



July 8, 2021

Deb Trottier

VIA MAIL - dltrottier@sbcglobal.net

Re: FOIA request dated & received 6/18/21

Subject: Any and all communication for dates 5/1/21 to 5/31/21 with key words Black Lives Matter, BLM, Rally, Protest, Rally, Protest, March, Injustice, racism, policy, social media, systematic, racial, justice, reform, Portillo's, and Oswego Village Hall. Clarification on 6/21/21: all emails with domain of @sd308.org in the "To" and "From" communication. Results were 31,671 emails. Then on 6/23/21, the narrowed search key words were Black Lives Matter, BLM, Protest and Village Hall.

Dear Mrs. Trottier,

This letter will serve as Oswego Community Unit School District 308's response to your June 18, 2021 request under the Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 et seq.), in which you asked for the above referenced information. The information regarding your request is attached. Redactions were made due to the following exemption under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act as follows:

Section 7(1)(c) - Personal information contained within public records, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, unless the disclosure is consented to in writing by the individual subjects of the information.

The decision to withhold the redacted information was made by me consulting with our District legal counsel. You have a right to have the denial of your request reviewed by the Public Access Counselor (PAC) at the Office of the Illinois Attorney General. 5 ILCS 140/9.5(a). You can file your Request for Review with the PAC by writing to:

Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, IL 62706

If you choose to file a Request for Review with the PAC, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this denial letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this denial letter when filing a Request for Review with the PAC. You also have the right to seek judicial review of your denial by filing a lawsuit in the State circuit court. 5 ILCS 140/11.

To promote district transparency and assist others who may have a similar question, this responsive document will

be posted online on the district's website. To access it, go to [www.sd308.org](http://www.sd308.org) and select *Our District > Freedom of Information Act Request > FOIA Request Responses>FOIA Requests Responses -2021>then select FOIA ID #21-40*.

Please be advised that to comply with your FOIA request, the district incurred an expense that comprised of the cost of labor and resources used to search for records responsive to your request.

Please let me know if you have additional questions. Thank you.

*Carrie Szambelan*

Carrie Szambelan  
Freedom of Information Officer

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DATE: 05/18/2021 08:00

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DATE: 05/18/2021 08:34

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Shannon Lueders

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Community Unit School District 308

[slueders@sd308.org](mailto:slueders@sd308.org)

630-636-4677



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TO: Faith Dahlquist <fdahlquist@sd308.org>  
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Renée Sartore  
Director of English Learners  
Oswego CUSD 308  
630-636-3694

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 Dr. Heidi Podjasek  
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 4175 Route 71  
 Oswego, IL 60543  
 email: [hpodjasek@sd308.org](mailto:hpodjasek@sd308.org)  
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 DATE: 05/18/2021 08:53

Thank you Faith

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 8:45 AM Heidi Podjasek <[hpodjasek@sd308.org](mailto:hpodjasek@sd308.org)> wrote:

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7/7/2021

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FROM: "Jennifer-Johnson@sd308.org" <jennifer-johnson@sd308.org>  
TO: John Sparlin <jsparlin@sd308.org>  
DATE: 05/18/2021 17:04

Thank you, John.

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Thank you,  
Jen Johnson

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2021, at 4:50 PM, John Sparlin <jsparlin@sd308.org> wrote:

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TO: jennifer-johnson@sd308.org  
DATE: 05/18/2021 17:08

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:05 PM

**To:** John Sparlin <[jsparlin@sd308.org](mailto:jsparlin@sd308.org)>

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Sent from my iPhone

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DATE: 05/18/2021 20:55

You are welcome. I just texted you that I found out where it happened. It was at Plainfield Central.

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John

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Ali,

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Thanks,  
John

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TO: "Jennifer-Johnson@sd308.org" <[jennifer-johnson@sd308.org](mailto:jennifer-johnson@sd308.org)>  
DATE: 05/18/2021 20:55

You are welcome. I just texted you that I found out where it happened. It was at Plainfield Central.

On Tue, May 18, 2021 at 8:09 PM [Jennifer-Johnson@sd308.org](mailto:jennifer-johnson@sd308.org) <[jennifer-johnson@sd308.org](mailto:jennifer-johnson@sd308.org)> wrote:

So glad it didn't!

Thanks for checking.

Jen

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2021, at 7:43 PM, John Sparlin <[jsparlin@sd308.org](mailto:jsparlin@sd308.org)> wrote:

Thanks Jen. I looked into it and this did not happen. I appreciate you asking me! Have a great night.

Take care,  
John

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**From:** [jennifer-johnson@sd308.org](mailto:jennifer-johnson@sd308.org) <[jennifer-johnson@sd308.org](mailto:jennifer-johnson@sd308.org)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** John Sparlin <[jsparlin@sd308.org](mailto:jsparlin@sd308.org)>  
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It was sent to me by a mom, but I didn't ask which HS....I will ask. I hear rumors every year about "senior pranks" so I didn't think it was urgent.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 18, 2021, at 5:08 PM, John Sparlin <[jsparlin@sd308.org](mailto:jsparlin@sd308.org)> wrote:

Not that I know of. Which school did you hear this about?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 18, 2021 5:05 PM  
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TO: Laura Pastirik Bankowski <lpastirikbankowski@sd308.org>  
DATE: 05/18/2021 08:28

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8:56
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Free • Village Hall in Oswego, IL 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL

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Event by **Amy Murillo**

Village Hall in Oswego, IL 100 Parkers Mill, Oswego, IL

Tomorrow at 6:30 PM CDT  
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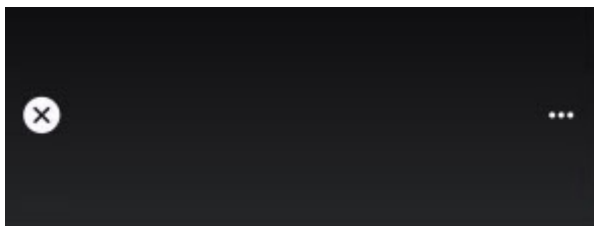
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### What To Expect

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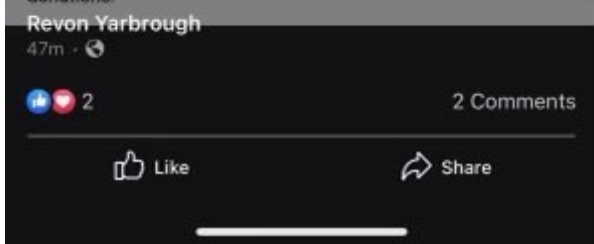
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School Resource Officer - Oswego East High School

1525 Harvey Road, Oswego, Illinois 60543

E- [Andrew-Most@sd308.org](mailto:Andrew-Most@sd308.org)

T - 630-636-2220



SUBJECT: Re:

FROM: Christopher Grays <cgrays@sd308.org>

TO: Laura Pastirik Bankowski <lpastirikbankowski@sd308.org>

CC: Theresa Komitas <tkomitas@sd308.org>, Heather Kincaid <hkincaid@sd308.org>

DATE: 05/18/2021 10:36

FYI. This has now gained media coverage.

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Hello Ladies,  
If you have the opportunity I would like to chat about this....  
Thanks,  
Laura

Laura Bankowski  
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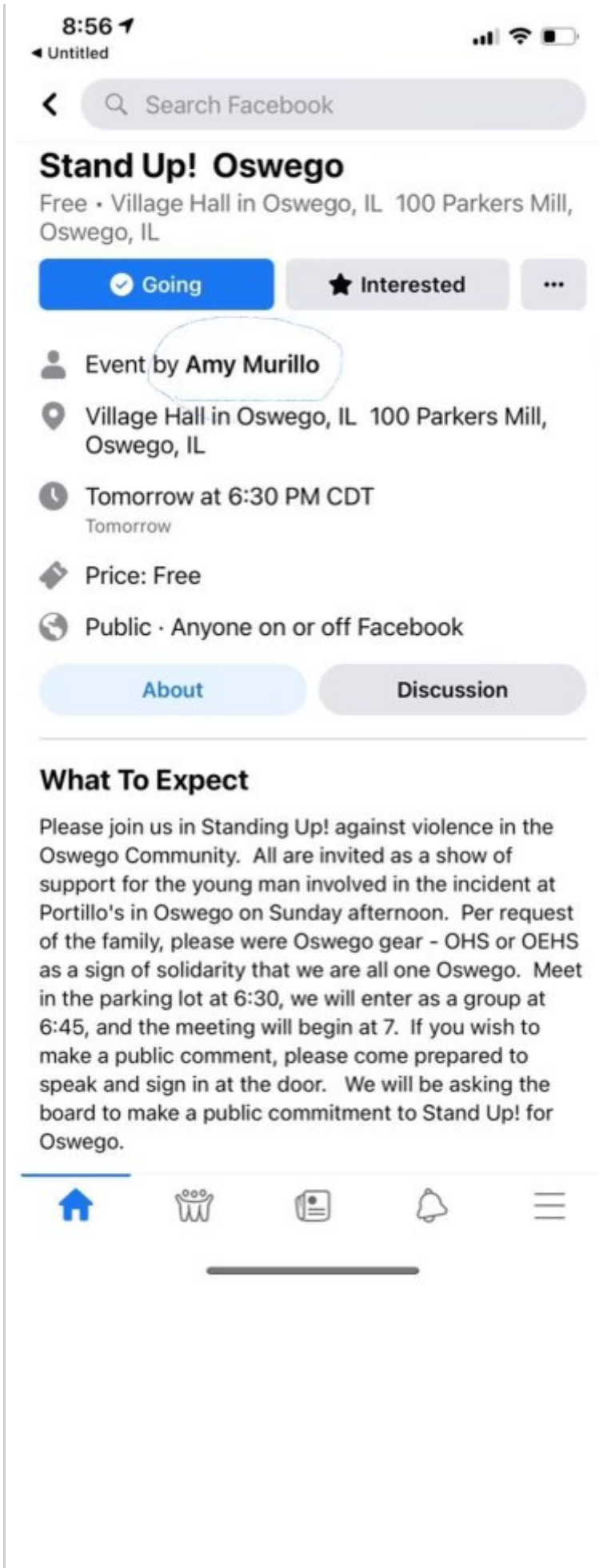
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FROM: Michael Jon Skura <mskura@sd308.org>  
TO: [REDACTED]  
DATE: 05/10/2021 07:29

