2024 GOLDEN QUILL FINALISTS

Winners will be announced at the Golden Quills dinner, Tuesday, May 28, at Rivers Casino.

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EXCELLENCE IN WRITTEN JOURNALISM
DIVISION 1

Enterprise/Investigative
“The Fall of the Century”
Neena Hagen
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“With Every Breath”
Michael Sallah, Michael Korsh and Evan Robinson-Johnson, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Debbie Cenziper, ProPublica
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Waiting Game”
Charlotte Keith
Spotlight PA

“Staffing Shortages Leave Nursing Homes Overwhelmed, Patients Vulnerable, Experts Say”
Julia Maruca and Brian C. Rittmeyer
Tribune-Review

Spot/Breaking News
“Brackenridge Police Chief Fatally Shot, Tarentum Officer Injured After Pursuit”
Brian C. Rittmeyer and Maddie Aiken
Tribune-Review
“‘I Shot Him’: Police Say Gunman Confessed to Killing Popular Mogie’s Irish Pub Owner in Lower Burrell”
Kellen Stepler and Joyce Hanz
Tribune-Review

News Feature
“Lives Derailed: Six Months Later, an Unending Nightmare Continues in East Palestine”
Jordan Anderson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Richest Little City”
Angela Couloumbis, Min Xian and Sarah Rafacz
Spotlight PA

“Hatfield’s Ferry Power Plant Demolition Embodies End of a Bygone Era”
Julia Maruca
Tribune-Review

Traditional Feature
“From Surgery ... to Soaring: Defying the Odds, a Top Pittsburgh Ballerina Leaps Back Onstage With a New Hip”
Jeremy Reynolds
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Tim Benz: From a ‘Dead Body’ to a ‘Lion,’ Duquesne's Chabi Barre Describes His Return After Frightening Collapse”
Tim Benz
Tribune-Review

“‘What We’ve Been Waiting for:’ Recalling Andrew McCutchen’s Pirates Debut 14 Years Ago Today”
Justin Guerriero
Tribune-Review

Public Affairs/Politics/Government
“How the Oath Keepers Turned Pennsylvania Into a Far-right Militia Recruiting Hotbed”
Michael Korsh and Mike Wereshagin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Shapiro Secrecy”
Angela Couloumbis, Stephen Caruso, Katie Meyer and Kate Huangpu
Spotlight PA
“Rustic Ridge Home Explosion”
Rob Amen, Brian C. Rittmeyer and Michael Divittorio
Tribune-Review

“Unsustainable Funding Model, Shrinking Workforce Leave Ambulance Services in Critical Condition”
Tawyna Panizzi
Tribune-Review

Business/Technology/Consumer
Ed Mahon
Spotlight PA

Medical/Health
“Black, Gold and Blue”
Abby Mackey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Opioid Settlement Money”
Ed Mahon of Spotlight PA, Kate Giammarise of WESA and Sarah Boden of WESA
Spotlight PA

“Pittsburgh-Based Stroke Study Brings Improvements for Hempfield Man and Hope for a Better Future”
Julia Maruca
Tribune-Review

History/Culture
“Understanding Gangs: Finding a Way Forward”
Laura Malt Schneiderman
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“New Kensington’s Willie Thrower Cast the Mold for the Modern NFL Quarterback 70 Years Ago”
Chuck Curti
Tribune-Review

“‘Oppenheimer’ Hype Brings Lesser-Known Aspects of Atomic Age in Pittsburgh to Fore”
Jonathan D. Silver
Tribune-Review
Criticism
Scott Mervis | Reviews: “Taylor Swift Delivers,” “P!nk, Brandi Carlile Make it a Summer,” “Brando, Dean, Mellencamp: It's a Legendary Night”
Scott Mervis
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Joshua Axelrod
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“TV Talk”
Rob Owen
Tribune-Review

Lifestyle
“How D&D Helped a Dragonborn Sailor Escape a Real-Life Dungeon of Despair”
Josh Ewers
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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“Brides Travel From Near and Far to Say ‘Yes’ to a Dress at NYC’s World-Famous Kleinfeld Bridal”
Gretchen McKay
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“80-year-old Equestrian and Her 20-year-old Horse Ride Into the Century Club”
Mary Ann Thomas
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A’s Vision Is to Help Young People Get a Driver’s License”
Mary Ann Thomas
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Education
“Books Targeted for Banning By Western Pa. School Board Members Are Almost Never Checked Out, Analysis Shows”
Megan Tomasic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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“Millions in Pa. Funding Meant for Pitt and Temple Isn’t Going Directly There. Even Lawmakers Don’t Know About It …”
Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Missed Conduct”
Wyatt Massey of Spotlight PA and Josh Moyer of the Centre Daily Times
Spotlight PA

“Higher Education Beat”
Bill Schackner
Tribune-Review

Sports
“Turner Ward Promised He'd Run Through a Wall to Make a Catch for Pirates — and Then Actually Did”
Jason Mackey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“I Joined Kris Letang's Legendary Workout and Learned What It Takes to Be the NHL’s Most Relentless Player”
Matt Vensel
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The PA Women Who Broke Hockey's Glass Ceiling”
Tanisha Thomas
Spotlight PA

