

The **PRESS** Club of Western Pennsylvania

PRESS CLUB OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES 2023 GOLDEN QUILL WINNERS

*Deborah Acklin honored with President's Award; Monsignor Thomas Sweeney
and Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle receive Service to Journalism awards*

PITTSBURGH, May 30, 2023 – The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania announced the winners of the 59th Golden Quill Awards tonight at Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh. The Golden Quills competition honors professional and student excellence in print, broadcast, photography, videography and digital journalism in Western Pennsylvania and nearby counties in Ohio and West Virginia.

Winners and finalists of the 2023 Golden Quills are:

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – News Photo

Winner: “Sanders Rallies in Oakland for Democratic Candidates,” Evan Levine, The Globe

Finalists:

“Gavin McInnes Protest, Milk,” Jackson Ranger, The Daily Collegian

“Helping Hands,” Alicia Chiang, Penn State Curley Center

“Reaction,” Alysa Rubin, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Spot News Photo

Winner: “Firefighter Pauses to Catch His Breath,” Shane Potter, Butler Eagle

Finalists:

“Being a Queer Pastor Isn’t for the Faint of Heart,” Jared Wickerham, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Trump Stumps for GOP,” Tanner Mondok, Sharon Herald

“Haskins Service,” Chaz Palla, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – News Videography

Winner: “ ‘Things Were Getting Out of Hand Very [Quickly]’ | Students Protest Outside Uncensored America Event,” Nick Eickhoff, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 4

Winner: “A Final Chat With Franco,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – News

Winner:

“Adjunct Faculty Hold Demonstration During Freshmen Move-In Day,” Jake Dabkowski, The Globe

Finalists:

“The Long-Awaited Eight Miles: Economic Development in Mon Valley ‘Rides’ on Expressway Link,”
Melanie McGinniss, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette
“‘The Money Just Disappeared’: Financial Aid Glitches Leave Thousands of Students Scrambling,”
Neena Hagen, The Pitt News
“ ‘Put Their Money Where Their Mouth Is’: Oakland Starbucks Workers Fight to Unionize,”
Punya Bhasin, The Pitt News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 3

Winner: “Collapse of Fern Hollow Bridge Raises Questions and Awe,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“Local Officials, Advocates Respond to Death of Roe v. Wade,” Jamie Wiggan, Pittsburgh City Paper
“Bridge Collapse Blocks up East End,” Ann Belser and Jan Kurth, Print

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Newscast

Winner: “Centre County Report”: October 21, 2022, Centre County Report Staff, Centre County Report

Student Excellence in Audio Journalism – News

Winner: “The Panther Report | Pittsburgh Bridges”; Neena Hagen, Jon Moss and Sam Bliss; The Pitt News and WPTS Radio

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Spot/Breaking News

Winner: “Franco Harris Dies at Age 72, Days Before the 50th Anniversary of the ‘Immaculate Reception’”; Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams, Laura Tsutsui and Emma Furry; WESA

Finalists:

“Heinz Field Has a New Name — and No One Likes It”; Megan Harris, Mallory Falk, Morgan Moody and Francesca Dabecco; City Cast Pittsburgh
“Pittsburgh Groups React After the Supreme Court Ends the Right to an Abortion,” Kiley Koscinski and Oliver Morrison, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 2

Winner: “Delaware Township Fatal Fire,” Michael Roknick and David Dye, Sharon Herald

Finalists:

“Butler Football OK’d to Play”; Steve Ferris, John Enrietto, Brendan Howe and Tracy Leturgey; Butler Eagle
“Crawford Central School Board Approves Tax Hike,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune
“Vertical Farming Robotics Startup Fifth Season Shuts Down,” Nate Doughty, Pittsburgh Business Times

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – News

Winner: “Bellefonte’s Red Raider Issue Continues to Spark Strong Opinions,” Andrew Destin, Centre County Report

Finalists:

“Penn State Cancels Controversial Event Over Security Concerns,” Isabella Leahy and Matthew Noah, Centre County Report
“John Fetterman Comes to Indiana, PA,” Stoker Wiczorek, IUP TV
“Ukraine Students at IUP,” Stoker Wiczorek, IUP TV

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Spot/Breaking News

Winner: “Loss of a Legend: The Death of Franco Harris,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“Fern Hollow Bridge Collapse,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV
“Fern Hollow Bridge Collapse,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 1

Winner: “The Drafting of Kenny Pickett,” The Post-Gazette Sports Team, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Funeral Home Shooting,” Megan Guza, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“SCOTUS Ruling Overturns Roe v. Wade and Its Federal Abortion Protections,” The Post-Gazette News Team, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“The Battle of the Surgeons”; Jonathan D. Silver, Sean D. Hamill and Torsten Ove; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, News or Feature Illustration

Winner: Fall Reading Graphic, Carson Schultz, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration – News or Feature

Winner: “Two Belly-Warming Meal Recipes for Cold Weather Days,” Lucy Chen, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Cali Sober Heads East as Pittsburghers Ditch Booze for Pot,” Lucy Chen, Pittsburgh City Paper
“Spring Cover Pittsburgh Quarterly,” Stacy Innerst, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“The Brush Pile,” Sophia Pappas, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Page Layout/Design

Winner: Design and Page Layout for The Burgh Inclusive, Fall 2022, Alexa Shaulis and Hannah Bond, Point Park News Service

Finalist: The Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette, Carlin Whalen, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Page Design – Print

Winner: “Hook, Line and Sinkers,” Brittany Simms, The Almanac

Finalists:

“Back to School,” Mike Kovak, Observer-Reporter
Goodness Cover, Aug. 7, 2022, Jennifer Kandrach, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“12 Days of Cookies,” Ashley Marchetti, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Editorial Cartoon

Winner: “Long Bar Line,” Fernanda López and Braden Dyreson, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Editorial Cartoon

Winner: “Early Replacement,” Rob Rogers, www.gocomics.com/robrogers

Finalists:

“Inflation Will Eat Us Alive,” John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Looney Bin,” John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Halloween Briefing,” Tim Menees, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Cover Design – Print

Winner: “Spring Cover,” Anita DuFalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Visitor’s Guide,” Huck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine
“Winter Cover,” Anita DuFalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Work Anywhere Your Heart Desires,” Kurt Diserio, Postindustrial

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Animation/Motion Graphics

Winner: “The Best of Big Ben,” Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Fern Hollow Bridge: Two Views of the Collapse,” James Hilston, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“2021 Inspection Report Recommended Maintenance,” Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo

