

STUDENT RUN MEDIA

BEST PRINT NEWSPAPER STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL

First Place

Foster Care...We Care

Angela Wolfe, Sharmayne Schaffer

Tri-C

Good job researching and providing the human element on a serious issue. Very thorough and well written.

Second Place

Tri-C Sex Offenders: You Must Report

Angela Wolfe

Tri-C

Thorough, balanced reporting on contentious issue that pulled out an important angle about college.

Third Place

Dr. Church retires

Staff

Lorain County Community College

Very thorough report on retiring administrator written with short notice.

BEST PRINT SPORTS STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL

First Place

The New Face of Tri-C Basketball

Mitchel Guy

Tri-C

It would have been easy in a profile on a new coach to merely write glowing things him. And the story does a good job of showing his work with the team. But noting the discipline challenges faced by the team displayed good journalistic instincts of not bending the facts to the narrative. Well done.

Second Place

Tri-C Hopefuls Get Their Chance at Soccer Tryouts

Robert Fenbers

Tri-C

Details helped tap into some tryout underdog narratives - the player working through the injured groin, the coach watching from the sidelines so as not to make players nervous. Helped put the reader on the field and in the moment.

Third Place

Cross Country takes 9th at nationals

Cody Grossman, Olivia Moe

Lorain County Community College

Packed a lot of information into the story. But don't be afraid to be more judicious with the quotes. Readers don't need a long, long paragraph's worth of a quote when a sentence or two will do. And double bylines are tough. Nice job of working together.

BEST PRINT FEATURE STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

A victim of violence

Alex Delaney-Gesing

Lorain County Community College

Exhaustively reported, powerfully written, and diligently pursued. Great job getting on the record sourcing. The writing distinguished it also.

Second Place

Students struggle with obesity

Charlotte Weiss

Lorain County Community College

Great job humanizing a critical topic. Good use of graphics. Strong writing and research.

Third Place

Thanksgiving memories

Staff

Lorain County Community College

Creative and entertaining recounting of Thanksgiving and what it means to different people.

BEST TV NEWS STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Hillary Clinton Rallies College Students

Angela Wolfe

Tri-C

BEST ONLINE REPORT TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Students struggle with obesity

Charlotte Weiss

Lorain County Community College

Second Place

LCCC president retires

Staff

Lorain County Community College

BEST PRINT NEWS STORY 4 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Ohio bill calls for defunding of abortion-performing organizations

Emily Mills, Allie Johnson

Kent State University

Very balanced and thorough reporting on controversial topic that provided a lot of great supplementary materials for readers. Loved the extras provided in addition to the core reporting and writing skills.

Second Place

A call for help: University says more students reporting sexual assaults

Ian Flickinger

Kent State University

Great job humanizing this important topic and getting into the nuances of it. Strong reporting.

Third Place

Kent man armed with machete shot and killed by police

Emily Mills, Ian Klein

Kent State University

Love the way this was presented with strong writing and reporting supplemented with everything from video to Tweets. Great job using all the tools modern media has to offer.

BEST PRINT SPORTS STORY 4 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Making the most of a second chance

Stephen Means

Kent State University

Strong lead sentence. Brought out good emotion with quotes.

Good depth Liked the multimedia aspects as well; video with teammates reaction and stats sidebar.

Second Place

Bitskos death continues to raise questions of athletes competing with heart conditions

Richie Mulhall

Kent State University

Good lead sentence.

Strong depth; good job explaining process.

BEST TV NEWS STORY 4 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Making a difference

Vivian Feke

Kent State University

BEST TV SPORTS STORY 4 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Mogadore High School

Tyler Carey

Kent State University

BEST ONLINE REPORT 4 YEAR SCHOOL

First Place

Ohio bill calls for defunding of abortion-performing organizations

Emily Mills, Allie Johnson

Kent State University

Second Place

Nine dead after plane crash in Akron

Allie Johnson, Tyler Singleton

Kent State University

BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

GENERAL NEWS

First Place

Ohio targeted for \$5.7 billion Thai project collection of stories

Tom Knox

Business First

Second Place

The moment of truth: Scott L. Scarborough is confident tough times will soon be a distant memory at the University of Akron

Mark Scott

Smart Business Akron/Canton

Third Place

Frisch's is in a pickle

Steve Watkins

Cincinnati Business Courier

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

Why this guy won't lay off the insurance industry

Carrie Ghose

Business First

Second Place

Steady at the helm: How Dr. Steven Gabbe provided calm leadership at Wexner Medical Center while ushering in profound cultural change

Jayne Gest

Smart Business Columbus

Third Place

The throwback kid

Dan Eaton

Business First

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

Cincinnati's All-Star festivities a home run for out-of-town visitors, locals

Steve Watkins

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place

The challenge at the edge: Former SpaceX engineer Jeff Taylor navigates regulations, fast growth at Event38

Adam Burroughs

Smart Business Akron/Canton

Third Place

Columbus CEO Studying Student Debt

Mary Yost

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

FEATURES: PACKAGE

First Place

LeBron Inc.: Sports Superstar. Philanthropist. Businessman.

Staff

Smart Business Cleveland

Second Place

Which public CEOs delivered the best bang for the buck?

