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2026 IASB High School Broadcasting Competition Awards Announced

INDIANAPOLIS — More than 850 students and instructors from 38 Indiana high schools and career centers attended the 23rd annual Indiana Association of School Broadcasters conference at Butler University on March 10th. Students attended educational workshops that addressed topics including social media, film, broadcast journalism, podcasting, storytelling, and sports play-by-play before receiving awards earned in the IASB High School Broadcasting Competition in 44 categories across five divisions: radio, news, sports, video, and emerging media.

Based on points earned in this year's competition, the South Bend Community School Corporation was awarded News School of the Year. Homestead High School won School of the Year honors in the radio, video, and sports divisions. The Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center was named Emerging Media School of the Year.

Complete list of 2026 IASB High School Broadcasting Competition Award winners:

Radio Division

Radio Air Personality

First Place - Eli Head, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Second Place - Carter Schwartz, Homestead High School

Third Place - Melia Nickleson, Walker Career Center

Finalists - Gianna Zikkos, Porter County Career Center; Nick Anderson, Carmel High School; Mykenna Frizzell, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center; Dax Thakker, Homestead High School

Radio Talk Show

First Place - Kaiden Harris and Byron Baltzell, Walker Career Center

Second Place - Grace Dickmeyer, Caroline Burns, Alayna Baker, Homestead High School

Third Place - D'Miya Jennings and Amariyah Dunn, Walker Career Center

Honorable Mention - Kaylin Seibert and Lydia Wilson, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center; Brooklyn Schuyler, Reagen Butler, Sofia Beaven, Zion Palmieri, Pendleton Heights High School

Radio Show

First Place - Carter Schwartz and Owen Kruger, Homestead High School

Second Place - Eli Head, Alex Joyce, Finneas Schauss, Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Third Place - Blake Dupont, Braeden Feller, Peyton Lookebill, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Honorable Mention - Kaiden Harris and Saniyah Hunter, Walker Career Center; Melia Nickleson and Mena Davis, Walker Career Center

Radio Spot Production

First Place - Eli Bueno-Pedraza, South Bend Community School Corporation

Second Place - Grant Seibert, Jasper High School

Third Place - Mari Allee and Karlie Roy, Whiteland Community High School

Honorable Mention - Rico Ardister and Rana Stevens, Crown Point High School; Xaydn Hall, Elkhart Area Career Center

Radio Imaging

First Place - Olivia Darden and Jamison Smith, Walker Career Center

Second Place - Rana Stevens, Crown Point High School

Third Place - Keno Blair and Mass Media Production, Jasper High School

Honorable Mention - Ethan Bushnell, Homestead High School; Makenzie Wandel and Sarai Allen, Pendleton Heights High School

Radio Copywriting

First Place - Reilly Sweeney, Carmel High School

Second Place - Emma Munoz, Homestead High School

Third Place - Cooper Sanders, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - Anelia Rybka, Homestead High School and Leonardo Abrajam, South Bend Community School Corporation

Radio Interview

First Place - Gianna Zikkos, Porter County Career Center

Second Place - Kaiden Harris, Walker Career Center

Third Place - Brandon Boling, Crown Point High School

Honorable Mention - Devon Alsman and Jonny Klumpe, Porter County Career Center; Sophia Shannon, Western Boone Junior-Senior High School

Adapted Radio Drama

First Place - Gavin Chambers, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Third Place - Rylee Lange, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Honorable Mention - Vladimir Lutterman, Donovan Iler, Riley Mills, Ivan Munez, Chesterton High School; Dax Thakker, Homestead High School

Original Radio Drama

First Place - Milan Ristic, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Third Place - Benson Davis, Pendleton Heights High School

Honorable Mention - Haley Corsaro and Bella Dowell, Carmel High School; Sam Falkenstein and Ollie Chesterfield, Carmel High School