Winner: “UPMC Rink at PPG Place,” Hannah Bond, Point Park News Service

Finalists:

“Near Getaway, Alicia Chiang, Penn State Curley Center

“Backstage,” Mackenzie Daly, Penn State Curley Center

“Pregame Boogie,” Noah Riffe, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo

Winner: “Retiring His Dream,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“North Washington Rodeo Roundup,” Joey Ressler, Butler Eagle

“Beanbag View,” Morgan Timms, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Community Mourns 15-Year-Old Dayvon ‘Day Day’ Vickers After Shooting Death,” Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 4

Winner: “Afghanistan’s Elite Soldiers Ponder the Fight — and Family — They Left Behind,” Zubair Babakarkhail, Postindustrial

Finalists:

“Last Responders,” Mary Solberg, Faith Erie

“The Workforce Training Swamp,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“An Overdue Obituary,” Tom Waseleski, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 3

Winner: “Jon’s Joyous World,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

Finalists:

“Coraopolis Hardware to Close Its Doors After 134 Years,” Carrie Moniot, Gazette 2.0

“From Steelworkers to Baristas: The New Face of Pittsburgh’s Evolving Labor Movement,” Jamie Wiggan, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Shortage of Care Professionals Poses Crisis for Families of Those With Disabilities,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, News Feature

Winner: “From the Source: Season 4, Episode 1 — Teens Changing the Rhetoric Around Youth Violence in the Pittsburgh Area,” Jourdan Hicks and Liz Reid, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Pennsylvania Gas Producers Look to Export to Europe Amid Russian Invasion of Ukraine,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

“Pittsburgh Poised to Become a New Abortion Battleground if Roe Falls,” Sarah Boden, WESA

“Class Dismissed? Some Sewickley Academy Students Say They No Longer Feel Welcome at School,” Sarah Schneider, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 2

Winner: “Sight Savers,” Holly Claycomb, Altoona Mirror

Finalists:

“Back in the Saddle,” Holly Claycomb, Altoona Mirror

“On D-Day Anniversary, Fewer World War II Veterans Remain Alive in Erie to Tell Their Stories,” Dana Massing, Erie Times-News

“Who Betrayed Anne Frank?” Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, News Feature

Winner: “At Your Service,” Gina Catanzarite and Zak Boyle, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“PFA: What’s the Point?” Meghan Schiller and Bryan Orr, KDKA-TV

“KD Sunday Spotlight: Foundation of Hope Helping Individuals Transform Their Lives After Incarceration,” Briana Smith and Scott Danka, KDKA-TV

“Sailing in Pittsburgh,” Shannon Perrine, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 1

Winner: “‘A Complete Miracle’: The 20th Anniversary of the Quecreek Mine Rescue”; Renatta Signorini, Paul Peirce and Deb Erdley; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“A Crane Operator and a Couple of Guys With Ropes Replace 100-Ton Beams for New Fern Hollow Bridge,” Ed Blazina, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Roberto Clemente: Keeping the Dream Alive,” Tom Fontaine, Tribune-Review

“Franco Harris Transcended Football in Retirement With Array of Business Ventures, Interests,” Jonathan D. Silver, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Photo Essay

Winner: “Retiring Ritter Farm, John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Seasons in the Ligonier Valley,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Election 2022: Fetterman Rallies With Thousands in Pittsburgh at Stage AE,” Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Union Progress

“After 2-Year Wait, High School Girls Hockey Team Skated Into Inaugural Season,” Kristina Serafini, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Feature

Winner: “Selfless to the CORE: One Young Man’s Life-Saving Gift,” Emma Polen, The Duquesne Duke

Finalists:

“Duquesne Student Balances Education With Business Endeavors,” Zach Petroff, The Duquesne Duke

“Won’t You Be My Neighbor: A Look Into the Culture of Pittsburgh Neighborhoods,” Sarah Watkins, Point Park News Service

“Artist Spotlight: Tyler Kratz Animating His Own Path,” Cassandra Gripp, The Spectator

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 4

Winner: “Hive Action,” Anne Caffee, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“The Story of Daisy Curry,” Betsy Momich, Carnegie Magazine

“Celebrating the ‘Wonderful Life’ of Jimmy Stewart,” Shane Riggs, Johnstown Magazine

“Stopping Cancer’s Spread,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Feature

Winner: “Caylix’s Story: A Reason for Rhythm,” Preston Shoemaker, Centre County Report

Finalists:

“TikTok’s Favorite Gym Teachers Are From Central PA,” Zach Gershman, Centre County Report
“Fighting Mother Nature: The Future of Golf in Scotland,” Preston Shoemaker, Centre County Report
“Rolling Through History” EP 2 (11-28-22), Jonathan Sakaguchi, PennWest California

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 3

Winner: “What Happened to Lemon Blenn?” Brian Conway, Pittsburgh Independent

Finalists:

“Rosemond’s Attitude a Plus for the Steel City Yellow Jackets,” Thomas Leturgey, New Pittsburgh Courier
“Reopening Fern Hollow Bridge Reconnects Vital Link for Pittsburgh Jewish Community,”
David S. Rotenstein, NEXTpittsburgh
“The Gift of a Winter Coat Results in Hall of Fame Friendship,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography

Winner: “90-Year-Old ‘Local Legend’ David Kurtz Still Slalom Kayaking, Coaching After World Class Career,” Luke Brown, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography

Winner: “Rebirth of Downtown Sharon: The Revitalization Era,” Janee Avery, Sharon Herald

Finalists:

“The Modelaires,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review
“Wildcat: The Peaks and Valleys of Laurel Mountain Ski Resort”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Steve Adams; Tribune-Review
“Sunflower Season: A Million Smiling Faces,” Dave Forstate and Damian Catanza, WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 2

Winner: “Super Kids Race,” Monica Pryts and Michael Roknick, Sharon Herald

Finalists:

“‘Postcard Man’ Seeking More Cards,” Marcie Schellhammer, The Bradford Era
“A Case of Mistaken Identity,” John Sacco, Observer-Reporter
“‘Who Betrayed Anne Frank?’” Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Traditional Feature

Winner: “Sunflower Season: A Million Smiling Faces”; Beth Dolinar, Dave Forstate, Damian Catanza and Paula Zetter; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Finding Their Voice”; Kristine Sorensen, Aaron Sledge and Martin Rodgers; KDKA-TV
“Did You Know There Are Secret Rooms Inside the Fort Pitt Tunnel?” Boaz Frankel and Perri Cole, NEXTpittsburgh
“Making The Terrible Towel,” Andrew Stockey and Brian Caldwell, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 1

