

Here are the results of the 2026 IBNA contest for entries broadcast in 2024.

Public Affairs

Student Radio

Third Place KWAR Wind Ensemble, Paige Westbrook

Second Place KWAR Dining Services, Cyrah Isa

First Place KWAR Mental Health, Finley Fitzgerald

Student TV

Third Place: SAU TV “We’re not going away.” Grant Ward

Second Place DITV “Consequences and Conflict: Student Free Speech on campus” Morgan Burhans

First Place DITV “The Reality of Underage Drinking On Campus” Hannah Lipski

Radio

Third Place KMAQ, “Be aware of Medicare scam calls” Luke Kies

Second Place: KNIA/KRLS, “De Jong Retires After 48 Years on Pella City Council,” Andrew Schneider.

First Place KXEL, “The Jacobsen Group: Policy, Property, and the Public Interest”, Jon Jacobsen.

Small Market TV

Second Place KCAU, “Volunteers make a difference at the Siouxland Soup Kitchen,” Nik Wilson.

First Place KWQC, “Real Conversations,” Kaila Paige, Jasmine Butler, Tim Stinson, Theresa Bryant, Emma Druckmiller

Large Market TV

Second Place IPBS Study: Ag sources of nitrates in water, Peter Tubbs

First Place KCCI “DMPS Superintendent in Ice Custody” Amanda Rooker , Alex Kirkpatrick

Farm and Agribusiness

Radio

Third Place KSOM, Harvest Underway at Milk Unlimited Near Atlantic” Tom Robinson

Second Place IPR, “USDA cuts hit farmers, schools and food banks”, Rachel Cramer

First Place KCII, “From Farm to Table in Downtown Washington.” Sally Hart

Small Market TV

Second Place WGEM, “Blake’s Chickens”, Chad Douglas, Shawn Dickerman

First Place KCAU, “Cattle prices hit all-time high,” Tyler Euchner

Large Market TV

First Place Iowa PBS, “Women in Agriculture.” Colleen Bradford Krantz

IN-DEPTH/SERIES

Student Radio

First Place: KWAR Jace Holz

Student TV

Third Place Knight Vision, “Insecure: The Food Crisis in Iowa,” James Cheay, Quentin Jackson, Annette Baker , Chiefy Loma, Jax Caddell.

Second Place DITV, “The Reality of Underage Drinking Culture,” Hanah Lipski.

First Place Knight Vision, “The Uncharted Battle: Life with Mitochondrial Disease”, Addie Nabholz, Reagan Brooks, Liviah Johnson, Gavin Lund, Zach Hiney.

Radio

Third Place KCII, “Public Safety Magazine “ Jennifer Wilkerson

Second Place KMA, “KMA Century”, Mike Peterson

First Place Iowa Public Radio, “Five years after COVID” IPR Staff

Small Market TV

Second Place KWQC, “Closer to Closure: Trudy Appleby”, Jenna Jackson, Dustin Nolan, William Ingalls , Matt Christensen, Marcia Lense, Sharon DeRycke.

First Place WGEM, “Sanfilippo Syndrome”, Natalie Will, Joe McFarland

Large Market TV

Third Place Iowa PBS, “CRP Investigation” Colleen Bradford Krantz

Second Place KCCI, “Water Quality & Lawn Watering Bans” Suzanne Behnke , Beau Bowman, Kayla James, Pepper Purpura, Marcus McIntosh, Glen Biermann, Brandon Green, Chris Habermann, Cortney Kintzer, Dylan Coon, Henry Hahn, Tyler Stone.

First Place KCCI, “State of Cancer” Ben Kaplan, Suzanne Behnke, Glen Biermann, Dylan Coon, Brandon Green, Chris Habermann, Henry Hahn, Josh Payan, Robbie Rissman, Mike Simmons.

NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

Student TV

First Place DITV “Iowa Sailing Club Forced to Relocate” Liz Schultz

Small Market TV

Second Place KTIV “Crafting dolls for the families of soldiers on deployment” Joseph McMahan

First Place WGEM, “Tow Truck Tribute”, Joe McFarland

FEATURE

Student Radio

Third Place KWAR “Wartburg Community Symphony” Jace Holz

Second Place KWAR “Wartburg's Eco-Friendly Campus” Page Westbrook

First Place KWAR “DEI programs”, Cyrah Isa

Student TV

Third Place DITV “Video Game Charity Challenge Comes Alive in Kinnick Stadium”, Elise Gan, Grace Lathrop