“‘No One Has a Better Answer’: PIAA Relying On Principals to Identify Transgender Athletes”
Chris Harlan
Tribune-Review

Profile
“For North Hills Alum Margo Malone, Personal Loss Inspired ‘An Easy 26 Miles’ En Route to Pittsburgh Marathon Win”
Tim Benz
Tribune-Review

“'Near-death’ Experience as a Child Motivates Pitt Long Snapper Byron Floyd to Give Back”
Jerry DiPaola
Tribune-Review

“5th-generation Brewer Gets 'Memory for a Lifetime' Making Iron City in East Deer”
Kellen Stepler
Tribune-Review

Columns/Blogs
“Violence”
Lori Falce
Tribune-Review
“Penguins Perspectives”
Patrick Damp
KDKA.COM

Mark Madden Columns
Mark Madden
Tribune-Review

Editorials
Brandon McGinley: “Gainey Administration Misled Council About Police Study”;
“Police Staffing Study Lacks Credibility and Should Be Tossed”;
“Newly Revealed Matrix Proposal Raises Further Questions About Police Study”
Brandon McGinley
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

David Mills: “Congress Shamefully Failed Our Afghan Allies”;
“McCarthy Must Share Jan. 6 Tapes With All Media Equally”;
“The Supreme Court Would Help Itself By Creating a Code of Ethics”
David Mills
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Adriana E. Ramirez: “Lacking Imagination: Dropping Dolly Parton Literacy Program”;
“Allegheny County Needs to Pay Its Court-Appointed Attorneys Better”;
“Let Libraries Be Libraries, Without Political Meddling”
Adriana E. Ramirez
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Death Penalty”
Lori Falce
Tribune-Review

EXCELLENCE IN WRITTEN JOURNALISM
DIVISION 2

Enterprise/Investigative
“Judge’s Endorsement Raises Eyebrows”
Kay Stephens
Altoona Mirror

“Danger Zones: Asbestos, Toxic Chemicals Among Hazards Left at Erie's Quin-T, EMI Sites”
Kevin Flowers
Erie Times-News

“As Superintendent Exited, Millcreek Schools Paid $250,000 Settlement to Ex-personnel Chief “
Ed Palattella
Erie Times-News
Allegheny County’s Pick to Run Shuman Hit With Negligence Lawsuits”
Venuri Siriwardane and Tanya Babbar
PublicSource

Spot/Breaking News
“‘Never Been So Afraid’: Hoax Shooter Calls Alarm Students, Parents”
Garret Roberts and Chrissy Suttles
Beaver County Times

“Train Derailment in Mahoningtown”
Debbie Wachter, Pete Sirianni, Gwen Albers and Cody Pattison
New Castle News

“We Were All Blindsided’: Chatham University Faces Multimillion-Dollar Budget Hole, Lays Off Staff, Cuts Benefits”
Emma Folts
PublicSource

“Lakeview Community Reeling From Loss …”
Ty Kohler
Sharon Herald

News Feature
“Industry Residents ‘Exhausted’ By Months of Dirty Drinking Water”
Chrissy Suttles
Beaver County Times

“Long Shot”
Marcie Schellhammer
The Bradford Era

“Family Calls for Safety Measures After Fatal Crash”
Irina Bucur
Butler Eagle

“Death of Caesar Montevecchio, 89, Marks End of Erie’s ‘Gangster’ Era, but a Probe Lingers”
Ed Palattella
Erie Times-News

Traditional Feature
“Opposing Fans Unite for Kidney Transplant”
Rachel Foor
Altoona Mirror
“Christmas House”
Patt Keith
Altoona Mirror

“Family Ties: Brother Finds Long-Lost Sibling While Visiting Horseshoe Curve”
Nate Powles
Altoona Mirror

“Ellwood City Woman Journeys to Mount Everest Base Camp; 17,000-Feet Elevation”
Scott Tady
Beaver County Times

Public Affairs/Politics/Government
“Blight Program Launches Rehabilitation Initiative”
Bill Kibler
Altoona Mirror

“Holland Towers Public Housing Complex: Strained Relations Amid Fight Against Bedbugs”
Mike Crowley
Meadville Tribune

“Why State College’s Anti-gambling Movement Failed to Stop the Nittany Mall Casino”
Lilly Riddle
News Lab at Penn State

“Suburban Ticket Splitting Spelled Defeat for Dugan, Nearly Derailed Innamorato”
Charlie Wolfson
PublicSource

Medical/Health
“Mental Health Mondays”
Staff
Observer-Reporter

“911 Becomes the Go-to Help Line for ‘High Utilizers.’ Who’s Reaching Out to Help Them?
Pittsburgh Firefighters”
Elizabeth Szeto
PublicSource

“Dealing With Dementia”
Randy Griffith, Eric Scicchitano and CNHI News
The Tribune-Democrat

“Science vs. Cancer”
Randy Griffith and Staff
The Tribune-Democrat
Science/Environment
“Inside Pennsylvania’s Monitoring of the Shell Petrochemical Complex”
Quinn Glabicki
PublicSource

