

The JACC First Amendment Award is an annual award designed to recognize one or more administrators or trustees who has demonstrated extraordinary support for a journalism program.

Criteria may include but are not limited to the following:

1. High accessibility to the student press
2. An enthusiastic and encouraging supporter to a journalism program and its students
3. Goes above and beyond what is normally required in supporting funding for a journalism department
4. Demonstrates a high degree of accessibility to the student press
5. Recognizes, encourages and values student First Amendment rights
6. Encourages and promotes a spirit of open access to information and records

Anyone (students or faculty) wishing to nominate a person or persons must write a 100 word essay explaining why the person is worthy of this award. Please include your contact information as well as the nominee's contact info. ALL nominations must be sent in the form of an attached word document to John Francis at [johnstoy@flash.net](mailto:johnstoy@flash.net) and arrive no later than midnight on Monday, February 22, 2012.

The nominations will be judged by the voting members of the JACC Board of Directors and will be announced at the 2012 JACC State Convention in Burbank, March 22-24, 2012. It is the hope of the JACC board that the recipient/recipients will be able to attend the ceremony at the convention--but it is NOT a requirement.

Questions?? Email John Francis and [Johnstoy@flash.net](mailto:Johnstoy@flash.net)