGITAL ONLY	
Homepage Design (1 entry only)	<p>First Place Laura Cook and Adysen Harre, Launchpad, Okawville High School Second Place Clarion Staff, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School Third Place Vicki Hoskin, The Sting, Chester High School</p>
Best Video Story	<p>First Place Bowie Chappee, The Daily Bird, Alton High School “2023 ABOB Craft Fair” Second Place Adelia Sandifer, The Daily Bird, Alton High School “Alton High School’s Fall Sports Kickoff” Third Place Elizabeth Wilson, The Sting, Chester High School “September Teacher of the Month-Mrs. Boyd”</p>
Website News	<p>First Place Aniya Morrow, The Daily Bird, Alton High School “Water heater breaks, causing a class-ruining flood” Second Place Lexi Davis, The Sting, Chester High School “New Chester Bridge in Honor of Don Welge” Third Place Sarah Girtman, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Drake wins top theater award”</p>
Website Sports	<p>First Place Rebekah VonPlinsky, The Daily Bird, Alton High School “Long Time Rivalry Ceates Healthy Competition” Second Place Pera Onal, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School “Boys Soccer Season Kicks into Gear” Third Place</p>

	Kylan Jerrell, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "Bulldogs to host home playoff game for first time in eight years"
Website Sports Feature	<p>First Place Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "Competition cheer is back on the mat"</p> <p>Second Place Zach Cohen, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School "New Coach, Same Expectations"</p> <p>Third Place Alexis Greene, The Warwhoop, Wayne City High School "Girls Basketball is Back"</p>
Website Feature	<p>First Place Sami McKenney, Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville High School "A Push: Social Studies Teacher Explores Unexpected New Role"</p> <p>Second Place JoAnna Leonardi, The Warwhoop, Wayne City High School "Winning Gold"</p> <p>Third Place Gavinn Swann, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "People struggle to buy homes as prices continue to skyrocket"</p>
Multimedia Story Package	<p>First Place Kennedy Borders, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "Gold Star Riders bunk in the Dog house"</p> <p>Second Place Riley Mize and Avery Woolard, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "Homecoming game to match Bulldogs with Marquette Catholic"</p> <p>Third Place None</p>
NEWSPAPER ONLY	
Front Page Layout	<p>First Place Sami McKenney, The Claw, Edwardsville High School "The Future of Finals"</p> <p>Second Place Marielle McCarvey, The Redbird Word, Alton High School "Volume 97, Issue 1"</p> <p>Third Place Francesca Messerschmidt, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School "100 years of Walt Disney"</p>

<p>Overall Layout (1 entry only)</p>	<p>First Place Staff Redbird Word, Alton High School</p> <p>Second Place Staff The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School</p>
<p>Sports</p>	<p>First Place Sami McKenney, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Freshman athletes prepare for EHS intensity this winter season”</p> <p>Second Place Zach Kennett, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Tigers off to best start in 7 seasons despite staffing, player changes”</p> <p>Third Place Kennedy Borders, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “Langley’s retirement set for May 2024”</p>
<p>Sports Feature</p>	<p>First Place Pera Onal, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Athletic trainers: what it takes to keep the players in the game”</p> <p>Second Place Veda Kommineni, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “One last shot: Seniors wrap up four-year high school careers”</p> <p>Third Place Riley Mize, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School “ Injury intercepts senior’s season”</p>
<p>News</p>	<p>First Place Sydney Andrews, The Claw, Edwardsville High School Georgia Gaughan, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Not without an ID, you don’t”</p> <p>Second Place Colleen Moore, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Spotify Wrapped unites people”</p> <p>Third Place Bowie Chappie, The Redbird Word, Alton High School “From One Hand to Another”</p>
<p>Feature</p>	<p>First Place Colleen Moore, The Claw, Edwardsville High School “Cosplaying offers community”</p> <p>Second Place Stella Cowan, The Redbird Word, Alton High School</p>

	<p>“Wags Works Wonders”</p> <p>Third Place Kylan Jerrell, The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School</p> <p>“Concerts give local music lovers enjoyable experiences”</p>
Best Centerspread Story Package	<p>First Place Veda Kommineni, Zach Cohn The Claw, Edwardsville High School</p> <p>“Let’s Taco ‘Bout it”</p> <p>Second Place Marielle McCarvey, The Redbird Word, Alton High School</p> <p>“Thrift Store Jumps into Action”</p> <p>Third Place Francesca Messerschmidt, Avery Woolard, Leah Haugen, Riley Mize, and Gavinn Swann</p> <p>The Purple Clarion, Harrisburg High School</p> <p>“In the Spotlight”</p>
YEARBOOK ONLY	
Sports Spread	<p>First Place Ayden Smith Wayne City High School The Chieftain</p> <p>Second Place Isaiah Ouechani Alton High School The Tatler</p> <p>Third Place Carly Peuterbaugh Alton High School The Tatler</p>
Academics Spread	<p>First Place Veda Kommineni, Gia Pettus Edwardsville High School The Tiger</p> <p>Second Place Bailie Atwood Wayne City High School The Chieftain</p> <p>Third Place McKenna Fox Alton High School The Tatler</p>