Second Place DITV “Iowa City Middle Schooler Cooks Up a Storm”, Katedi Mutamba

First Place SAUTV, “Bee Nourished Steps Up to Fill Food Gap”, Mallery Helmig

Radio

Third Place KCII “President McKinley's Audio Found” Sally Hart

Second Place KMA “Scrooge Contest,” Mandy Billings

First Place IPR, “Moving house and home to get back to the farm”, Sheila Brummer

Small Market TV

Third Place KCAU, “Historic Akron Opera House Continuing a Rebirth” Tim Seaman

Second Place KWQC, “Overcoming Adversity”, Joey Donia

First Place WGEM, “Handprints in Concrete”, Chad Douglas, Shawn Dickerman

Large Market TV

Second Place KGAN/KFXA “55th Eastern Iowa Honor Flight”, Mitch Fick

First Place KCCI “Do You Want to Get Married Today?” Eric Hanson, Robbie Rissman

SPORTS COVERAGE

Student Radio

Third Place KURE "The Chi-Town Rundown" with Jordan Rech and Stephen Schwartz

Second Place KURE "The Nick Mensen Show"

First Place KURE "All About Her" with Mya Allen

Radio

Third Place KSOM “Kinzie Overcomes Obstacles to Become Strong Swimmer for Atlantic” Chris Varney

Second Place KCII “Field Named for Miller” Sally Hart

First Place KNIA/KRLS “Remarkable Journey of Pella's Emmanuel Diers” Andrew Schneider X?

Small Market TV

Third Place KCAU “Mapping the Path: 20 games in 21 days” Anthony Mitchell

Second Place WGEM “Decathlon Athlete” Kyle Ainsworth

First Place KCAU “Sports Spotlight: Sherry Jo Wittkop” Alexander Huddleston

Large Market TV

Third Place KGAN/KFXA “Memories of McCarron's Magic” Mitch Fick

Second Place KCCI “The ripple effect of Matt Campbell leaving ISU for Penn State” Shannon Ehrhardt, Scott Reister, Jodi Long , Ben Kaplan, Beau Bowman, Mike Simmons, Tyler Stone, Austin Elbert, Pepper Purpura, Josh Payan, Jackie DeMate, Charlie Gruhn, Ryan Scott, Kaitlynn Thurman, Tisa Tollenaar (Producer), Meg Swanson.

First Place KGAN/KFXA “Chasing her Dream” Owen Siebring, Logan Schroeder.

SPORTS PLAY-BY-PLAY

Student Radio

Third Place KALA “SAU vs William Woods football” CJ Boone, Collen Mauga

Second Place KWAR “Wartburg-Luther” Caleb Kammerer, Christopher Guerrero

First Place KALA “SAU Football vs. Graceland” CJ Boone, Collen Mauga

Student TV

Third Place Knight Vision “Wartburg Men's Wrestling vs Loras” Landon Jepson

Second Place Simpson “Simpson men's basketball vs. Coe” Rob Howes

First Place Knight Vision “Wartburg football” Caleb Kammerer, Christopher Guerrero

Radio

Third Place KNIA/KRLS “Pella softball” Trevor Castle

Second Place KCII “Mid-Prairie Sports” Zach Ulin

First Place KRIB “Clear Lake Lions sports” Bob Fisher X

Small Market TV

First Place KWQC “51st Running of the Bix 7” Kevin Phelps, Toni Reavis, Brianna Ballog, Joey Donia

Large Market TV

First Place IPBS “Historic Run” Paul Yeager

General Reporting

Radio

Third Place KMCH “Operation Castle” Janelle Tucker

Second Place KMA “No Kings Protest”, Ethan Hewett, Mike Peterson

First Place IPR “Logistical headaches of getting food to kids' families”, Katarina Sostaric

Small Market TV

Third Place KCAU “OBGYN Outreach Clinics Help Rural Iowans” Travis Chinn

Second Place WGEM “Dog Bite - One Year Later” Dylan Smith, Joe McFarland

First Place KWQC “The DCI Report” Matt Christensen, Tara Gray, Cyle Dickens, Kate Kopatich

Large Market TV

Third Place KGAN/KXFA “The Search for Rita Papakee” Nada Shamah, John Richardson

Second Place IPBS “Migrant labor in Texas” John Torpy

First Place KCCI, “KCCI Investigates Iowa’s Foster Care Task Force”, Suzanne Behnke, Laura Terrell, Robbie Rissman, Chris Habermann.

POLITICAL COVERAGE

Radio

Third Place KSOM, “Candidates Forum with City Council and School Board Candidates” Tom Robinson

Second Place KXEL, “Iowa’s Executive Shift: The Race to Succeed Reynolds” Jon Jacobsen

First Place KMA “Red Oak Mayoral Candidate Withdraws” Mike Peterson

Small Market TV

Second Place KCAU “No mayor on ballot for this Iowa town” Nik Wilson

First Place KCAU “IA State Senate District 1 Special Election Coverage” KCAU staff

Large Market TV

Second Place KCCI “Governor Kim Reynolds not running for reelection” Amanda Rooker, Beau Bowman, Jacob Jansen, Jodi Long, Shannon Turner, Nicole Tam, Dalton Hidy, Tyler Stone, Ben Kaplan, Stacey Horst, Kaitlynn Thurman, Robbie Rissman, Austin Elbert, Ryan Scott, Laura Terrell, Charlie Gruhn, Pepper Purpura.