Video Division

Video Spot Production

First Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Second Place - Southeastern Media Network Staff, Hamilton Southeastern High School

Third Place - Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Honorable Mention - Felipe Sanchez and Bruce Thompson, South Bend Community School Corporation; Elijah Napier, Oscar Garcia, Braedon Combs, Whiteland Community High School

Music Video

First Place - Reagan Sherwood, Annabelle Rees, Bella Becker, Yonna Wright, Connersville High School

Second Place - Max Wojciechowski, Porter County Career Center

Third Place - Donte Hickerson, Ethan Maleto, Hunter Smith, Jaileigh Pink, Ben Davis High School

Honorable Mention - SICTC Production Team, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center; Timothy Klimek, Porter County Career Center

Video Magazine

First Place - SBS-TV Media Team, South Bend Community School Corporation

Second Place - SBS-TV Media Team, South Bend Community School Corporation

Third Place - CHTV News, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - David Kee, Austin Koehl, Elliot Ledger, Elijah Ledger, Carroll High School; Eden Wilhite, Evansville Christian School

Corporate Video

First Place - Cadence Wiggam and Evelyn Lukich, Whiteland Community High School

Second Place - Eli Bueno-Pedraza, South Bend Community School Corporation

Third Place - Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Honorable Mention - Cooper Harradon, South Bend Community School Corporation; Peyton Duke and Abigail Hernandez, Elkhart Area Career Center

Cinematography

First Place - Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Second Place - Lucas Allison, Ben Davis High School

Third Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Honorable Mention - Nieng Mang, Carroll High School; Isaac Gillum, Martinsville High School

Short Film

First Place - MHS Rewind, Martinsville High School

Second Place - Ellia Becker, Makenna Striegel, Teagan Schetzle, Film Studio Class, Hamilton Southeastern HS

Third Place - Lincoln Lancaster, Aidan Mariscal, Cannon Jordan, Whiteland Community High School

Honorable Mention - Ben Rupp, Porter County Career Center; Concordia Lutheran High School Media Arts Students, Concordia Lutheran High School

Video Copywriting

First Place - Ryla Czerwinski, Jasper High School

Second Place - Emma Munoz, Homestead High School

Third Place - Alyssia Montgomery, South Bend Community School Corporation

Honorable Mention - Shaylin Geyer, Elkhart Area Career Center; Lydia Wilson, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Live Video Event

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - Laney Miles, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Third Place - Abby Keal, Brandt Lykins, Layla Crowe, Lillian Boulware, Connersville High School

Honorable Mention - BCSC.TV & Extended Play Club, Brownsburg High School; Sophia Shannon, Mallory Hayden, Kirstin McCormick, Karleigh Brown, Western Boone Junior-Senior High School

Video Show Open

First Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Second Place - Savannah Xochitlatoa and Spencer Lazarowicz, Perry Meridian High School

Third Place - Greg Harris, South Bend Community School Corporation

Honorable Mention - Ryn Yasin and Amelia Robinson, Carmel High School; Za'ravien White, Perry Meridian High School

News Division

Radio News Anchor

First Place - MJ Martell, Carmel High School

Second Place - Kaiden Harris, Walker Career Center

Third Place - Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Finalists - Cooper Harradon, South Bend Community School Corporation; Rylee Lange, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center; Melia Nickleson, Walker Career Center

Radio In-Depth

First Place - Aayla McCann, South Bend Community School Corporation

Second Place - Elijah Young, South Bend Community School Corporation

Third Place - Evelyn Hall and Emma Willis, Jasper High School

Honorable Mention - Melia Nickleson, Walker Career Center; Laney Miles, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Television News Anchor

First Place - Olivia Butler, Homestead High School

Second Place - Kryzjun Shotton, Walker Career Center

Third Place - Cordell Escobal, Connersville High School

Finalists - Abrielle Blackwell, Perry Meridian High School; Jesse Brownlee, South Bend Community School Corporation; Owen Kruger, Homestead High School

