

The **PRESS** Club of Western Pennsylvania

PRESS CLUB OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ANNOUNCES 2024 GOLDEN QUILL WINNERS

Winners and finalists of the 2024 Golden Quills are:

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – News Photo

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

Finalist: “ ‘Four’ ward, not ‘Four’ gotten – March for Osaze, Melanie Morrison,” Jackson Ranger, The Daily Collegian

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Spot News Photo

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

Finalists:

“Historic Center Avenue Building Burns,” Molly Miller, Butler Eagle

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

“Rustic Ridge Aerial View,” Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – News Videography

Winner: “Artists Showcase Work, Share Experience at 2023 Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts,” Brenanne Axelson and Alex Osman, The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – News

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

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

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

Winner: “1 Officer Dead, Another Hurt in Shootout,” Jason Togyer and Vickie Babyak, Tube City Almanac

Finalist: “Summerset Vandalized With Antisemitic and Other Hateful Messages,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Newscast

Winner: “Centre County Report: October 13, 2023,” Centre County Report Staff, Centre County Report (Penn State University)

Finalist: “U-View Midterm Election Show”; Addison Diehl, Nick Konopka, Kalliyian Winder and U-View Team; Point Park University

Student Excellence in Audio Journalism – News

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

Finalist: James Engel Compilation, James Engel, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Spot/Breaking News

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

Finalists:

“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

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

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

Finalists:

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

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

“Lakeview Community Reeling From Loss of 3 Teenagers in Crash,” Ty Kohler, Sharon Herald

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – News

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

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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Spot/Breaking News

Winner: “Garfield Standoff,” KDKA-TV News Team, KDKA-TV

Finalists:

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

“Derailment Aftermath,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

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

Winner: “‘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

Finalist: “Brackenridge Police Chief Fatally Shot, Tarentum Officer Injured After Pursuit,” Brian C. Rittmeyer and Maddie Aiken, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration – News or Feature

Winner: “Missing Pieces,” Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Women’s Health Guide,” James Hilston, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Trolley Christmas,” George Schill, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Page Layout/Design

Winner: “Spring 2023 Fashion Issue,” Emma Polen, The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Page Design – Print

Winner: “The Wall Street of Pittsburgh,” Huck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Being Social,” Michael Kainaroi, Carnegie Magazine

“Pittsburgh Tomorrow,” Anita DuFalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Editorial Cartoon

Winner: “Collective Cartoons and Comics of Samuel Adekola,” Samuel Adekola, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Editorial Cartoon

Winner: “Climate Change,” John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“The Lumberjack Murders,” John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Snow Man,” Tim Menees, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Cover Design – Print

Winner: “Opening Day,” Steve Ziants, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Apsalooke Stories,” Michael Kainaroi, Carnegie Magazine

“Foodie Road Trips: 6 Adventures With Fork & Knife,” Huck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Animation/Motion Graphics

Winner: “The Defect Inside Phillips' Breathing Machines,” James Hilston and Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo

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

Finalists:

“Joe Humphreys,” James Engel, The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

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

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo

Winner: “All Aboard,” Matthew Malkiewicz, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 4

Winner: “The Carnegie International – Is It Time to Rethink Pittsburgh's Most August Art Exhibit?” Vicky Clark, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Saving a Pittsburgh Arts Center,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 3

Winner: “Church Challenge: Religious Properties in Flux Throughout the East End,” Tim Schooley, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, News Feature

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

Finalists:

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

“Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Survivors, Families Lean on Each Other Before Trial,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 2

Winner: “Industry Residents ‘Exhausted’ By Months of Dirty Drinking Water,” Chrissy Suttles, Beaver County Times

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, News Feature

Winner: “Miracle on the Parkway,” Jennifer Borrasso and Bryan Orr, KDKA-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 1

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

Finalists:

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

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

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Photo Essay

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

Finalists:

“One Speed,” John Beale, NEXTPittsburgh

“Downtown Now,” Jim Harris, Pittsburgh Business Times

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

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Feature

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

Finalists:

“Boston Marathon Runner With a Cause,” Bella Abbott, The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)
“Life in the Gray Zone,” Hunter Smith, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 4

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

Finalist: “Being Social,” Barbara Klein, Carnegie Magazine

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Feature

Winner: “An Education Far From War,” Anjelica Rubin, Centre County Report (Penn State University)

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 3

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

Finalists:

“Fast and Furious Drama at Ambridge Turtle Racing,” Roman Hladio, NEXTPittsburgh
“Pop Art Profit!” Brian Conway, Pittsburgh Independent

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography

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

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

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography

Winner: “Where Is Home,” Benjamin B. Braun, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Traditional Feature

Winner: “East Palestine Drama Students Persevere Through Catastrophic Disruption,” Oliver Morrison, WESA