Winner: “Braddock Baton Twirlers Thank Their Former Coach,” Jane Milner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“This Shaler Police Officer Rescued Her From a Car Fire 41 Years Ago. In January, They Reunited By Chance,” Abby Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“5-Year-Old Wondered Why Her Friend Didn’t Have Any Hair. She Sent Hers,” Jane Milner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Hill District Arts Nonprofit Celebrates Renovation of Historic Kaufmann Center,” Jon Moss, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Personality Profile Photo

Winner: “Uncommon Labor,” John Altdorfer, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“Great Allegheny Passage Bicyclist,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Retiring His Dream,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Author Atiya Irvin-Mitchell of Squirrel Hill Poses for a Portrait for Her Essay on Purity Culture,” Stephanie Strasburg, PublicSource

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 4

Winner: “Johnstown Magazine — Beautiful People”; Mercedes Barnett, Roxanne Tuinstra, Arlene Johns and Thomas Slusser; Johnstown Magazine

Finalists:

“A Musical Legacy,” Carrie Moniot, Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“Remembering the Sacrifice,” Carrie Moniot, Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“New President Jeremy Goodman’s Ideas for the Future of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium,” Maria Sciallo, Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Profile

Winner: “Naomi Allen: Queen of Nairobi Interview,” Kamera Dorsey, WQED-FM

Finalists:

“Meet the Pgh Tattoo Artist Covering up Hate,” Staff, City Cast Pittsburgh
“Sondheim and Me: Revealing a Musical Genius — Paul Salsini,” Emily Brunner, WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 3

Winner: “A ‘Pittsburgh Institution’ Prepares to Shutter After 48 Years,” Jamie Wiggan, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Tammy Hepps Came to Pittsburgh to Research the Jews of Homestead and Found Jeff Goldblum,” L.E. McCullough, NEXTpittsburgh
“No More Horn but Lots of Gratitude: Israeli Musician Praises Early Pittsburgh Days,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
“Prolific Letter Writer Oren Spiegler on Five Decades of Missives,” Justin Vellucci, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 2

Winner: “Syrup Business a Sweet Time for Donegal Couple,” Rick Shrum, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“End of an Era,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror
“Transgender Resident Shares Story, Talks Resources,” Julia Maruca and Joseph Ressler, Butler Eagle
“Fairview’s Walker Scobell Talks About ‘Percy Jackson’ on Disney+, His Career, Family at Home,” Dana Massing, Erie Times-News

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Profile

Winner: “Paying Tribute to Dr. Freddie Fu,” Tonia Caruso and Marie-Luise Caster, UPMC Physician Journal video news magazine

Finalists:

“KDKA-TV Turkey Fund: From \$10 to \$20 Million”; Corey Martin, Steve Willing and David Highfield; KDKA-TV
“A Force for Change: Esther Bush and the Urban League”; Minette Seate, Amy Grove, Frank Caloiero and Dave Forstate, WQED-TV
“Two Takes With Tom Atkins”; Michelle Wright, Nicolas Matoney, Tim Lohle and Eric Gaiter; WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 1

Winner: “30 Years of Enrico Biscotti Stories — and Recipes — Highlighted in ‘My Black Book,’” Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“This Black Brewer Plans to Go Pro. Catch Him Saturday at the Barrel & Flow Fest,” Bob Batz Jr., Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“This Old Turtle Creek Hardware Store Still Fixes Things. And That Moose Head Is Still There, Too,” Tim Grant, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“ ‘It’s Not About Race, It’s About Fishing’: A Day on the Water With the Pa. Fish and Boat Commission’s First Black Commissioner,” John Hayes, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Video Essay

Winner: “Roberto Clemente: Keeping the Dream Alive,” Sean Stipp and Tom Fontaine, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“The John Unger Story,” Sean Stipp and Renatta Signorini, Tribune-Review
“Pittsburgh Eats: Salty Paws”; Anne Casper, Amy Grove, Willy James and Patrick Weber; WQED-TV
“Jim Cunningham Covers the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra’s European Tour”; Jim Cunningham, Annette Banks and Emily Brunner; WQED-FM

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Documentary

Winner: “Remembering Pittsburgh’s Chinatown”; Nathalie Berry, Paul Ruggieri, Dave Forstate and Frank Caloiero; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“The Great Ride: Landmarks Along the Trail,” WQED Production Staff, WQED-TV
“Chronicle: Eight Days That Changed Pittsburgh,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 4

Winner: “Wilkinsburg, Blight and the Vacancy Problem” Series, Douglas Heuck and Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Training Never Stops,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“Where Are We Going?” Merle Jantz, Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“Stronger Together,” Laura Pace Lilley, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 3

Winner: “We Tried to Interview Summer Lee. Here’s What Happened,” Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“What Killed ‘Equity’ in Pine-Richland?” Colin Williams, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism/The Incline
“County Prosecutors and Public Defenders Demand Fair Pay as Bargaining Negotiations Break Down,” Jordana Rosenfeld, Pittsburgh City Paper
“Study: Mayor Facing Big Problems,” Ann Belser, Print

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government

Winner: “One Street, Two Visions of Pennsylvania’s Future: How Politics Divides These Pittsburgh Neighbors,” Oliver Morrison, WESA

Finalists:

“Wind Energy Has Divided One Rural Ohio County. Now, Voters Get to Decide Its Fate,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front
“Inside Lebo”; Carrie Moniot, Stephanie Hacke and Ian McMeans; Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“In Braddock, Fetterman’s Record on Crime Is More Complex Than Political Ads Would Have You Believe,” Oliver Morrison, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 2

Winner: “Attorney General Investigating Clerk of Courts Davis,” Mike Jones, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“Who’s in Charge? Role of Mayor Challenged in Rochester,” Garret Roberts, Beaver County Times
“The Equity of Crawford Central Property Taxes,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune
“The Exempt Dilemma”; Emma Folts, Charlie Wolfson, Punya Bhasin and Alexandra Ross; PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government

Winner: “12th Congressional District Democratic Debate,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“Exposing Unemployment Compensation Fraud”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki, Ryan Minutello and Ashley Bishop-Arick; WPXI-TV
“Debates 2022,” Lisa Sylvester, WPXI-TV
“VOICES: Why Words Matter”; Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri, Dave Forstate and Ryne DeCaprio; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 1