Steve Watkins

Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

Biggest bang for the buck

Evan Weese

Business First

FEATURES: TRENDS

First Place

The smell of a bust

Tom Knox

Business First

Second Place

Addressing the education talent gap

Adam Burroughs

Smart Business Akron/Canton

Third Place

When leaders walk away

Dan Shingler, Rachel Abbey McCafferty

Crain's Cleveland Business

PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE

First Place

Special Report: Manufacturing – The Internet of Things

Dennis Seeds

Smart Business Cleveland

Second Place

Coverage of antiquated Ohio liquor laws

Dan Eaton

Business First

Third Place

Most Connected

Staff

Crain's Cleveland Business

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

Uniquely Columbus

Jayne Gest, Jim Mericsko

Smart Business Columbus

Second Place

Building Stronger Communities

Adam Burroughs, Mark Scott

Smart Business Akron/Canton

Third Place

Care and Feeding

Daniel Flowers

Smart Business Akron/Canton

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE STORY

First Place

9 dead in plane crash

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

This contains remarkable detail considering deadline constraints and the fact aspects of the story were still unfolding. The reporter asks all the right questions, enlightening readers with such information as the condition of the plane, the chronology of its flights and compelling eyewitness accounts from the scene. Gathering such detail from events of this nature is never easy and takes commitment. This covers all the bases. Job well done!

Second Place

As creek raged, ‘there was nothing they could do’

Cameron Knight, Liz Dufour, Rebecca Butts

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This story wisely strays from straightforward breaking news into a more personalized account of a flooding tragedy that left several people dead. Quotes from survivors are both poignant and detailed. Good job!

Third Place

Prayer

Nick Glunt

Medina County Gazette

This is a remarkably thorough accounting of a prayer conflict involving government authorities and the ACLU. The reporter found multiple sources to make this account both objective and informative.

BREAKING NEWS: CONSECUTIVE DAYS- SAME TOPIC

First Place

Hopple Street bridge collapse

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Comprehensive coverage of a deadly construction incident on a major highway. The writing was clear and detailed, providing valuable context about the complexities of the incident and the significance of the area affected. Graphics, photo and video enhanced the coverage a great deal. Job well done.

Second Place

Mayor suffers cardiac arrest, crashes SUV; acting mayor steps up

Staff

The Blade (Toledo)

Excellent work covering this sad story. Tracking down the good Samaritan made this package shine.

Third Place

Police Cameras

Nick Glunt

Medina County Gazette

Compelling update about how local police department are approaching the controversial issues of body cameras and increased public scrutiny.

BREAKING NEWS: ONGOING COVERAGE

First Place

‘This is without question a murder’

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This package covered this national story in a balanced manner which didn’t miss an angle. The Enquirer provided the kind of depth only found in outstanding local media. For example, its look at how University of Cincinnati police operate added an important

perspective to the story found nowhere else.

Second Place

9 dead in plane crash

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

Excellent coverage of a quickly breaking story that hit all of the angles—from the news of the accident to a timeline of local plane crash history. Strong photos really bring the impact of the news to the reader.

BREAKING NEWS: SINGLE-DAY PACKAGE

First Place

‘We have lost a brother’

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Extremely strong and comprehensive reporting on a heart-breaking story. The reporters and photographers clearly took great care to tell the stories of the police officer and the gunman who shot and killed him. The stories provided a great deal of context and depth at what must have been an uncertain time for the community. Well done.

Second Place

Mayor suffers cardiac arrest, crashes SUV

Tom Troy, Ignazio Messina, Lauren Lindstrom

The Blade (Toledo)

This was a well-reported story. The Blade’s reporters and photographers made the reader feel like he or she was witnessing the events as they unfolded. Going the extra mile to interview the Good Samaritan made this entry truly shine.

Third Place

Mayor calls it quits

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

Good coverage of a bizarre twist in Akron politics. This story was all about context. The reporting carefully wove together the mayor’s background with his recent comments to help readers understand what happened.

GENERAL NEWS: SINGLE STORY

First Place

Heroin is bad: We’re making it worse

Dan Horn, Terry DiMeo

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Outstanding work. Great writing. Two reporters know their subject, humanized it, and offered solutions.

Second Place

How John Kasich could win

Chrissie Thompson

The Cincinnati Enquirer

An off-beat, but very engaging, political story. Good job.

Third Place

482 Mile Pilgrimage

Elizabeth Dobbins

Medina County Gazette

A well-told tale.

GENERAL NEWS: MULTIPLE STORIES- SAME TOPIC

First Place

Ohio charter schools

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

Wow! What an effort. This is what journalism is supposed to do – uncover the problems that affect the community. The victims in this case were taxpayers and children in the education system. It’s not

often a media outlet will reach out to competitors for a story, but that happened here, to the benefit of all.

Second Place

Ohio's e-school controversy

Patrick O'Donnell

The Plain Dealer

I wish I could have given a tie for first place for the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Akron Beacon Journal for their efforts to investigate the mess that is the charter school "system" in Ohio. Great work is demonstrated here.

Third Place

Transgender in Cincinnati

Anne Saker, Meg Vogel, Amanda Rossmann

The Cincinnati Enquirer

The Enquirer's well-written and comprehensive series on being transgender was ahead of the curve. Excellent writing and research.

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

Freedom: First day of the rest of my life

James McCarty

The Plain Dealer

This is an excellent portrait of a man unfairly jailed. Given his professed turn from hatred to compassion, this is a story at once inspirational and enlightening. Nicely written, with restraint from hyperbole and emotion. The facts and, of course, the words of this wrongly imprisoned, rightly released gentleman tell a story that needs no embellishment. It was up to the reporter to let the story unfold, and he did so masterfully, with restraint, tight prose and attention to detail. Well done!

Second Place

Life for Justine Siegal, first woman to throw batting practice to Major Leaguers, 'is about getting back up'

Marc Bona

Cleveland.com

This is a very fine portrait of a barrier-breaking woman whose professional baseball goals have led to a message of inspiration to women everywhere. This is written tightly and brightly, with not an ounce of preachy prose. The reporter lets the subject's accomplishments and words speak for themselves, and to great effect. Ending the article with a series of the subject's inspirational quotes was a brilliant touch. What's not to like here? Great story, wonderfully told.