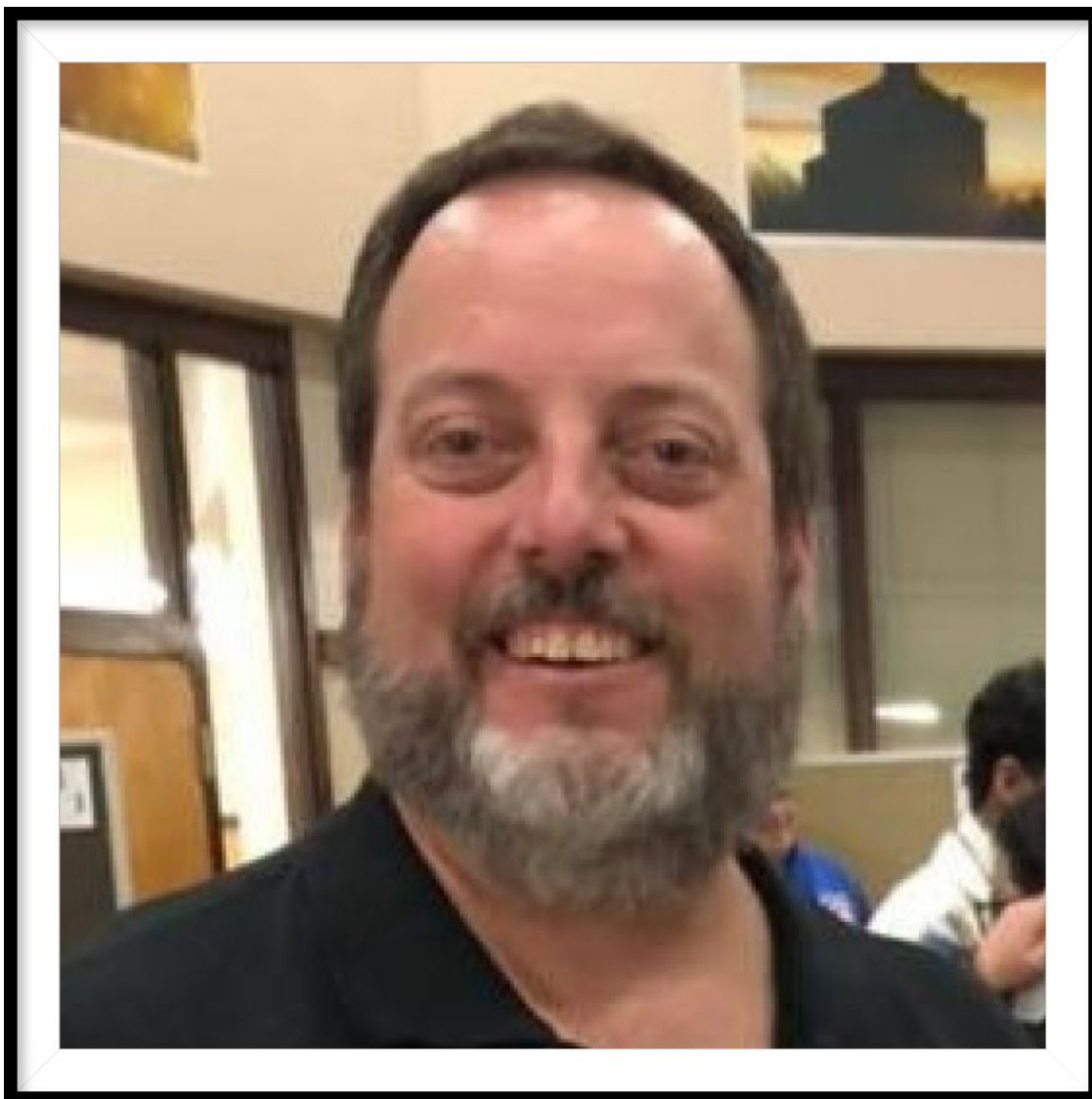


## Fine Arts May Newsletter

*SD 308 Fine Art Colleagues, Happy Monday, it is May 10th, 2021!  
"Make it Happen" and bring out the best creativity & skill from our  
SD 308 Fine Arts students!*

### In this Newsletter:

Frank Tieri, Oswego H.S. Choir Instructor Retiring  
My Voice Matter Virtual Art Exhibition!  
Oswego H.S. Winner of the 14th Congressional H.S. Art Competition:  
Oswego East Theatre Wrap Up!  
Wheatland Student Wins \$1000 for Art Program  
IAEA Grants Close by June 1st  
Schools of Distinction Close by June 30th  
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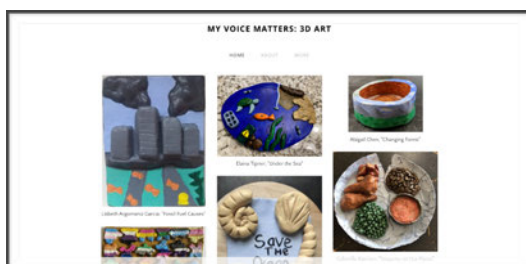
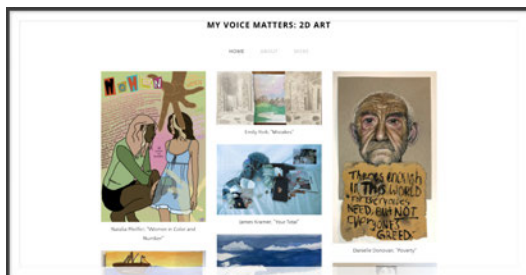
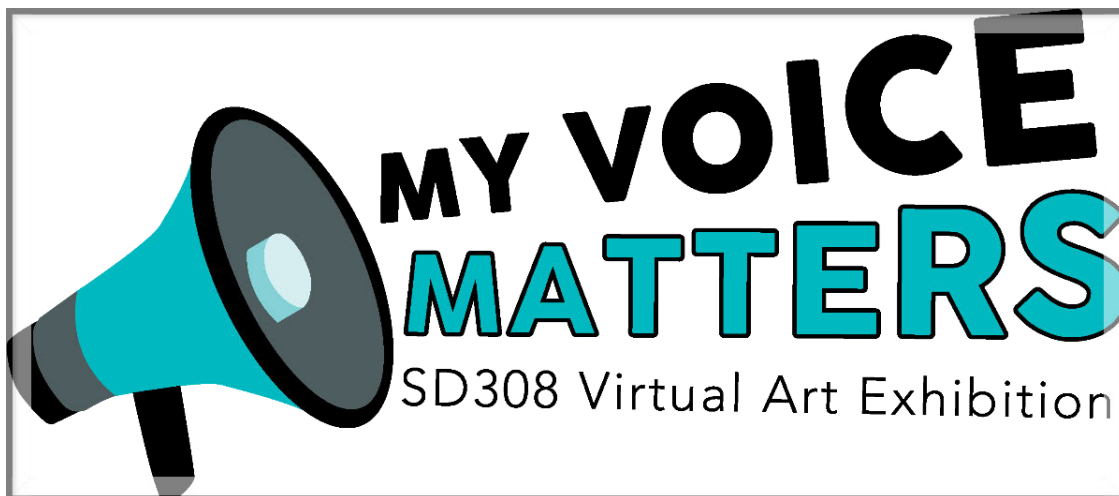
After *30 plus years* of impactful music vocal teaching and calling the community of *Oswego High School home*, Frank Tieri, after the *2020-2021 academic year will retire.*

We wanted to give him a Music Commission and send him off with a unique crafted vocal piece made to send him off and a small way to say thank you, Mr. T!





