

# IHSAA DISTINGUISHED MEDIA SERVICE AWARD

Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. (IHSAA)  
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## ABOUT THE AWARDS

Since 1984-85, the Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc. has presented the IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award to news media professionals who have made a positive contribution and demonstrated dedicated service to the high school sports program in our state. Three individuals -- one in each of the three IHSAA legislative districts -- are selected annually for this recognition by the IHSAA Executive Committee.

## CRITERIA

A nominee must have covered Indiana high school sports for a minimum of 10 years in any medium (newspaper, radio, television, internet) or a combination thereof.

A member school may nominate only one news media professional per year. Nominations received but not selected will be maintained for three years. A list of former award recipients is included on pages 3-4.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Award recipients will be selected by members of the IHSAA Executive Committee from nominations received by the deadline. All nominations should be received in the IHSAA Office by **June 15 each year**. The IHSAA will contact the honoree upon selection and make all ensuing arrangements involving the announcement.

## NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Please complete the General Information and Career Information sections on the next page.
2. Please include at least three letters of recommendation on school letterhead from member school administrators, staff members, coaches or student-athletes.
3. Nominations may be submitted electronically to [jwille@ihsaa.org](mailto:jwille@ihsaa.org) or via mail to:

Indiana High School Athletic Association, Inc.  
c/o Jason Wille, Sports Information Director  
9150 N. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46260

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**IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award  
Nomination Form**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Nominee's Name:**

**News Organization:**

**Work Address/City/Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**Individual Submitting Nomination:**

**Title:**

**High School:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**IHSAA District (I, II or III):**

**CAREER INFORMATION**

Please include the nominee's career history (employer, responsibilities, years worked, awards won, etc.) and any additional information in the space provided below. Please include separate sheet if necessary.

## IHSAA Distinguished Media Service Award Recipients

Adams, Bob, Berne Tri-Weekly News, WZBD, Berne, 2007-08, Dist. 2  
Adams, Charlie, WSBT-TV, South Bend, 2006-07, Dist. 1  
Akers, Chuck, WFLQ, French Lick, 2007-08, Dist. 3  
Amey, Andy, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 1995-96, Dist. 3  
Ammerman, Joe, WNNV, North Vernon, 1999-00, Dist. 4  
Angelopolous, Jimmie, Indianapolis News, 1984-85, Dist. 3  
Arredondo, Joe, WYIN-TV, Merrillville, 1998-99, Dist. 1  
Auten, Steve, WMDH/WLTI, New Castle, 2018-19, Dist. 2

Baker, Jerry, IHSAA Network, 2000-01, Dist. 3  
Barnet, Bob, Muncie Star, 1985-86, Dist. 4  
Beas, Mike, 2008-09, Dist. 2  
Beck, Bill, Elkhart Truth, 2013-14, Dist. 1  
Beitler, Paul, Bluffton News-Banner, 2000-01, Dist. 2  
Bell, Greg, WIOU/WZWZ, Kokomo, 1993-94, Dist. 2  
Bernhardt, Don, Evansville Courier, 1984-85, Dist. 5  
Blake, Mike, WFIE-TV, Evansville, 1997-98, Dist. 5  
Bohne, Brian, Ferdinand News/Spencer County Leader, 2003-04, Dist. 3

Breach, Chris, Logansport Pharos-Tribune, 2004-05, Dist. 1  
Bridge, Bob, Bedford Times-Mail, 1996-97, Dist. 5  
Brochin, Mark, The Original Company/WWBL, 2011-12, Dist. 3  
Brooks, Rod, WXXP, Anderson, 1997-98, Dist. 4  
Brown, Rob, Roncalli Media Network, 2022-23, Dist. 2  
Brunner, Jim, WBAT, Marion, 1998-99, Dist. 2  
Buchberger, Jim, Lawrenceburg Register, 1994-95, Dist. 4  
Byrum, Tom, Winchester News-Gazette, 2004-05, Dist. 2

Calabro, Dave, WTHR-TV, Indianapolis, 2010-11, Dist. 2  
Carnegie, Tom, WRTV-TV, Indianapolis, 1985-86, Dist. 3  
Clark, Jan, Richmond Palladium-Item, 1995-96, Dist. 4  
Collins, Tom, Evansville Courier & Press, 2006-07, Dist. 3  
Condry, Paul, Regional Radio, Crown Point, 1999-00, Dist. 1  
Cooney, Ray, Portland Commercial-Review, 2011-12, Dist. 2  
Corfman, Ron, Ripley County Publishing, 1998-99, Dist. 4  
Costin, Jim, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, 1987-88, Dist. 2  
Cox, Eric & Stacy, Knightstown Banner, 2017-18, Dist. 2

