



Welcome to the Journalism Education Association's member newsletter.
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Elected for the 2025-27 term



Valerie Kibler, MJE, President
Justin Daigle, MJE, Vice President
Rachel Steil, MJE, Educational Initiatives Director
Shari Chumley, MJE, Director at-large
Timm Pilcher, MJE, Director at-large

JEA 2025 Board of Directors elections results

Three unopposed candidates and two directors-at-large were chosen to lead JEA for the next two years. The elected officials are:

- Valerie Kibler, MJE, Harrisonburg (Virginia) High School as president
- Justin Daigle, MJE, Brighton (Colorado) High School as vice president
- Rachel Steil, MJE, Stillwater (Minnesota) Area High School as educational initiatives director
- Shari Chumley, MJE, Tupelo (Mississippi) High School as director-at-large
- Timm Pilcher, MJE, Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, as director-at-large

Kibler and Daigle will continue in their current positions on the board. The other three members are all new. All five positions are two-year terms that begin May 1, 2025.

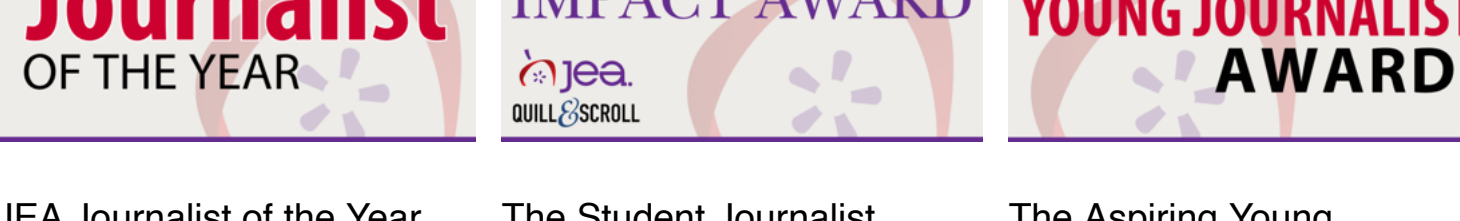
JEA board of directors elections took place Feb. 24 through March 3, 2025. Of the 2,402 total ballots successfully emailed, 180 members voted. Members who qualified for a ballot were notified via email Feb. 24. Voting members must have had an active account status as of Jan. 15, 2025. Voting members included teachers/advisers, emeritus teachers/advisers, lifetime members and the director or officer on record for affiliated state, regional or national scholastic press associations or student collegiate chapters.

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UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

March 10	March 14	March 15	March 16-22	March 26
Spring NHSJC scholarship application deadline	Spring NHSJC early bird registration deadline	Student deadlines approaching (see below)	Sunshine Week	Spring NHSJC hotel block closes

Student deadlines approaching



JEA Journalist of the Year recognizes the country's top high school senior journalists. The contest starts at the state level. State winners are then eligible to submit for the national contest by March 15.