**Once a Panther, Always a Panther!**



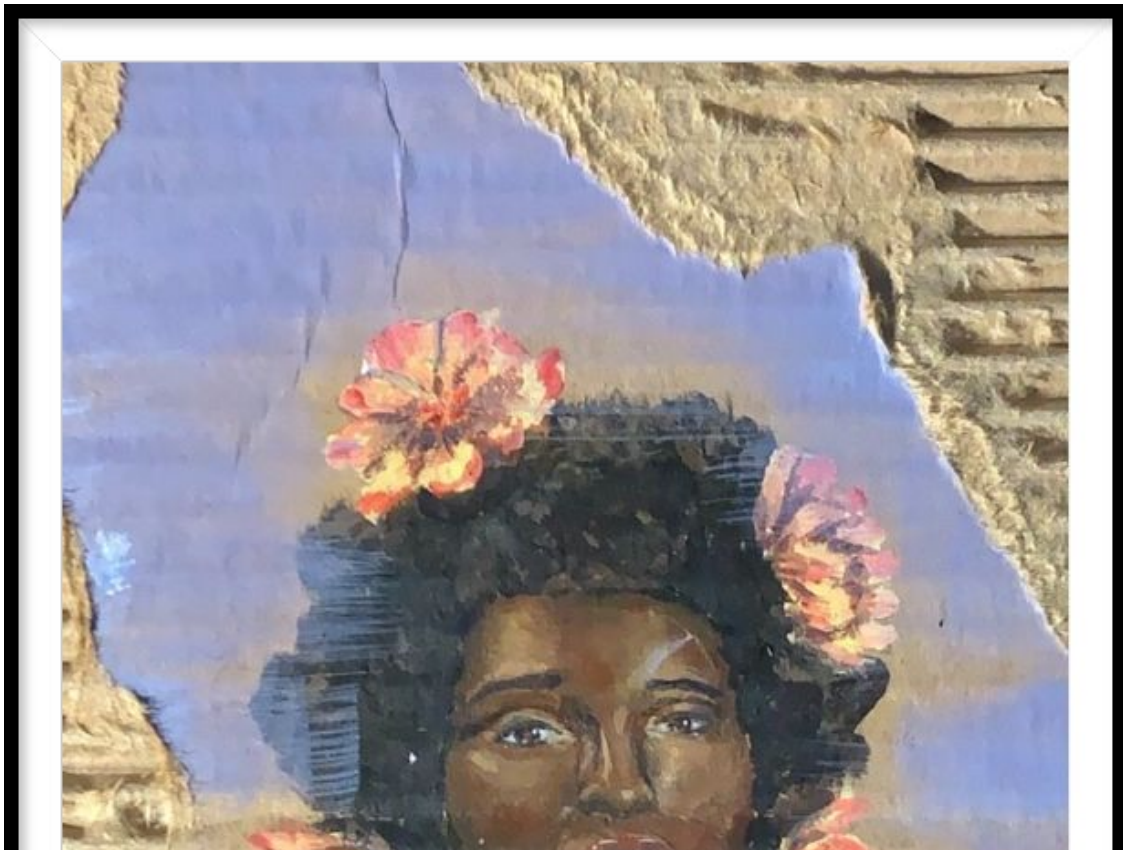
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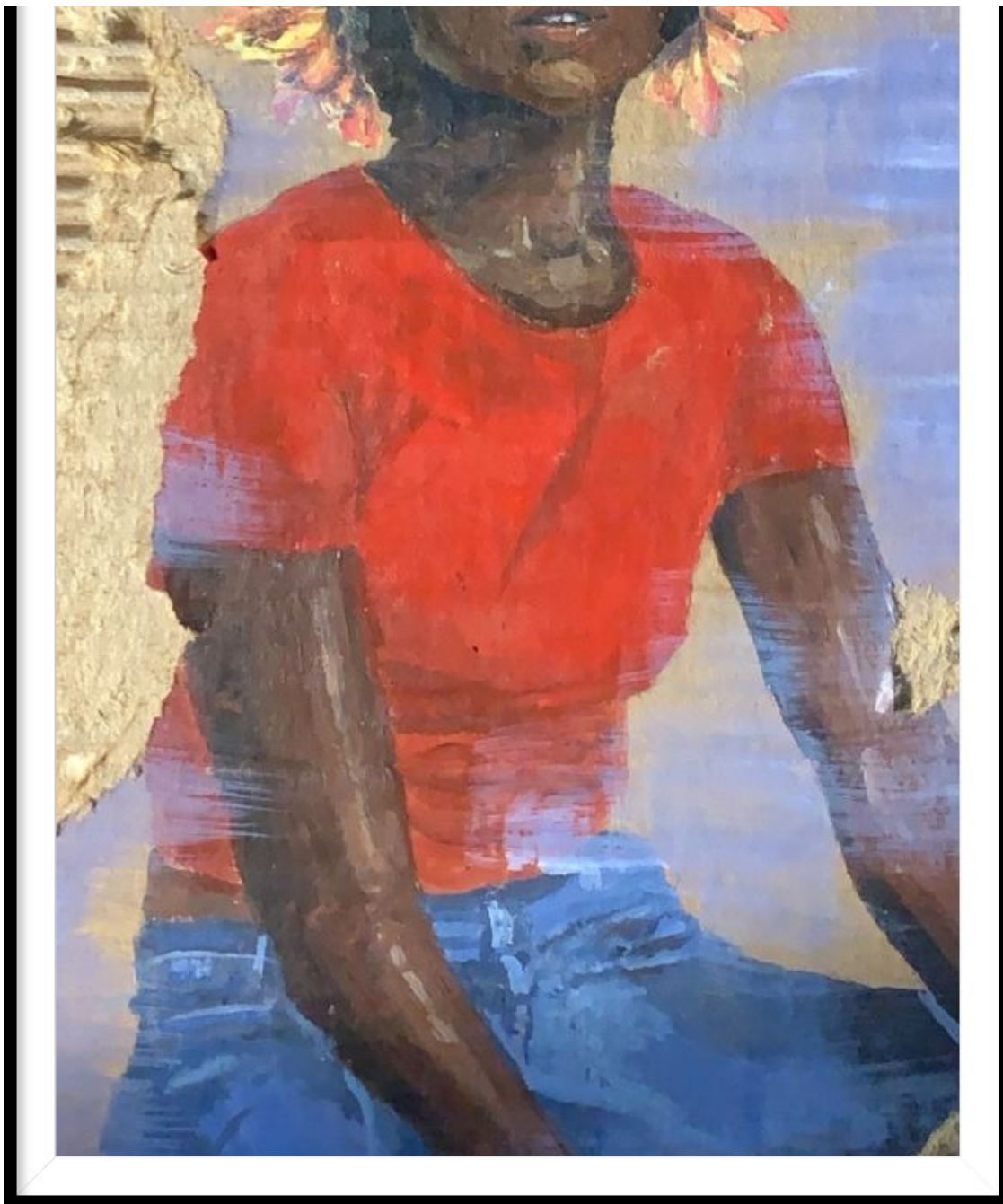
*Where it all began.*

Heather Stanich (Fine Arts) and Stephanie Krzeminski (History), two teachers from Oswego East, sought a way to give students the platform they were looking for to talk about social justice initiatives. For the past five years, they have held showcases at Oswego East, highlighting students' artwork based on the Black Lives Matter movement to climate action & gender inequality through various mediums. The art mediums submitted also shifted throughout the years as students are more engaged every year. Students use painting, sculpture, photography, music, spoken word, drawing, and various other forms to express their powerful messages. Although this continued to show tremendous growth at Oswego East alone, Stephanie and Heather always wanted to extend this offer out district-wide. Now, in 2021, a school year that has challenges with many starts and stops, scratched out plans, and a call to converse on essential and difficult conversations, the dream finally became a reality. Students K-12 were invited throughout the district to express their viewpoints on social justice initiatives through artwork for the very first time. The school district, fine arts teachers in the school district, and the SCRC of SD308 got together to help build this platform for our students.

It is a project that we are proud to share with you all. We are proud to be

*#sd308strong.*





## **Congresswomen Underwood Announces Oswego High School Senior, Karly Quarnstrom As Winner of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition**

The competition included over 70 submissions from talented students from the 14th district

WEST CHICAGO—Today, Congresswoman Lauren Underwood announced Karly Quarnstrom, Oswego High School, as the winner of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition for the 14<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois. For over 30 years, the Congressional Art Competition has showcased the art of high school students from across the country. The 2021 virtual competition included over 70 submissions

from talented students from the 14th District. Quarnstrom's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol to represent the 14<sup>th</sup> District in the halls of Congress.

*"The Congressional Art Competition is an exciting opportunity for young students in our community to bringing their voices and values to the halls of Congress. I am blown away by all the talent and hard work from our students and grateful for their work to make our community a little more colorful, especially during a global pandemic," said Rep. Underwood. "Congratulations to Karly Quarnstrom from Oswego High School! I look forward to seeing your artwork in the Capitol."*

**EAST THEATRE PRESENTS**

# **YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN**

A Musical Theatre Virtual Event

**STREAMING TICKETS AVAILABLE  
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 **PURCHASE TICKETS**  
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**\$12**  
48 Hour Rental

**\$15**  
Unlimited Viewing until June 1



**East Theatre** wrapped the recording of their spring musical *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. With a cast of 10 and a student production team of 4, they were able to pull off the sweet story of the Peanuts gang everyone has grown to love. With the help of Eric and Stef, the actors looked and sounded fabulous on screen. East Theatre is truly thankful that theatre still got to happen this year; Belovsky and Chandler couldn't be prouder. It's true...for happiness is anyone, and anything at all that's loved by you.

*\*Photos by Carson Bierman*

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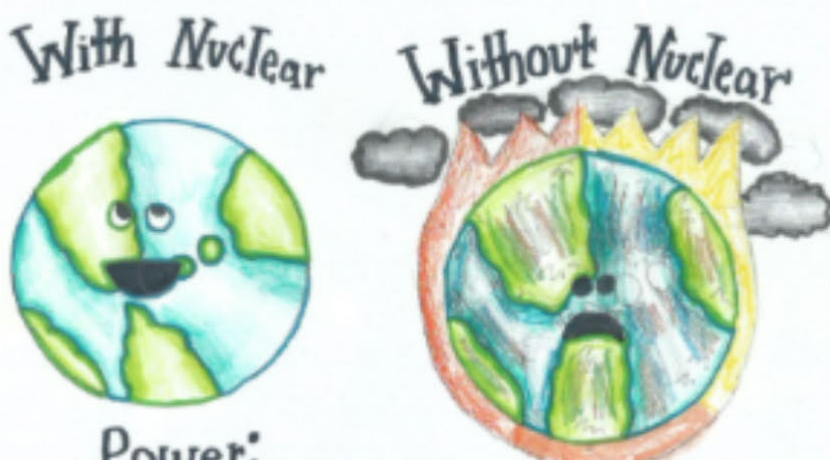
## Congratulations!