Davis, Len, WGL Radio, Fort Wayne, 1994-95, Dist. 2  
Dedrick, Dave, WUME/WSEZ, Paoli, 1995-96, Dist. 5  
DeFay, Dick, WKJG-TV, Fort Wayne, 1990-91, Dist. 2  
Derf, Rick, WTCA, Plymouth, 1995-96, Dist. 1  
Doades, Keith, Media Five Sports, 2013-14, Dist. 3  
Douglas, Tom, Spencer Evening World, 1999-00, Dist. 3  
Downey, Mark, Bloomfield Evening World, 2002-03, Dist. 3

Easter, Jon, WBDG, Ben Davis High School, 2015-16, Dist. 2  
Egierski, Dan, WGBF Radio, Evansville, 2001-02, Dist. 3

Ferber, Walt, WITZ Radio, Jasper, 2010-11, Dist. 3  
Fields, Steve, Greencastle Banner-Graphic, 1991-92, Dist. 3  
Fillmore, Ken, Angola Herald-Republican, 2015-16, Dist. 1  
Fisse, Frank, Indianapolis Star, 1987-88, Dist. 3  
Ford, Bob, Kokomo Tribune, 1986-87, Dist. 2  
Freeby, Chuck, WHME-TV & Radio, 2010-11, Dist. 1  
Frye, George, Huntington Herald-Press, 1992-93, Dist. 2

Garmon, Michelle, Tipton Tribune, 1997-98, Dist. 3  
Gates, Hilliard, WKJG-TV, Fort Wayne, 1984-85, Dist. 2  
Goffinet, Larry, Tell City News, 1991-92, Dist. 5  
Gratz, Ivan, WISH-TV, Indianapolis, 1998-99, Dist. 3  
Gregg, Scott, Carmel H.S./Metropolitan Conference, 2003-04, Dist. 2  
Grossman, Roger, WRSW, Warsaw, 2009-10, Dist. 1

Guilliams, Cliff, Evansville Courier & Press, 2008-09, Dist. 3  
Gutgsell, Kurt, WBDC Radio & WJTS TV 18, 2019-20, Dist. 3

Hall, Norman, WBNL, Boonville, 1993-94, Dist. 5  
Hamilton, Ed, Elwood Call-Leader, 1996-97, Dist. 4  
Hamnik, Al, Gary Post-Tribune, 1996-97, Dist. 1  
Hanna, Bill, North Vernon Plain Dealer-Sun, 1990-91, Dist. 4  
Harrell, John, Bloomington Herald-Times, 1994-95, Dist. 5  
Hartnett Sr., John, WSVL, Shelbyville, 1992-93, Dist. 4  
Harvey, Sam, WLPK, Connersville, 2015-16, Dist. 3  
Hein, Don, WTHR-TV, Indianapolis, 1994-95, Dist. 3  
Helvie, Bryan, Batesville Herald-Tribune, 2014-15, Dist. 3  
Herman, Steve, Associated Press, 1996-97, Dist. 3  
Hess, Milt, WHZR, Logansport, 1997-98, Dist. 1  
Hill, Ken, Sports Hotline, Marion, 1989-90, Dist. 2  
Hodge, John, New Castle Courier-Times, 2000-01, Dist. 4  
Hole, Michael, WFLQ, French Lick, 2007-08, Dist. 3  
Houser, Lynn, Bloomington Herald-Times, 2012-13, Dist. 3  
Hunter, Dave, WAOV, Vincennes, 1992-93, Dist. 5  
Huppert, Dean, WSJV-TV, South Bend, 2002-03, Dist. 1

Inniger, Fred, WAWK The Hawk, Kendallville, 2022-23, Dist. 1

Jellison, Don, Noblesville Ledger, 1988-89, Dist. 3  
Jenkins, Charlie, WXVW, Jeffersonville, 1988-89, Dist. 5  
Jerome, Jim, WAXI, Rockville, 1989-90, Dist. 3  
Jones, Carl, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 1992-93, Dist. 3  
Jones, Chip, WLOI/WCOE, LaPorte, 2016-17, Dist. 1  
Jones, H. O. (Whitey), Corydon Democrat, 1987-88, Dist. 5

Kasey, Dennis, WHMB TV-40, Indianapolis, 2009-10, Dist. 2  
Kelly, Lee, New Albany H.S./WNAS Radio, 2004-05, Dist. 3  
Kirts, Rex, Bloomington Herald-Times, 1985-86, Dist. 5  
Kitchell, Dave, Kokomo Tribune, 1996-97, Dist. 2  
Knezevich, Mike, Regional Radio Sports Network, 2008-09, Dist. 1  
Koontz, Arv, Seymour Tribune, 1989-90, Dist. 5  
Kraft, Dennis, Elkhart Truth, 1988-89, Dist. 2  
Kridler, Dave, LaPorte Herald-Argus, 1985-86, Dist. 1

