

North Central College Hosts 2022-2023 John Drury High School Radio Awards

November 4, 2023, Naperville, Ill. – Eighteen high school radio stations from around the United States were honored at the annual John Drury High School Radio Awards hosted by WONC-FM at North Central College. Students, advisors, and their radio stations were honored in 18 different categories.

Three of this year's honored stations were first-time entrants:

- Best Radio Drama: WMTN of St. Andrew-Sewanee School in Tennessee
- Best Podcast: WMTN of St. Andrew-Sewanee School in Tennessee
- Best Station Promo: WBRH of Baton Rouge Magnet High School in Louisiana
- Best Use of Social Media: WSDP of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools in Michigan

While first-year entrants did well, stations that are well-decorated Drury participants held their own, including:

- Best Sportscast: KVIT of East Valley Institute of Technology in Arizona
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- Best Specialty Music Show: WLTL of Lyons Township High School in Illinois
- Best DJ: WWPT of Staples High School in Connecticut
- Best Website: WBFH of Bloomfield Hills High School in Michigan
- Broadcaster of the Year: Charlie Scott of WWPT at Staples High School in Connecticut

The most prestigious honor of the competition, Best High School Radio Station, was awarded to KVIT of East Valley Institute of Technology of Mesa, Arizona. This was KVIT's second time winning the award, first earning the honor in 2021. KVIT earned four awards in total, more than any other station this year.

"It's wonderful to once again welcome radio station advisors, school administrators, students, and their families to the North Central College campus," said WONC General Manager Zach DeWitz. "It was great to have people together to celebrate the accomplishments of these young broadcasters and their radio stations. I'm excited to see what the future holds for them."

A full list of the winners and their audio is available at WONC.org/drurywinners.

About North Central College

North Central College provides students with the confidence, instruction and direction they need to exceed their personal best inside and outside of the classroom and throughout their careers. Founded in 1861, and located just 28 miles west of Chicago in the Historic District of Naperville, Ill.—named among the nation's "Best Places to Live" by Money magazine—North Central is home to nearly 2,600 students and offers more than 70 undergraduate majors, 60 additional undergraduate minors and concentrations, and 13 graduate degree programs. Visit <u>northcentralcollege.edu</u> to discover why U.S. News & World Report has named North Central a "Best in the Midwest" school for 29 years in a row and to learn more about the College's state-of-the-art facilities and distinctive programs, particularly in the sciences and business.

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