*"Tarun Puri is a student here at the Wheatlands and he won \$1000.00 for our art program in a coloring contest!"-Meghan Gatenby*

### And the winners are...

Last month, we launched a student art contest to find out why kids across the state think nuclear power is essential in Illinois. And boy, did they answer!

Here's a look at the winning submissions:





The results of the "Why Illinois Needs Nuclear" Student Art Contest are in.

We received tons of submissions from students across Illinois. We're pleased to let you know that a panel of judges named your student's art contest submission as one of the three overall winners!

On Tuesday, May 4, Nuclear Powers Illinois (NPI) will announce the "Why Illinois Needs Nuclear" student art contest winners through a press release and post the winning submissions on our social media platforms.

NPI will also donate \$1,000 to each of the three overall winner's school art programs. Honorable mentions will receive a certificate.

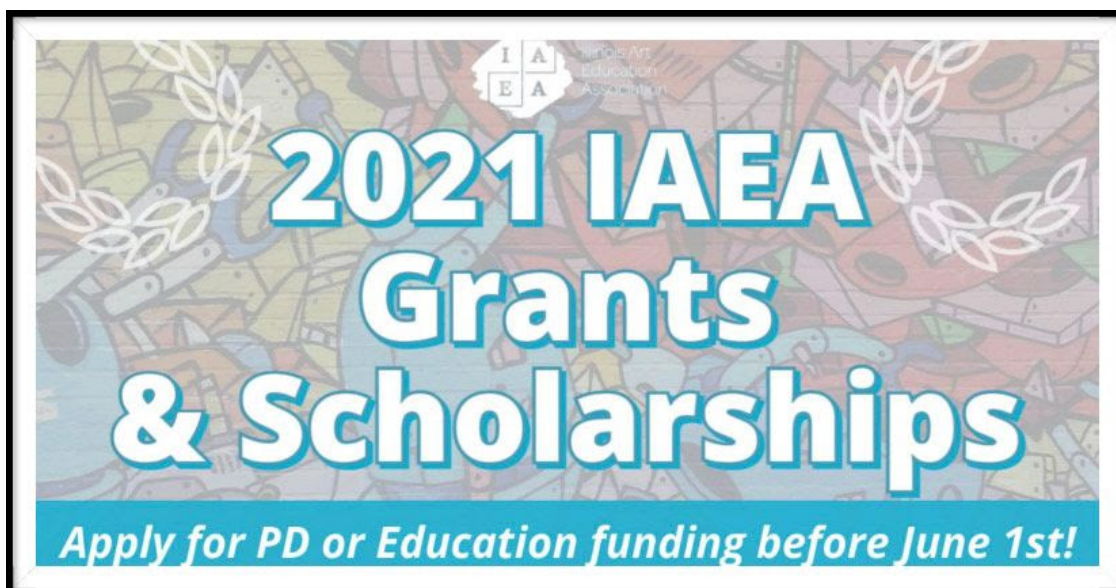
Thank you for encouraging your student to participate. And congratulations again on your student's wonderful submission. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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A graphic announcement for the 2021 Illinois Art Education Association Conference. It features a yellow and blue color scheme with paint splashes. The text reads: "2021 ILLINOIS ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE", "IAEA IS GOING HYBRID IN 2021!", and "On-site events will be held in Bloomington-Normal November 5th and 6th. This will be followed by a virtual conference day November 13th. Adjust your calendars for amazing hands-on experiences and inspiring speakers in both modalities!". At the bottom, it includes the IAEA logo, the website "ilaea.org", and a link to "ilaea.org/memberships/".

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**IAEA FALL CONFERENCE!**

**IAEA members** we are excited to update you on this year's conference plans!

**We are going hybrid!** That's right; we will be combining the best of in-person & online learning to curate a premier PD experience that will help you grow in your practice while also being mindful of evolving COVID-19 precautions.

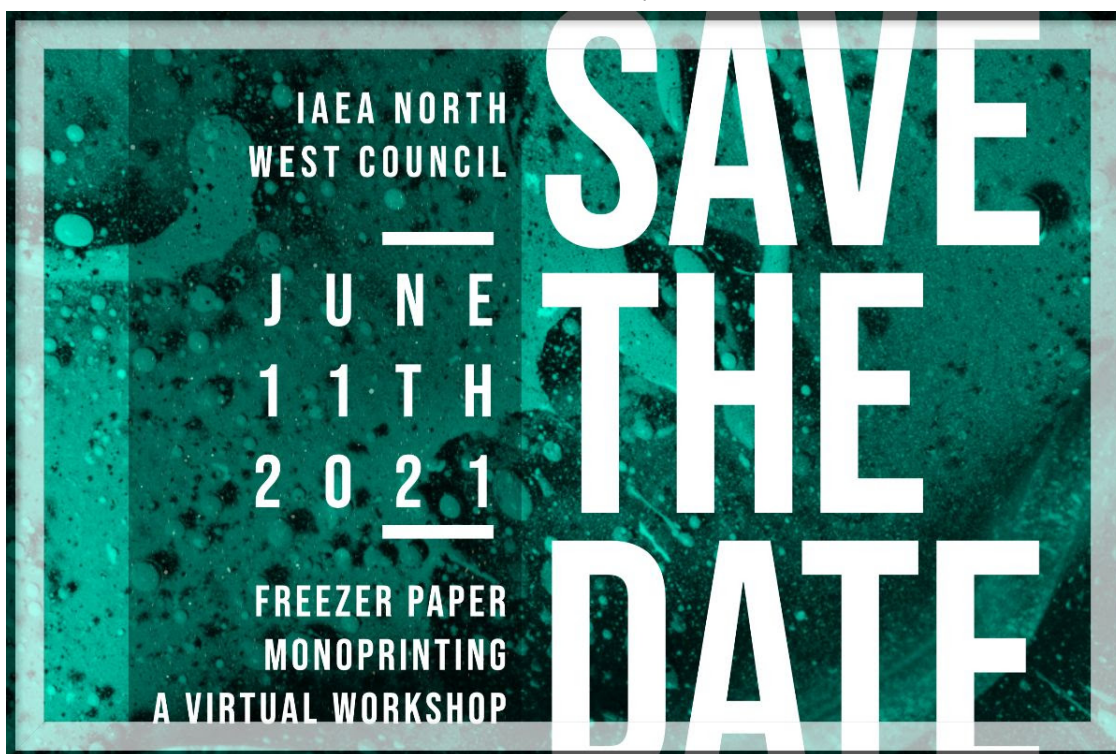
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Further information concerning registration, presentation proposals, & hotel accommodations is forthcoming. Guests will have an opportunity to register for just in-person, just virtual, or both!

**Click Here for Information & Questions**



## IAEA Northwest Council! Save the date!

*After a long school year, you deserve a little "me time".*

Celebrate the start of summer vacation with a virtual Sip-and-Make hosted by your Northwest Council and Vice President Heather Stanich.

*More info to follow.*

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## Some Important Dates to Make A Note of:

*May 10th-11th OHS Band Concert 6:30 pm*

*May 10th OEHS Band Concert 6:30 pm*

*May 12th OEHS Jazz Explosion*

*May 13th OHS Stay Tuned 2:30 pm*

*May 13th OHS Choir Concert 6:30 pm*

*May 15th OVMD/S.O.T.C. Banquet outside by Cafe Door 11 6-8 pm*

*May 15th or 16th TBD 11th Congressional High School Art Competition*

*May 18th OHS Fine & Performing Arts Signing Day 3:00 pm*

*May 19th OHS NAHS Induction Ceremony & Senior Cords 5:00 pm*

*May 19th OHS Annual Art Show 7:00 pm*

*May 19th OHS One Person Art Show 7:00 pm*

*May 24th Oswego H.S. Band Portillo's Night (drive-thru) 5-8 pm*

*May 31st Memorial Day Parade (Marching Band) 8- 11 am*

## Make it a great Summer you Break!!



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Dear advisers,

I'm delighted to send along the results of our 2021 Newspaper and Digital News Media contest. Feel free to share the results with your students and on social media.

Our contest director will have the list of winners, including links to the entrants' work, posted soon on our website, <https://illinoisjea.org/>

Congratulations to all. We're creating certificates now for all award-winners and will mail them within the next two weeks to advisers' school addresses, unless you tell me to send them to your home address.

This year's entries were fabulous-- especially so considering the difficult circumstances that you and your students were enduring in 2020-21.

Please get in touch if you see errors or other problems with the lists of winners. All the best,

Linda Jones

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## 2021 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 1 | Enrollment 850 & Fewer

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### **CORE CATEGORIES** | *Open to all publications — print, digital & hybrid*

#### **NEWS**

##### **Best News Story**

**1st: Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

94 teachers at risk for 2021-22 layoff

**2nd: Emma Murphy, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

District plans to adopt new hybrid plan after spring break

**3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

NHS to host 'birthday bag' food drive in February

**HM: Ally Myer, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

Sports return — IHSA says sports are a go

##### **Best In-Depth News Story**

**1st: Caroline Hohner & An Ngo, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Struggling in Solitude

**2nd: Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

U-High students overwhelmingly choose Biden

**3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Workman pushes forward with BLM protests

**HM: Dionsono Delacruz, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

Global Leaders: A Threat to Human Rights

#### **FEATURES**

##### **Best Feature Story**

**1st: Adrianna Nehme, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

StreetWise has changed the face of homelessness in Chicago

**2nd: Emma Murphy & Addison Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Social emotional counselor offers new stress relief Google Classroom course for THS

**3rd: Cody Lunsford, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

HHS celebrities

**HM: Jordyn Heckert, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

We Made It Through First Quarter!