History/Culture
“Uncovering Pittsburgh’s Long-hidden Asian American History Made Me Feel at Home — and I Learned I Wasn’t Alone”
Lena Chen
PublicSource

Lifestyle
“Let’s Talk: Homan, Haigh Start Podcast to Empower Female Athletes”
Michael Boytim
Altoona Mirror

“Celiac Disease and Gluten Sensitivities: What Does It Mean To Be ‘Gluten-Free’?”
Garret Roberts
Beaver County Times

“Building Community Is at the Heart of Millvale’s ‘They Bar,’ Harold’s Haunt”
Natalie Duleba
Pittsburgh Union Progress

“This Is Who I Am: The Stories of Trans Youth Who Have to Work to Be Accepted”
Steve Mellon
Pittsburgh Union Progress

Education
“Hollidaysburg Area School District”
Nate Powles
Altoona Mirror

“Blackhawk Book Bans”
Garret Roberts
Beaver County Times

“To Reconsider a Classic: Is There a Place for Harper Lee, Toni Morrison on PENNCREST Library Shelves?”
Mike Crowley
Meadville Tribune

“Leaving the Classroom”
Joshua Byers, Eric Scicchitano and CNHI News
The Tribune-Democrat
Sports
“East Butler Baseball Locked Out”
John Enrietto, Eddie Trizzino and William Pitts
Butler Eagle

“His Many Calls Are Part of Memorable Moments for the Erie Seawolves”
Tom Reisenweber
Erie Times-News

“Round and Round With Generations Bowling League”
Mike Crowley
Meadville Tribune

“Armoni Foster: From Shy Kid to Professional Basketball Player”
Alex Topor
Meadville Tribune

Profile
“‘That Was My Life’: Jones at 100”
Mike Crowley
Meadville Tribune

“Donora Native Charting Her Own Path as Second Lady of Pennsylvania”
Mike Jones
Observer-Reporter

“City of Asylum Artist-in-residence Mai Khôi Says Her Message ‘Still Focuses on Freedom of Expression’”
Hannah Wyman
Pittsburgh Union Progress

“Michael Fanone”
Melissa Klaric
Sharon Herald

Columns/Blogs
“Newspaper Week”; “Love”; “Mail Thief”
Marcie Schellhammer
The Bradford Era

“Au79”; “Petersen Events Center”; “Shenango Girls”
Cody Pattison
New Castle News
“Markie Mason”; “What's Going on in NCASD”; “No, You're Saying It Wrong”
Pete Sirianni
New Castle News

Editorials
“April Sloane Should Resign” and others
Brad Hundt
Observer-Reporter

“Our View”
Eric Poole
Sharon Herald

Chip Minemyer
The Tribune-Democrat

Editorials by Mark Pesto, The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.
Mark Pesto
The Tribune-Democrat

EXCELLENCE IN WRITTEN JOURNALISM
DIVISION 3

Enterprise/Investigative
“Fighting Eminent Domain: As Alcosan Buys up Properties for Its Clean Water Plan, Some Property Owners Defend Their Turf”
Tim Schooley
Pittsburgh Business Times

Brittany Hailer and Joshua Vaughn
Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

“Detangling the Legal Issues of the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooter Trial”
David Rullo
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Spot/Breaking News
“Summerset Vandalized With Antisemitic and Other Hateful Messages”
Adam Reinherz
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“I Officer Dead, Another Hurt in Shootout”
Jason Togyer and Vickie Babyak
Tube City Almanac
News Feature
“Church Challenge: Religious Properties in Flux Throughout the East End”
Tim Schooley
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Yahrzeit Plaques and Other Mementos Collected, as Tree of Life Prepares for Future”
Adam Reinherz
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“South Side’s Bad Reputation May Be Contributing to its Gentrification”
David S. Rotenstein
NEXTPittsburgh

Traditional Feature
“Fast and Furious Drama at Ambridge Turtle Racing”
Roman Hladio
NEXTPittsburgh

“What Happened to Pittsburgh’s Nightclub Scene? It's Complicated”
Colin Williams
Pittsburgh City Paper

“Pop Art Profit!”
Brian Conway
Pittsburgh Independent

Public Affairs/Politics/Government
“How a Massive Water Rate Increase Proposal Was Derailed By Citizens”
Ann Belser
NEXTPittsburgh

“City Plans Replacement of Chestnut Street Bricks, Rail Removal”
Sean Ray
The Northside Chronicle

Medical/Health
“Study on Health Benefits of Neville Island Coke Plant Closure Raises Questions About Clairton”
Roman Hladio
NEXTPittsburgh

“In Float Tanks, Pittsburghers Find Pain Relief, Relaxation, and Cosmic Visions”
Rachel Wilkinson
Pittsburgh City Paper
**Science/Environment**
“Solutions to Environmental Health Challenges in Western Pennsylvania”
Kristina Marusic
Environmental Health News

“Concerns Swirl Over Clairton”
Paul J. Gough
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Penguins and Pals’ Environmental ‘Pledge’ Promises Next to Nothing”
Nick Keppler
Pittsburgh Independent