Winner: “Unpaid Pa. Turnpike Tolls Rise Nearly 48% to \$155 Million, but Agency Says That’s Because of More Drivers, Higher Fees,” Ed Blazina, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“As Pittsburgh International Airport Picks up Momentum, Top Executive Christina Cassotis’ Pay Gains Altitude, Too,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Safety Concerns Shake Downtown Pittsburgh as Businesses Fear Crime-Related Issues Are Threatening the City’s Core,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Below the Surface, Pittsburgh’s Water System Getting a Massive Makeover,” Ed Blazina, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 4

Winner: “A New Era of Schooling,” Ollie Gratzinger, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Weariness & Hope,” Julia Fraser and Cristina Rouvalis, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)
“Pandemic Learning Loss,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“College Students Wanted,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 3

Winner: “Playing the Long Game: Rebounding From Unfinished Learning,” Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

“Catching up With the New Principals,” Sean Ray, The Northside Chronicle

“What You Need to Know About Pennsylvania’s School Funding Trial,” Jordana Rosenfeld, Pittsburgh City Paper

“ ‘This Is Indefensible’: Embattled Former West Mifflin Superintendent Hired in Controversial Woodland Hills Vote” and “Woodland Hills Scraps Superintendent Search,” Emily O’Conly, The Valley Mirror

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Education

Winner: “PPS Rejected a Plan That Would’ve Allowed a Student to Learn From Home. He Was Killed at School,” Oliver Morrison and Sarah Schneider, WESA

Finalists:

“Class Dismissed? Some Sewickley Academy Students Say They No Longer Feel Welcome at School,” Sarah Schneider, WESA

“Pittsburgh Festival of Books,” Jim Cunningham and Bryan Sejvar, WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 2

Winner: “Raymond Omer,” David Dye, Sharon Herald

Finalists:

“Schools Including Modern Tech in Lessons,” Rachel Foor, Altoona Mirror

“Parents Decry Book on Gender Identity,” Nate Powles, Altoona Mirror

“CMU’s Draft Policy to Allow Facial Recognition Tech,” Emma Folts, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Education

Winner: “Cartoon Academy: Playful Pets”; Joe Wos, Amy Grove, Annette Banks and Paul Ruggieri; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Saving ‘Gen C,’” Andy Sheehan and Fred Williams, KDKA-TV

“School Violence Threats on Social Media”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki and Ryan Minutello; WPXI-TV

“Back to School”; Michelle Wright, Janelle Hall and Nicolas Matoney; WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 1

Winner: “Tuition Border Wars: Using Penn State Threshold, SUNY the Latest to Target Pa. High Schoolers,” Bill Schackner, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Westinghouse Academy’s Sean Russell, on His ‘Signing Day,’ Announces Where He’s Going to College,” Bob Batz Jr., Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Assessment Fallout: Decree Could Be a Boon for Allegheny County Homeowners — and a Bust for School Districts, Municipalities,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Once a Troubled School System, Duquesne City School District Is on the Verge of a Comeback,” Andrew Goldstein, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Division 4

Winner: “The Workforce Training Swamp,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Been to a Sheetz Lately? Why the Sheetz Not?” Grant Segall, Pittsburgh Magazine

“Place Your Bets,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“An Overdue Obituary,” Tom Waseleski, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Division 3

Winner: “Lawrenceville’s Hellbender Vinyl Record Manufacturing Plant Will Be Pittsburgh’s First,” Brian Conway, Pittsburgh Independent

Finalist: “Catalyst Connection Is Strengthening Ties Between Ireland and Pittsburgh,” Joyce Gannon, NEXTpittsburgh

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer

Winner: “How Extreme Winter Storms Are Connected to Climate Change and Hurting Businesses,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“The Race Is on (Again) to Build out a Low-Carbon Hydrogen Economy,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“Workers Are Switching Jobs More Than Ever, But Here’s Why Your Hairstylist Might Be Stuck,” An-Li Herring, WESA

“‘An Unthinkable Amount of Money’: How the High Cost of Hearing Aids Hurts People Who Need Them,” Kate Giammarise, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Division 2

Winner: “Unbalanced,” Rich Lord, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Local Restaurants Bouncing Back as Pandemic Continues,” Mike Jones, Observer-Reporter

“Where Does F.N.B. Go From Here?” Patty Tascarella, Pittsburgh Business Times

“It’s a Holiday Miracle! Maggie’s Farm Rum Has Eggnog,” Bob Batz Jr., Pittsburgh Union Progress

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer

Winner: “Car Trouble: Carvana Frustrates Customers & Regulators”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki, Ryan Minutello and David Raziq; WPXI-TV

Finalists:

“Inflation Impact,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV

“E-ZPass Investigation Leads to New Consumer Protection Law”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki and Ryan Minutello; WPXI-TV

“Butane in Gas,” Paul Van Osdol, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Division 1

Winner: “Coping With Inflation,” The Post-Gazette News Team, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Investors Fear Millions Lost in Pennsylvania’s Largest Cryptocurrency Scandal,” Jesse Bunch, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Pittsburgh Company’s Dream to Put ‘Smart Labels’ in Your Home May Soon Become a Reality,” Noelle Mateer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Dollar Store Debate: Do These Discount Stores — Which Seem to Be Everywhere — Offer the Best Deals?” Patricia Sabatini, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 4

Winner: “What’s Your Emergency?” Elaine Vitone, Pitt Med

Finalists:

“Ready for Your Closeup?” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Searching for Stability,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Hidden in Plain Sight,” Maureen Passmore, Pitt Med

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 3

Winner: “Janice Kochik Brings Healthcare to Pittsburgh’s Unhoused Population,” L.E. McCullough, NEXTpittsburgh

Finalists:

“Should You Keep Narcan in Your First Aid Kit? This Pharmacist Says Yes,” Juliet Martinez, The Homepage
“After Dobbs, Some Pittsburghers Opt for Sterilization as Permanent Birth Control,” Amanda Waltz, Pittsburgh City Paper
“‘A Significant History of Fraud and Deception’: Allegheny County Jail Doctor Disciplined By Medical Licensing Boards Across the Country,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Medical/Health

Winner: “#YaJagoffPodcast: Banter at Bay 41,” John Chamberlin and Rachael Rennebeck, YaJagoff Podcast, YaJagoff.com

Finalists:

