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The 19th Annual First Amendment Awards and

Heavy hitters headline awards banquet

The 19th Annual First Amendment Awards and Scholarship Banquet — Friday, April 22, Rolling Hills Country Club in Arlington — looks to be a great venue for smart people with something to say.

Social commentator Dale Hansen, the lightning-rod WFAA-TV sports anchor who retired last year, will keynote, and Texas-based investigative journalist Lise Olsen, author of “Code of Silence: Sexual Misconduct by Federal Judges, the Secret System That Protects Them and the Women Who Blow the Whistle,” will receive the chapter’s highest honor, the Open Doors Award.

Scholarship recipients and the 2022 winners of Fort Worth SPJ’s signature awards competition will be announced.

Proceeds benefit the Texas Gridiron Club Scholarship Endowment.

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In these times when journalists are disrespected, condemned, ridiculed, assaulted and constantly face layoffs, pay cuts and worse, let it be known that we honor and support journalists and journalism. Keep it. Your work is important to the people and essential to democracy itself. - Roger Summers

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11-11:15 a.m.
WELCOME
Short overview on what’s happening in SPJ Region 8
Kathryn Jones, Region 8 coordinator

11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
NEW CHALLENGES TO A FREE STUDENT PRESS
Myranda Campanella, editor of The Battalion at Texas A&M, and Doug Pits, general manager of TAMU student media, will give an update on the latest developments at A&M, whose president wanted to end The Battalion’s print edition and faced an outcry—not confined to Texas—from current students, former students and journalists.
• Pulitzer Prize winner Dan Malone, a retired assistant professor of journalism at Tarleton State University and currently on the board of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, will discuss the FIRE lawsuit accusing Tarleton of censorship and withholding open records.
• Chris Whitley, Tarrant County College director of student publications and president of the College Media Association, will offer a national overview of free press challenges to student journalists and advisers and how to address them.

12:30-1:30 p.m.
KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Dianna Hunt, a veteran reporter/editor with experience at the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, The Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle, will take a concerned look at the state of journalism in Native American communities. Hunt is a senior editor at Indian Country Today.

1:30-2 p.m.
MARK OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS
Winners in the prestigious student journalism competition will be announced. Certificates will be mailed to all finalists.

2-3 p.m.
NONPROFIT JOURNALISM TAKES OFF IN TEXAS
Q&A and Fort Worth Report first-year update with Chris Cobler, former publisher and editor of The Victoria Advocate and now FWR publisher/CEO

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PEOPLE & PLACES
Fort Worth Report has added four writers, above from left, funded by a two-year grant from the Sid W. Richardson Foundation: Emily Wolf, most recently at The Kansas City Beacon, covering local government; Rachel Behrendt, government accountability; Seth Bodine, from KOSU public radio in Oklahoma City, business; Kristen Barton, education. ... The Fort Worth NewsGuild boycotted the March 16 Star-Telegram morning meeting, saying reporters can’t afford to work from the office due to parking costs downtown. “This is not acceptable, McClatchy—we should not have to pay to work.”... The Fort Worth Botanic Garden | Botanical Research Institute of Texas, with Studio Outside, will host a pop-up guest engagement meeting on site Saturday, April 9, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., to gather feedback on the Garden’s long-term master plan. Six public comment sessions have already been held. Comments may be submitted through April 12 via a survey at fwbg.org/masterplan.

FO.I.F.T. UPDATE
At the root of democracy: Free flow of information. ...

The city of Austin is embroiled in three open records disputes with University of Texas. University officials are demanding to be deferred to business interests instead of simply releasing information to the public.

Details. A judge in February dismissed an Odessa American lawsuit against the city of Odessa. The paper alleged that the city violated the Texas Public Information Act by redacting too much information; city officials said they were only redacting information like Social Security numbers and license numbers. The newspaper also contended that the city wasn’t releasing public records in a timely manner. Details.
**Fort Worth Report**

*John Dycus, Fort Worth SPJ*

Roger Simmons is filling us all up.

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