Third Place

A warrior's love

Melissa Linebrink

The Chronicle-Telegram

This is a no-frills, no-tears, straight-ahead look at a new mother and newly diagnosed cancer patient whose positive, yet realistic attitude is pervasive in this portrait. The reporter recognizes the strength in her subject and lets the story unfold without a maudlin tone or overwrought prose. Well done!

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

Finding Her Way

Dan Horn, Cara Owsley

The Cincinnati Enquirer

A superb example of why journalism still matters, this excellent project peers into one of the lesser known aspects of foster care – older kids who "time out" of the program – and presents a compelling, informative portrait of the trials and travails of a single young

woman whose life unfolds on both a personal and bureaucratic level. Fine writing and first-rate multimedia elements work together with good sources and, of course, a splendid subject, to make this a riveting, documentary-style project. Simply excellent!

Second Place

The long way home

John Faherty, Carrie Cochran

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This is an impressive piece on a difficult subject, death. The reporter and photographer give us an unusually close look at a man who wrestles with issues all too familiar to terminal cancer patients, not the least of which is treatment vs. quality of life. This pulls no punches yet avoids the pitfalls of emotionalism and overwrought prose. To the contrary, this story – through words and images – is at once stark, artfully told and compelling. This took time, effort and commitment, and the result is an example of journalism at its best.

Third Place

2,670 Brutal Days

Jon Wysochanski

The Chronicle-Telegram

This is a wonderful story, rich in detail, multi-sourced and compelling in no small part because of the surprisingly stoic remembrances of a man who endured captivity and torture in the service of his nation. Nicely done!

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

When There's Not Enough

Sharon Coolidge, Liz Dufour

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Clearly this project moved the community to action. The reporting and photography brought the reader into the classrooms and homes of these students.

Second Place

What Works: How midsized cities succeed

Keith Burris

The Blade (Toledo)

What a refreshing concept: A columnist that gets out from behind the desk and looks for solutions to problems.

Third Place

Who will lead?

Staff

Akron Beacon Journal

A look at problems facing the community in the near future. A great example of activist journalism showcasing the paper's ability to lead.

INVESTIGATIVE

First Place

Glenara's death

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

What happened to Glenara Bates is inexcusable. The Enquirer reporters dug deep and brought out the truth about the failures of Hamilton County C&YS so that this girl's death would not be in vain. Excellent example of watchdog journalism revealing the problems with a government agency that failed to do its job and bringing effective change.

Second Place

Ohio ignores online school F's as it evaluates charter school overseers

Patrick O'Donnell

The Plain Dealer

Original reporting caught Ohio Department of Education breaking state law and giving bad grades for e-schools a pass. The state's school choice officer resigned but the reporting by the Plain Dealer's Patrick O'Donnell made a convincing argument that the superintendent should have been bounced, too.

Third Place

ED clinic

Amber Hunt

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Enquirer reporter Amber Hunt showed dogged determination in pursuing a tip to newspaper's consumer complaint line, taking it from one complaint about an erectile dysfunction clinic to finding many people subjected to questionable if not unethical medical practices. She zeroed in on doctors whose expertise was not qualified for the medical jobs being performed, backgrounding the criminal past of the clinic owner/operator, and through her work forced the Ohio State Medical Board to take action on their licenses.

BUSINESS

First Place

Why Heinen's first downtown Cleveland store is more than just a supermarket

Janet Cho

The Plain Dealer

This is a very comprehensive and well-written package about how a local family-owned business is investing in downtown development by providing a grocery store. Covers a lot of bases and answers questions shoppers would have about the store.

Second Place

Bendix leaves Elyria

Lisa Roberson

The Chronicle-Telegram

A well-balanced report on how a major employer moving will affect the community at large.

Third Place

Struggles and Victories of Ohio's Middle Class Workers

Olivera Perkins

The Plain Dealer

These stories are very thorough and comprehensive and put a human face on labor statistics.

SPORTS

First Place

The Pete Rose investigation revisited

James Pilcher

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Exhaustively researched, well-organized piece that combines compelling storytelling and pertinent documents from years ago with fresh reporting. Well done.

Second Place

Pete Rose: The boy from Braddock Street

Paul Daugherty

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Vivid descriptions and terrific storytelling make the reader feel as though he/she is there with Rose.

Third Place

Which 10 Cleveland sports figures deserve a statue?

Tim Warsinskey

The Plain Dealer

A debate starter among sports fans. Enterprising idea that demands reader interaction.

BEST SECTION

First Place

Arts

Staff

The Plain Dealer

Large photo/graphic illustration of the lead story is original and eye-catching. Section explores interesting views of stories, such as Don Draper and the end of "Mad Men," that other newspapers would miss. This is an attractive and interesting section to read.

Second Place

Taste Section

Staff

The Plain Dealer

This section's graphics are extremely creative and fun. The stories are well-written and benefit from this strong layout and presentation.

Third Place

Best Sports Section

Albert Grindle, Betty Szudlo

Medina County Gazette

Clean layout makes this special section easy to read, Solid previews of the teams make this the type of special section that readers will keep and refer to.

DIGITAL MEDIA

NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

First Place

Daytonbusinessjournal.com

DBJ Staff

Dayton Business Journal

Clean, easy to navigate, well put-together.

Second Place

Cincinnati.com

Staff

The Cincinnati Enquirer

A close second.