**History/Culture**
“DEADLINES PAST | Dante ‘Tex’ Gill: A Study in Organized Crime, Sex-for-sale and Gender Identity”
Elizabeth Perry
Gazette 2.0

“From America to Africa: Hip-Hop in the Motherland 50 Years Later”
Anthony Carlisle and LaMont Jones
New Pittsburgh Courier

“Pittsburgh’s Muddy History as a Pig Paradise”
Rachel Wilkinson
Pittsburgh City Paper

“Civil War Seder Memorialized in Fayetteville”
Adam Reinherz
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

**Arts/Entertainment**
“From America to Africa: Hip-Hop in the Motherland 50 Years Later”
Anthony Carlisle and LaMont Jones
New Pittsburgh Courier

“30 Years Later, Action Movie Classic ‘Striking Distance’ Still Hits”
Rachel Wilkinson
Pittsburgh City Paper

“Barbara Kingsolver Talks About Country, Class and Community in Her Appalachian Masterpiece, ‘Demon Copperhead’”
Jody DiPerna
Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism
Criticism
“Critical views of the 58th Carnegie International”
Mary Thomas
NEXTPittsburgh

Three Theater Reviews
Sharon Eberson
onStage Pittsburgh

Lifestyle
“Fish Sandwich Chronicles 2023”
Patty Tascarella
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pittsburgh's Favorite Tourist Spot Poses Enduring Challenges for Disabled Community”
Bill Zlatos
Pittsburgh City Paper

“For Gaylors, Taylor Swift’s Eras Tour Hits Different”
Ali Trachta
Pittsburgh City Paper

“Nostalgia por la comida mexicana en Pittsburgh”
Oscar Zapata and Tom O' Connor
Pittsburgh Independent

Education
“Industrial Studio’s No-Cost Teen Metalworking Program Teaches Much More Than Welding”
Juliet Martinez
The Homepage

“Pittsburgh Public Schools' Lack of Students May Force Closings”
Ann Belser
NEXTPittsburgh

“Changing of the Guard”
Jordyn Hronec and Zach Zimmerman
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Protecting Children From Trauma During the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Trial”
Adam Reinherz
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
Sports
“Bethel Park Native Wins NCAA Title in Wrestling”
Eleanor Bailey
The Almanac

“ABA in Pittsburgh Is Convoluted Mess”
Thomas Leturgey
New Pittsburgh Courier

“Whole New Game: New NIL Rules Driving Opportunities for Student-Athletes, Businesses”
Mike Larson
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Memories of the Monroeville Ice Palace Remain Frozen in Time 40 Years On”
Rachel Wilkinson
Pittsburgh City Paper

Profile
“Women of Influence, Career Achievement: Doris Carson Williams, African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania”
Jordyn Hronec
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Nick Offerman Promises to Be ‘Generally Redolent of Condiments’ When He Returns to Pittsburgh”
Rachel Wilkinson
Pittsburgh City Paper

Toby Tabachnick
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Columns/Blogs
“KSWA Digest Is About History and People in Pro Wrestling in Pittsburgh”
Thomas Leturgey
KSWA Digest

Tony Norman Columns on Pittsburgh’s Black Community
Tony Norman
NEXTPittsburgh

“After the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Trial: A Reporter Reflects”
David Rullo
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
Editorials
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Editorials
Toby Tabachnick
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

EXCELLENCE IN WRITTEN JOURNALISM
DIVISION 4

Enterprise/Investigative
“Pittsburgh Tomorrow”
Douglas Heuck
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Pittsburgh Immigration Series”
Douglas Heuck, Tracy Certo, Aakanksha Agarwal and Jeffery Fraser
Pittsburgh Quarterly

News Feature
“The Carnegie International – Is It Time to Rethink Pittsburgh’s Most August Art Exhibit”
Vicky Clark
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The War Against Aesthetics in Contemporary Art”
Stuart Sheppard
Pittsburgh Quarterly

Traditional Feature
“Being Social”
Barbara Klein
Carnegie Magazine

“The Great Chocolate-Eating Contest of Kathmandu”
Bill Zlatos
Pittsburgh Quarterly

Public Affairs/Politics/Government
“The Big Picture”
Stephanie Hacke
Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“The Broken Politics of Allegheny County”
Douglas Heuck
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Business/Technology/Consumer**

“Path to the Top”
Rob Taylor
Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Planning for the Next Stage”
Carrie Moniot
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Fired Up! In the Shadow of the Carrie Furnace Complex, Film Studios Are on the Rise”
Maria Sciullo
Pittsburgh Magazine

“The Past and Future of Trains”
Julia Fraser
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Medical/Health**

“A Family's Autism Journey”
Ahan Maiti
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“A Moving Story: Spinal Cord Stimulators Restore Hand and Arm Function After Paralysis”
Michael Aubele
Pitt Med

“Outside Influences: Healing Happens Through Connection”
Andrew Doerfler
Pitt Med

“Cultivating Equanimity: Med Students Learn to Attend to Their Minds So That They Can Better Attend to Patients”
Erica Lloyd
Pitt Med

