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North Central College Hosts 2024-2025 John Drury High School Radio Awards

October 25, 2025, Naperville, Ill. – Seventeen 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 20 different categories.

The Drury Awards continued to expand its reach, adding new stations to the list of participants. While these stations earned their share of nominations, stations that are well-decorated Drury participants dominated the day, including:

- Best Podcast: WLTL of Lyons Township High School in Illinois
- Best Specialty Music Show: KVIS of East Valley Institute of Technology in Arizona
- Best Newscast: WWPT of Staples High School in Connecticut
- Best Public Affair Program: KMIH of Mercer Island High School in Washington
- Broadcaster of the Year: Matthew Cavazos of KVIS at East Valley Institute of Technology in Arizona

The Drury Awards also named Paxton Cutler of WLTL at Lyons Township High School in Illinois as the Outstanding Student Leader, and John Boone of WPPB at Anderson Career and Technology Center in South Carolina as the Best Radio Station Advisor. The most prestigious honor of the competition, Best High School Radio Station, was awarded to WWPT of Staples High School in Westport, Connecticut. This was WWPT's fourth time winning the award.

"Each year, I'm more and more encouraged by what these young broadcasters bring to the competition. Their drive and great talents are very exciting, and it shows that radio still has a very bright future," said WONC General Manager Zachary DeWitz. "I'm pleased to have so many in attendance to celebrate the accomplishments of these young broadcasters and their radio stations."

A full list of the winners and their audio is available at [WONC.org/drurywinners](https://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 northcentralcollege.edu to discover why U.S. News & World Report has named North Central a "Best in the Midwest" school for 28 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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