JOHN DRURY HIGH SCHOOL RADIO AWARDS 2024-2025 WINNERS

Presented by North Central College and WONC-FM

Best Website

1st Place: *889thebridge.org* - KMIH, Mercer Island High School
2nd Place: *WLTL.net* - WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: *887thepulse.com* - KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology

Best Use of Social Media

1st Place: *WPSR Instagram* - WPSR, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center
2nd Place: *WSDP Facebook* - WSDP, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
3rd Place: *KVIT Instagram* - KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology

Best Use of Video

1st Place: Ryan Allen - *WWPT/STV Game Break: Highlights & Hype Promo* - WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Ethan Meuer & Michael Walsh - *Rock-A-Thon Walkthrough* - WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: WGBK Staff - *Year End Recap* - WGBK, Glenbrook North High School

Best Newscast

1st Place: Jack Jacob and Isabel Alfageme - *From Headlines to Harvest* - WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Mara Nicholson - *Mara Nicholson Newscast* - WCYT, Homestead High School
3rd Place: Joe Ratcliffe - *WLTL News Update: May 19, 2025* - WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best News Feature Story

1st Place: Asa Lindsay and Matthew Cavazos - *Arizona Bill Limits Cell Phone Use in Schools* - KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
2nd Place: Max Benke - *Payment Due* - WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Jillian Russell and Isabel Ela - *Bulldog Radio Unleashed: Presidential Election* - WBNH, Bedford High School

Best Public Affairs Program

1st Place: Marley MacDonald - *Interview with Amanda Knox* - KMIH, Mercer Island High School
2nd Place: Charlie Curran and Michael Brennan - *Zoning, Policy, and Opportunity: A Look at Westport* - WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Gerald Tenenbaum - *People's Tomorrow* - WIQH, Concord Carlisle High School

Best Station Promo

1st Place: Michael Walsh – *WLTL Salutes You* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
2nd Place: Vivian Schmidt and Mia McDonald – *WWPT Station Promo: The Voice of Now* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Carter Schwartz – *WCYT Station Promo* – WCYT, Homestead High School

Best PSA

1st Place: Ethan Meuer – *Anti-Piracy* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
2nd Place: Jack Jacob, Isabel Alfageme, and Max McAuley – *Do the Work* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Jadie Hearring and Keaton Bayes – *Zombie Farm* – WPSR, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Best Sports Play-By-Play

1st Place: Braxton Hall, Atticus Dean, Malachi Stout, Josh Bobay, and Will Chiaruttini – *Girls Basketball – Homestead vs. Northrup* – WCYT, Homestead High School
2nd Place: Weston Hochhauser and Jake Goldshore – *Boys Basketball: Staples vs Ward* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Leo Popp and Andrew Stamatakos – *Football: October 11, 2024* – WSDP, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools

Best Sports Talk Show

1st Place: Timber Fiihr – *Aerodynamics on Air: Formula 1* – KDPS, Des Moines Public Schools, Central Campus
2nd Place: Matthew Cavazos – *Pulse Sports Triple Play – Arizona Diamondbacks* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Michael Brennan, Mickey Ross, Nathan Bernstein, Finn Rockwell, Sam DiGiovanni, and Drew Hill – *Beyond the Arc 5/21* – WWPT, Staples High School

Best Sportscast

1st Place: Ben Trudell – *Ben Trudell Sportscast* – WSDP, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
2nd Place: Matthew Cavazos – *Pulse Sports Update* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Mason Tobias – *From Aces to MVPs: May 27 Sports Rundown* – WWPT, Staples High School

Best Radio Drama

1st Place: Dax Thakker – *079* – WCYT, Homestead High School
2nd Place: Theatre 3, Eva Slossberg, and Audio and Radio Class – *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Jay Bilotta and AJ Connelly – *War of the Worlds* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best Podcast

1st Place: Michael Walsh, Charlie Plewa, and Eric Roemer – *New Ears* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
2nd Place: Alayna Baker, Grace Dickmeyer, and Caroline Burns – *Are You For Real* – WCYT, Homestead High School
3rd Place: Isabella San Fillipo – *The I Love You Podcast* – WCHS, Communications High School

Best DJ

1st Place: Ben Trudell – WSDP, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
2nd Place: Charlie Curran – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Dax Thakker – WCYT, Homestead High School

Best Talk Show

1st Place: Caroline Burns, Grace Dickmeyer, and Alayna Baker – *Are You For Real* – WCYT, Homestead High School
2nd Place: Matthew Cavazos, Mariana Perez Cervantes, and Jackson Wolfmeyer – *The Junk Drawer, Episode 6* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Claire Roeser and Gabrielle Whidden – *Scrambled Signals* – WIQH, Concord Carlisle High School

Best Specialty Music Show

1st Place: Lenore Carey – *Gatekeepers* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
2nd Place: Charley Curin and Charlie Plewa – *WLTL Unplugged* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Brooke Newell, Sam Paddor, Hadley Holtzclaw, and Toly Odievich – *Women's History Month* – KMIH, Mercer Island High School

Broadcaster of the Year

Matthew Cavazos – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology

Outstanding Student Leader

Paxton Cutler – WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best Radio Station Advisor

John Boone – WPPB, Anderson Career and Technology Center

Best High School Radio Station

WWPT – Staples High School