Third Place

Chronicleonline

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

BREAKING NEWS SINGLE STORY

First Place

Gorilla Glue moving its headquarters

Tom Demeropolis

Cincinnati Business Courier

BREAKING NEWS SERIES

First Place

Ohio State Buckeyes win National Championship

Matt Florjancic

WKYC

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

First Place

WKSU Social Media

Staff

WKSU

Second Place

Blade Internet mayoral debates

Staff

The Blade (Toledo)

ONLINE STORYTELLING

First Place

Last of Little Syria documentary

Hasan Dudar, Katie Rausch

The Blade (Toledo)

Compelling and beautifully told. A standout in a strong field.

Second Place

Baseballs Battle of Ohio

Michael Nyerges

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Fun and engaging. A great piece.

Third Place

Domestic Violence: A Crime Without Boundaries

WKYC Staff, WKYC.com Staff

WKYC

Incredibly thorough work on an important topic.

MAGAZINE WEBSITE**First Place**

CincinnatiMagazine.com

Amy Brownlee

Cincinnati Magazine

Great variety of fresh, interesting content and engaging art.

Second Place

ColumbusCEO.com

Staff

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE**First Place**

Cleveland19.com

Staff

WOIO-TV

Clean design, easy to navigate.

Second Place

WKYC.com

Staff

WKYC

ONLINE GENERAL NEWS STORY**First Place**

Lakewood Hospital to close for family health center, sparks community controversy

Bruce Geiselman

Cleveland.com

Comprehensive, easy-to-understand coverage of an issue of huge importance to readers. This is what media is meant to do - nothing sensational, just solid coverage of what readers need to know. Well done.

Second Place

Beachwood City Council denies receiving free pool passes, records destroyed

Bob Sandrick

Cleveland.com

Good reporting on what at first seems a petty issue, but reveals a deeper problem with record-keeping and honesty of public officials. Dogged research and reporting brought the truth to light here.

Third Place

Akron Plane Crash

Cleveland19.com staff

WOIO-TV

ONLINE FEATURE STORY**First Place**

Samaria Rice's Struggle

Cleveland19.com staff

WOIO-TV

Heartbreaking interview without being overly sensational. The inclusion of the slideshow of photographs was especially effective.

Second Place

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame turns 20

Staff, WKYC.com

WKYC

Very cool look at the Hall.

Third Place

Akron's Sina King is Queen of the Comeback

Matt Florjancic

WKYC

Well-written profile.

BLOGS**First Place**

Business of Sports

Kevin Kleps

Crain's Cleveland Business

Good writing, clear connection with readers and knowledge of topic.

INFOGRAPHICS**First Place**

What do you remember about Ki-Jana Carter?

Michael Nyerges

The Cincinnati Enquirer

DAILY NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHY**SPOT NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER****First Place**

Massive Fire

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Deadly Crash

Ed Suba Jr.

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Officers remove police K-9 shot and killed in a Toledo standoff

Jeremy Wadsworth

The Blade (Toledo)

GENERAL NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**First Place**

Hanging on

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

This photo lends visual clarity to a microcosm of American life that is familiar to far too many.

Second Place

Nothing But Love

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

The gentleness and care of this mother comes through with the dove release. Beautiful!

Third Place

Still Standing

Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Amazing! Great contrast between the symbol of faith and background of devastation.

SPORTS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**First Place**

Head Over Heels

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Spectacular shot! Hope the player was okay.

Second Place

Up in the air

Ed Suba Jr.

Akron Beacon Journal

What an incredible shot! Like a instant replay frozen in time.

Third Place

Moment of impact

Kareem Elgazzar

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Can't believe you actually caught the sweat in mid-air!

GENERAL FEATURE - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Dancin the jig

Mike Cardew

Akron Beacon Journal

Precious. Good composition.

Second Place

Kyle Goes Home

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Create use of natural light and contrast.

Third Place

'Dirty Knees'

Carrie Cochran

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Emotionally moving. Overall impact leaves one to ponder on the different responses to death.

STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Adam Jones

Sam Greene

The Cincinnati Enquirer

PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Warrior Mom

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

A powerful photograph of a beautiful mother and her infant son.

Second Place

Zay

Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

PHOTO JOURNALISM - DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Arthur

Liz Dufour

The Cincinnati Enquirer

A visually stunning look at a year in the life a little boy who, despite being underprivileged, is photographed in such a way that the viewer can still see a bright spark in his eyes. The juxtaposition of environment versus emotion is captured perfectly.

Second Place

Behind the lens: Columbus Castings photo shoot more about the people

Jeffry Konczal

Business First

Third Place

Kyle Goes Home

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

NEWS

First Place

Shots Fired

Erick Trickey

Cleveland Magazine

Second Place

For Tamir

James Bigley II

Cleveland Magazine

Third Place

Survivor Story

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

Coaching Success

Ed Wittenberg

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Day and Night

Jonah L. Rosenblum

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Rise Up

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Monthly

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

The Final Round

Leo DeLuca

Ohio Magazine

Second Place

My Name is Julie

James Bigley II

Cleveland Magazine

Third Place

Between Two Worlds

RJ Smith

Cincinnati Magazine

FEATURES: CONSUMER

First Place

How Cincy Works

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Takes what could be a dull directory and with great graphics creates a creative guide to the city

Second Place

Aged to Perfection

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Even if you don't like bourbon, this guide is lush and inviting. Made me want to go everywhere and sample everything

Third Place

Take the Fall

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine

Hard to go wrong with gorgeous photos and enticing descriptions of great fall trips.

FEATURES: ART

First Place

Rock Star

Leo DeLuca

Ohio Magazine

Second Place

Different Drumm

Jim Vickers

Ohio Magazine

Third Place

A Cut Above

Jill Sell

Ohio Magazine

PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE

First Place

This is How We Lose Them

Linda Vaccariello

Cincinnati Magazine

In an age of candidates espousing quick fixes, the writer explores just why there is no simple solution for this life and death situation affecting the most helpless and their families.