Finalists:

“ ‘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

Student Excellence in Audio Journalism, Feature

Winner: “Franco’s Immaculate Legacy” series, Team, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 2

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

Finalists:

“Opposing Fans Unite for Kidney Transplant,” Rachel Foor, Altoona Mirror
“Christmas House,” Patt Keith, Altoona Mirror
“Ellwood City Woman Journeys to Mount Everest Base Camp; 17,000-Foot Elevation,” Scott Tady, Beaver County Times

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 1

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Personality Profile Photo

Winner: “Fast Old Man,” John Beale, NEXTPittsburgh

Finalists:

“The Artist at Home,” John Beale, NEXTPittsburgh

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 4

Winner: “Radio Rich,” Bill Christine, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Bringing Ancient Egypt Alive,” Cristina Rouvalis, Carnegie Magazine

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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Profile

Winner: “Brett McCutcheon,” Emily Brunner, WQED-FM

Finalists:

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

“Tim Kaiser,” Jim Cunningham, WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 3

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

Finalists:

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

“Lawyer Who Represents the ‘Worst of the Worst’ Leads Defense in Synagogue Massacre Trial,” Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 2

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Profile

Winner: “Schell Games Bridges Humanities and STEM,” Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri,

“Humanities Works” – Glass Valley Media, LLC and The Pennsylvania State University

Finalists:

“The Queens Gambit – From the Chess Board to the Board Room: Life Lessons on 64 Squares,” Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri, “Humanities Works” – Glass Valley Media, LLC and The Pennsylvania State University

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 1

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

Finalists:

“ ‘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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Documentary

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

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

Winner: “The Big Picture,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalist: “The Broken Politics of Allegheny County,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Winner: “How a Massive Water Rate Increase Proposal Was Derailed By Citizens,” Ann Belser, NEXTPittsburgh

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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government

Winner: “A New Ohio Law Encourages Fracking on State Land, Including Parks,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“The Confluence: How Survivors and Families Impacted by the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Can Access Support”; Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams, Laura Tsutsui 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

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

Winner: “Why State College’s Anti-gambling Movement Failed to Stop the Nittany Mall Casino,” Lilly Riddle, News Lab at Penn State in partnership with Spotlight PA

Finalists:

“Blight Program Launches Rehabilitation Initiative,” Bill Kibler, Altoona Mirror

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

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

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

Winner: “Downtown’s Rebound: Is Gainey Gaining Ground?” Andy Sheehan, Jeremy Stockdill and Dennis Lane; KDKA-TV

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

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

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

Finalists:

“How the Oath Keepers Turned Pennsylvania Into a Far-right Militia Recruiting Hotbed,” Michael Korsh and Mike Wereschagin, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 4

Winner: “Voices Against Hate,” Cristina Rouvalis, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalists:

“The Future of Higher Education Is Already Here: After the Release of ChatGPT, Professors at Pittsburgh Colleges and Universities Are Grappling With How 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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 3

Winner: “Pittsburgh Public Schools’ Lack of Students May Force Closings,” Ann Belser, NEXTPittsburgh

Finalists:

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

“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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Education

Winner: “With 14 Challenged Books, Pine-Richland School District Wades Into Pa. Book Ban Debate,” Jillian Forstadt, WESA

Finalists:

“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

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 2

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

Finalists:

“Hollidaysburg Area School District,” Nate Powles, Altoona Mirror

“Blackhawk Book Bans,” Garret Roberts, Beaver County Times
“Leaving the Classroom”; Joshua Byers, Eric Scicchitano and CNHI News; The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Education

Winner: “The Queens Gambit – From the Chess Board to the Board Room: Life Lessons on 64 Squares,” Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri, “Humanities Works” – Glass Valley Media, LLC and The Pennsylvania State University

Finalists:

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 1

Winner: “Missed Conduct”; Wyatt Massey, Spotlight PA; Josh Moyer, Centre Daily Times

Finalists:

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

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

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

Finalists:

“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 Scullo, Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer

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

Finalists:

“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

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

Winner: “Spinal Cord Stimulation”; Gina Catanzarite, Luise Caster and Tim Betler; UPMC Physician Journal

Finalists:

“Schell Games Bridges Humanities and STEM,” Rosemary Martinelli and Paul Ruggieri, “Humanities Works” – Glass Valley Media, LLC and The Pennsylvania State University
“Honda Window Worries,” Meghan Schiller and Bryan Orr, KDKA-TV

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

Winner: “Several Pa. Pension Systems Kept Working With Financial Adviser After SEC Settlement,” Ed Mahon, Spotlight PA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 4

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 3

Winner: “Study on Health Benefits of Neville Island Coke Plant Closure Raises Questions About Clairton,” Roman Hladio, NEXTPittsburgh