**Science/Environment**

“What Would Rachel Carson Say?”
Daryln Hoffstot
Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Daryln Hoffstot Portfolio”
Daryln Hoffstot
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**History/Culture**
“The Carnegie International -- Is it Time to Rethink Pittsburgh's Most August Art Exhibit”
Vicky Clark
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Instant Families: Adoption in the Baby Scoop Era”
Tim Ziaukas
Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

“The Brave Chaos: An Analysis of the Ku Klux Klan's Attack on Lilly, Pennsylvania”
Nicholas Lasinsky
Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

**Arts/Entertainment**
“A Revolution, Revisited”
Justin Hopper
Carnegie Magazine

“The Art and Science of Preservation”
Chris Fleisher
Carnegie Magazine

“Class in Session”
Barbara Klein
Carnegie Magazine

“Giving Writers Back Their Voices: A Year After the Horrific Attack on Salman Rusdie, the Work of Pittsburgh's City of Asylum Is Needed More than Ever”
Cristina Rouvalis
Pittsburgh Magazine

**Criticism**
Stuart Sheppard Portfolio 1
Stuart Sheppard
Pittsburgh Quarterly

Stuart Sheppard Portfolio 2
Stuart Sheppard
Pittsburgh Quarterly
Lifestyle
“Where Everybody Knows Your Name”
Bob Batz Jr.
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“The Private Lives of Baseball Wives”
Emily Catalano
Pittsburgh Magazine

“Fall in the Forest”
Meg St-Esprit
Pittsburgh Magazine

“The Great Chocolate-Eating Contest of Kathmandu”
Bill Zlatos
Pittsburgh Quarterly

Education
“Voices Against Hate”
Cristina Rouvalis
Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“The Future of Higher Education Is Already Here: After the Release of ChatGPT, Professors at Pittsburgh’s Colleges and Universities Are Grappling With New Artificial Intelligence Tools Will Change Work in the Classroom”
Emma Malinak and Abby Yoder
Pittsburgh Magazine

“Defeating Dyslexia: Provident Charter School, the State's First Public School Aimed at Helping Students Overcome Dyslexia, Uses a Mind, Body and Soul Approach to Learning”
Amy Whipple
Pittsburgh Magazine

“Making Higher Education Affordable”
Julia Fraser
Pittsburgh Quarterly

Sports
“Coaching Your Kids”
Shelly Anderson
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“The Ultimate Guide to Pickleball in Pittsburgh”
Emily Catalano
Pittsburgh Magazine
“Radio Rich”
Bill Christine
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Victim of the Life He Led”
Clayton Trutor
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Profile**
“Bringing Ancient Egypt Alive”
Cristina Rouvalis
Carnegie Magazine

“Mt. Lebanon Grad Recognized for LGBTQ Activism”
Anna Mares
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Radio Rich”
Bill Christine
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Columns/Blogs**
“Parenting Column”
Melanie Sisinni
Faith

“Dahn Memory Lane” History Column
Virginia Montanez
Pittsburgh Magazine

**Editorials**
Heuck Portfolio
Douglas Heuck
Pittsburgh Quarterly

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**EXCELLENCE IN VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM**

**Enterprise/Investigative**
“KDKA Investigates: Outrageous Towing”
Andy Sheehan and Jeremy Stockdill
KDKA-TV

“Action News Investigates: Delayed Dioxin Testing in East Palestine”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV
Spot/Breaking News
“Garfield Standoff”
KDKA-TV News Team
KDKA-TV

“East Palestine Train Derailment”
KDKA-TV News Team
KDKA-TV

“Derailment Aftermath”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

Documentary
“With Every Breath: The Human Toll of Philips’ CPAP Recall”
Benjamin B. Braun, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and Liz Moughon, ProPublica
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Public Affairs/Politics/Government
“Downtown's Rebound: Is Gainey Gaining Ground?”
Andy Sheehan, Jeremy Stockdill and Dennis Lane
KDKA-TV

“WTAE Listens: Shell Cracker Plant”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

News Feature
“Miracle on the Parkway”
Jennifer Borrasso and Bryan Orr
KDKA-TV

Business/Technology/Consumer
“Schell Games Bridges Humanities and STEM”
Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri
“Humanities Works”

“Honda Window Worries”
Meghan Schiller and Bryan Orr
KDKA-TV

“Spinal Cord Stimulation”
Gina Catanzarite, Luise Caster and Tim Betler
UPMC Physician Journal video news magazine
**Medical/Health**
“Concussion Treatment: Pittsburgh Is Ground Zero”
Steve Benko, Chris Hoffman and Ian Smith
KDKA-TV

“Foot Fat Grafting”
Gina Catanzarite, Zak Boyle and Tom Fisher
UPMC Physician Journal video news magazine

**Science/Environment**
“Earth 365”
KDKA-TV First Alert Weather Team
KDKA-TV

“Derailment Aftermath: Personal Impact Stories”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

**History/Culture**
“Still Marching: Local Reflections on the March on Washington 60 Years Later”
Lisa Smith and Rob Hopson
KDKA-TV

“Remembering JFK’s Visit to Aliquippa”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