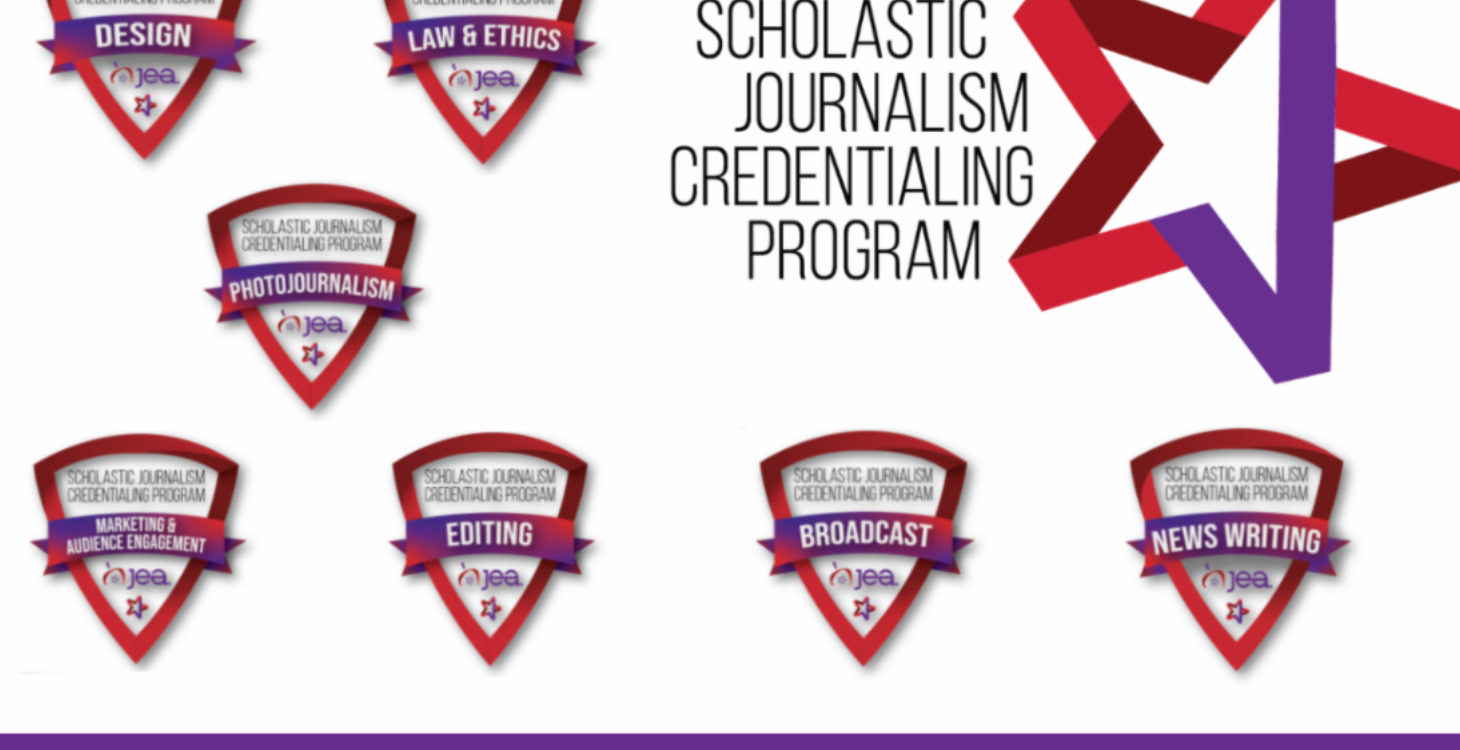
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The Student Journalist Impact Award recognizes a high school student or team who, through the study and practice of journalism, has made a significant difference in their school or community. Nominations and applications are due March 15.

[Learn more](#)

The Aspiring Young Journalist Award recognizes junior high and middle school journalists who have developed a passion and drive for scholastic journalism. Applications are due by March 15.

[Learn more](#)



JEA's new student credentialing program

Advisers, have you heard about JEA's new Scholastic Journalism Credentialing Program for students? SJCP provides an opportunity for students to showcase proficiency in journalistic skills to teachers, employers and colleges. They can earn badges to display in portfolios and on social media. JEA currently offers seven different credential badges:

- Design
- Law & Ethics
- Photojournalism
- Marketing & Audience Engagement
- Editing
- Broadcast
- News Writing

[Learn more](#)

national student media contests

Create
STUDENTS PRODUCE CONTENT ON-SITE OR ONLINE IN ONE OF 45 CONTEST CATEGORIES

Compete
SCHOOLS MAY ENTER ONE STUDENT PER CATEGORY (EXCEPT FOR TEAM CONTESTS)

Critique
STUDENTS RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL FEEDBACK FROM CONTEST JUDGES

\$20 per student

www.JEA.org/contests

During the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle

Feb. 24
Registration opens and prompts available for online contests

April 1
Registration closes and online contest submissions due by noon CDT

April 25
On-site competition and critiques

April 26
Awards ceremony

Student participants must attend the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle — spring journalism convention. Entries are limited to one contestant per category per school, except broadcast contests 36, 37, 38, 39, 40 and 41 that allow teams. A student may enter only one category. The journalism teacher-adviser must be a current JEA member for the student to participate in the contests.

