

POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

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Myron Cope high school awards back for another year at Point Park

PITTSBURGH, PA – Point Park University's [School of Communication](#) is partnering with [Myron Cope's](#) family to recognize excellence in high school athletic communication in Western Pennsylvania. Any student who wins a **Myron Cope High School Athletic Communication Award** is eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship if the student attends Point Park University.

Three of Western Pennsylvania's most esteemed sports journalists will help judge the entries:

- **John Beale**, a sports photojournalist for [The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) and former photography professor at Penn State University
- **Guy Junker**, public address announcer for the [Pittsburgh Pirates](#) and longtime sports anchor for [WTAE](#)
- **Tim Rigby**, former anchor and sports anchor for [WJAC](#)

School of Communication Dean [Bernie Ankney](#) said the competition is going to be fierce.

"I was so impressed with the live broadcasts, sports photography and sports journalism that high school students submitted last year for the first Cope Awards," he said. "I thought some of the high school broadcasts were nearly as good as college broadcasts. I can't wait to see this year's submissions."

Elizabeth Cope, daughter of Myron Cope, said her dad would be honored that the awards were named after him.

"I know my dad would have been thrilled to see the excellent work recognized at last year's Cope Awards ceremony," she said. "He would be so excited to see these young men and women entering sports communication. I think his advice would be: 'Be yourself and don't be afraid to take risks. Don't let someone tell you that you don't have the right voice or right look.'"

Awards Given (three schools honored for each category):

- Best Broadcast of Live Sports
- Best High School Sports Segment
- Best High School Sports Broadcast Show
- Best Sports Photography

- Best Sports Social Media Account (high school)
- Best Sports Social Media Account (individual)
- Best Sports Website
- Best Sports Coverage in a High School Newspaper

Individual Awards

- High School Play-by-Play Announcer of the Year ([Greg Brown](#) Award)
- High School Sports Broadcaster of the Year Award ([Bob Pompeani](#) Award)
- High School Sports Multimedia Journalist of the Year Award ([Michael DeCourcy](#) Award)
- High School Sports Podcaster of the Year
- High School Sports Journalist of the Year (Newspaper and Yearbook)

Brown, Pompeani and DeCourcy are Point Park alumni.

Eligibility

Any high school in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is eligible to participate. Ohio high schools in the following counties are eligible: Ashtabula, Columbiana, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, and Trumbull. West Virginia high schools in the following counties are also eligible: Brooke, Hancock, Monongalia, Marshall, Ohio, Preston, and Wetzel.

“The School of Communication offers a [sports communication major](#) and I'd love for these high school students to come to Point Park because I think it's the next step in them getting a job in broadcasting, college sports or professional sports,” said Ankney.

High schools can enter the competition [online](#). All submissions must be received by **Jan 15, 2025**. Students are eligible to receive awards only if they attend the ceremony. The awards ceremony will be held at noon Sunday, March 9, 2025, in the Pittsburgh Playhouse at Point Park.

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