Second Place

Survivor Story

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News

An important look at a hidden topic. Both the writer and subject deserve applause for putting this in the spotlight.

Third Place

Renaissance Fair

Richey Piiparinen

Cleveland Magazine

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

Lake Effect

Staff

Cleveland Magazine

A terrific resource for Cleveland culture, with strong writing, art and layout. Clearly a well-oiled machine that produces this.

Second Place

The Dish

Kim Schneider

Cleveland Magazine

A local food section to compete with the best in U.S. newspapers and magazines. Worthy of the scene it covers.

Third Place

Family Finance

Denise Trowbridge

Columbus Parent

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Breaking News

First Place

Rabbi Karp charged with sex crimes in Maryland

Ed Wittenberg

Cleveland Jewish News

Features: Personality Profile

First Place

A Rust Belt Education

Rick Perloff

Belt Magazine

Second Place

Remembering Camu Tao

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Third Place

SNL star Bayer draws on local upbringing for comedic inspiration

Kristen Mott

Cleveland Jewish News

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

From comp lit to the adjuncts' champion: The academic odyssey of Maria Maisto

Rick Perloff

Belt Magazine

Second Place

At last: After nearly three decades, their day has finally come

Jonah L. Rosenblum

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Internet Famous

Brad Keefe

Columbus Alive

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

Saving Lake Erie

The Press Staff

The Press

Second Place

Ohio State cleaning up the neighborhood

Tom Knox

Business First

Third Place

Weed The People: The Money, Influence & Turmoil Behind Issue 3

Jill Moorhead

Columbus Alive

SPORTS

First Place

Better luck this year: Blue Jackets poised to make some noise as expectations rise

Brad Keefe

Columbus Alive

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

First Place

Scene and Heard: Local musicians creating space for women, transgender and non-binary artists

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Second Place

Violins of Hope at the Maltz Performing Arts Center

Carlo Wolff

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Black Lives Matter: Columbus artists and musicians keeping debate alive

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

COMMUNITY / LOCAL COVERAGE

First Place

Unlikely Columbus not so far-fetched anymore for political conventions

Tom Knox

Business First

BEST SECTION

First Place

Health: Senior Living Section

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

NON DAILY NEWSPAPER PHOTOGRAPHY

GENERAL NEWS

First Place

Toxic Brewery

Sarah Bennett

Dayton Business Journal

GENERAL FEATURE

First Place

Millennials in the workplace

Sarah Bennett

Dayton Business Journal

This mirthful photo of Millennials was a clear winner.

Second Place

Tractor Show

Ken Grosjean

The Press

Excellent composition.

Third Place

Last of the leaves

Ken Grosjean

The Press

Great shot.

OPEN

TECHNOLOGY WRITING

First Place

5 things Columbus startup scene needs now

Carrie Ghose

Business First

Nice job packing lots of information into readable chunks, breaking up what could have been a long narrative into a better format.

Second Place

Columbus CEO Data Hotspot: City's Critical New Sector

Kitty McConnell

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

A comprehensive look at an important, but little-known topic.

Third Place

Acquisitions aren't always a hit for local companies

Chuck Soder

Crain's Cleveland Business

MEDICAL / HEALTH WRITING

First Place

How Baltimore cut its infant mortality rate: Saving the Smallest

Brie Zeltner

The Plain Dealer

An eye-opening report on how a comparable community attacked a life-and-death issue that could hold promise for Cleveland

Second Place

Seeing Insides From Out

Jon Wysochanski

The Chronicle-Telegram

Interesting look at an advance in medical technology

Third Place

A holistic approach

John Walsh

John Carroll University

A comprehensive and complete report on a growing subset of medical education and practice, and what distinguishes it

POLITICS / GOVERNMENT WRITING

First Place

Ohio ignores online school F's as it evaluates charter school overseers

Patrick O'Donnell

The Plain Dealer

This is why investigative journalism exists. Great job breaking down a complex issue. This was a comprehensive investigation with measurable change. Bravo.

Second Place

Colorful drive illustrates issue

Paula Schleis

Akron Beacon Journal

Lively writing. Great job explaining the actual effects of gerrymandering.

Third Place

Flores not only one with record

Brad Dicken

The Chronicle-Telegram

Thorough, fair reporting that calls out the local Democratic Party in its hypocrisy.

GENERAL NEWS COLUMN

First Place

Dear Mrs. DuBose, I visited your son today

Chris Graves

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This was well written, very thoughtful, and gut wrenching piece. It made me cry. It was a brilliant idea on the right day.

Second Place

Uncommon ground

Jeff Gerritt

The Blade (Toledo)

Love her straightforward and simple writing. Very easy to read and fun with good take-a-ways.

Third Place

Another Toledo water crisis? It's possible, if we lose focus on Lake Erie

David Kushma

The Blade (Toledo)

Very nicely researched piece of journalism.

SPORTS COLUMN

First Place

Lauren Hill played 'to the final buzzer'

Paul Daugherty

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This is a solid column that taps into the emotion and captures a sense of Lauren Hill and how people felt about her without going over the top. The reader comes away feeling like they know Lauren Hill and what she stood for. In several places, Daugherty

says much with few words. Best example: “I interviewed her twice. I didn’t pity her once.” This column was much like the service it describes. Not too long, and done with a touch of grace.