**HM: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Business management takes on new national challenge

### **Best Personality Profile**

**1st: Berk Oto, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Built on a Lab foundation: Alum Paul Sagan employs experiential learning in leadership roles

**2nd: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

THS graduate helps guard presidential inauguration

**3rd: Izzy Wendinger, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

Getting busy with Izzy: Getting chill with Jill Decman

### **SPORTS**

#### **Best Sports News Story**

**1st: Emma Murphy, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Cheerleaders, dancers face challenges of performing under pandemic restrictions

**2nd: Briley Rhodes, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Finally time for some hoops!

**3rd: Macie Staley, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Girls' Golf Ends Regular Season

**HM: Addison Vocks, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Lady Tornadoes, Cherry, Morgan advance to cross-country sectionals

#### **Best Sports Feature Story**

**1st: Natalie Napolitano, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Youth volleyball gains popularity in Christian County, surrounding towns

**2nd: Jade Mellon, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

THS bowlers prepare for next matches

#### **Best Sports Commentary**

**1st: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Little but Fierce

**2nd: Colin Leslie, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

To fulfill commitment to student athletes, colleges should reallocate funds and not cut teams

**3rd: Christian Gluth, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

'Friendly Confines,' not confined to home: It's time for fans to return to stands

**HM: Alex Price, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Alex's Alley

## **OPINION**

### **Best Staff Editorial**

**1st: Berk Oto & Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Lab must approach faculty bias with transparent, fair guidelines

**2nd: Lucia Kouri, Ella Beiser & Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Teachers should consider cutting curriculum to increase learning

**3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Staff Editorial (on the subject of homework due dates)

### **Best Serious Commentary**

**1st: Ella Beiser, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

We all have to do our part in social distancing

**2nd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Little but Fierce

**3rd: Alisia Harris, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

Do or Die

**HM: Téa Tamburo, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Inclusion at Lab must mean more than a single identifier

### **Best Humorous Commentary**

**1st: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

President Trump leaves lasting mark on worldwide memes

**2nd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Journalist infiltrates, studies Flat Earth Society

**3rd: Natalie Rink & Harrison Giese, Tiger News today, Herscher H.S.**

Dating rules

**HM: Natalie Rink & Harrison Giese, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

True love?

### **Best Review**

**1st: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Moe's Moments (review of the film "Music")

**2nd: Gracyn Cordes, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

Will the world carry on without the inside look at the Kardashians' lives?

**3rd: Carolyn Hohner, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Feminism and Freedom: "What the Constitution Means to Me" entertains with wit, provokes political introspection

## **PHOTOS**

### **Best News or Feature Photo**

**1st: Maria Shaughnessy, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Downtown Chicago protest against racial injustice

**2nd: Elliott Taylor, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Protesting parents

**3rd: Margaret Boecklen, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Science Club trash pick up

**HM: Milana Henson, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Faculty members integrating smart board technology

### **Best Sports Photo**

**1st: Miriam Bloom, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Boys basketball

**2nd: Milana Henson, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Girls volleyball

**3rd: Chloe Ma, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Golf

## **ART & GRAPHICS**

### **Best Editorial Cartoon**

**1st: Leah Voss, Herscher H.S.**

Burning masks

**2nd: Milana Henson, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

JB Pritzker

**3rd: Leah Voss, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

PDA

**HM: Sophia Ward, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

To mask or not to mask

### **Best Illustration**

**1st: Natalie Napolitano, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

USS America

**2nd: Leah Voss, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

Prom

**3rd: Jillian Lowry, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Black History Month provides annual reminder of racial suffering

### **Best Infographic**

**1st: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Favorite Thanksgiving Activities

**2nd: Milana Henson & Addison Vocks, Taylorville H.S.**

Our Christmas Playlist

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Best Headline**

**1st: Erica Edwards, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Directors of spring musical encounter unexpected problems

**2nd: Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Election 2020: Final lap and recap

**3rd: Peter Pu & Grace Holleb, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Baking a difference: Student launches online bakery, donates proceeds to charities

#### **Best Alternative Storytelling**

**1st: An Ngo, Caroline Hohner & Colin Leslie, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Take our social distancing friendly walking tour of Chicago's neighborhoods

**2nd: Yabrielle Johnson, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

Imagination's Playpen

**3rd: Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Stay Safe During the Holidays

#### **Best Use of Social Media**

**1st: Meena Lee & Berk Oto, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Instagram @uhighmidway

**2nd: Berk Oto, Noa Appelbaum, Meena Lee & Téa Tamburo, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Facebook @uhighmidway

**3rd: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville, H.S.**

Instagram @realthsjournalism

#### **Best Advertisement**

**1st: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Yearbook ad

**2nd: Jade Mellon, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Knick Knack Shoppe ad

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**PRINT CATEGORIES** | *For print-only publications & print versions of hybrid publications*

**Best Single-Page Story Package**

**1st: Ella Breiser, Amanda Cassel, Sahanna Unni & Nicky Edwards-Levin, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Finally Back: In-person classes begin

**Best Centerspread Story Package**

**1st: Mina Maryland & Yabrielle Johnson, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

Music Is the Medicine of the Mind

**2nd: Sean Contreras & Staff, Tiger News Today, Herscher H.S.**

Spring Has Sprung

**Best Photo Story**

**1st: Elyse Clayton, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

Hello, THS

**2nd: Emma Murphy & Milana Henson, Taylorville H.S.**

2020 Zephyr Awards

**Best Front-Page Design**

**1st: Amanda Cassel, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

March 9, 2021

**2nd: Elyse Clayton & Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorsville H.S.**

Dec. 18, 2020

**3rd: Elyse Clayton and Morgan Hogarth, The Zephyr, Taylorsville H.S.**

Sept. 30, 2020

**Best Overall Design**

**1st: Morgan Hogarth, Elyse Clayton & Emma Murphy, Taylorsville H.S.**

Dec. 18, 2020

**2nd: Amanda Cassel, Nicky Edwards-Levin, Ella Beiser & Peter Pu, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

March 12, 2021

**3rd: Staff, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

Dec. 21, 2020

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**DIGITAL CATEGORIES** | *For digital-only publications & online versions of hybrid publications*

**Best Audio Journalism**

**1st: Ella Beiser, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

One year of distance

**2nd: Adrianna Nehme, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Without volunteers, organizations need extra assistance

**Best Multimedia Story Package**

**1st: Caroline Hohner, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Shared spaces: Families come to understand distance learning, work lives

**2nd: Clare O'Connor, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Promontory Point provides safe, nostalgic outdoor space to see friends, take part in activities

**Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow**

**1st: Tricia Rennegarbe, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Girls' Cross Country Finishes Strong at Regionals

**2nd: Elizabeth Frederking, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Rocket Golf Season Winds Down

**Best Video Story**

No entries in this category in Division 1

**Best Website**

**1st: Ella Beiser, Amanda Cassel, Nicky Edwards-Levin & Berk Oto,  
University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

U-High Midway

**2nd: Nicholas Rulevish, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Launch Pad

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**SPECIAL CATEGORY | *Open to all publications — digital, print & hybrid***

**Best COVID-19 Coverage**

**1st: Elyse Claytor, The Zephyr, Taylorville H.S.**

District superintendent discusses protests, remote learning, new mentorship program

**2nd: Ella Beiser, U-High Midway, University of Chicago Laboratory H.S.**

Chicago's Latinx communities face unique challenges combating pandemic

**3rd: Jared Juenger, Launch Pad, Okawville Junior/Senior H.S.**

Basketball started open gym...before shutting down again

**HM: Stephen Thomas, Bogan Bytes, Bogan Computer Technical H.S.**

The Successes and Challenges of Online Learning

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**BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | *Overall results for Division 1***

The results for Best Publication are determined by the number of points accumulated in the categories listed above, except for the special category of Best COVID-19 Coverage, which is not included in the calculations. For all other categories:

- 1st = 5 points
- 2nd = 4 points
- 3rd = 3 points
- HM= 1 point

**Best Print Publication | *Publication that appears in print only\****

**1st: The Zephyr — Taylorville H.S., Stephen Steele, adviser**

**2nd: Tiger News Today — Herscher H.S., Kerri Robinson, adviser**

*\*This includes PDF versions*

**Best Digital Publication | *Publication that appears online only***

**1st: Launch Pad — Okawville Junior/Senior H.S., Dana Donovan, adviser**

**Best Hybrid Publication | *Publication that appears in both online and print versions***

**1st: U-High Midway — University of Chicago Laboratory H.S., Logan Aimone, adviser**

**2nd: Bogan Bytes — Bogan Computer Technical H.S., Maria Baltsas, adviser**

**Best Overall Publication | *Most points regardless of publication type***

**1st: The Zephyr — Taylorville H.S., Stephen Steele, adviser**

**2nd: U-High Midway — University of Chicago Laboratory H.S., Logan Aimone, adviser**

**3rd: Tiger News Today — Herscher H.S., Kerri Robinson, adviser**

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## 2021 IJEA Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 4 | Enrollment 2,161 to 2,600

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**CORE CATEGORIES** | *Open to all publications — print, digital & hybrid*