**Arts/Entertainment**
“South Side Color Wall”
Royce Jones and Gerome Williams
KDKA-TV

“Cathedral Dinner Concert to Benefit Pipe Organ”
Debbie Wachter
New Castle News

**Education**
“The Queens Gambit – From the Chess Board to the Board Room: Life Lessons on 64 Squares”
Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri
"Humanities Works"

“Back to School”
KDKA-TV News Team
KDKA-TV
“Teacher of the Month”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

**Sports**
“Steelers Monday”
Rich Walsh and Ian Smith
KDKA-TV

“WPXI Black & Gold Zone Countdown to Kickoff”
Dean Iampietro, Jenna Harner, Kellie Burkett and WPXI Staff
WPXI-TV

“Black & Gold Prime-Time”
WTAE Staff
WTAE-TV

**Profile**
“Schell Games Bridges Humanities and STEM”
Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri
“Humanities Works”

“The Queens Gambit – From the Chess Board to the Board Room: Life Lessons on 64 Squares”
Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri
“Humanities Works”

“70th Annual KDKA Free Care Fund Telethon: Daily Miracles at UPMC Children's”
KDKA-TV News Team
KDKA-TV

**EXCELLENCE IN AUDIO JOURNALISM**

**Enterprise/Investigative**
“Hydrogen Is Coming to Pennsylvania”
Reid Frazier
The Allegheny Front

“Evolution of Point Park” (Series)
Oliver Morrison
WESA

**Spot/Breaking News**
“Carnegie Natural History Museum Adopts New Human Remains Policy, Removes Iconic Diorama”
Bill O'Driscoll
WESA
“Amid Pressure From the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Organizers of LGBTQ Solidarity Mass Cancel Service”
Jillian Forstadt
WESA

“The Brewery Stays — State College Borough Council Votes to Repeal Previous Eminent Domain Resolution”
James Engel
WPSU-FM

**Public Affairs/Politics/Government**
“A New Ohio Law Encourages Fracking on State Land, Including Parks”
Julie Grant
The Allegheny Front

Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams, Laura Tsutsu and Emma Furry
WESA

“The Confluence: Pittsburgh Community Groups Say They Need Support Tackling ‘Violence Pandemic’”
Kiley Koscinski, Marylee Williams, Laura TsuTsui and Emma Furry
WESA

“Child Predator Hunter Group in Central Pennsylvania Faces Legal Pushback”
Sydney Roach
WPSU-FM

**News Feature**
“Community Attends ‘Calling Hours,’ A Memorial for its Deceased Coal Plant”
Julie Grant
The Allegheny Front

“From the Source Season 4: Featuring Youth Experience, Culture and Voices in the Pittsburgh Area”
Jourdan Hicks and Liz Reid
PublicSource

“Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Survivors, Families Lean on Each Other Before Trial”
Kiley Koscinski
WESA
Traditional Feature
“East Palestine Drama Students Persevere Through Catastrophic Disruption”
Oliver Morrison
WESA

“The Last Thing That Made East Liberty, East Liberty'': Customers Flock to Vento's for One Last Slice”
Oliver Morrison
WESA

“Alcohol Made From Sunflower Seeds?! A Tour of a New Distillery and Educational Center in Kane”
Sydney Roach
WPSU-FM

Business/Technology/Consumer
“Could Stricter Rules Make Hazardous Material Transport Safer?”
Reid Frazier
The Allegheny Front

“The Modest Heat Pump Could Be a Climate Solution, but Getting Them Into Houses Will Be Hard”
Reid Frazier
The Allegheny Front

“After U.S. Steel Announces Sale, Reactions Range From Outrage to Concern”
Oliver Morrison
WESA

Medical/Health
“Health Care Has a Massive Carbon Footprint. These UPMC Doctors Are Trying to Change That”
Reid Frazier
The Allegheny Front

“Pennsylvania's Opioid Settlement Money” (Series with Spotlight PA)
Kate Giammarise, Sarah Boden and Ed Mahon (Spotlight PA)
WESA

“Beth Dolinar – 'Alone: Isolation Hurts'” ***
Jim Cunningham
WQED-FM
Science/Environment
“Forest Owners Look to the Carbon Market to Help Manage Their Trees”
Kara Holsopple
The Allegheny Front

“East Palestine Derailment Aftermath”
Oliver Morrison
WESA

History/Culture
“Historic Bridge Piers Are up for Sale on Pittsburgh’s Monongahela River”
Katie Blackley
WESA

“Good Question! The Ghost Toilet on Pittsburgh’s South Side Offers Lessons for Downtown's New Public Bathrooms”
Jakob Lazzaro
WESA

“Freedom House Ambulance – Annette Banks”
Anna Singer
WQED-FM

“Samuel Black – The Negro Motorist Green Book”
Anna Singer
WQED-FM

Arts/Entertainment
“Werner Herzog, Steelers Fan? Tracing the Filmmaker’s Pittsburgh Ties”
Bill O'Driscoll
WESA

“Daniel Singer – Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh”
Anna Singer
WQED-FM

Lifestyle
“Considering Saying 'I Do' to a Green Wedding”
Elaina King-Bryce
The Allegheny Front

