

Iowa Reporters Win Regional Awards**Date:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012**Category:** Press Release

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April 11, 2012 (Des Moines, IA) — Iowa Public Radio announced today their statewide news network received fourteen Eric Sevareid journalism awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association; five of these awards were first place awards for audio, broadcast writing, general reporting (student), investigative reporting (student and general) and talk/public affairs.

In addition to the annual awards, the NBNA honored Iowa's Dean Borg with the 2012 Charnley Award. Named after long-time University of Minnesota professor Mitchell V. Charnley, the award is given each year to an individual working in or with roots in the six-state NBNA region who has made outstanding contributions to the field of broadcast journalism.

Dean Borg's distinguished broadcast journalism career extends over four decades and includes reporting from locations throughout the United States and several other continents. He graduated from Iowa State University as the "Outstanding Broadcast Journalist" in 1959, and later earned a Master of Public Administration degree from the University of Iowa.

Borg has worked for Iowa Public Radio for 12 years, providing coverage of a variety of topics in Eastern Iowa. An experienced political journalist, he has covered the Iowa General Assembly and Governor's office, as well as multiple presidential campaigns. His award-winning reporting from South Vietnam, Paris and the anti-war student riots at The University of Iowa continues as a historical reference to that era. Borg is also a fixture as host and moderator for the weekly half-hour interview and news program, Iowa Press on Iowa Public Television.

In addition to Borg, 10 reporters from Iowa Public Radio were honored with NBNA awards:

- First Place (Audio) — "Family Heritage from a Croatian Village" (John Pemble)
- Award of Merit (Broadcast Writing) — "The Sullivan Brothers" (Rick Fredericksen)
- First Place (Broadcast Writing) — "Flood Victims Hunker Down for Winter in State Park" (Sarah McCammon)
- First Place (General Reporting) — "The Tiniest Babies Registry" (Lindsey Moon)
- Award of Merit (Hard Feature — Student) — "Analyzing the Speech of GOP Hopefuls" (Emily Woodbury)
- Award of Merit (Sports Reporting) — "Kilimanjaro Bowl" (Rick Fredericksen)
- Award of Merit (Series) — "Being Physically Disabled in Iowa" (Rob Dillard)
- First Place (Investigative Reporting— Student) — "HIV Positive in Iowa" (Lindsey Moon)

- Award of Merit (Investigative Reporting) — “What Does ‘Natural’ Meat Really Mean” (Kathleen Masterson)
- First Place (Investigative Reporting) — “Iowa's Laws Make Robocalls Cheap Easy Anonymous” (Kate Wells)
- Award of Merit (Talk/Public Affairs) — “The Exchange: Obesity in Iowa” (Ben Kieffer and The Exchange staff)
- First Place (Talk/Public Affairs) — “Talk of Iowa: The Underground Railroad in Iowa” (Charity Nebbe and the Talk of Iowa staff)
- Award of Merit (Newscast) — Newscast, December 14, 2011 (Sarah McCammon and IPR News Staff)

Each year, NBNA honors the best journalism in its six-state region of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. This year, the organization honored radio and television stations with nearly 300 awards, given at its annual awards banquet on March 31, 2012, in the Twin Cities, Minnesota.

Iowa Public Radio informs, enriches and engages Iowans through radio programming and other media. IPR enhances civic and cultural connections across the state, strengthening Iowa’s communities and reflecting Iowa's sense of place. For more information about Iowa Public Radio, contact us at 515-725-1700 or visit iowapublicradio.org.

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