“Inversions Trap Pollution in Allegheny County This Fall, Despite New Rule,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front
“The Cost of Forgetting: Dementia’s Tax on Financial Health,” Sarah Boden, WESA
“Gina Catanzarite: Autism Aging Out”; Jim Cunningham, Gina Catanzarite, Emily Brunner and Bryan Sejvar; WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 2

Winner: “State of Emergency,” Bill Kibler, Altoona Mirror

Finalists:

“‘One Pill Can Kill’: Two Local Families Share the Unexpected Loss of Their Sons,” Dani Fitzgerald and Garret Roberts, Beaver County Times
“‘Our Plans Didn’t Go Past Friday Night’: How an Erie Man Has Lived With HIV for 32 Years,” David Bruce, Erie Times-News
“The EMS Crisis,” Monica Pryts, Sharon Herald

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Medical/Health

Winner: “Hope & Healing: The Impact of the Free Care Fund,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“Increasing Diversity for Better Outcomes”; Gina Catanzarite, Zak Boyle, Pete Horn and Chelsea Jones; UPMC Physician Journal video news magazine
“Understanding Cancer Through Rapid Autopsy”; Gina Catanzarite, Zak Boyle and Pete Horn; UPMC Physician Journal video news magazine
“4 Your Health,” Michelle Wright and Lily Coleman, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 1

Winner: “Penguins Reporter Rob Rossi Faces off Against Rare Neurological Disorder,” Abby Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“I Have Hearing Loss. The New Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids Won’t Work for Me but May Be Transformative for Others,” Hanna Webster, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Finding Hope Amid Darkness,” Megan Guza, Tribune-Review
“Pittsburgh Bereavement Doulas Embrace Parents Through the Loss of a Baby,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 4

Winner: “Stewards of the Stream,” Deborah Weisberg, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Powdermill: Naturally Inspiring,” Jason Bittel, Carnegie Magazine
“Diversity in Nature,” Amy Whipple, Carnegie Magazine

“Farm Life” Portfolio, Daryln Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 3

Winner: “Energy Justice and Environmental Health in Western Pennsylvania,” Kristina Marusic, Environmental Health News

Finalists:

“Ramps, an Endangered Appalachian Springtime Delicacy,” Matt Peters, The Homepage

“How Will Pittsburgh Fare If New Studies Prompt the EPA to Tighten Air Pollution Standards?” Justin Vellucci, NEXTpittsburgh

“Taking From Nature: On Ramps and Sustainable Foraging,” Anthony Stewart, Pittsburgh Independent

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Science/Environment

Winner: “Lawsuit Challenges Plan to Clearcut White Oak in Wayne National Forest,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

Interviews by The Allegheny Front’s Kara Holsopple, Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front

“Pa. Expects Billions From the Infrastructure Law for Coal Mine Cleanups. Will It Help Polluted Waterways?” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

“A New Rule Requires Mon Valley Polluters to Ease up on Dirty Air Pollution Days. Will It Work?” Oliver Morrison, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 2

Winner: “Unleashing LNG: A Catalyst for Solving European Energy Woes,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“With Pa. Plastics Plant Poised to Open, Residents Decide: Stay or Go?” Chrissy Suttles, Beaver County Times

“French Creek’s Latest Attraction,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune

“Fallout in the Greene County Frack Out,” Quinn Glabicki, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Science/Environment

Winner: “Chronicle: Forecasting Our Future,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“Earth 365,” KDKA First Alert Weather Team, KDKA-TV

“WQED Sessions: How Things Are Made”; Willy James, Amy Grove, Anne Casper and Damian Catanza; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 1

Winner: “Researchers: Fireflies Are Being Threatened by Artificial Light, Habitat Loss,” Mary Ann Thomas, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“An Aquatic Alpha Predator Is Being Reintroduced to the Ohio River,” John Hayes, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Awash in New Funds to Plug Wells, DEP Oil and Gas Office Short on Staff to Handle the Workload,” Laura Legere, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Storms Are Getting Worse. What Does That Mean for Our Health?” Hanna Webster, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 4

Winner: “An Overdue Obituary,” Tom Waseleski, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“The Selling of Mellon,” Martin McGuinn, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Evolutionary Acts of Art in Postindustrial America,” Kecia Bal, Postindustrial
“Pittsburgh’s Peculiar, Premier Park,” Brian Butko, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 3

Winner: “A Torah’s Journey: From Lithuania to Pennsylvania to Israel,” Justin Vellucci, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“How the Strip District Gay Bar Lucky’s Has Survived Construction and Cultural Shifts,” David S. Rotenstein, NEXTpittsburgh
“Downtown Pittsburgh Celebrates Chinatown’s Official Recognition as Historic Landmark,” Jordana Rosenfeld, Pittsburgh City Paper
“East End Considers Mellon Park’s Past ... and Its Future,” Jan Kurth and Ann Belser, Print

Excellence in Audio Journalism, History/Culture

Winner: “How Did the Pittsburgh Pirates Get Their Name?” Katie Blackley, WESA

Finalists:

“We Don’t Have the Most Bridges, but We Have Some of the Worst”; Megan Harris, Morgan Moody and Francesca Dabecco; City Cast Pittsburgh
“Good Question!” Podcast, Katie Blackley, WESA
“#YaJagoffPodcast: The Porch Tour 2022 Final Celebration!” John Chamberlin and Rachael Rennebeck, YaJagoff Podcast, YaJagoff.com

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 2

Winner: “A Labor of Love: Visitors Director’s Passion for Bedford Evident,” Cathleen Keith, Altoona Mirror

Finalists:

“World War II Veteran Shares Experience in Segregated Army, Move to Aliquippa for Opportunities,” Garret Roberts, Beaver County Times
“Pittsburgh Union Progress Carrying Forward a Rich Tradition of Strike Papers,” Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Union Progress
“Overgrown Brush on a Ross Hillside Hides the Forgotten Stones and Stories of African American Veterans,” Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Union Progress

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, History/Culture

Winner: “Gordon Parks in Pittsburgh”; Nathalie Berry, Amy Grove, Willy James and Paul Ruggieri; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“History in the Hill,” Royce Jones and Gerome Williams, KDKA-TV
“The Letters: A Plea for Help”; Iris Samson, Paul Ruggieri, Frank Caloiero and Dave Forstate; WQED-TV
“Chronicle: The Terrible Towel,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 1