“Meet Tom Seven, Who Ran Every Single Street in the City of Pittsburgh”
Katie Blackley
WESA
**Education**

“Calls for Budget Transparency Reach a Fever Pitch as Pittsburgh Public Schools Faces Large Cuts”
Oliver Morrison and Jillian Forstadt
WESA

“Students With Disabilities Held at Allegheny County Jail Face Discrimination, Complaint Alleges”
Jillian Forstadt and Julia Zenkevich
WESA

Jillian Forstadt
WESA

“Central and Northern PA School Districts and Companies Struggle to Find Bus Drivers”
Sydney Roach
WPSU-FM

**Sports**

“The North Shore Drive Podcast: Should the Steelers Trade Away Mike Tomlin This Offseason?”
Chris Carter and Ray Fittipaldo
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The North Shore Drive Podcast: Should Mason Rudolph Keep the Steelers' Starting QB Job?”
Chris Carter and Ray Fittipaldo
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pittsburgh’s Roller Derby Youth Cruise to National Championships, Where Teams Center Inclusivity”
Jillian Forstadt
WESA

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Bill O’Driscoll
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“Brett McCutcheon”
Emily Brunner
WQED-FM

“Tim Kaiser”
Jim Cunningham
WQED-FM
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**Spot News Photo**
“Historic Center Avenue Building Burns”
Molly Miller
Butler Eagle

“Anti-trans Speaker Met With Protests”
Alexandra Wimley
Pittsburgh Union Progress

“Pro-Palestinian Rally in Pittsburgh”
Massoud Hossaini
Tribune-Review

“Rustic Ridge Aerial View”
Sean Stipp
Tribune-Review

**Feature Photo**
“Jala Rucker – Bridge to Equity, Affordable Housing”
Jim Harris
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Who Brings a Crock Pot to the Airport?”
Sebastian Foltz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“All Aboard”
Matthew Malkiewicz
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Feature Video**
“Where Is Home”
Benjamin B. Braun
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Sports Photo**
“Pitt’s Donovan McMillan, 3, Stops Cincinnati Running Back Emory Jones”
Sebastian Foltz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Deer Lakes Stuns Four-time Defending Champion OLSH for Thrilling 61-60 Win”
Emily Matthews
Pittsburgh Union Progress
“Cruz Injures Ankle”
Christopher Horner
Tribune-Review

“Williams Recovers Fumble”
Chaz Palla
Tribune-Review

**Personality Profile Photo**
“The Artist at Home”
John Beale
NEXTPittsburgh

“Fast Old Man”
John Beale
NEXTPittsburgh

“Vietnamese Singer/Songwriter and Activist Mai Khôi”
Nate Guidry
Pittsburgh Union Progress

**Photo Essay**
“One Speed”
John Beale
NEXTPittsburgh

“Downtown Now”
Jim Harris
Pittsburgh Business Times

“Gunman Dead After Hourslong Standoff”
Benjamin B. Braun, Sebastian Foltz, Lucy Schaly and Teegan Staudenmeier
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“In Wilkinsburg, ‘Once We Break Those Curses, They Turn Into a Strength’”
Quinn Glabicki, Stephanie Strasburg and Rich Lord
PublicSource

**Editorial Cartoon**
“Climate Change”
John Kichi
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Lumberjack Murders”
John Kichi
Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Snow Man”
Tim Menees
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Animation/Motion Graphics**
“The Defect Inside Phillips' Breathing Machines
James Hilston and Ed Yozwick
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Open-air Gun Range Causes Concerns”
Ed Yozwick
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Illustration: News or Feature**
“Women’s Health Guide”
James Hilston
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Missing Pieces”
Daniel Marsula
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Trolley Christmas”
George Schill
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Page Design – Print**
“Being Social”
Michael Kainaroi
Carnegie Magazine

“The Wall Street of Pittsburgh”
Huck Beard
Pittsburgh Magazine

“Pittsburgh Tomorrow”
Anita DuFalla
Pittsburgh Quarterly

**Cover Design – Print**
“Apsaalooke Stories”
Michael Kainaroi
Carnegie Magazine
“Foodie Road Trips: 6 Adventures With Fork & Knife”
Huck Beard
Pittsburgh Magazine

“Opening Day”
Steve Ziants
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**Digital Presentation**
“Custodians of Collections”
Chris Fleisher
Carnegie Magazine

“Points of Pride: PublicSource Maps and Chronicles the Strengths of Diverse Communities”
PublicSource Staff
PublicSource

“Broken Code”
Kate Huangpu of Spotlight PA, Carter Walker of Votebeat and Jeff Rummel of Spotlight PA
Spotlight PA

**Multiplatform Project**
“Udder Devotion”
Vincent Dragone
Faith

“Uptown Unveiled”
Laura Pace Lilley, Carrie Moniot, Stephanie Hacke and Ian McMeans
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Stormwater Fee Increase”
Carrie Moniot, Merle Jantz, Stephanie Hacke and Ian McMeans
Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Uneven Scales”
Lajja Mistry, Stephanie Mirah and Natasha Vicens
PublicSource