NSMC registration open

JEA's National Student Media Contests are open to all students registered for the upcoming convention. Advisers may enter students to compete in online or on-site contests. Choose from among the 46 options, which include writing, design, photo and broadcast categories.

Online contest categories require entries to be submitted before the convention, no later than noon CDT April 1. Students then attend an on-site critique session at the convention.

On-site contest categories require participation in an on-site competition at the convention.

All categories require advance registration. NSMC registration will close at noon CDT April 1.

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Don't miss this spring's convention

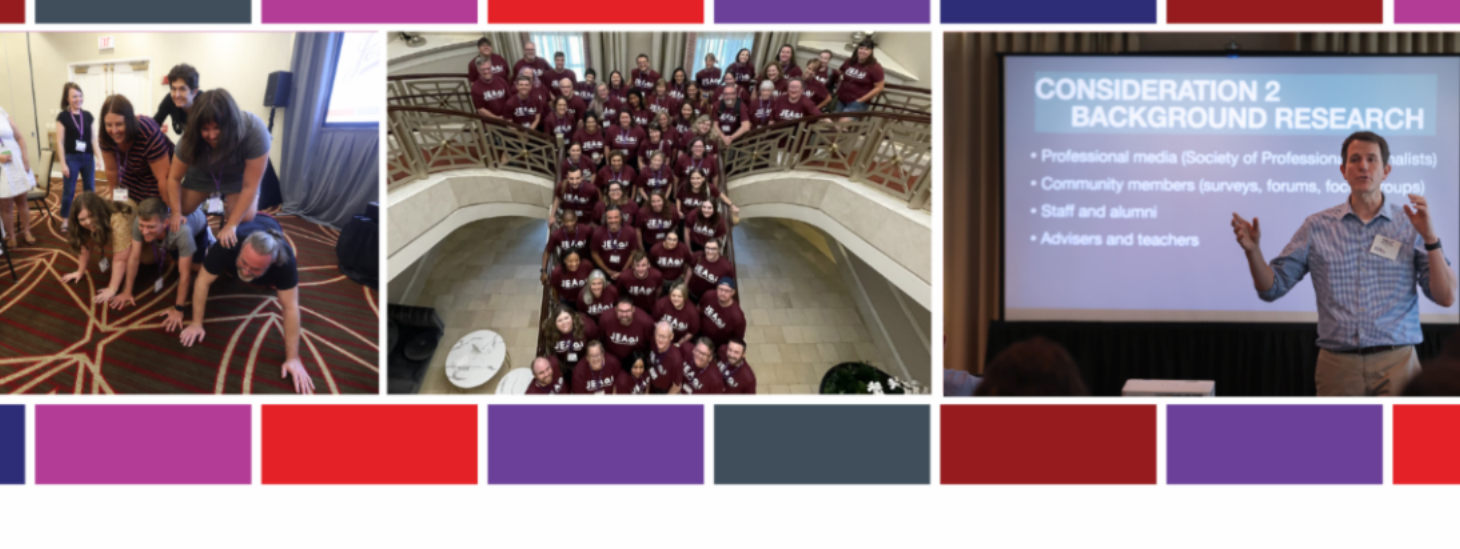
Have you made your plans for Seattle? Registration is now open for the **2025 Spring JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention** at the Sheraton Grand and Seattle Convention Center April 24-26. Registration is open through April 4 with early bird rates through March 14.

[Register now](#)

Calling all advisers

JEA needs volunteers to assist with NSMC and the National Journalism Quiz Bowl before and during the spring convention in Seattle. The primary on-site need is for judges during the evening Friday, April 25, although many other opportunities are available as well. Participation is a great way to serve the organization, meet advisers from around the country and ensure that we can provide opportunities for all interested students.

To learn more about this rewarding volunteer experience and to sign up, visit this [Google Form](#).



JEA Advisers Institute 2025

July 14-16 ■ Providence, R.I.

