Press Club Honors 2014 Scholarship Winners

Few professions are evolving as rapidly as the field of communications. Technology is transforming the work performed in print/broadcast media, advertising, marketing, public relations and media production. And the skills necessary to compete for today’s communications jobs are changing just as quickly.

Each year our Press Club awards scholarships to deserving students who demonstrate a solid commitment to advancing the art of communications. These scholarships are based on essays, quality of work samples, letters of recommendation from educators, academic excellence and financial need.

The awards – ranging from $1,000 to $5,000 – are made possible through the Press Club and the generosity of numerous organizations, including Missouri Professional Communications, Fleishman-Hillard, Times Newspapers, Webster University, the St. Louis Chapter of the Baseball Writer’s Association and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch newspaper. So far this year, 12 students have received scholarships.

A reception honoring our 2014 scholarship winners was held on July 15 at the Norman Probstein Golf Clubhouse in Forest Park. Wendy Wiese of Nine Network’s “Donnybrook” and network news anchor of Relevant Radio was guest speaker for the event.

2014 Scholarships were announced and presented at the July 15 reception held at the Probstein Golf Clubhouse. Guest speaker for the evening was veteran St. Louis television and radio personality, Wendy Wiese. Ten of the twelve scholarship recipients attended. From left to right: Guest Speaker, Wendy Wiese, and scholarship winners: Delores McKenzie-Bush, St. Louis University; Laura Therese Schilli, Webster University; Laura Berry, St. Louis University; Regan Gillam, Webster University; Jack Suntrup, Missouri School of Journalism; Lauren Parker, Maryville University; Elizabeth Barmeier, Drury University; Morgan Purdy, Missouri School of Journalism; Lauren Blankenship, Webster University.
In Memoriam

Veteran Press Club member, Roger Browning, passed away on May 17, alongside his wife of 53 years, Patricia L. Browning. Roger and Pat were active in Press Club events up until their untimely and tragic deaths. Roger studied journalism at the University of Missouri in Columbia before joining the marketing department at Falstaff Brewing Corporation. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he began a 45 year career at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as an advertising account executive. Patricia, who as a child performed radio narrations, worked in sales for Southwestern Bell after her children were grown and was also an admissions counselor at Sanford Brown College for 13 years.

Their daughter, Vicki Vogt, requested that contributions in memoriam of Roger and Patricia be made to the Press Club to fund the Martin P. Quigley Scholarship Fund. If you wish to contribute, please go to the donation link at www.stlpressclub.org.

Member News

Press Club welcomes new member, Judy Leventhal.

Katy Gurley edited Robert X. Cringely’s new book on Amazon: “The Decline and Fall of IBM: End of an American Icon?”

Suzanne Corbett and Alice Handelman are National Federation of Press Women communication contest awardees. They were entered as 2014 Missouri Professional Communicators first-place awardees and will be honored at the annual NFPW Conference Sept. 4 to 6, in Greenville, S.C.

Special thanks to board members Claire Applewhite, Cynthia Kagan Frolichstein, Alice Handelman, Ben Lipman, Kent Martin, Charlotte Petty, Jan Scott, Ellen Soule and Patty Wente for assisting with the judging for the Ladue News Charity Awards.

Longtime St. Louis broadcaster Bill Wilkerson, and 1999 Press Club Media Person of the Year, proudly displays the Bob Broeg Award given to him at the National Football Foundation Tom Lombardo-St. Louis Chapter 22nd Annual Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet in St. Louis on May 4, 2014. Photo by UPI/Bill Greenblatt

Recent Events

John Nagel, executive director of the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum, speaking to Press Club members and guests about the current exhibit, Portraits/Process, at the July 1 wine and cheese Members Round-Up reception. Wines were donated by Adam Puchta Winery. Photograph by Lauren Parker.

President-Elect Tom Eschen, Vice President of Institutional Advancement at Maryville University, spoke about Maryville’s many community activities at the July 23 Press Club at the Gatesworth Speaker Series.
Meet Our 2014 Scholarship Recipients

From Right: Christa Corrigan of Missouri School of Journalism accepting $5,000 Press Club/ St. Louis Post Dispatch David Lipman Journalism Scholarship from Ben Lipman and Post-Dispatch columnist Aisha Sultan

Morgan Purdy of Missouri School of Journalism accepting $2,500 Press Club Nancy Miller Scholarship

Accepting $1,000 Times Newspapers/Webster University Journalism Foundation Scholarships from Don Corrigan (left) and Eric Rothenbuhler are Regan Gillam and Lauren Blankenship

Press Club President, Bill Smith, presents Elizabeth Barmer of Drury University with $1,500 Journalism Foundation Scholarship from Baseball Writer’s Association-St. Louis Chapter

Delores McKenzie-Bush of St. Louis University accepting $1,500 Journalism Foundation Scholarship from Fleishman-Hillard’s (from left) Wendy Flanagan, Paul Wagman, Chelsea Watts, and Alex Roberts

Jack Suntrup (left) of Missouri School of Journalism accepting Press Club’s $2,000 Media Scholarship from Bill Smith

Laura Berry (center) of St. Louis University accepting $1,000 Missouri Professional Communicators Journalism Foundation Scholarship from Pat Treacy (left) and Janice Denham

Lauren Parker of Maryville University accepting $1,000 Press Club Summer Internship Scholarship from Bill Smith

Laura Therese Schilli of Webster University accepting $1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship from Bill Smith

Unable to attend (left): Shatera Davis of University of Missouri - St. Louis, $1,000 Press Club Internship Scholarship

Madeliene Heppermann of Lindenwood University, $1,000 Press Club Spring Internship Scholarship
You’re invited to Press Club’s annual
“THE STATE OF THE PLATE”
FOOD FORUM AND GOURMET LUNCH
Noon, Wednesday, August 27
Ces & Judy’s
Le Chateau Village, 10405 Clayton Road
(just west of Lindbergh across from Plaza Frontenac)

Don’t miss this delicious three-course gourmet luncheon created by St. Louis’ award-winning caterers, Ces & Judy, while learning what’s happening in the St. Louis food and wine scene from our panel of experts:

Glenn Bardgett, Wine Director and Sommelier, Annie Gunn’s and Contributor to Sauce Magazine
Frank Schmer, President, St. Louis BBQ Society and KTRS radio host of BBQ Pitmasters
Donna Andrews, Director of Communications, St Louis Convention and Visitor Commission
Alex Donley, Owner and operator of Gioia’s Food Truck
Panel Moderator: Suzanne Corbett, St Louis Food Writer and Culinary Historian

Press Club members $25, non-members $27.
To RSVP: call 449-8029 or, if paying by credit card go to stlpressclub.org -- if paying by check mail to Press Club, PO Box 410522, St. Louis, MO 63141

Other Upcoming Events

Press Club at the Gatesworth Speaker Series
Wednesday, August 27 at 7:30 PM: Press Club’s Amanda Cook with Shannon Bailey, Director of The Chess Museum

Tuesday, September 30 at 7:30 PM: Press Club’s Susan Fadem sharing experiences from her life as a journalist.

Press Club Movie Night being planned for September.

Media Literacy Week is November 9-16th this year! The theme will be “Environmentalism: The Media Eco-System.”