Finalist: “In Float Tanks, Pittsburghers Find Pain Relief, Relaxation, and Cosmic Visions,” Rachel Wilkinson, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Medical/Health

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

Finalists:

“Pennsylvania's Opioid Settlement Money”; Kate Giammarise and Sarah Boden, WESA; Ed Mahon, Spotlight PA

“Beth Dolinar – ‘Alone: Isolation Hurts,’” Jim Cunningham, WQED-FM

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 2

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

Finalists:

“Mental Health Mondays,” Staff, Observer-Reporter

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

“Science vs. Cancer,” Randy Griffith and Staff, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Medical/Health

Winner: “Foot Fat Grafting”; Gina Catanzarite, Zak Boyle and Tom Fisher; UPMC Physician Journal

Finalist: “Concussion Treatment: Pittsburgh Is Ground Zero”; Steve Benko, Chris Hoffman and Ian Smith; KDKA-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 1

Winner: “Black, Gold and Blue,” Abby Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

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

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 4

Winner: “What Would Rachel Carson Say?” Daryl Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: Daryl Hoffstot Portfolio, Daryl Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 3

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

Finalists:

“Solutions to Environmental Health Challenges in Western Pennsylvania,” Kristina Marusic, Environmental Health News

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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Science/Environment

Winner: “Forest Owners Look to the Carbon Market to Help Manage Their Trees,” Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front

Finalist: “East Palestine Derailment Aftermath,” Oliver Morrison, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 2

Winner: “Inside Pennsylvania’s Monitoring of the Shell Petrochemical Complex,” Quinn Glabicki, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Science/Environment

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

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 4

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

Finalists:

“The Carnegie International – Is it Time to Rethink Pittsburgh's Most August Art Exhibit?” Vicky Clark, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 3

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, History/Culture

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 2

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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, History/Culture

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

Finalist: “Still Marching: Local Reflections on the March on Washington 60 Years Later,” Lisa Smith and Rob Hopson, KDKA-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 1

Winner: “Understanding Gangs: Finding a Way Forward,” Laura Malt Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 4

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

Finalists:

“A Revolution, Revisited,” Justin Hopper, Carnegie Magazine

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

“Class in Session,” Barbara Klein, Carnegie Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 3

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

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“Barbara Kingsolver Talks About Country, Class and Community in Her Appalachian Masterpiece, Demon Copperhead,” Jody DiPerna, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Arts/Entertainment

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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Arts/Entertainment

Winner: “South Side Color Wall,” Royce Jones and Gerome Williams, KDKA-TV

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

Student Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism

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

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 4

Winner: Stuart Sheppard Portfolio 1, Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: Stuart Sheppard Portfolio 2, Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 3

Winner: Theater Reviews, Sharon Ebersson, onStage Pittsburgh

Finalist: “Critical Views of the 58th Carnegie International,” Mary Thomas, NEXTPittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 1

Winner: 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

Finalists:

Reviews: “FX’s ‘Justified: City Primeval,’” “Pittsburgh-filmed ‘Rustin’ a Standard Biopic,” “‘The Holdovers’ a Pleasant Enough Tale”; Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“TV Talk,” Rob Owen, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 4

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

Finalists:

“Where Everybody Knows Your Name,” Bob Batz Jr., Mt. Lebanon Magazine
“Fall in the Forest,” Meg St-Esprit, Pittsburgh Magazine
“The Great Chocolate-Eating Contest of Kathmandu,” Bill Zlatos, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 3

Winner: “Pittsburgh’s Favorite Tourist Spot Poses Enduring Challenges for Disabled Community,” Bill Zlatos, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Lifestyle

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

Finalist: “Considering Saying ‘I Do’ to a Green Wedding,” Elaina King-Bryce, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 2

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

Finalists:

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 1

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

Finalists:

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

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Sports Photo

Winner: “Cup Consolation,” Rafaela Pontes, Penn State Curley Center

Finalists:

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

“Crowded Contact,” Rafaela Pontes, Penn State Curley Center

“A Happy Heart,” Rafaela Pontes, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Photo

Winner: “Deer Lakes Stuns Four-time Defending Champion OLSH for Thrilling 61-60 Win,” Emily Matthews, Pittsburgh Union Progress

Finalists:

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

“Cruz Injures Ankle,” Christopher Horner, Tribune-Review

“Williams Recovers Fumble,” Chaz Palla, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Sports

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 4

Winner: “The Ultimate Guide to Pickleball in Pittsburgh,” Emily Catalano, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

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

“Radio Rich,” Bill Christine, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Videography

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

Finalist: “ ‘He’ll Learn From This’: Franklin Reflects on Drew Allar’s First Road Performance,” Alison Noll, The Daily Collegian (Penn State University)

