

DIVISION 2

CORE CATEGORIES

News

[Best News Story](#)

1st: Elizabeth Link, Washington Community HS

Board deciding new band, choir facilities

2nd: Javonte Dawson & Yaneet Rodriguez, Pritzker College Prep

Pritzker students participate in national walkout

3rd: Hope Rogers, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Pressing 'Pause' on the School Day

HM: Tobey Klungseth, Washington Community HS

Next year, graduation moves to Renaissance Coliseum

[Best In-Depth News Story](#)

1st: Taylor Evanchak, Taylorville HS

Administration emphasizes zero-tolerance policy when it comes to sexual harassment

2nd: Elizabeth Link, Washington Community HS

WCHS addresses school violence

3rd: Emma Roberts, Washington Community HS

Students 'wowed' by solar eclipse

HM: Ashlee Vocks, Taylorville HS

Freshmen begin one-to-one learning

Features

[Best Feature Story](#)

1st: Brooke Puccini, Saint Viator HS

Sammy Davis speaks about Medal of Honor, wartime

2nd: Abby Jakus, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

South Africa has unforgettable culture and camaraderie

3rd: Isabelle Linn, Washington Community HS

Fashion students enjoy designing 'Fidget Quilts'

HM: Sidrah Tariq, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

American Solar eclipse 2017 captures many eyes

[Best Personality Profile](#)

1st: Alayna Nulty, Washington Community HS
Class of '13 diver becomes professional MMA fighter
2nd: Taylor Evanchak, Taylorville High School
Aspiring Audio/Visual student creates original Indie film
3rd: Alayna Nulty, Washington Community HS
Social studies teacher confronts the challenges of lupus
HM: Crystal Schuster, Saint Viator HS
Recent alum tells Naval Academy experience

Sports

[Best Sports News Story](#)

1st: Abril Pereznegron, Pritzker College Prep
Decreasing in size: Football
2nd: Elizabeth Link, Washington Community HS
Girls, boys cross country teams make school history
3rd: Michael Fitzpatrick, Saint Viator HS
Successful collegiate athletics boost applications, interest
HM: Claire Myers, Washington Community HS
Football advanced to semi-final game

[Best Sports Feature Story](#)

1st: Patrick Schumacher, Saint Viator HS
Sprint away from stress
2nd: Sydney Yonk, Taylorville HS
Mateer forms first THS girls wrestling club
3rd: Analisa Burgos, Pritzker College Prep
Samantha Santiago: A focused and driven student
HM: Perla Flores, Pritzker College Prep
Potential new track team headed our way?

[Best Sports Commentary](#)

1st: Claire Myers, Washington Community HS
Competitive Cheerleading team takes sixth out of 25 schools at IHSA state
2nd: Alayna Nulty, Washington Community HS
Sonnemaker and Shangraw place 16th in state
3rd: Nikolas Hohlweg, Saint Viator HS
'Rebulld' begins: Bulls look toward future with youthful team

Opinion

[Best Staff Editorial](#)

1st: Julianna Ritzu, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Sexual Harassment and Walking on Eggshells

2nd: Taylor Evanchak, Taylorville HS

Staff Ed: The case for a diversity minority support group

3rd: Trenton Butler, Washington Community HS

Net Neutrality rules needed

HM: Abby Danielson, Taylorville HS

Staff Ed: A look back at Homecoming 2017

HM: Trenton Butler, Washington Community HS

The issue of banned books

[Best Serious Commentary](#)

1st: Abby Jakus, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

What's up with grading scales?

2nd: Megan Bosshart, Saint Viator HS

Under the Christmas tree and into the kennel

3rd: Whitney Jani, Pritzker College Prep

Dove ad: An unfortunate blast from the past

HM: Kloé Longtin, Herscher HS

Hallway etiquette

HM: Julianna Ritzu, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Compassion asks for nothing in return

[Best Humorous Commentary](#)

1st: Vincent Rink, Herscher HS

Knowledge I Couldn't Live Without: The Importance of English

2nd: Sydney Yonk, Taylorville HS

Places to escape family over Christmas Break

3rd: TJ Boland, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

New Building Closing? Shut Down Imminent as Poison Hazard Discovered

HM: Nate Faivre, Washington Community HS

Students invent their own jargon

HM: Vincent Rink, Herscher HS

Knowledge I Couldn't Live Without: The Importance of Fundamentals

Best Review

1st: S. Jester, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS
The Truth About N.E.R.D. Will Set You Free ... Maybe
2nd: Angel Zagal, Pitzker College Prep HS
NPR News app: On demand news
3rd: Ashlee Vocks, Taylorville HS
'Jumanji' sequel surpasses original movie
HM: S. Jester, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS
The Tribe embarks on a new Quest in a new political world

Photos

Best News or Feature Photo

1st: Hank Fritzman, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS
Water Under the Bridge
2nd: Staff, Herscher HS
Bustin' Moves
3rd: Megan Locknar, Washington Community HS
Blood Drive Donations
HM: Anthony Novak, Saint Viator HS
Trio poses before performance
HM: Becca Gorman, Washington Community HS
Designing, Drawing, Defeating

Best Sports Photo

1st: Veronica Gibson, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS
Player tackled
2nd: Claire Myers, Washington Community HS
Successful swim season
3rd: Veronica Gibson, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS
Team kneeling
HM: Elizabeth Link, Washington Community HS
Dribbling to dominate

Art & Graphics

Best Editorial Cartoon

1st: Jessica Parsons, Taylorville HS

Gun control

2nd: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

Trick or treat

3rd: Paige Glass, Herscher HS

Hallway etiquette

HM: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

Seating at graduation

Best Illustration

1st: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

School Start Times

2nd: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

'90s Styles vs. Today's

3rd: Kayla Johnson, Saint Viator HS

Audiences can't get enough of 'It'

HM: Joanne Jun, Saint Viator HS

Cholera crisis plagues Yemeni population

Best Infographic

1st: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

Solar Eclipse in Illinois

2nd: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

Attitudes Towards Gun Control

3rd: TJ Boland, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Diversity

HM: Angel Zagal, Pritzker College Prep

What Is ASEES?

