



Nebraska Journalism Hall of Fame

Nomination Deadline: February 5, 2025

It is time to nominate distinguished journalists for our Hall of Fame. This is a most appropriate way to honor those who have honored us by their contributions to our profession and to our state and nation.

Please enter the name(s) of one or more persons you believe deserve this honor.

Rules:

1. Persons living or dead may be nominated.
2. Nominees shall have made a significant contribution to print journalism, their communities and/or their state and nation.
3. Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, such as news, business, management, photography or any combinations.
4. Nominees must have spent a significant percentage of their newspaper careers in Nebraska.
5. **Adopted in 2020:** Consideration will be given to joint and related honorees, i.e. spouses, parent/son or daughter, siblings, whose collective work merits nomination for this honor.

Other considerations of importance:

- Winners of the Master Editor-Publisher Award are **not** automatically nominated.
- Nominees not selected this year will automatically be eligible for consideration the following year, then must be renominated.
- Nominations may come from persons not affiliated with NPA.
- Additions to the Hall of Fame may or may not be an annual event and there is no established maximum or minimum number for honorees/inductees at one time.

Nominations must include a completed form (see reverse), a detailed biography of the nominee and other appropriate detailed documentation of their career.

The selection committee will consist of the president of Nebraska Press Association who shall be chairman, the vice president, and the immediate past president of the association, the Dean of the University of Nebraska Journalism College, and one other representative of the Journalism College selected by the Dean. In the event a member of the committee cannot serve, the NPA president shall appoint a replacement for that year.

Nominees will be honored at the Nebraska Press Association Convention on April 25, 2025 in Kearney, Nebraska.

What is the Hall of Fame?

The Hall of Fame was started in 1973 by Jack Lowe, retired longtime editor and co-publisher of the Sidney Telegraph. The Hall of Fame will honor persons who have distinguished themselves in printed journalism. It was one of the projects of the Jack Lowe Community Journalism Fund at the University of Nebraska College of Journalism and Mass Communications. Since the Hall of Fame started, over 100 journalists have been inducted.

Previous Inductees

2022 – Tim Anderson	2004 – Ronald R. Furse
2022 – John Bender	2004 – John F. Edgecombe, Sr.
2022 –Lee Ostdiek	2003 – Henry Trysla
2022 – Russ & Lori Pankonin	2003 – Reed O’Hanlon Jr.
2022 –Tom Southard	2003 – Sterling H. McCaw
2019 – Ted Gill	2003 – Will Owens Jones
2019 – Les Mann	2002 – Allen D. Strunk
2019 – Joe Starita	2002 – Eugene Robb
2018 – John Gottschalk	2002 – Charles Moore
2018 – Stuart “Stu” Bohacek	2002 – Walter Christenson
2018 – Allen J. Beermann	2001 – Jack Thompson
2017 – Lary King	2001 – John G. Neihardt
2017 – Maxine Moul	2001 – Loral Johnson
2017 – Eileen Wirth	2001 – Earle “Buddy” Bunker
2016 – Sharron Hollen	2000 – Jack Pollock
2016 – G. Woodson	2000 – Paul F. Wagner
“Woody” Howe	2000 – Charles Summer
2016 – Matt Waite	“Cy” Sherman
2016 – J.P. O’Furey	1999 – Harvey Newbranch
2015 – Lyle Denniston	1999 – William McCleery
2015 – Richard “Dick” Fleming	1999 – Fred A. Seaton
2015 – Butch Furse	1998 – Emil W. Reutzel, Jr.
2014 – Clarence Hebda	1998 – J. Sterling Morton
2014 – Ted Heuttmann	1997 – Barney Oldfield
2014 – Kathleen Rutledge	1997 – Willa Cather
2013 – William C. Nuckolls	1997 – William J. Bryan
2013 – Dewaine Gahan	1995 – Don Bryant
2012 – Kent Warneke	1994 – Jack Tarr
2012 – Jim Seacrest	1994 – Tom Allan
2012 – Dick Lindberg	1993 – Neale Copple
2011 – Leslie Dale Falter	1993 – Mentor Brown
2011 – Charlyne Berens	1992 – Jim Raglin
2010 – Alton “Mook” Wilhelms	1992 – Henry Mead
2010 – Dean Terrill	1990 – Reva Evans
2009 – Fred Rose	1990 – W. F. Cramb
2009 – Will Norton, Jr.	1989 – Jack Lowe
2009 – Gene Morris	1988 – Mary Packwood
2009 – Shirley Bogue	1988 – Gregg McBride
2009 – Norris Alfred	1988 – Harold W. Andersen
2008 – Alan Cunningham	1987 – Lester A. Walker
McIntosh	1987 – Joe R. Seacrest
2008 – J. Alan Cramer	1987 – Ruth Best Pagel
2008 – Zean E. Carney	1987 – Gene Kemper
2007 – Elia Wilkinson Peattie	1987 – Tyler Edgecombe
2007 – Frank L. Partsch	1987 – Glenn A. Buck
2007 – George Miller	1975 – John Hyde Sweet
2007 – Mildred Brown	1975 – Harry D. Strunk
2006 – Lee Warneke	1975 – Emerson R. Purcell
2006 – Bud Pagel	1975 – Dr. George L. Miller
2006 – Burt James	1975 – Walt Mason
2006 – Viola Drath	1975 – Earl M. Marvin
2006 – Bob Bogue	1975 – John Alexander
2005 – Gilbert Savery	MacMurphy
2005 – Kenneth Rhoades	1975 – James E. Lawrence
2005 – Robert Pinkerton	1975 – Gene Huse
2005 – Keith Blackledge	1975 – Edgar Howard
2004 – Carroll “Cal” Stewart	1975 – Gilbert M. Hitchcock
2004 – Jerry Huse	1975 – Charles H. Gere
	1975 – Art C. Gardner
	1975 – Frank O. Edgecombe
	1975 – August F. Buechler
	1975 – Dr. A. L. Bixby
	1975 – Bess Furman Armstrong

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DATE: _____

YOUR NAME: _____

YOUR NEWSPAPER: _____

NAME OF NOMINEE(S): _____

NEWSPAPER: _____

NOMINEE'S ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT OR NEXT OF KIN FOR POSTHUMOUS NOMINATION: _____

NOMINEE OR CONTACT PHONE: _____

NOMINEE OR CONTACT EMAIL: _____

Biography of your nominee(s). (Please include all required data on the individual(s) nominated and follow the enclosed eligibility guidelines.)

2025

Send nominations to:
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Nominations must be received by February 5, 2025.