### **NEWS**

#### **Best News Story**

**1st: Kate Gross, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

District 99 finds news ways to distribute food to community

**2nd: Emma Snyder, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

MCHS announces, postpones new digital learning model

**3rd: Luca Hatzopoulos, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Change.org Petition to Remove Junior Class President

**HM: Mackenzie Sroka, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Hybrid continues strong despite challenges

**HM: Marian Steinmann, EHS Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville H.S.**

Seniors Ponder Voting Methods

#### **Best In-Depth News Story**

**1st: Maariya Quadri, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Students, staff embrace the idea of choice media in the classroom

**2nd: Sam Bull & Kate Gross, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Addressing the elephant (and donkey) in the room: Capitol insurrection spurs larger discussion over nature of political conversation in school

**3rd: Sam Bull, Amelia Carlson & Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Students involved in racist social media incident

**HM: Josie Cable, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Businesses on the brim

## FEATURES

### Best Feature Story

**1st: Sam Bull, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

‘...Overall, it’s fatiguing’: Minority students, teachers open up about constant struggle against discrimination

**2nd: Ciara Duncan, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Defending Democracy

**3rd: Lillian Heddinghaus EHS Tiger News Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Crew Produces Fall Show Like No Other

**HM: Sam Bull, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Undocumented students: finding hope through struggle

**HM: Samantha Anderson & Sriya Veeramachaneni, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

East seniors adapt to college application process during pandemic

**HM: Gloria Kosir, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

West Remembers Hana Djencic

### Best Personality Profile

**1st: Cassi Reaka, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Senior Makes New York Fashion Week Debut

**2nd: Abi Zajac, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Senior Uses Poetry to Express Vulnerability

**3rd: Amelia Carlson & Gretchen Lucina, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Humans of DGN: sophomore Amneet Kaur’s impact on a global issue

**HM: Gretchen Lucina, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Humans of DGN: Maddy Dvorak, small business owner

## SPORTS

### Best Sports News Story

**1st: Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Girls’ basketball beats Addison Trail in season opener and return to competition

**2nd: Kylie Chisamore, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Running out of timeouts

**3rd: Ben Galvanoni, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Changes to the Sports Seasons Bring New Obstacles to Tackle for Athletes

### **Best Sports Feature Story**

**1st: Tyler Chrenka, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Weller Continues to Strive Amid Pandemic

**2nd: Madison Harvey, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Making it big

**3rd: Tyler Chrenka, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Watts Continues to Power Through

**HM: Ethan Carey, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Gary Gustafson: Hall of Fame Baseball Coach

### **Best Sports Commentary**

**1st: Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

How sports saved us

**2nd: Amelia Carlson, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

The absurdity of the 'World's Greatest Athlete'

**3rd: Madison Harvey, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Keep the universal DH

**HM: Charles Jaegle, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

It's about time that the NFL address the imbalance of overtime

### **OPINION**

#### **Best Staff Editorial**

**1st: Alma Duskic & Editors, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Is Canvas Helping Us Manage Our Learning?

**2nd: Staff, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Save our snow days

**3rd: Staff, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Black History Month renews our fight to prove that racism is not political

**HM: Editorial Board, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

The Capitol riots made America's divisions clear

#### **Best Serious Commentary**

**1st: Pierce Cousins, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Students experience unforeseen ramifications of remote learning

**2nd: Emily Chin, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Hate the Virus, Not the Asian American Community

**3rd: Sriya Veeramachaneni, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

Biden sets the tone for a new America, promises unity and compassion

**HM: Ciara Duncan, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Don't forget remote students

**HM: Ethan Parab, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Forgiveness efforts will not resolve the student debt crisis

### **Best Humorous Commentary**

**1st: Alex Prince, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

In uncertain times, Tom Hanks continues to deliver talent, hope

**2nd: Alli Lipsit, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

What My Rules for Social Media Would Be if I Were a Gen Z Parent

**3rd: Aryav Bothra, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

Vegetarianism should be celebrated, not mocked

**HM: Abigail Zajac, EHS Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville H.S.**

A Shakespearean Election

**HM: Lillian Heddinghaus, EHS Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville H.S.**

Marriage Ceremonies Rooted in Sexism

**HM: Ciara Duncan, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

GTA” is here to stay, Marcus C. Evans Jr.

### **Best Review**

**1st: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Bisa Butler: Art Institute of Chicago features quilt masterpieces, first solo museum exhibition of renowned Black quilt portrait artist

**2nd: Cassidy Reaka, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

‘Promising Young Woman’ Breaks Norms

**3rd: Elizabeth Dyer, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

She never goes out of style — Taylor Swift through the years

### **PHOTOS**

#### **Best News or Feature Photo**

**1st: Kailey Lopez, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Morton Grove firefighters extinguish a fire

**2nd: Olivia Shirk, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Black History Month renews fight to prove that racism is not political

**3rd: Elizabeth Dyer, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

Ecology Club brings awareness to prominent environmental issues

**HM: Olivia Shirk, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Hybrid reveals freshmen’s lack of connection to DGN community

#### **Best Sports Photo**

**1st: Nolen Stevens, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Girls basketball (team listening to coach)

**2nd: MacKenzie Sroka, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Girls basketball

**3rd: Jake Morgan, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Practice problems

## **ART & GRAPHICS**

### **Best Editorial Cartoon**

**1st: Eliot Michaels, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Face facts, mask up

**2nd: Rachel Kaminiski, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Should be fine

**3rd: Pierce Cousins, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Student behind bars

### **Best Illustration**

**1st: Althea Bibat, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Autumn Lookbook 2020

**2nd: Anna Cruz, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Let's skip standardized tests this year

**3rd: Brooke Benson, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

The Ins and Outs of the Emerging COVID-19 Vaccines

**HM: Sarah Fidahussain, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

The Pandemic One Year Later

**HM: Eliot Michaels, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Addressing the elephant (and donkey) in the room

### **Best Infographic**

**1st: Maariya Quadri, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Student Series Survey

**2nd: Marian Steinmann, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

COVID Timeline

**3rd: Olivia Shirk, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Sustainable styles: Taking a stand against fast fashion

**H.M.: Olivia Shirk, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Bias Incident Response Plan

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Best Headline**

**1st: Noah Range, EHS Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville H.S.**

Social Media Sites Perpetuate Cycle of Misinformation

**2nd: Holly Williams, EHS Tiger Times Online, Edwardsville H.S.**

Senior Encourages Students to W.i.S.E. Up

**3rd: Liam Fitzpatrick, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

Slam poetry class allows young poets to be heard even in remote learning

### **Best Alternative Storytelling**

**1st: Kennedy Tetour, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

12 days of Christmas

**2nd: Madeline Schallmoser, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Red and Blue Make DGN Purple, Ep. 1 – Social Media and Politics with Annie Cash and Reese Isacson

**3rd: Ethan Parab, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

West activities, clubs adapt to COVID-19 Pandemic

**HM: Olivia Shirk, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

District 99 staff members package saliva testing kits

### **Best Use of Social Media**

**1st: Sam Bull, Maeve Dietrich, Madeline Schallmoser & Amelia Carlson, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Twitter @dgnomega

**2nd: Michelle Bishka & William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Twitter @theglenbard

**3rd: Kiera Loewe, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Instagram @mchenrymessngr

### **Best Advertisement**

**1st: Sarah Fidahussain, EHS Tiger Times Online/The Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

Yearbook ad

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## **PRINT CATEGORIES | *For print-only publications & print versions of hybrid publications***

### **Best Single-Page Story Package**

No entries in this category in Division 4

### **Best Centerspread Story Package**

No entries in this category in Division 4

### **Best Photo Story**

No entries in this category in Division 4

### **Best Front-Page Design**

No entries in this category in Division 4

### **Best Overall Design**

No entries in this category in Division 4

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**DIGITAL CATEGORIES | *For digital-only publications & online versions of hybrid publications***

**Best Audio Journalism**

**1st: Madeline Schallmoser & Emma Cho, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Ross Riot Ep. 10 – Women in Baseball

**2nd: Madeline Schallmoser & Emma Cho, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Ross Riot Ep. 7 – Dream Teams

**Best Multimedia Story Package**

**1st: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Jeff Pridgen, Poe the Passenger: Glenbard West Alumnus in L.A. alt-rock band, speaks on success, future goals

**2nd: Len Beczko, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Wigilia: A Polish Tradition

**3rd: Madeline Schallmoser, Emma Cho & Eliot Michaels, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Kim Ng is a role model and trailblazer for women in sports

**Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow**

**1st: Olivia Shirk, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Joe Biden Presidential Win in Chicago

**2nd: Kennedy Tetour, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Spring musical tech week

**3rd: Mackenzie Sroka, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

First football game of the season

**HM: William Hohe, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Jeff Pridgen, Poe the Passenger: Glenbard West Alumnus in L.A. alt-rock band, speaks on success, future goals

**Best Video Story**

**1st: Musa Ajmeri, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Glenbard West implements saliva testing for in-person students, staff

**2nd: Davis Mati, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

Thanksgiving Burek Recipe

**3rd: Amelia Carlson, Madeline Schallmoser, Olivia Shirk & Nolen Stevens, The Omega, Downers Grove North H.S.**

Omega goes to the polls: Election Day 2020

**HM: Liam Griman, The Glen Bard, Glenbard West H.S.**

Proper Plate: The Veganism Life

**HM: Tyler Meger, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

The Well Being of Tyler Meger

### **Best Website**

**1st: Alma Duskic, Niles West H.S.**

Niles West News

**2nd: Aryav Bothra, Elizabeth Dyer, Alexander Prince & Sriya Veeramachaneni,  
Oswego East H.S.**

The Howl

**3rd: Kyla Henige, McHenry H.S.**

The McHenry Messenger

**HM: Sam Bull, Amelia Carlson, Madeline Schallmoser & Staff,  
Downers Grove North H.S.**

The Omega

**HM: Michelle Bishka, William Hohe & Olivia Edakkunnathu, Glenbard West H.S.**

The Glen Bard

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### **SPECIAL CATEGORY | *Open to all publications — digital, print & hybrid***

