JOHN DRURY HIGH SCHOOL RADIO AWARDS 2025-2026 WINNERS

Presented by North Central College and WONC-FM

Best Use of Social Media

1st Place: *WPSR Tiktok* – WPSR, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center
2nd Place: *WWPT Instagram* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: *KVIT Instagram* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology

Best Website

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

Best Use of Video

1st Place: Isaac Shoener, Eli Head, Finneas Schauss, and Alex Joyce – *The Station* – WPSR, Sourthern Indiana Career and Technical Center
2nd Place: Ryan Allen – *Clean Up Crew: Boys Basketball Edition* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Andrew Gallardo – *Post Sex Nachos* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best Newscast

1st Place: Thomas Scott – *WWPT News 5/31/26* – WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: AJ Connelly – *WLTL News 5/5/26* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Kassy Hakes – *Pulse News Update* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology

Best News Feature Story

1st Place: Olivia Bryant and Jay Haydel – *Cell Phone Ban* – WBRH, Baton Rouge Magnet High School
2nd Place: Thomas Scott – *College Admissions: The Pressure to Get In* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Jillian Russell – *Drug Use at Bedford High School* – WBNH, Bedford High School

Best Public Affairs Program

1st Place: Thomas Scott and Charlie Curran – *Artificial Intelligence, Education, and the Future of Human Learning* – WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Kairis Boyles – *Public Pulse: Semicolon Society* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Claudia Fisher – *Community Focus* – WSDP, Plymouth Canton Community Schools

Best Station Promo

1st Place: Jesse Jones – *Redstick Blues* – WBRH, Baton Rouge Magnet High School
2nd Place: Thomas Scott and Ethan Katzner – *Are We On Air?* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Griff Wilson and Conner Deen – *We Shall Overcome* – WMTN, St. Andrew's-Sewanee School

Best PSA

1st Place: Magdalena Leonard – *Don't Be a Social Media Zombie*! – WBFH, Bloomfield Hills High School
2nd Place: AJ Connelly – *Wildfire Prevention* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Giada DeMaio – *Frost* – WCHS, Communications High School

Best Underwriting or Commercial:

1st Place: Aiden Lindblom and William Merchant – *The Perch* – WBFH, Bloomfield Hills High School
2nd Place: Thomas Scott, Charlie Curran, and Dylan Robbin – *Gaetano's Deli & Market* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Amelia Sung and Ella Zhang – Swing for a Cause – KMIH, Mercer Island High School

Best Sports Play-By-Play

1st Place: Braxton Hall, Atticus Dean, Malachi Stout, Evan Wallet, and Lucas Acree – *Spartans vs Archers Basketball* – WCYT, Homestead High School
2nd Place: Joe Ratcliffe and Alec Mulvenna – *Lyons Township vs York Basketball* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Thomas Scott and Charlie Curran – *Staples VS South Windsor Girls Basketball* – WWPT, Staples High School

Best Sports Talk Show

1st Place: Brandon Gutman, Samantha Selig, and Tyler Deren – *Ball Up Top* – WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Timber Fiihr – *Folk and Field* – KVIT, KDPS, Des Moines Public Schools – Central Campus
3rd Place: Gabe Trevino – *The Gabe Trevino Show* – The Dog Radio, Crown Point High School

Best Sportscast

1st Place: Thomas Scott – *WWPT Sports Update May 21, 2026* – WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Gabe Trevino – *Gabe Trevino Sportscast* – The Dog Radio, Crown Point High School
3rd Place: Joe Ratcliffe – *Sports Update May 1, 2026* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best Radio Drama

1st Place: Dax Thakker – *The Binding of Isaac* – WCYT, Homestead High School
2nd Place: The Staples Players – *Sorry, Wrong Number* – WWPT, Staples High School
3rd Place: Carson Matherne – *Artificial Nature* – WBRH, Baton Rouge Magnet High School

Best Podcast

1st Place: Emmet Gripp, Carter Yates, Charlie Plewa, and Zoe Connelly – *Let Me Get Your Opinion, Episode 1* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
2nd Place: Kiera Fant and Ethan Cross – *The iTech Show* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Magdalena Leonard – *Too Much Time on My Hands* – WBFH, Bloomfield Hills High School

Best DJ

1st Place: Lillian Murphy – WBRH, Baton Rouge Magnet High School
2nd Place: Charlie Plewa – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Declan Jandora – WWPT, Staples High School

Best Talk Show

1st Place: Kairis Boyles – *Fan Girl Hour* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
2nd Place: Emmet Gripp and Mia Guzman – *A Senior's Guide to Freshman Year* – KVIT, East Valley Institute of Technology
3rd Place: Grace Dickmeyer, Caroline Burns, and Alayna Baker – *Are You For Real?* – WCYT, Homestead High School

Best Specialty Music Show

1st Place: Thomas Scott and Jared Sale – *Signal to Noise* – WWPT, Staples High School
2nd Place: Andrew Gallardo, Charlie Plewa, and Charley Curin – *Live From the Lounge: Post Sex Nachos* – WLTL, Lyons Township High School
3rd Place: Allie Kowalski – *Alternative AM* – WCHS, Communications High School

Broadcaster of the Year

Thomas Scott – WWPT, Staples High School

Outstanding Student Leader

Eli Head – WPSR, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Best Radio Station Advisor

Mike Baker – WLTL, Lyons Township High School

Best High School Radio Station

WWPT – Staples High School