

## North Central College Hosts 2023-2024 John Drury High School Radio Awards

November 2, 2024, Naperville, Ill. – Twenty high school radio stations from around the United States were honored at the annual John Drury High School Radio Awards hosted by WONC-FM at North Central College. Students, advisors, and their radio stations were honored in 20 different categories.

The Drury Awards continued to expand its reach, adding five new stations to the list of participants. While these stations earned their share of nominations, stations that are well-decorated Drury participants dominated the day, including:

- Best Sports Talk Show: KVIT at East Valley Institute of Technology in Arizona
- Best Sports Play-by-Play: WWPT of Staples High School in Connecticut
- Best Promo: WLTL of Lyons Township High School in Illinois
- Best Public Service Announcement: WBFH of Bloomfield Hills High School in Michigan
- Broadcaster of the Year: Charlie Scott of WWPT at Staples High School in Connecticut

The Drury Awards introduced two new categories this year: Best Use of Video and Outstanding Student Leader. Charlie Scott, recipient of the Broadcaster of the Year Award for a second year, was also named as the Outstanding Student Leader.

The most prestigious honor of the competition, Best High School Radio Station, was awarded to KMIH of Mercer Island High School in Mercer Island, WA. This was KMIH's first time winning the award.

"This is easily my favorite event of the year at the college. Seeing the drive in these young broadcasters and their great talents is very exciting, and it shows the radio still has a very bright future," said WONC General Manager Zachary DeWitz. "It was great to have people together to celebrate the accomplishments of these young broadcasters and their radio stations."

A full list of the winners and their audio is available at WONC.org/drurywinners.

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North Central College provides students with the confidence, instruction and direction they need to exceed their personal best inside and outside of the classroom and throughout their careers. Founded in 1861, and located just 28 miles west of Chicago in the Historic District of Naperville, Ill.—named among the nation's "Best Places to Live" by Money magazine—North Central is home to nearly 2,600 students and offers more than 70 undergraduate majors, 60 additional undergraduate minors and concentrations, and 13 graduate degree programs. Visit northcentralcollege.edu to discover why U.S. News & World Report has named North Central a "Best in the Midwest" school for 28 years in a row and to learn more about the College's state-of-the-art facilities and distinctive programs, particularly in the sciences and business.

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