School Video Newscast

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - The Staff of CPTV News, Crown Point High School

Third Place - SBS-TV Media Team, South Bend Community School Corporation

Honorable Mention - CHS Today Staff, Connersville High School; CHTV News Team, Carmel High School

Video News Package

First Place - Treylen Criglear, South Bend Community School Corporation

Second Place - Alina Keppler and Tristan Taheny, Brownsburg High School

Third Place - Elijah Young and Leonardo Abrajan, South Bend Community School Corporation

Honorable Mention - Kate Barnes and Jace Kelsay, Whiteland Community High School; Jordyn Adams, Walker Career Center

Video In-Depth

First Place - Sa'Rai Curtis, Ben Davis High School

Second Place - Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Third Place - Taylor Hamm and Emma Munoz, Homestead High School

Honorable Mention - Alaylah Ketcham, Arianna Escobal, Shelby Abercrombie, Connersville High School; Germain Kasongo, Walker Career Center

Photojournalism

First Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Second Place - Arthur Struewing, Connersville High School

Third Place - Cooper Harradon, South Bend Community School Corporation

Honorable Mention - Noah McCullum, Connersville High School; Brody Kosiara, Porter County Career Center

Video Field Reporter

First Place - Jesse Brownlee, South Bend Community School Corporation

Second Place – Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Third Place - Taylor Diamond, Homestead High School

Honorable Mention - Ariana Pantoja, Crown Point High School; Abby Keal, Connersville High School

Sports Division

Radio Sports Update

First Place - Braxton Hall, Homestead High School

Second Place - Gavin Snyder, Carmel High School

Third Place - Rico Ardister, Crown Point High School

Honorable Mention - Grant Seibert, Jasper High School; Will Engledow, Carmel High School

Radio Sports Talk Show

First Place - Gabe Trevino, Brandon Boling, Cameron Qualls, Braydon Zamojski, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Reilly Sweeney and The Starting Five, Carmel High School

Third Place - Jackson Shepard, Ben Kontarzhy, Brendan Melby, Connell McDonough, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - Atticus Dean, Brody Hyder, Eli McCallister, Ali Nassour, Homestead High School; Kaiden Harris, Walker Career Center

Radio Basketball Play-By-Play

First Place - Braxton Hall, Homestead High School

Second Place - Reilly Sweeney, Carmel High School

Third Place - Gavin Snyder, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - Brycen Hill, Ben Davis High School; Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Radio Football Play-By-Play

First Place - Braxton Hall, Homestead High School

Second Place – Zion Palmieri, Pendleton Heights High School

Third Place - Reilly Sweeney, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - David Loudon, Plainfield High School; Gavin Snyder, Carmel High School

Radio Sporting Event Broadcast

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - Zion Palmieri and Benson Davis, Pendleton Heights High School

Third Place - Varsity Football Crew, Carmel High School

Honorable Mention - Brycen Hill and Tyler Stout, Ben Davis High School; Dylan Durcholz and Grant Seibert, Jasper High School

Video Live Sports (Basketball & Football)

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - BCSC.TV & Extended Play Club, Brownsburg High School

Third Place - The Staff of CPTV Sports, Crown Point High School

Honorable Mention - PC3 Sports Crew, Porter County Career Center; CHTV Sports Team, Carmel High School

Video Live Sports (Other Sports)

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - CHTV Sports Team, Carmel High School

Third Place - BCSC.TV & Extended Play Club, Brownsburg High School

Honorable Mention - Tanner Alexander, Ryne Hilgendorf, Trent Smith, Southeastern Sports Network Staff, Hamilton Southeastern High School; MHS Rewind, Martinsville High School

Video Sports Program

First Place - Homestead Media, Homestead High School

Second Place - Gabe Trevino, Braydon Zamojski, Luke Bazin, Trent Josleyn, Crown Point High School