Second Place

Lion’s killing is a lot of things, but it’s not hunting

Matt Markey

The Blade (Toledo)

As good as Paul Daugherty’s piece on Lauren Hill is, Matt Markey runs him a close second with this take on the killing of Cecil the lion. It’s a thoughtful piece in two parts. First, Markey illustrates what ethical hunting is with examples of friends who live by a fair chase code and use what they kill. Then he dismisses the lynch mob reaction to the dentist who shot Cecil with some good ways to make restitution - a year’s worth of dental work in a region that has little or none. Strong opinion made stronger by the absence of boiler-plate outrage.

Third Place

Jack Nicklaus: The mountaintop and the means of ascent

Bill Livingston

The Plain Dealer

Livingston does a nice job of weaving Nicklaus history into a story of his help for Lorain County CC. I love the image of the Bear hitting balls in the rain, and the telling of his respect for hard work and people fighting uphill. Good reading for anyone, but especially for someone old enough to remember the days of golf’s “Big Three.”

BUSINESS COLUMN

First Place

From the Publisher – Long live the king

Dustin S. Klein

Smart Business Cleveland

Second Place

On the Ball – The Trust Gap

Andre Thornton

Smart Business Cleveland

LIFESTYLE

First Place

Recipes a link to home

Mary Beth Breckenridge

Akron Beacon Journal

This story shines in its food descriptions – exactly where it’s important. You convey a picture of this community and its history through not just naming the dishes and describing them, but your memories of meals there (paneled basement, wedding cookie tables, etc). Great work. I really feel like I got a taste of the place (excuse the pun)

Second Place

Toledo is the new Peoria

Kirk Baird

The Blade (Toledo)

I love how this article used a story about a national fast food franchise to make a point about Toledo – that it’s a city that’s excellent at being average. Really fun writing around the topic too.

Third Place

Memory of dad defines mom

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

Really moving piece, and I love how it sheds light on the difficulties of seeing parents through at the end of their lives when you live in a different place.

HEADLINE WRITING NEWSPAPERS (DAILY & NON DAILY)

First Place

“Stung driver makes beeline for treatment”

Benjamin Nagy

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

“Oh, Christmas tree, how lovely are your panfish/ Sunken trees create habitat for fish, hot spots for anglers

Mark Spang

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

Veni, vidi ... Vinci?

Kevin Aprile

The Chronicle-Telegram

HEADLINE WRITING ALL OTHER PUBLICATIONS

First Place

Pay Daze

Michael von Glahn

The College Store Magazine

Second Place

Isle of White

Matthew Hall

Boutique Design

REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place

Concert review: Buckeye Country Superfest at Ohio Stadium

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Second Place

Winehouse documentary no cure for the blues

Carlo Wolff

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Movie review: Star Wars: Episode VII: The feelings awaken

Brad Keefe

Columbus Alive

SINGLE ESSAY

First Place

University of Akron demise is hard to watch

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Emmett Till’s killing holds timely lessons

Richard Perloff

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

Who’s really white in America, anymore?

Jeff Gerritt

The Blade (Toledo)

OBITUARY

First Place

Jews remember Stokes

Jonah L. Rosenblum

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Julius Julie Abrams, Nov. 29, 1913 to April 18, 2015 Longtime minyan attendee, helped Holocaust survivors

Carlo Wolff

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

MORTON NOVEMBER: SEPT. 2, 1926 - JULY 12, 2015 Gifts touched thousands around town in memory of his daughter

Kristen Mott

Cleveland Jewish News

SINGLE EDITORIAL

First Place

His strength is his weakness

Michael Douglas

Akron Beacon Journal

What an example of an effective editorial.

Second Place

Mr. Kasich's leadership

David Kushma

The Blade (Toledo)

Nice job. Environmental issues can be tough to tackle, but this editorial does so succinctly.

Third Place

Rose lied, lost again

Jeremy Fugleberg

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Some tough love for a local legend. Skillfully written.

ANALYSIS

First Place

Mayor Plusquellic's claims are absurd

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

FOOD WRITING

First Place

The 7 Day Taco Diet

Beth Stallings

Columbus Crave

Who knew tacos could be so interesting? I loved the writer's tongue-in-cheek style and vivid descriptions...with a little humor sprinkled on top. It made me want to get some tacos A.S.A.P.!

Second Place

With the Grain

Beth Stallings

Columbus Crave

Excellent sentence structure and descriptions. Captivating writing style and beautiful illustrations.

Third Place

Farm Fresh

Staff

Ohio Magazine

A very interesting article and superb research. Excellent job!

TRAVEL WRITING

First Place

Adventure Season

Staff

Ohio Magazine

Second Place

THAT TOWN UP NORTH Ann Arbor is a friendly place to roam behind enemy lines

Susan Glaser

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

Great lobster catch in Portland, Maine

Deborah Snook

The Plain Dealer

RADIO

NEWS

First Place

Coverage of the Michael Brelo Verdict

WKSU Staff

WKSU

I thought the coverage of the judge's decision was thorough, but I would have liked to hear from the prosecutors and more from the victims' family members - more than the 30 seconds allotted to the driver's sister at the end. The writing on the website was very good and explained a bit more than the radio story did.

Second Place

Hosting the Gay Games meant more than a one-time economic boost

Kevin Niedermier

WKSU

This was very informative and filled with back-up facts and figures. As a news story, however, it needed more balance. I believe it would fit better as a business or feature story. And I would have liked to hear from someone who opposed the Gay Games coming to Cleveland - making it more of a news story.

ON-GOING COVERAGE

First Place

Wrapping Up 2016

Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

What a great ongoing service for the public, media, etc. Quality coverage - fair, balanced. Very informative and detailed.

Second Place

Tamir Rice

News Team

90.3 WCPN ideastream

Good ongoing coverage. Very fair and balanced coverage of a difficult subject.