#### **Best COVID-19 Coverage**

**1st: Emma Snyder, The McHenry Messenger, McHenry H.S.**

Sister parents

**2nd: Holly Williams, Marian Steinman & Cassidy Reaka, EHS Tiger Times Online/The  
Claw, Edwardsville H.S.**

EHS Approaches Its Corona-versary

**3rd: Sarah Waters, Niles West News, Niles West H.S.**

With Prom and Graduation Canceled, Seniors Contemplate a Career Without Closure

**HM: Deshna Chitarasu, The Howl, Oswego East H.S.**

East band, choir students pivot with new expectations in remote learning

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### **BEST PUBLICATION AWARDS | *Overall results for Division 4***

The results for Best Publication are determined by the number of points accumulated in the categories listed above, except for the special category of Best COVID-19 Coverage, which is not included in the calculations. For all other categories:

- 1st = 5 points
- 2nd = 4 points
- 3rd = 3 points
- HM= 1 point

### **Best Digital Publication | *Publication that appears online only***

**1st: The Glen Bard** — Glenbard West H.S., Carolyn Fritts, adviser

**2nd: Niles West News** — Niles West H.S., Lisa Rossa, adviser

**3rd: The Howl** — Oswego East H.S., Justin Howard Query, adviser

### **Best Hybrid Publication | *Publication that appears in both online and print versions***

**1st: The Omega** — Downers Grove North H.S., Elizabeth Levin, adviser

**2nd: The McHenry Messenger** — McHenry H.S., Dane Erbach, adviser

**3rd: Tiger Times/The Claw** — Edwardsville H.S., Amanda Thrun, adviser

### **Best Overall Publication | *Most points regardless of publication type***

**1st: The Omega** — Downers Grove North H.S., Elizabeth Levin, adviser

**2nd: The McHenry Messenger** — McHenry H.S., Dane Erbach, adviser

**3rd: The Glen Bard** — Glenbard West H.S., Carolyn Fritts, adviser

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## 2021 IJEa Newspaper & Digital Media Contest Results for Division 5 | Enrollment 2,601 & Over

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### **CORE CATEGORIES** | *Open to all publications — print, digital & hybrid*

#### **NEWS**

##### **Best News Story**

**1st: Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

ETHS announces in-person experiences

**2nd: Brianna Fonseca, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

LT students create Diversity Mural

**3rd: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Naperville residents band together to clean up

##### **Best In-Depth News Story**

**1st: Zachary Bahar, Lauren Dain, Jessica Sehgal, Bridget Baker, Kayla Drajpuch, Meg Houseworth, Stella Israelite & Zoe Kaufman, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Tradeoffs and Triage: Students navigate mental health in e-learning

**2nd: Elyssa Reed, Brendan Meyers, Hope Koenig, Anya Ball, Monika Jervicius, Joseline Nunez, Pavle Markovic, Eli Levsky, Hannah Henrikson, Yilin Li, Isabella Robinson, Steven Keferlis, Emma Langer & Rand Paddack, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

How the media covered the 2020 election

**3rd: Jacqueline Barba & Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Black voices for Black Lives Matter: DGS students speak out on racial inequality

**HM: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

'Very frustrated': D203 provides limited options for staff with needs

## FEATURES

### Best Feature Story

**1st: Sophia Schultz, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Former LT student pursues career in animation

**2nd: Jacqueline Barba, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

'Teaching into the Zoom Void': Teachers struggle with students' lack of engagement

**3rd: Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Genuine deliverance: Melting down the gender binary at ETHS

**HM: Ally Jorgensen, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Confidence, Talent, and Tunes

**HM: Cameron Rozek, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Naperville Central family brings shaved ice business to downtown Naperville

**HM: Gabi Karlan, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Combating environmental racism in Evanston

### Best Personality Profile

**1st: Foster Ellen, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

From one circus family to another

**2nd: Ella Mahaney, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Junior artist to graduate early

**3rd: Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

'Derek Draws,' audience awes: Hoffman entertains, inspires with personal YouTube channel

**HM: Monica Jurevicius, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

PHS grad Coralie Adam reaches for the stars

## SPORTS

### Best Sports News Story

**1st: Eli Cohen, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Boys' basketball takes first loss following poor shooting night

**2nd: Eli Cohen, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Girls' basketball struggles offensively against top-ranked Simeon in loss

**3rd: Andrew Calek, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Covid and fall sports: what testing and procedures look like for DGS student athletes

**HM: Abby Panier, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Orchesis' "Shift": an artistic experience

### **Best Sports Feature Story**

**1st: Ellie Armstrong, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

5 Second Flight Over The X

**2nd: Peter Barbato, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Minor leaguer, ETHS alum, on baseball during pandemic

**3rd: Sarah Barber, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Baylor bound: Equestrian Tatum Mitchell commits to Division I university

**HM: Ruhi Gulati, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Swinging Her Way To Success

### **Best Sports Commentary**

**1st: Katie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

An 'overworked failure'

**2nd: Robert Sullivan, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

High school athletes, it's finally time

**3rd: Katie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Column: Let's talk about athlete branding

**HM: Kamau Ransom, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

My journey as a Division I football prospect during COVID-19

### **OPINION**

#### **Best Staff Editorial**

**1st: Editorial Board, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

ETHS is neglecting student experience

**2nd: Editorial Board, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

District 203 is ready for students to return to learning in our buildings.

**3rd: Ellie Armstrong & Amelia Pozniak, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Reconsider Hybrid Plan

**HM: Luc Alvarez, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Gambling with students' lives: Board would set dangerous precedent by raising positivity rate metric

#### **Best Serious Commentary**

**1st: Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Drawing the home that could be

**2nd: Holly Urbanczyk, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

1. Reduce, 2. Reuse, 3. Recycle

**3rd: Jacqueline Barba, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Healthcare for the few: Do I deserve to die because I can't afford my medication?

**HM: Emmerson McLean, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

The anxiety of being Asian American

**HM: Amisha Sethi, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Opinion: Learning to be queer in a heteronormative world

### **Best Humorous Commentary**

**1st: Braden Hajer, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Dear God, calm down about your grades

**2nd: Braden Hajer, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Kan-pensation

**3rd: Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

All the faces that I know: The Office, the Evanstonian

**HM: Anika Radhakrishnan, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

How breakout rooms are the blind dates of e-learning

**HM: Emma Meier, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Fake vs. Real Christmas Tree

### **Best Review**

**1st: Quinn Hughes, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Vetements and capitalistic abstraction

**2nd: Jacqueline Barba, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

'Red, White and Royal Blue' is the romance read you've been searching for

**3rd: Morgan Fry, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

The Elm restaurant review

**HM: Braden Hajer, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

2020's five best albums

### **PHOTOS**

#### **Best News or Feature Photo**

**1st: Maggie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Peaceful Naperville rally

**2nd: Enzo Rovito, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Protesters march the streets of Chicago

**3rd: Amisha Sethi, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Protester asks everyone to take a knee

**HM: Syed Hashmi, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Grant Hochmuth portrait

#### **Best Sports Photo**

**1st: Braedon Schmidt, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Football practice

**2nd: Ellie Armstrong, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Horse jumping over obstacle

**3rd: Jeremy Zhao, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Football field

## **ART & GRAPHICS**

### **Best Editorial Cartoon**

**1st: Sabrina Barnes, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Lame-duck Trump

**2nd: Kassidy Wiskari, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Asynchronous Mondays

**3rd: Alexis Pragides, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Waste of paper

### **Best Illustration**

**1st: Sabrina Barnes, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

The fight for the seat: RBG's passing and legacy

**2nd: Isabella Robinson, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

The impact of Covid-19 on mental health

**3rd: Danielle Pritchard, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Students now expected to have cameras on during instruction

**HM: Alexis Pragides, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Paper vs. Pixels: It's all about preference

### **Best Infographic**

**1st: Yilin Li, Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

The Proper Way: Cleaning a Desk

**2nd: Luc Alvarez, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Face shield project

**3rd: Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Summer of Activism timeline

**HM: Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

The Four Agreements & the Six Conditions

**HM: Emma Langer & Hannah Henrikson, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

Once a Pirate, Always a Pirate

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Best Headline**

**1st: Ruhi Gulati, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Swinging Her Way To Success: The classic tale of the underdog

**2nd: Jojo Wertheimer, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Political figures finesse with fashion

**3rd: Braden Hajer, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Dear God, calm down about your grades

### **Best Alternative Storytelling**

**1st: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

D203 school board candidate overviews

**2nd: Zachary Bahar & Sari Oppenheimer, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

ETHS Mock Election results

**3rd: Paige Darling & Grace Moore, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Best of everything fashion

**HM: Elyssa Reed, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

Palatine High School senior acts in Showtime series, The Chi

### **Best Use of Social Media**

**1st: Maggie Kirwin, Arianna Joob, Molly Baker, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Twitter @HuntleyVoice

**2nd: Eli Cohen, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S**

Twitter @TheEvanstonian

**3rd: William Tong, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Twitter @centraltimes

**HM: Mimi Akintunde-Nieves, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Instagram @downerssouthblueprint

### **Best Advertisement**

**1st: Alex Hartleb, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

Huntington Learning ad

**2nd: Gabrielle Terez, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

American Pinball ad

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## **PRINT CATEGORIES | *For print-only publications & print versions of hybrid publications***

### **Best Single-Page Story Package**

**1st: Claire Williams, Emmerson McLean & Abraham Morales, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Student Activism

**2nd: Lizzie Patel & Collette Doyle, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Student Athletes Winter Signing Day

**3rd: Ali Cutter, Lila Portis & Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Students, staff honor Ruth Bader Ginsburg

**HM: Ali Cutter, Lila Portis, Jojo Wertheimer & Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Music that encapsulates this year

**Best Centerspread Story Package**

**1st: Zachary Bahar & Ellie Lind, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

"My crown, my sword:" Life as a hijabi at ETHS

**2nd: Danielle Pritchard & Amisha Sethi, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

What does Black History Month mean to you?