Winner: “Herbie in Hempfield: Local Builds His Own ‘Love Bug,’” Maddie Aiken, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Rooney: A Secret Life in the Rackets,” Sean D. Hamill, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“A Working Family’s Journey of Loss and Resilience,” Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Ghost Stories: McKeesport’s Once-Thriving Fifth Avenue Is a Shadow of What It Was 100 Years Ago,” Laura Malt Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 4

Winner: “Capturing a Giant,” Maria Sciuлло, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Celebrating the ‘Wonderful Life’ of Jimmy Stewart,” Shane Riggs, Johnstown Magazine

“Defying the Odds,” Jason Vrabel, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Walter L. Roberts: Pittsburgh’s Standout Black Architect,” Martin Aurand, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 3

Winner: “Pittsburgh Theater Company Accused of Canceling Show Over Alleged ‘Sexual Misconduct,’” Amanda Waltz, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Former WYEP Host, Listeners Call for Station Changes After Show Cancellation,” Lisa Cunningham, Pittsburgh City Paper

“How a New Nonprofit Is Finding Pittsburgh Film’s Future in Its Past,” Hannah Kinney-Kobre, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Author Jerry Stahl Confronts ‘The Worst of Humanity’ in New Book,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Arts/Entertainment

Winner: “Dr. Barry Coutinho — Shoulder to Shoulder Pittsburgh,” Jim Cunningham, Bryan Sejvar, Jesse Soracco and Dr. Barry Coutinho, WQED-FM

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh Performance Troupes Still Face Pandemic Challenges,” Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

“LoRen Interview,” Kamera Dorsey, WQED-FM

“#YaJagoff Podcast: Couch Conversations at The Andy Warhol Museum,” John Chamberlin and Rachael Rennebeck, YaJagoff Podcast, YaJagoff.com

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 2

Winner: “Three Years After Son’s Death, WTAE-TV Anchor Mike Clark Honors His Memory With Endowed Scholarship,” Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Union Progress

Finalists:

“Couple Revive Musselman’s Grove,” Cathleen Keith, Altoona Mirror

“Alice Cooper Continues to Offer up Hard Rock With a Theatrical Twist,” Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

“Cracking the Microphone 40 Years Ago; Never Give up on Your Dreams,” Thomas Leturgey, The Tribune-Democrat

“‘Make That Same Sound,’” Dave Sutor, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Arts/Entertainment

Winner: “Making Bronze Move”; Nathalie Berry, Paul Ruggieri, Dave Forstate and Anna Singer; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“The Piano Man”; Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri, Zak Boyle and Dave Forstate; WQED-TV

“Susan Jaffe: Innovative, Bold, Athletic, Gritty”; Amy Grove, Iris Samson and Willy James; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 1

Winner: “After ‘America’s Got Talent’ Run, Singer Aubrey Burchell Settles Into Life After the Limelight,” Shirley McMarlin, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh’s Star Factory,” Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Sound of Music,” Jeremy Reynolds, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Western Pa. Arts, Cultural Organizations Rebuild Post-Pandemic Programs, Audiences,”
Shirley McMarlin, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism

Winner: The Collective Reviews of Yousuf Ibrahim — 2022, Yousuf Ibrahim, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Finalists:

“Messado’s Magic Speaks for All,” Melanie McGinniss, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette
“THE CUPHEAD SHOW! Modern Rubber Hose Brought With a Wallop,” Riley Perciavalle, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 4

Winner: Movie Reviews: “Everything Everywhere All at Once,” “Nope” and “Blonde”; Sean Collier; Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

Vicky Clark Portfolio, Vicky Clark, Pittsburgh Quarterly
Stuart Sheppard Portfolio, Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 3

Winner: Reviews of 2022 Films Playing in Pittsburgh, Hannah Kinney-Kobre, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

Reviews: “Searching for Willie Lynch,” “The Green Book” and “The Medium”; Sharon Ebersson; OnStage Pittsburgh
Reviews: “A Raisin in the Sun,” “Two Trains Running” and “Murder on the Orient Express”; Robert Hoover, OnStage Pittsburgh
Reviews of 2022 Art Exhibits in Pittsburgh, Amanda Waltz, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 1

Winner: Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

Solomon Gustavo, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Jeremy Reynolds, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Rob Owen Columns, Rob Owen, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 4

Winner: “Pittsburgh on 4 Paws,” “Lifeline for Pets,” “This Way to the Dog Wash,” “Big Days Out With Your Furry Friend”; Sean Collier, Kaitlyn Nuebel and Jessica Sinichak; Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Did You See What They Posted on Nextdoor?” Kellie Gormly, Pittsburgh Magazine
Heuck Portfolio, Doug Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Farm Life” Portfolio, Daryln Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 3

Winner: “Kerry Weber Uses Swissvale Skateboard Park to Foster Inclusivity,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“Franklin Is Poised to Become the Next Great ‘Outdoor Town,’” Sebastian Foltz, NEXTpittsburgh
“Highline Boudoir & Erotica Brings Softcore (and More) to South Side,” Emma Diehl, Pittsburgh Independent

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Lifestyle

Winner: “#YaJagoffPodcast: Smells Like a Good One Podcast,” John Chamberlin and Rachael Rennebeck, YaJagoff Podcast, YaJagoff.com

Finalists:

“50 Years of Yinzer Fuel: Celebrating Turner’s Iced Tea”; Mallory Falk, Megan Harris, Morgan Moody and Francesca Dabecco; City Cast Pittsburgh

“Pittsburgh’s Newest Art Museum Keeps the Tradition of American Tattooing Alive,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

“An Audio Tour of Pittsburgh Fish Fries”; Marylee Williams, Laura Tsutsui, Maria Anto and Boen Wang; WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 2

Winner: “Easter Brings ‘Rebirth’ of Church, Message of Hope,” Keith Gushard, Meadville Tribune

Finalists:

“Condo, PSU Players Unite to Help Foundation,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“Our Towns: Bridgewater Hopes to Become a ‘Destination Location’ for Western PA Nightlife,” Parth Upadhyaya, Beaver County Times

“Mother Knows Best: ‘Crunchy Moms’ Take Parenting Back to Roots,” Katherine Mansfield, Observer-Reporter

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Lifestyle

Winner: “Chronicle: Ice Cream Social,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh Today Live,” Team PTL, KDKA-TV

“Buffalo Bill’s House”; Anne Casper, Amy Grove, Damian Catanza and Patrick Weber; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 1

Winner: “Learning (and Mastering) English a Point of Pride for Pirates’ Younger Latin Players,”