Third Place

Mayor Don Plusquellic Resigns

Staff

WKSU

Fair coverage of a difficult situation with detailed analysis. Well written with good actualities.

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

Namaste: A past in Bhutan, a future in Akron

M.L. Schultze, Amanda Rabinowitz

WKSU

DOCUMENTARY

First Place

Our Land: A Conversation About Community Policing

Tony Ganzer

90.3 WCPN ideastream

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

First Place

Remembering Vietnam: Commemorating the 40th anniversary of the fall of Saigon

Staff

WKSU

An outstanding historical look at a significant time in our nation's history. Interesting facts about the Vietnamese in Ohio and historical coverage of the Vietnam war in Ohio. Well done.

Second Place

Election Day 2015

Karen Kasler, Jo Ingles, Andy Chow

Ohio Public Radio

Great facts and figures with substantiating soundbites/actualities from all sides. Helpful to the media.

Third Place

Adoptees Make Emotional Choices To See Long-Hidden Adoption Records

Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

A very interesting topic with great stories.

HUMAN INTEREST

First Place

Brick City Tells Tales of the Forgotten Neighborhood

David C. Barnett

90.3 WCPN ideastream

Second Place

Cleveland students bridge the income, opportunity gaps with Lorain inmates

Kabir Bhatia

WKSU

Third Place

Historic housing complex in Youngstown gets a new purpose for vets

Tim Rudell

WKSU

USE OF SOUND

First Place

Why a chef cares that a pig gets to roam

Vivian Goodman

WKSU

NEWS WRITING

First Place

Ohio's racinos are holding their own, but the future is a gamble

Amanda Rabinowitz

WKSU

RADIO SHOW

First Place

Sound of Ideas: Syrian Refugees

Amy Cummings, Mike McIntyre

90.3 WCPN ideastream

TELEVISION

NEWS

First Place

Robot Classmate

Derek Steyer, Paul Kiselica

WFMJ

Second Place

Lemonade Stand

Derek Steyer

WFMJ

Third Place

Religious Convictions vs Civil Rights

Robert Busby, John London

WLWT-TV

ON-GOING COVERAGE

First Place

Prosecutor 'Called Out' by Family, Community in Tamir Rice Case

Hilary Golston

WKYC

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place

United Against Domestic Violence

Staff

WKYC

Unique academic partnership. Solid multi-media presentation with user-friendly elements of public service.

Second Place

Hidden Homeless Left Out in the Cold in Northeast Ohio

Hilary Golston

WKYC

Good introduction to tough topic.

Third Place

See The Possible: Jobs

Staff

WKYC

Admirable public service.

HUMAN INTEREST

First Place

The Volley of Fire

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

An excellent story which takes the time and dedication needed to honor our fallen heroes. Good use of soundbites to carry the story. Good use of natural sound and music to add to the message. A touching tribute to our nation's Veterans and their families.

Second Place

Cancer Triathlete

Derek Steyer

WFMJ

Good pacing, very good use of voice, excellent use of letting sound-bites tell the story.

Third Place

Triumph Uplifts Cleveland Community

Hilary Golston

WKYC

A good look at positive news for Black History Month. The story is well told and well paced. A refreshing look at the community.

SPORTS REPORT OR COMMENTARY

First Place

The Overtime Report

TV 21 Sports Team

WFMJ

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

First Place

Sunday night delivery

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

The way the segment was filmed put the viewer in the story as volunteers went out to help the less fortunate. Camera angles and shots were chosen with a purpose and served as a way to convey the thoughtfulness and hard work of its subjects.

Second Place

Saving Your Skin

Chris Reece

WJW Fox 8

Third Place

Mocha & I

Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

TELEVISION SHOW

First Place

Where We Stand

Courtis Fuller, Robert Busby, Allison Smith

WLWT-TV

Second Place

Ideas: Violins of Hope

Amy Cummings, Rick Jackson, Lance Shultz

WVIZ/PBS ideastream

Third Place

OSU National Championship

Sheila Miller

WFMJ

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

TRADE REPORT

First Place

Continental takes ownership of Veyance

Bruce Meyer, Mike McNulty, Don Detore

Rubber & Plastics News

Second Place

Impact of antidumping duties

Miles Moore

Rubber & Plastics News

Third Place

State of associations

William Schertz, Jennifer Karpus-Romain

Tire Business Newspaper

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place

‘What we do matters’

Michelle Simakis

GIE Media

Second Place

‘Tire questions? Ya gotta talk to da boss’

Kathy McCarron

Tire Business Newspaper

Third Place

A man of vision

John Walsh

John Carroll University

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place

Goodyear fined \$14.1 million in bribery case

Miles Moore

Rubber & Plastics News

Second Place

Chief Content Officer Magazine

Staff

Content Marketing Institute

Third Place

Where ‘customer’ is a dirty word

William Schertz

Tire Business Newspaper

FEATURES: SPECIAL SECTION/PACKAGE

First Place

Generations in the Workplace

Jennifer Karpus-Romain

Tire Business Newspaper

Second Place

Pep Boys saga

Bruce Davis

Tire Business Newspaper

Third Place

Special Section: Automotive parts

Chris Sweeney

Rubber & Plastics News

FEATURES: TRENDS

First Place

Bone dry and beautiful

Michelle Simakis

GIE Media

Second Place

Planning for the Unthinkable. Run. Hide. Fight.