Lambright, Leroy, Goshen News, 1985-86, Dist. 2  
Lankford, Richard, WRAY, Princeton, 2009-10, Dist. 3  
Lemasters, Ron, Muncie Star, 1991-92, Dist. 4  
Lingle, Corky, WTCA, Plymouth, 1995-96, Dist. 1  
Lovell, Bob, Indiana Sports Talk, 2002-03, Dist. 2

Mannies, Morry, WLBC, Muncie, 1989-90, Dist. 4  
McCord, Andy, WJOT, Wabash, 2012-13, Dist. 1  
McKee, Pat, Indianapolis Star, 2001-02, Dist. 2  
Miller, Forrest, South Bend Tribune, 1991-92, Dist. 2  
Mishler, Earl, LaPorte Herald-Argus, 1994-95, Dist. 1  
Montgomery, Mike, WSAL-WLHM, Logansport, 2000-01, Dist. 1  
Moritz, Steve, 860 AM ESPN; WMRI, Marion, 2014-15, Dist. 2  
Morrow, Mark, Hamilton County Sports Daily, 2013-14, Dist. 2  
Musselman, David, WROI Radio, Rochester, 2003-04, Dist. 1  
Mutka, John, Gary Post-Tribune, 1986-87, Dist. 1

Nagle, Bob, WHME-TV 46, 2014-15, Dist. 1  
Nuest, Keith, Kouts Times, 1993-94, Dist. 1

Overholser, Bill, WIBN, Fowler, 1992-93, Dist. 1

Paligraf, Phil, Comcast Spotlight, Indianapolis, 2013-14, Dist. 2  
Pantazi, Dean, WPTA-TV, Fort Wayne, 1999-00, Dist. 2

Powers, Bob, Connersville News-Examiner, 1986-87, Dist. 4  
Price, Rita, WRSW Radio, Warsaw, 2001-02, Dist. 1

Quigley, John, Portage Journal Press, 1990-91, Dist. 1

Rallo, Curt, South Bend Tribune, 1995-96, Dist. 2  
Reck, Tom, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 1986-87, Dist. 3  
Redfield, Bill, Michigan City News-Dispatch, 1984-85, Dist. 1  
Ross, Tony, WTCA, Plymouth, 2005-06, Dist. 1  
Russell, Jim, Indianapolis News, 1993-94, Dist. 3

Salomon, John, WNJY, Monticello, 1991-92, Dist. 1  
Schneider, Mark, Indianapolis Star, 1990-91, Dist. 3  
Schweizer, Larry, WBNL, Boonville, 1998-99, Dist. 5  
Semmler, Rick, WTHI-TV, Terre Haute, 2016-17, Dist. 3  
Shahbaz, Marty, Lake County Star, 1987-88, Dist. 1  
Siegfried, Paul, Huntington Herald-Press, 2007-08, Dist. 1  
Simmermaker, Sam, WCSI Radio, Columbus, 1984-85, Dist. 4  
Simmers, Bob, WITZ, Jasper, 1986-87, Dist. 5  
Smith, Joe, WBWB, Bloomington, 1990-91, Dist. 5  
Sokeland, Justin, WBIW.com, Bedford, 2022-23, Dist. 3  
Stigleman, Phil, WKBV, Richmond, 1988-89, Dist. 4  
Stimpson, Dick, WNUY AM FM, Bluffton, 2006-07, Dist. 2  
Swanson, Pete, Princeton Clarion, 1999-00, Dist. 5  
Swartz, Stu, Goshen News, 2011-12, Dist. 1

Taylor, Graham, Madison Courier, 1987-88, Dist. 4  
Teverbaugh, Rick, Anderson Herald-Bulletin, 2012-13, Dist. 2  
Throckmorton, Ted, WAVG, Jeffersonville, 2000-01, Dist. 5  
Tsoutsouris, Val, Rochester Sentinel, 2017-18, Dist. 1  
Turner, Vince, WTRC, Elkhart, 1997-98, Dist. 2

Vanderwielen, Rick, HomeTown Sports Indiana / IHSAA Champions  
Network, 2016-17, Dist. 2

Washburn, Jeff, Lafayette Journal & Courier, 1988-89, Dist. 1  
Weaver, Rob, WPGW AM FM, Portland, 2005-06, Dist. 2  
Weller, Jeff, WLBC, Muncie, 1993-94, Dist. 4  
Welter, Harold, WKVI, Knox, 1989-90, Dist. 1  
Wilkerson, Lance, WEHT-TV, Evansville, 2005-06, Dist. 3

Young, Dave, WZDM-FM, Vincennes, 2017-18, Dist. 3