**3rd: Adriana Serrano-Matsumoto, Kaitlyn Joyner, Sophia Schultz & Charlotte McLaughlin, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

A nation divided

**Best Photo Story**

No entries in this category in Division 5

**Best Front-Page Design**

**1st: Quinn Riordan, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

March 2021

**2nd: Cameron Rozek, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Feb. 23, 2021

**3rd: Sydney Laput, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

February 2021

**HM: Nora Miller, Zachary Bahar, Eli Cohen, Eden Drajpuch & Lauren Dain, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Dec. 14, 2020

**Best Overall Design**

**1st: Nora Miller, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Feb. 22, 2021

**2nd: Cameron Rozek & Staff, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Feb. 23, 2021

**3rd: Editorial Board, The Voice, Huntley H.S.**

February 2021

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**DIGITAL CATEGORIES | *For digital-only publications & online versions of hybrid publications***

**Best Audio Journalism**

**1st: Gwendolynne Royle, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Women in rap: Empowering or extreme

**2nd: Nora Miller & Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Kit Chat, Episode 8: Evanston's next four years (and beyond)

**3rd: Janessa Mosqueda & Abraham Morales, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

The Achievement Gap at LTHS, Episode 2

**HM: Lily Myszak, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Women in the workplace

**HM: Morgan Fry & Ella Mahaney, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Wellness Check, Episode 2

**HM: Nora Miller & Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

Kit Chat, Episode 3: Student Political Engagement and Climate Activism

**Best Multimedia Story Package**

**1st: Janessa Mosqueda & Grace Moore, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

Van Gogh exhibit review

**2nd: Anya Ball, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

Dominik Ball and his freshman athletic experience during COVID

**3rd: Janessa Mosqueda & Paige Darling, Lion, Lyons Township, H.S.**

Womanish museum review

**HM: Amisha Sethi, Maggie Dalton & Katie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Peaceful Naperville rally continues to Aurora police station, turns violent

**Best Photo Gallery or Photo Slideshow**

**1st: Ariel Oh, Mimi Akintunde-Nieves, Annie Le, Teagan Smith, Greyson Martinescu, Anika Brown, Lexie Lukacik, Alexis Pragides, Luc Alvarez, Gwendolynne Royle, Alex Miranda, Drey McGrew, Lauren Wilmore, Andrew Calek, Kassem Ossman & Jacqueline Barba, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

How has the last year changed you?

**2nd: Alex Miranda, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Community under quarantine: Downers Grove adapts in wake of COVID-19

**3rd: Katie Dalton & Braeden Schmidt, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Message with momentum: Black Lives Matter protest in downtown Naperville draws crowd

**HM: Matt Stepp, Monika Jurevicius, Nicole Canfield, Ruth Hall, Sofia Klein, Steven Keferlis & Sophia Davidson, PHS Cutlass, Palatine H.S.**

Happy Halloween from the Cutlass Staff!

### **Best Video Story**

**1st: Katie Dalton, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Message with momentum: Black Lives Matter Protest in downtown Naperville draws crowd

**2nd: Alex Miranda & Ariel Oh, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

DGS varsity dance team entertains with recorded performances

**3rd: Alex Miranda & Ariel Oh, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Students and staff reflect on updated IHSA sport guidelines

### **Best Website**

**1st: Alex Miranda, Luc Alvarez, Jacqueline Barba, Lauren Wilmore, Greyson Martinescu, Gwendolynne Royle, Ariel Oh, Andrew Calek, Drey McGrew, Michael Nelli, Teagan Smith, Anika Brown & Kassem Ossman, Downers Grove South H.S.**

Blueprint

**2nd: Eden Drajpuch, Evanston Township H.S.**

The Evanstonian

**3rd: Monika Jurevicius, Elyssa Reed, Guntaas Kaur, Jane Spencer & Steven Keferlis, Palatine H.S.**

PHS Cutlass

**HM: Ellie Armstrong, Amelia Pozniak, Nikki Darnall & Kate Alvarado, Huntley H.S.**

The Voice

**HM: John Hepp & Kate Ferrell, Lyons Township H.S.**

Lion

**HM: William Tong & Amisha Sethi, Naperville Central H.S.**

Central Times

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### **SPECIAL CATEGORY | *Open to all publications — digital, print & hybrid***

#### **Best COVID-19 Coverage**

**1st: Amisha Sethi & Cameron Rozek, Central Times, Naperville Central H.S.**

Community members rally to demand reinstatement of in-person learning

**2nd: Bridget Baker, Jessica Seghal, Lauren Dain, Meg Houseworth, Sofia Williams, Stella Israelite & Zachary Bahar, The Evanstonian, Evanston Township H.S.**

The Issue of E-Learning

**3rd: Claire Williams, Lion, Lyons Township H.S.**

LT graduate dies of COVID-19

**HM: Alex Miranda, Jackie Barba & Luc Alvarez, Blueprint, Downers Grove South H.S.**

DGS building repurposed to help community during COVID-19; MFP work continues while students are away

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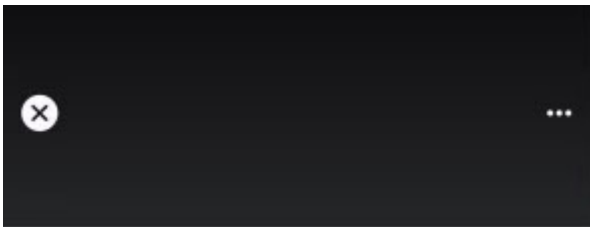
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**Thesis:** The Black Lives Matter movement uses inflammatory messages that encourage civil disobedience, increase racial tensions, and justify violence against police.

## Talking Points

- The Black Lives Matter movement promotes the value of Black lives over others and creates unnecessary racial divisions.
- Police require compliance and support from individuals in the communities that they serve.
- The Black Lives Matter movement's focus on police brutality is based on misunderstandings and generalizations about police disproportionately targeting Black Americans.

## Summary

Former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani argued, in an interview with *Fox News*, that Black Lives Matter is inherently racist and that all lives should matter equally, regardless of race. Further, Giuliani questioned the legitimacy of the movement, arguing that it was hypocritical for Black Lives Matter protesters to not protest the killing of Black Americans by other Black Americans. According to statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), approximately 90 percent of Black Americans who were murdered in 2013 were killed by other Black Americans. Former professor Robert Cherry, in a 2020 article for the *National Review*, asserted that the movement has focused on instances of Black Americans killed by police and has left out other significant violence, such as overall homicides, against Black Americans; he noted that the FBI's data indicated that over seven thousand Black Americans were murdered in 2018. Critics of the Black Lives Matter movement have argued that police shootings of Black Americans are a function of violence within Black American communities rather than of racism.

Some critics of Black Lives Matter also argue that the movement encourages violence against police. In 2016, there were two high-profile incidents in which Black veterans ambushed and killed police officers. In Dallas, an armed sniper shot and killed five officers who were gathered to protect Black Lives Matter protesters. The gunman, Micah Johnson, was not affiliated by any Black Lives Matter chapter but stated that his actions were in retaliation for police violence against Black Americans. Gavin Eugene Long, who killed three police officers in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, similarly stated that his actions were in retaliation for police violence.

Journalist Ian Tuttle argued that Black Lives Matter leaders should have spoken out more emphatically against the shooters in Dallas and Baton Rouge. Tuttle also argued that reports from police districts around the nation have shown that police officers in many cities were frightened to do their jobs because of the heightened atmosphere of distrust and combativeness. In a 2020 opinion piece that researcher Heather Mac Donald wrote for *USA Today* following protests around the death of George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, in police custody in Minnesota in May, she also stressed that further studies had shown that in cities where police officers had been less proactive because of allegations of racism, greater amounts of violence had occurred.

Writing for the *Wall Street Journal*, Mac Donald argued that the Black Lives Matter movement is based on a fundamental lack of understanding about police violence. Mac Donald pointed out that, according to *Washington Post* statistics on police shootings, police officers shoot more White suspects each year than Black suspects. In addition, Mac Donald argued that as many as 40 percent of suspects who kill police officers are Black. In her *USA Today* article, Mac Donald further noted that according to updated *Washington Post* data, while fourteen unarmed Black people were shot and killed by police in 2019, there were twenty-five unarmed White victims.

## Ponder This

- The author has presented the fundamental positions for this perspective in the debate. Outline the strengths and weaknesses of each perspective.
- If asked to begin forming an argument for this position, what sources would you need to build your case? What fundamental information do you need? What opinion leaders in this debate would you look to in solidifying your argument?
- What are the weakest aspects of the position outlined by the author? How might those weaker arguments help you prepare a counter argument?
- What additional Talking Points could you add to support this position?

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