Miscellaneous

Best Alternative Storytelling

1st: Luis Roldan, Samantha Ortiz, Daniela Rangel, Yareli Garcia, Fredy Uriostegui, Leslye Roman, Pritzker College Prep

Where the Class of 2017 is going

2nd: Nyarai Khepra, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

New teachers hired as Payton grows to 1,077

3rd: Staff, Washington Community HS

Panther Grrrs & Purrrs

[Best Use of Social Media](#)

1st: Ariana Lopez, Pritzker College Prep HS

[Facebook](#)

2nd: Grant Hauskins, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Twitter](#)

3rd: Grant Hauskins, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Facebook](#)

[Best Headline](#)

1st: Danny Hegberg, Saint Viator HS

[Without music, thinking would B-flat: The songs we listen to affect our thoughts and actions](#)

2nd: Jonathan Zhanay, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Soda Tax Canned](#)

3rd: TJ Boland, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Winter Blues Got You Down? SADness Could Be to Blame](#)

HM: Michael Fitzpatrick, Saint Viator HS

[An Apple a day keeps distractions away: Classroom app keeps students focused, teachers aware](#)

[Best Advertisement](#)

None

PRINT CATEGORIES

[Best Single-Page Story Package](#)

1st: Emma Roberts, Washington Community HS

[Students 'wowed' by solar eclipse](#)

2nd: Nate Faivre, Washington Community HS

[Students hold nationwide demonstrations](#)

3rd: Zemerluan Meehan, Sarah Force, Jessica Fuller, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Budgeting](#)

HM: Ciera Johnson, Julianna Ritzu, Joe Walsh, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Minimum Wage Challenge](#)

HM: Danny Hegberg & Joanne Jun, Saint Viator HS

[Student poll microcosm for national trend](#)

[Best Centerspread Story Package](#)

1st: Jessica Parsons, Taylorville HS

[Traveling tornadoes](#)

2nd: Taylor Evanchak, Taylorville HS

[Sculpting social awareness](#)

3rd: Brooke Puccini, Grace Chang, Grace Rygiel, Bridget Sloan, Crystal Schuster, Paige Laskiewicz, Matteo Azari, Saint Viator HS

[Students salute veterans, young and old](#)

HM: Jack Knabe, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Fine Arts Snapshot](#)

[Best Photo Story](#)

1st: Peter Rest & Nate Faivre, Washington Community HS

[Eclipse](#)

2nd: Elizabeth Link & Megan Locknar, Washington Community HS

[Homecoming](#)

3rd: Jack Knabe, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Fine Arts Snapshot](#)

HM: Hank Fritzmann, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

[Grizzlies Win Homecoming Football Game](#)

[Best Front-Page Design](#)

1st: Noah Nelson, Taylorville HS

[Oct. 25, 2017 — front page](#)

2nd: Tobey Klungseth, Washington Community HS

[Feb. 9, 2018 — front page](#)

3rd: Mary Peterson & Nicole Marcinkus, Saint Viator HS

[December 2017 — front page](#)

HM: Peter Rest, Washington Community HS

[Oct. 31, 2017 — front page](#)

HM: Kloe' Longtin, Herscher HS (January)

[January 2018 — front page](#)

HM: Abril Pereznegron, Pritzker College Prep

[November 2017 — front page](#)

[Best Overall Design](#)

1st: Staff, Washington Community HS

Sept. 29, 2017 — issue

2nd: Ashlee Vocks, Taylorville HS

Feb. 28, 2018 — issue

3rd: Abril Pereznegron, Alex Bahena, Diana Gomez, Whitney Jani, Pritzker College Prep

February 2018 — issue

HM: Staff, Saint Viator HS

February 2018 — issue

DIGITAL CATEGORIES

[Best Multimedia Story Package](#)

1st: Hank Fritzmann, Sarah Tani, Pablo Padilla, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Students with Visual Impairments

2nd: Luis Roldan, Samantha Ortiz, Daniela Rangel, Yareli Garcia, Fredy Uriostegui, Leslye

Roman, Pritzker College Prep

Where is the Class of 2017 going?

[Best Video Story](#)

1st: Justin Powell, Paw Print, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Girls Volleyball Wins at Senior Night

2nd: Hank Fritzmann & Sarah Tani, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Share Our Vision

[Best Audio Podcast](#)

1st: Sarah Tani, Noah Feit, Grace Shi, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Just Kidding, But Seriously ... ‘Sharknado’

2nd: Jamilah Maronde, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Why Do You Drink Coffee?

[Best Blogger](#)

None

[Best Website](#)

1st: Edwin Torres, Atziri Tapia, Ariana Lopez, Pritzker College Prep

The Pritzker Press

2nd: Julianna Ritzu, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

Paw Print

BEST PUBLICATIONS

Best Print Publication

1st: The Advocate, Washington Community HS

2nd: The Zephyr, Taylorville HS

3rd: Tiger News Today, Herscher HS

Best Hybrid Publication

1st: Paw Print, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

2nd: The Pritzker Press, Pritzker College Prep

3rd: Viator Voice, Saint Viator HS

Best Overall Publication

1st: The Advocate, Washington Community HS

2nd: Paw Print, Walter Payton College Preparatory HS

3rd: The Zephyr, Taylorville HS