Third Place - BCSC.TV & BHS-TV, Brownsburg High School

Honorable Mention - Hayden Parvin, Jonathan Garcia, Adalae Schierberg, Walker Career Center; Daniel Phillips, Will Mason, Evan Lynn, Lucas DeWilkins, Mishawaka High School

Video Sports Package

First Place - Gabe Trevino, Braydon Zamojski, Luke Bazin, Cameron Qualls, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Gianna B. Jackson-Arauz, Whiteland Community High School

Third Place - David Loudon, Plainfield High School

Honorable Mention - Taylor Diamond, Homestead High School; Noah McCullum, Connersville High School

Emerging Media Division

Student Media Website

First Place - Riley Alderman, Carmel High School (WHJE)

Second Place - Ryn Yasin and Lily Glanders, Carmel High School (CHTV)

Third Place - Nithik Sajja and Logan Diehl, Hamilton Southeastern High School (Southeastern Media Network)

Honorable Mention - Nico Suriano and the Southeastern Sports Network Staff, Hamilton Southeastern High School
Southeastern Sports Network; Grizzly Cub Network, Franklin Community High School

Social Media Presence

First Place - Makhia Straw and Laney Miles, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Second Place - Leah Zaradich and Southeastern Media Network Staff, Hamilton Southeastern High School

Third Place - Whiteland Radio/TV, Whiteland Community High School

Honorable Mention - Annabelle Petry and Malia Larger, Carmel High School; Brooklyn Schuyler and WEEM Social Media Staff, Pendleton Heights High School

Podcast

First Place - Rana Stevens and Rico Ardister, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Andrew Warm, Fishers High School

Third Place - Emma Munoz, Homestead High School

Honorable Mention - Tyson McClain, Brownsburg High School; Andrew Copeland and Cailin Gipson, Porter County Career Center

Vodcast

First Place - Eli Head, Alex Joyce, Isaac Shoener, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Second Place - She Scores, Homestead High School

Third Place - Ava Stopczynski and Anna Yoder, Mishawaka High School

Honorable Mention - Will James, Mississinewa High School; David Kee, Elliot Ledger, Elijah Ledger, Carroll High School

Video Comedy / Parody

First Place - Brandt Lykins, Cordell Escobal, Maddox Rees, Reed Whittaker, Connersville High School

Second Place - 90.7 Production Team, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Third Place - Victoria Cruz, Matthew Riley, Cody Scowden, Brooklynn Stewart, Brownsburg High School

Honorable Mention - Taylor Hamm, Emma Munoz, Olivia Butler, Owen Kruger, Homestead High School; Noah McCullum and Arthur Struewing, Connersville High School

Sound Design

First Place - Andrew Sylvester, Martinsville High School

Second Place - MJ Martell, Carmel High School

Third Place - Cooper Louiselle, Elkhart Area Career Center

Honorable Mention - Quinn Sparenblek, Martinsville High School; Canon Davis, Brenton Dunnuck, Jacqueline Riley, Anthony Bilotto, Fishers High School

Animated Story

First Place - Owen Slone and Isaac Kuhlhorst, Impact Institute

Second Place - Nato Pullen, Fishers High School

Third Place - Alina Keppler, Brownsburg High School

Honorable Mention - Andrew Copeland, Porter County Career Center; Isabelle Hall, J. Everett Light Career Center

Motion Graphics

First Place - Taylor Hamm, Homestead High School

Second Place - Lee Phanor, Plainfield High School

Third Place - Marissa Post, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Honorable Mention - Ryn Yasin, Carmel High School

Branded Hype Video

First Place - Luke Bazin, Crown Point High School

Second Place - Eli Head, Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center

Third Place - Omar Elsayed and Southeastern Sports Network Staff, Hamilton Southeastern High School

Honorable Mention - Annabelle Petry, Carmel High School; Peyton Trotter, Evansville Christian School

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