Jason Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Eat Pittsburgh: Deutchtown,” Polly Higgins, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Challenge: Feed a Family of Four Across Seven Days for \$200,” Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“W. Pa. LGBTQ Community, Allies Share Hope, Reservations on Respect for Marriage Act,” Jeff Himler, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Sports Photo

Winner: “Penn State vs. Minnesota, Parker Falls,” Caleb Craig, The Daily Collegian

Finalists:

“Last Game,” Max Ralph, Penn State Curley Center

“Joy and Sadness,” Alysa Rubin, Penn State Curley Center

“Motion of a Pitch,” Pamela Smith, The Pitt News

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Photo

Winner: Pirates Center Fielder Greg Allen Tries to Beat out the Throw,” Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Penguins Forward Jamie Devane Fights Blue Jackets Defenseman Ben Harpur,” Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Young Fan Reacts After the Rangers Defeated the Penguins,” Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Steelers Wide Receiver George Pickens Pulls in a Pass,” Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Sports

Winner: “‘More Than Just the Player’ | Ex-Penn State Football Player Aaron Maybin’s Art, Passion Helping Baltimore Area,” Zach Allen, The Daily Collegian

Finalists:

“Chatham Students Bring New Spirit to Cougar Den,” Carson Gates, Chatham University Communiqué
“An Approach Shot to Equality,” Caitlyn Garrity, Penn State Curley Center
“Love of Sport, Dedication, Excellence: Morton-Rozier and PSUGA Athletics,” Carlin Whalen, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 4

Winner: “Franco Harris: 17 Seconds (and a Lot More) in 17 Images,” Anne Madarasz, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalists:

“Fuller Brook Dreams,” John Gifford, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“A Sailing Odyssey,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Oh Say Can You Sing,” Evan Pattak, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Videography

Winner: “Power on the Mat,” Lily LaRegina, Penn State Curley Center

Finalist: “Curtis Jacobs Discusses Linebackers’ Performance, ‘Gritty’ Game Against Rutgers,” Alex Osman, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Videography

Winner: “Pogopalooza,” Aidan McGarvey and Ryne DeCaprio, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“High School Football Preview Show”; Michael Boytim, Scott Franco, Andy Stine and Dan Isenberg; Altoona Mirror
“Swim With Sidnie Shirey,” Louis B. Ruediger, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 3

Winner: “The Immaculate Reception,” Thomas Leturgey, The Valley Mirror

Finalists:

“NBA Player Promotes Peace in Israel While Fulfilling Pittsburgh Teaching,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
“Baseball History in the Making,” Emily O’Conly, The Valley Mirror
“Owning a Piece of Sports History,” Thomas Leturgey, The Valley Mirror

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Sports

Winner: “#YaJagoffPodcast: Demolition Derby — Behind the Scenes of the Secret World,” John Chamberlin and Rachael Rennebeck, YaJagoff Podcast, YaJagoff.com

Finalists:

“Beaver County Times’ Sports Feature Series By Noah Hiles,” Noah Hiles, Beaver County Times
“The North Shore Drive Podcast: Remembering Franco Harris With Longtime Steelers Reporter Ed Bouchette,” Christopher Carter and Adam Bittner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Beth Dolinar — A Season to Remember”; Jim Cunningham, Beth Dolinar and Bryan Sejvar; WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 2

Winner: “Generational: Grybowski Defines Gender Equality Throughout the Years,” Cody Pattison, New Castle News

Finalists:

“Invincible Dragons,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“Not Torn Apart,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“A Mother’s Love, Values, Memories Will Be Cherished Forever,” Ron Poniewasz Jr., New Castle News

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Sports

Winner: “From Granite to Greatness,” Eric Fenstermaker, Centre County Report

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Sports

Winner: “The Immaculate Reflection,” KDKA Sports Team, KDKA-TV

Finalist: “Pogopalooza,” Aidan McGarvey and Ryne DeCaprio, WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 1

Winner: “How Title IX Changed Sports and Lives”; Craig Meyer, Johnny McGonigal, Mike White and Mike Persak; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Head Games: Kenny Pickett, Tua Tagovailoa in the Spotlight Amid NFL’s Latest Concussion Crisis,” Brian Batko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Steelers Beat Writing, Joe Rutter, Tribune-Review

“Roberto Clemente: Keeping the Dream Alive,” Tom Fontaine, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Editorials

Winner: Phoebe Cykosky — Editorials as Opinion Editor, Phoebe Cykosky, The Daily Collegian

Finalists:

“Legalize and Destigmatize Marijuana Use,” Jake Dabkowski, The Globe

“A Hopeful Year-End Editorial for You,” The Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette News Team, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Student Editorials Written by Alexander Beatty, Alexander Beatty, The Spectator

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 4

Winner: Heuck Portfolio, Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 2

Winner: “Corporal Punishment Causes More Harm Than Good,” et al., Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“Campaigns Take Anti-Democratic Turn, Pa. Voters Should Hold Them Accountable,” “East Side Renaissance, The ‘Wholesome, Serious Transformation’ Erie Needs,” “Our View: Defeating Erie’s Gun Violence Starts With Love”; Lisa Thompson Sayers; Erie Times-News

Eric Poole Editorials, Eric Poole, Sharon Herald

Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa., Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 1

Winner: “Say Marc Fogel’s Name and Bring Him Home From Russia, Mr. President,” “Budget Passing Is Bare Minimum,” “Fix Income Ceilings for Property Tax and Rent Rebates — Permanently”; Lori Falce; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

Jeffery Gerritt | Editorials, Jeffery Gerritt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Brandon McGinley | Editorials, Brandon McGinley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Without Gift Ban, Bribery Is All But Legal in Pennsylvania,” “Without Gift Ban, Harrisburg Is the Wild West,” “Senate Needs to Give Pennsylvanians a Gift Ban”; Lori Falce; Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Columns

Winner: “Judging Java,” Jake Dabkowski, The Globe

Finalists:

Columns on Student Life & the State of Chatham by Abigail Hakas, Abigail Hakas, Chatham University
Communiqué

Kit Schroder Columns, Kit Schroder, The Daily Collegian

“OPINION ... FROM WHERE I SIT: Robb Elementary Massacre Should Be Calling Card to Act,”

Shannon Reid, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 4

Winner: “Farm Life” Portfolio, Daryl Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Editor’s Note,” Laura Pace Lilley, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Josh Gibson’s Name Should be on the MVP Award,” “Banning Books Is Back and Is Backward,”