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 3

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

Finalists:

“Bethel Park Native Wins NCAA Title in Wrestling,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

“ABA in Pittsburgh Is a Convoluting Mess,” Thomas Leturgey, New Pittsburgh Courier

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

Student Excellence in Audio Journalism, Sports

Winner: “Luke and Tannor Sit Down with WVU Athletic Director Wren Baker,” Tannor Lambert and Luke Blain, WVU-FM (West Virginia University)

Finalist: “The Girls Who Get It,” Kaeli Ricottilli, The Daily Athenaeum (West Virginia University)

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Sports

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

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 2

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

Finalists:

“East Butler Baseball Locked Out”; John Enrietto, Eddie Trizzino and William Pitts; Butler Eagle
“Round and Round With Generations Bowling League,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune
“Armoni Foster: From Shy Kid to Professional Basketball Player,” Alex Topor, Meadville Tribune

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Sports

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

Finalists:

“ ‘Kaalul On 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)

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Sports

Winner: “Black & Gold Prime-Time,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 1

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

Finalists:

“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

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Editorials

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

Finalists:

“ ‘Barbie’ Is More Than a Blockbuster,” Sam Heilmann, The Campus (Allegheny College)
“Choosing Light Over Darkness,” Melanie Kawai McGinniss, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 4

Winner: Heuck Portfolio, Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 3

Winner: Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle Editorials, Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 2

Winner: “April Sloane Should Resign” et al., Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“Our View,” Eric Poole, Sharon Herald
Editorials by Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.
Editorials by Mark Pesto, The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 1

Winner: “Gainey Administration Mised 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

Finalists:

“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
“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

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Columns

Winner: “Opinion: From Where I Sit – Lessons From My Grandmother,” Melanie Kawai McGinniss, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Finalist: “Combatting Hate With Mercy – Jewish Perspective on Tree of Life,” Eliyahu Gasson, The Duquesne Duke (Duquesne University)

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 4

Winner: “Parenting Column,” Melanie Sisinni, Faith

Finalist: “Dahn Memory Lane” History Column, Virginia Montanez, Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 3

Winner: Tony Norman Columns on Pittsburgh’s Black Community, Tony Norman, NEXTPittsburgh

Finalists:

“KSWA Digest Is About History and People in Pro Wrestling in Pittsburgh,” Thomas Leturgey, KSWA Digest
“After the Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting Trial: A Reporter Reflects,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 2

Winner: “Markie Mason,” “What’s Going on in NCASD,” “No, You’re Saying It Wrong”; Pete Sirianni, New Castle News

Finalists:

“Newspaper Week,” “Love,” “Mail Thief”; Marcie Schellhammer; The Bradford Era
“Au79,” “Petersen Events Center,” “Shenango Girls”; Cody Pattison; New Castle News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 1

Winner: “Violence,” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Penguins Perspectives,” Patrick Damp, KDKA.COM

Mark Madden Columns, Mark Madden, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multimedia Presentation

Winner: “Duquesne University Investigates,” Zach Petroff, Duquesne University Investigates

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multiplatform Project

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

Finalists:

“Udder Devotion,” Vincent Dragone, Faith

“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 Journalistic Craft Achievement, Digital Presentation

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

Finalists:

“Custodians of Collections,” Chris Fleisher, Carnegie Magazine

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 4

Winner: “Pittsburgh Tomorrow,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 3

Winner: “Deaths in Pa. Jails Are Undercounted. Our Investigation Found Dozens of Hidden Cases,” Brittany Hailer and Joshua Vaughn, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

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

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

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative

Winner: “Evolution of Point Park” Series, Oliver Morrison, WESA

Finalist: “Hydrogen Is Coming to Pennsylvania,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 2

Winner: “Allegheny County’s Pick to Run Shuman Hit With Negligence Lawsuits,” Venuri Siriwardane and Tanya Babbar, PublicSource

Finalists:

“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

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative

Winner: “KDKA Investigates: Outrageous Towing,” Andy Sheehan and Jeremy Stockdill
KDKA-TV

Finalist: “Action News Investigates: Delayed Dioxin Testing in East Palestine,” WTAE Staff,
WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 1

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

Finalists:

“The Fall of the Century,” Neena Hagen, 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

Excellence in Collaboration

Winner: “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

Finalists:

“Coughing up Black”; Madaleine Rubin and Claire Gardner, Medill Investigative Lab; Michael Korsh and
Mike Wereschagin, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

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

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

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography

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

Ed King Memorial Award: Audio Journalism

“East Palestine Drama Students Persevere Through Catastrophic Disruption,” Oliver Morrison,
WESA

Marie Torre Memorial Award: Video/Broadcast Journalism

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

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 4

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

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 3

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

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 2

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

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 1

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



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