

November 4, 2009

Dear Newspaper Advisers and Editors:

The time is here again to select and mail your entries for the Illinois College Press Association Contest. Enclosed you'll find the contest rules, categories and entry blanks. As soon as you receive this letter, send me a confirmation by e-mail to **marycory@illinimedia.com**. Please read the materials carefully, and if you have any questions, e-mail or call (217) 337-8310.

Seventy categories will be judged by professional journalists across Illinois. As in the past, categories are divided by school size and publication frequency along with several categories that are "open" to all schools.

All awards, including first, second and third places and honorable mentions, will be announced at the 27th annual ICPA convention Feb. 19-20, 2010 at the DoubleTree Hotel Magnificent Mile in Chicago. You do not have to be at the convention to win. Entries must be received no later **than Friday, December 4, 2009**. There will be no exceptions. Entries should be sent to:

**Mary Cory  
Illini Media  
512 E. Green Street  
Champaign, IL 61820**

Two entry blanks are enclosed. Copy as many as you need to accompany the entries you are submitting. Please type or print all information and be sure all names are spelled correctly on the entry blanks.

If your newspaper is not currently affiliated with the ICPA, or your membership has lapsed, now is the time to renew. Contact John Ryan at 217-581-7939 or [jmryan@eiu.edu](mailto:jmryan@eiu.edu) for membership forms. To enter the contest, you must be a paid ICPA member by Dec. 1. I look forward to receiving your entries in early December and forwarding them to our judges. Thanks for your participation!

Sincerely,

Mary Cory, Contest Coordinator  
Illinois College Press Association

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Handy checklist for the 2009 ICPA Contest:

- 1. Be current on ICPA membership dues (send checks to John Ryan by Dec. 1).
- 2. Email Mary Cory asap to acknowledge that you have received these contest forms.
- 3. By Dec. 4, Mary Cory needs to receive your contest submission envelope containing:
  - a. All your entries with a contest Entry Form attached to each.
  - b. Typed sheet with complete list of all entrant names.
  - c. "Digital File" form attached to CD with your entries.