Student Life Spread	<p>First Place Veda Kommineni Edwardsville High School The Tiger</p> <p>Second Place Zach Kennett, Heloisa Passoni de Lima Edwardsville High School The Tiger</p> <p>Third Place Tie Avery Sandifer, Jayna Smith Carlyle High School Tomahawk</p> <p>Third Place Tie Macy Tannahill, Kylar Porter, Peyton Johnson Cisne High School The Echo</p>
Clubs or Organizations Spread	<p>First Place Tyrone Hughes Alton High School The Tatler</p> <p>Second Place Gabe Landon, Ash Keim Carterville High School The Lionite</p> <p>Third Place Zach Kennett, Owen Anderson Edwardsville High School The Tiger</p>
Theme Development (1 entry only)	<p>First Place Hailey Bolen, Nevaeh McClellan, Gabe Landon, Philla Cowser, and Ash Keim Carterville High School The Lionite</p> <p>Second Place Klaira Vaughan Wayne City High School The Chieftan</p> <p>Third Place Tie Morgan Plummer, Makenna Strowmatt, Isaiah Ouechani, Bel Springman, Carly</p>

	<p>Peuterbaugh, Jaylee Evans, and Wren Crawford Alton High School The Tatler Third Place Tie Malikai Salyers Carlyle High School Tomahawk</p>
YB Sports Copy	<p>First Place Wren Crawford Alton High School The Tatler Second Place Tyrone Hughes Alton High School The Tatler Third Place Zach Kennett, Izzy Robinson Edwardsville High School The Tiger</p>
YB Feature Copy	<p>First Place JoAnn Leonardi Wayne City High School The Chieftain Second Place Kylar Porter Cisne High School The Echo Third Place Isaiah Ouechani Alton High School The Tatler</p>
Middle School	
Feature Photo	<p>First Place Lydia Waltrip, Okawville Grade and Junior High Yearbook “Running for a lay up” Second Place Sheylle Salazar-Medina, Okawville Grade and Junior High Yearbook “Junior Rockets defend the hoop” Third Place None</p>

Feature Writing	<p>First Place Ellie Simonton, Launchpad, Okawville Middle School “Jazz ILMEA Choir Members”</p> <p>Second Place Emmalyne Muniz, Launchpad, Okawville Middle School “ Jr. High Breaks in the Dance Floor”</p> <p>Third Place None</p>
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Onsite Contests

Caption Writing	<p>First Logan Szymaniski, Edwardsville</p> <p>Second Peyton Johnston, Cisne</p> <p>Third Haley Shelton, Wayne City</p>
Copy Editing	<p>First Julia Towell, Edwardsville</p> <p>Second Jacob Reynard, Coulterville</p> <p>Third Grace Edler, Carlyle</p>
Feature Writing	<p>First Whittleigh Trusty, Harrisburg</p> <p>Second Sami McKenney, Edwardsville</p> <p>Third Georgia Gaughan, Edwardsville</p>
Yearbook Feature	<p>First Sofia Price, Belleville West</p> <p>Second Marlee Rosenberg, Carterville</p> <p>Third Wren Crawford, Alton</p>
Editorial Cartooning	<p>First Sydney Chong, Edwardsville</p> <p>Second Shelby Brown, Coulterville</p> <p>Third</p>

	Trysta Charlet, Herrin
Sports Writing	First Danielle Scott, Carterville Second Rebekah VonPlinsky, Alton Third Alex Lyell, Carterville
Yearbook Sports	First Macy Tannahill, Cisne Second Chesney Harvel, Coulterville Third Sean Henson, Edwardsville
News Writing	First Aubrey Konstantopolis, Carterville Second Ellie Geppert, Belleville West Third Emily Redden, Belleville West
Review Writing	First Jaci Bethel, Herrin Second Bowie Chappie, Alton Third Owen Anderson, Edwardsville
Infographics	First Veda Kommineni, Edwardsville Second Ava Pauli, Alton Third Sophie Doering, Alton
Editorial Writing	First Alyssa Ragsdale, Edwardsville Second Stella Cowan, Alton Third Benjamin Hayes, Carterville
Photography	First

	<p>Reyez Hangleben, Edwardsville</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Dani Patalano, Herrin</p> <p>Third</p> <p>Regan Eigen Rayh, Carterville</p>
Yearbook Theme Development	<p>First</p> <p>Kaylin Loker and Ashton Bullard, Wayne City</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Morgan Plummer and Bel Springman, Alton</p> <p>Third</p> <p>Lilly Averbeck and Madelyn Averbeck, Belleville WEst</p>
Advertising	<p>First</p> <p>Addy Kell, Carterville</p> <p>Second</p> <p>Makenna Strowmatt, Alton</p> <p>Third</p> <p>Carly Peterbaugh, Alton</p>