First Place KGAN/KFXA “GOP Lawmakers Strip Civil Rights Protection” Skylar Tallal

SPOT NEWS

Radio

Third Place KNIA/KRLS “July 11th Weather” Andrew Schneider, Tyler Crabb, Andrew Swadner, Derek Cardwell, Randy Van.

Second Place KSOM “Atlantic House Fire” Mandy Billings

First Place KMA “Glenwood Shooting”, Ethan Hewett

Small Market TV

Third Place KCAU “Strike at Kemps” Aveya Hannan

Second Place WGEM “Doyle Fire” Daniel Winn, Chad Douglas

First Place KWQC “MetroTornado”, Erik Maitland, Cyle Dickens, Kate Kopatich, Kevin Phelps, Kyle Kiel, Diana Rodriguez, Theresa Bryant.

Large Market TV

First Place KCCI “Arrest of DMPS Superintendent Ian Roberts” Alyssa Gomez, Beau Bowman , Amanda Rooker, Laura Terrell, Ben Kaplan, Kayla James, Abigail Kurten , Suzanne Behnke, Dylan Coon, Jackie DeMate, Brandon Green, Charlie Gruhn, Chris Habermann, Henry Hahn, Jacob Jansen, Robbie Rissman, Mike Simmons, Meg Swanson, Kaitlyn Thurman, Austin Elbert, Tyler Stone, Kelby Wingert.

BEST SPORTSCAST

Student Radio

Second Place KWAR Caleb Kammerer

First Place KWAR Jax Caddell

Radio

Third Place KNOD Tony Correa

Second Place KGLO Bob Fisher

First Place KSOM Chris Varney

Small Market TV

First Place KCAU “10pm SportsZone” Anthony Mitchell, Alexander Huddleston

Large Market TV

Second Place KGNA/KFXA “Eastern Iowa OT” Owen Siebring, Mitch Fick, Patrick Smith, Michael Howell

First Place KCCI “Iowa State wins in Ireland” Scott Reister, Stacey Horst, Dylan Coon, Jeff Dubrof , Kayla James, Charlie Gruhn

BEST NEWSCAST

Student Radio

Second Place, KWAR Jace Holz

First Place KWAR Makenna Kammerer

Student TV

Second Place DITV DITV staff

First Place SAUtv “SAU Weekly”

Radio

Third Place KGLO “Midday Report” Bob Fisher

Second Place KSOM “November 7 Evening News” Mandy Billings

First Place KMA 5 p.m. News Mike Peterson

Small Market TV

Second Place KCAU “6 p.m. Newscast” KCAU staff

First Place WGEM “News at 5” Marco Milani, Daniel Winn, Chad Douglas.

Large Market TV

First Place KCCI “News at 4” Jackie DeMate, Jodi Long, Ben Kaplan, Scott Reister, Beau Bowman, Marcus McIntosh, Zane Satre, Todd Magel, Olivia Tyler, Tyler Stone, Tisa Tollenaar, Robbie Rissman, Dylan Coon, Brandon Green, John Bryja

Best Podcast

Student Radio

Third Place KALA “Did You Know They're Canadian: Rush” Ross Willlert

Second Place KWAR “Athletes Spotlight” Landon Jepson, Jax Caddell

First Place KALA “Healthy Habits with Sydnee Horstman”

Radio

Third Place KALA “Relevant Or Irrelevant: The New History of Iowa”

Second Place KNIA/KRLS “Pursuing Greatness: Deep Dive with Pella's Marissa Ferebee” Andrew Schneider

First Place KALA “Relevant Or Irrelevant: The Bassett and Vollum Wallpaper Company”

Small Market TV

First Place KWQC “Sidebar:Trudy Appleby” Jenna Jackson, Marcia Lense, Sharon DeRycke

Large Market TV

Second Place IPBS “Cattle Complex Is Living Up To Its Name” Paul Yeager

First Place KGAN/KFXA “Fourth-quarter comeback helps Hawks avoid disaster against Spartans” Michael Howell, Mitch Fick, Owen Siebring.

Overall Excellence

Radio

Third Place KMA Mike Peterson, Ethan Hewett

Second Place KSOM Tom Robinson, News Director

First Place KMCH Janelle Tucker, News Director X

Small Market TV

First Place KQWC, Mareah Ruefer, News Director

Large Market TV

First Place KCCI Natalie Cabieses News Director