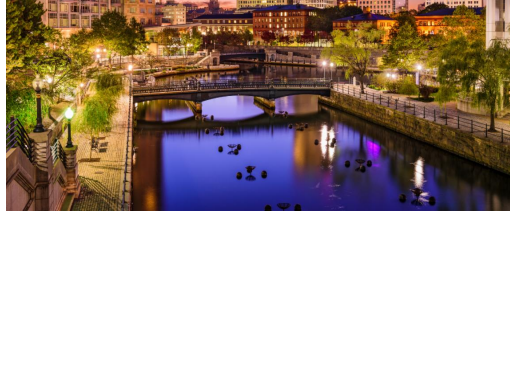
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JEA Advisers Institute

July 14-16 in Providence, Rhode Island, Omni Providence Hotel

Registration for this summer's **2025 JEA Advisers Institute** in Providence, Rhode Island, is now open and available through June 30. Early bird rates will only be available through **March 14**, so don't miss out on your early opportunity to snag a great rate for this special advisers-only event, which will take place July 14-16 at the Omni Providence Hotel. We hope to see you there!

[Learn more and register now](#)



JEA CURRICULUM CHATTER

Weekly ideas, lessons, activities and more for the journalism classroom

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Sponsored by JEA/NSPA

Going to Seattle? Want FREE curriculum help?

Journalism Education Association is here for you

JEA to offer half-hour sessions in Seattle with curriculum expert

Are you having trouble with your curriculum? Are you struggling to create a meaningful scope and sequence? Do you even know where to start? We can help. The JEA curriculum expert will be at the spring JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention in Seattle to offer FREE individual, personalized consultations for JEA members in half-hour increments from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, and 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 26.

SIGN UP TODAY: SPACES ARE LIMITED

- Step 1: Reserve a spot by filling out [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) or scan this QR code. Half-hour sessions are completely FREE. Test spaces are limited, so sign up early.
- Step 2: JEA staff will assign you a slot based on availability and when you plan to attend the convention and will contact you via email with details.
- Step 3: Show up for your meeting (location to be determined), bring your questions and go!

SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP

Sessions are FREE, but they are limited. First come, first served.

MEET YOUR CONSULTANT

JEA Curriculum Specialist Jim Streisel, MJE, is the adviser of the Hillsboro news staff at Carmel (Indiana) High School. He is a former CDEP Adviser of the Year.

NOT A JEA MEMBER?

CLICK HERE TO JOIN JEA NOW

Free curriculum consultations for members during NHSJC in Seattle

JEA curriculum specialist Jim Streisel, MJE, Carmel (Indiana) High School, is offering FREE curriculum consultations to JEA members in Seattle for the JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Convention. He will be there Friday, April 25, and Saturday, April 26. Consultations are half an hour each and participants can talk about any topic — from writing to grading and anything in between.

All JEA members need to do is sign up using this [Google Form](#). Sessions are first-come, first-served.

[Free weekly curriculum lesson](#)

Last chance to score centennial merch!

JEA centennial

Don't miss your last chance to grab JEA 100 merchandise! Get these limited-edition items before they disappear, and keep celebrating as JEA moves into its next century of leadership in scholastic journalism. Shop now before it's too late!

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New merchandise at the JEA Store.
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2025 AI Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference

ALL-EXPENSES-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.
JUNE 22-27, 2025

SKILL-BUILDING | NETWORK-GROWING

ONE-OF-A-KIND EXPERIENCE | \$1,000 SCHOLARSHIP

High school juniors apply at FreeSpiritJournalism.org

Apply to the AI Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference

- Advice from leading journalists. ☒
- A \$1,000 college scholarship. ☒
- A free five-day trip to Washington, D.C. ☒
- Lifelong connections to 50 fellow students from across the country. ☒
- Ongoing support from a community of more than 1,500 program alumni. ☒

These are just a few benefits of Freedom Forum's annual AI Neuharth Free Spirit and Journalism Conference.

Help spread the word to high school journalism classrooms! Applications for the 2025 class are now open.

[Apply now](#)