**EXCELLENCE IN COLLABORATION**
“Power Shift: Dozens of the Pittsburgh Area's Top Institutions Are Going Through Leadership Changes. The Turnover Could Echo for Decades”
Pittsburgh Magazine Staff and PublicSource Staff
Pittsburgh Magazine and PublicSource
“Coughing up Black”  
Madaleine Rubin, Claire Gardner, Michael Korsh and Mike Wereschagin  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Criminal Solution”  
Brittany Hailer of the Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism;  
Danielle Ohl, Sarah Hutchins and Matt Dempsey of Spotlight PA  
Spotlight PA and Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

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News
“10 Years After Drug Charges, SAE Approved to Return to Campus”  
Anna Westbrook  
The Campus (Allegheny College)

“National Museum of Broadcasting: Pittsburgh's Roots in Radio”  
Melanie McGinniss  
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Feature
“‘Full-court Press on Breastfeeding Promotion’: WVU Opens New Nursing Pod at Coliseum”  
Lara Bonatesta  
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia University)

“Boston Marathon Runner With a Cause”  
Bella Abbott  
The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)

“Life in the Gray Zone”  
Hunter Smith  
Penn State Curley Center

Sports
“Absolute Knockout: MMA Featherweight Punches Up”  
Spencer Thomas  
Off the Bluff (Duquesne University)

Columns
“Combatting Hate With Mercy – Jewish Perspective on Tree of Life”  
Eliyahu Gasson  
The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)
“Opinion: From Where I Sit – Lessons From My Grandmother”
Melanie McGinniss
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Editorials
“‘Barbie’ Is More Than a Blockbuster”
Sam Heilmann
The Campus (Allegheny College)

“The Penn State Board of Trustees Must Address Transparency, Revive Lost Trust”
Olivia Woodring
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“Choosing Light Over Darkness”
Melanie McGinniss
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Criticism
“A Boogie Wit Da Hoodie: Petersen Events Center Packed With Fans”
Noah Hill
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

“Hawthorne Heights ‘Rocks Out’ the Roxian to Delighted Fans”
Brandon Schuetz
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

News
“Estonia’s Past Influences Current Military Stance”
Carlos Garcia
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

“PA State Police Applications Jump After Elimination of College Credit Requirement”
Olivia Jean
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

Feature
“The HK Unicorn Squad: Empowering Women and Girls in Estonia”
Hanna Markovich
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

“An Education Far From War”
Anjelica Rubin
Centre County Report (Penn State University)
Sports
“‘Kaalul Ond Rohkem Kui Medal’ (More Than a Medal Is at Stake)”
Joe Callahan Jr.
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

“Rallying ‘4’ Max”
Carlos Garcia
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

“Fighting for Rudy: A Source of Inspiration”
Dugan Lloyd
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

Newscast
“Centre County Report: October 13, 2023”
Centre County Report staff
Centre County Report (Penn State University)

“U-View Midterm Election Show”
Addison Diehl, Nick Konopka, Kaliyan Winder and U-View Team
Point Park University

STUDENT EXCELLENCE IN AUDIO JOURNALISM

News
“Communiqué Dart Podcast: Some Students Left Shocked, Others Ready to Get to Work in Response to HARP Study Findings”
Alice Crow
Chatham University Communiqué student news outlet

James Engel Compilation
James Engel
Penn State Curley Center

Feature
“Franco's Immaculate Legacy” Series
Team
Penn State Curley Center

Sports
“Luke and Tannor Sit Down with WVU Athletic Director Wren Baker”
Tannor Lambert and Luke Blain
WWVU-FM (West Virginia University)
“The Girls Who Get It”
Kaeli Ricottilli
The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia University)

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**News Photo**
“‘Four’ward, not ‘Four’gotten – March for Osaze, Melanie Morrison”
Jackson Ranger
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“Lighting the Way to 2024”
Melanie McGinniss
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

**Feature Photo**
“Joe Humphreys”
James Engel
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“Holi Celebration Features”
Jackson Ranger
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“What a Pest!”
Melanie McGinniss
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

**Sports Photo**
“PSU Football v. Iowa, Captains Enter”
Tyler Mantz
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“Cup Consolation”
Rafaela Pontes
Penn State Curley Center

“Crowded Contact”
Rafaela Pontes
Penn State Curley Center

“A Happy Heart”
Rafaela Pontes
Penn State Curley Center
News Videography
“Artists Showcase Work, Share Experience at 2023 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts”
Brenanne Axelson and Alex Osman
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

Feature Videography
“Pittsburgh Coffee Week”
Emma Polen, Emily Fritz and Emily Ambery
The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)

“Abuela’s Love: Lilli in Red”
Liana Simmons
Penn State Curley Center

Sports Videography
“He'll Learn From This’ | Franklin Reflects on Drew Allar’s First Road Performance”
Alison Noll
The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

“Long in the Making”
Auveonna Perkins
Penn State Curley Center

Page Layout/Design
“Spring 2023 Fashion Issue”
Emma Polen
The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)

Editorial Cartoon
“Collective Cartoons and Comics of Samuel Adekola”
Samuel Adekola
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Multimedia Presentation
“Duquesne University Investigates”
Zach Petroff
Duquesne University Investigates