“Gorillas in the Midst”; Sean Collier; Pittsburgh Magazine

“An Afghan Journalist Is at Home, in Pittsburgh,” Zubair Babakarkhail, Postindustrial

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 3

Winner: “KSWA Digest Reports on Professional Wrestling in Pittsburgh,” Thomas Leturgey and Tim Steiner, KSWA Digest

Finalists:

Tony Norman Columns, Tony Norman, NEXTpittsburgh

“Black Life in Pittsburgh,” Tereneh Idia, Pittsburgh City Paper

“This Is Israel Calling,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 2

Winner: Debbie Wachter Columns, Debbie Wachter, New Castle News

Finalists:

Boytim Columns, Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“Here to Help” Consumer Columns, David Bruce, Erie Times-News

“A Bout With Cancer,” et al., John Sacco, Observer-Reporter

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 1

Winner: Lori Falce on Health Care, Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

Joe Starkey | Sports Columnist, Joe Starkey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jeffery Gerritt | Editorial Columnist, Jeffery Gerritt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Mark Madden Columns, Mark Madden, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multimedia Presentation

Winner: “Duquesne University Investigates,” Duquesne University, Jason Mignanelli and Maggie Patterson

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multiplatform Project

Winner: Black History Month Project; The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.; Staff, The Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“Blinder Rips the Night Open at ‘May the Saints Go March in Sin,’” Eric Stevens/Michi Tapes, Pittsburgh Independent
“Pittsburgh Symphony European Tour 2023”; Jim Cunningham, Bryan Sejvar, Ryne DeCaprio and Anna Singer; WQED-FM
“Future Jobs,” WQED Staff, WQED-TV

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Digital Presentation**Winner:**

“The Challenge: Feed a Family of Four Across Seven Days for \$200: With Grocery Prices at Record Highs, We’ve Put Together a Guide for a Week’s Worth of Healthy Meals,” Tyler Pecyna, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Feed My Sheep: A Memorial Tribute”; Rich Papalia, Anne-Marie Welsh, Mary Solberg and Elizabeth Butterfield; Diocese of Erie website
“Rooney: A Legend’s Secret Life in the Rackets,” Laura Malt Schneiderman and Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“A Legacy of Resilience: The Gainey Family Has a Long History of Firsts in Pittsburgh,” Zack Tanner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 4

Winner: “We Need to Talk About the Bathrooms,” Adam Smeltz, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“City of Bridges,” Mark Houser, Pittsburgh Magazine
“Pittsburgh Today & Tomorrow 2022,” Jeffery Fraser and Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Wilkinsburg, Blight and the Vacancy Problem” Series, Jeffery Fraser and Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 3

Winner: “2020-2022 Deaths in Custody at the Allegheny County Jail,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh’s Growing Latino Community”; Jamie Wiggan, Maria Manautou-Matos and Ladimir Garcia; Pittsburgh City Paper
“Remembering That Time Bill Peduto Surveilled Pittsburgh Social Media in Secret and Nobody in Town Cared, Or: How I Learned to Love Independent Media,” Brian Conway, Pittsburgh Independent
“Local Impact of URJ Ethics Investigation,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative

Winner: “The Opening of Shell’s Ethane Cracker”; Reid Frazier, Julie Grant, Kara Holsopple and Kathy Knauer; The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“The City Won’t Release Police Discipline Data, So We Did It for Them”; Megan Harris, Morgan Moody and Francesca Dabecco; City Cast Pittsburgh
“The Cost of Forgetting,” Sarah Boden, WESA
“Whispers in the Stacks: Allegheny County Library Systems Face Uneven Funding and Pressure to Change” Series, Kate Giammarise and Rich Lord, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 2

Winner: “Drug Series,” Altoona Mirror Staff, Altoona Mirror

Finalists:

“With Pa. Plastics Plant Poised to Open, Residents Decide: Stay or Go?” Chrissy Suttles, Beaver County Times

“CCJ: A Modern Case of ‘Whodunit,’” Julie Noal, The Progress

“America’s Gun Culture”; Dave Sutor, Eric Scicchitano and CNHI Pa. Staff; The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative

Winner: “Left to Die? The Greene County 911 Investigation”; Jennifer Borrasso, Bryce Lutz, Jeremy Stockdill and Gerome Williams; KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“Under Pressure: The Fire Hydrant Problem in Monarch”; Erika Stanish, Aaron Sledge and Ken Murray; KDKA-TV

“Homeowners Blindsided: Real Estate Money Trap”; Angie Moreschi, Ryan Minutello, David Raziq and Liz Kilmner; WPXI-TV

“Ask Kelly: Dangers of Low Head Dams,” Kelly Sasso and John McKee, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 1

Winner: “Collapsing Bridges,” The Post-Gazette News Team, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“The Pirates and the Bottom Line,” Mark Belko, Jason Mackey contributing, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Inventing Anna,” Post-Gazette and Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project News Teams, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Roberto Clemente: Keeping the Dream Alive,” Tom Fontaine, Tribune-Review

The following Quill Award winners also received best-of-show awards:

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography

“Retiring His Dream,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Videography

“Pogopalooza,” Aidan McGarvey and Ryne DeCaprio, WQED-TV

Ed King Memorial Award: Audio Journalism

“Lawsuit Challenges Plan to Clearcut White Oak in Wayne National Forest,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Marie Torre Memorial Award: Video/Broadcast Journalism

“The Immaculate Reflection,” KDKA Sports Team, KDKA-TV

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 4

“Hive Action,” Anne Caffee, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 3

“Energy Justice and Environmental Health in Western Pennsylvania,” Kristina Marusic, Environmental Health News

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 2

“Generational: Grybowski Defines Gender Equality Throughout the Years,” Cody Pattison, New Castle News

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 1

“How Title IX Changed Sports and Lives”; Craig Meyer, Johnny McGonigal, Mike White and Mike Persak; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Also this evening, the Press Club honored Deborah L. Acklin, former president and CEO of WQED Multimedia, with its President's Award, and the Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle and Monsignor Thomas J. McSweeney, former director of the Diocese of Erie Communications Office and former executive editor of Faith magazine, with Service to Journalism awards.

In addition, The Press Club recognized Penn State University rising senior Lauren Haffner of Squirrel Hill, winner of the 2023 Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship, and Shippensburg University rising senior Allyson Ritchey of Hopewell, Bedford County, winner of the 2023 Press Club of Western Pennsylvania Scholarship.



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