Michael von Glahn

CS Extra

Third Place

Understanding Today’s Rare Coin Market

Steve Roach

Coin World

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS

First Place

Editor’s Viewpoint

Bruce Meyer

Rubber & Plastics News

Second Place

Editorials

Staff

Tire Business Newspaper

Third Place

The College Store Editorial

Michael von Glahn

The College Store Magazine

VISUALS

SINGLE CARTOON

First Place

Drink Lake Erie Lite/ More Algae – Less Toxic

Kirk Walters

The Blade (Toledo)

Second Place

FirstEnergy wants to share the risk

Richard Williams

Crain’s Cleveland Business

Third Place

Kasich refugees

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

ILLUSTRATION SINGLE IMAGE

First Place

Hoopla in Dayton

John Hancock

Dayton Business Journal

Second Place

Frogtown regatta

Jeff Basting

The Blade (Toledo)

Third Place

Season of the Arts
Tom Fisher
The Blade (Toledo)

MULTIPLE ILLUSTRATIONS FOR ONE STORY- ALL PUBLICATIONS

First Place

50 Things Every Clevelander Must Do
Shaw Nielsen, Kristen Miller
Cleveland Magazine

INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

Collegiate Market Watch
Monica Doud

The College Store Magazine
Eye-catching and extremely informative.

Second Place

Lusitania sinking
William Neff

The Plain Dealer
Appeals to the history geek in me.

Third Place

2015 Central Ohio Leadership Census
Jim Mericksko
Smart Business Columbus
Timely and interesting.

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- BROADSHEET

First Place

Venomous snakes of Ohio
Jeff Basting
The Blade (Toledo)
The snakes almost jump off the page (creepy, but cool)! Bright, colorful and well-designed.

Second Place

Best Page Design
Jennifer Lyon
Medina County Gazette
Good photography and a nice design.

Third Place

High School Football Preview
Brian Shellito, Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
Bright photography and a nice layout.

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- TAB

First Place

You'll be AMAZED
Edna Jakubowski
Akron Beacon Journal
I love that the graphics mimic the maze. Bright photography compliments the design. A clear winner.

Second Place

Book of Lists
Rebecca R. Markovitz
Crain's Cleveland Business

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- MAGAZINE

First Place

Gifts for the Sugar Fiend
Alyse Kordenbrock
Columbus Alive
Colorful, eye-catching and engaging. Gorgeous design.

Second Place

Korean, Demystified
Betsy Becker
Columbus Monthly

A great explanation of Korean cuisine that's also colorful and easy to follow.

Third Place

Loco for Tacos
Sam Twarek
Cleveland Magazine
Appetizing and easy to follow.

A-1 NEWS FRONT- DAILY AND NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

First Place

Jennifer Lyon
Medina County Gazette
Gorgeous covers.

Second Place

Kevin Cox
Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

Jon Larson
Cleveland Jewish News

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- BROADSHEETS

First Place

Who Will Lead?
Mark Turner, Kimberly Barth
Akron Beacon Journal
The clear winner. Excellent writing and an objective view of an issue facing many cities in the country. Well done.

Second Place

Historic homes spread
Valerie Morris
The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Ohio State National Championship
Staff
The Plain Dealer

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- TABS

First Place

Building a better board
Rebecca R. Markovitz
Crain's Cleveland Business
An interesting piece on an oft-overlooked issue.

Second Place

A New Growth Industry
Kevin Cox
Cincinnati Business Courier
The better of the two marijuana legalization stories in this category. Helpful infographics.

Third Place

Let's play SimCity
Kevin Cox
Cincinnati Business Courier

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE- MAGAZINES

First Place

COSI – World of Wonder
Jim Mericksko
Smart Business Cleveland

Spectacular photo anchors an eye-catching design.

Second Place

50 Things Every Clevelander Must Do

Kristen Miller

Cleveland Magazine

Inviting layout draws the reader's eye.

Third Place

Columbus CEO Data Hotspot: City's Critical New Sector

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

COVERS: GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES- SUNDAY MAGAZINES

First Place

Food Adventures

Lesley Blake

Ohio Magazine

Fantastic cover - looks good enough to eat! Great texture and lighting. Makes me want to pick up the magazine.

Second Place

Coolumbus

Alyse Kordenbrock

Columbus Alive

Evocative of summer - great photo.

Third Place

Canvas Spring/Summer 2015

Jon Larson

Cleveland Jewish News

COVERS: BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

First Place

Hoopla in Dayton

John Hancock

Dayton Business Journal

Very engaging design that draws the reader's eye.

Second Place

The Right Mix

Rebecca R. Markovitz

Crain's Cleveland Business

Great use of color.

Third Place

Priority 1: Jobs

John Hancock

Dayton Business Journal

COVERS: TRADE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

First Place

State of the Tomato Report - Produce Grower Magazine, February 2015

Jamie Winebrenner

GIE Media

Colorful, engaging, and eye-catching. This makes me want to pick up the magazine.

Second Place

State of the Edibles 2015

Stephanie Antal

GIE Media

Third Place

HB Magazine Winter/Spring 2015

Vanessa Butler, James Douglas Studio

Hathaway Brown

BEST USE OF MULTIMEDIA

First Place

LeBron Inc.: Sports Superstar. Philanthropist. Businessman.

Staff

Smart Business Cleveland

PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

GENERAL PHOTO - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Dayton VA

Sarah Bennett

Dayton Business Journal

Innovative use of light, angle and space to present and highlight the topic.

Second Place

Mike Martin Realty

Sarah Bennett

Dayton Business Journal

Strong illustration of the news at hand.

Third Place

Bundt Talk

Burklehagen Photography

Cleveland Magazine

While readers may not understand, this is a challenging environment in which to take a photo. Use of hot lights and melting food needed specific timing. Well done!

GENERAL PHOTO - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Collection of images

Jeffrey Konczal

Business First

Second Place

Collection of images

Dan Tritttschuh

Business First

PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Bob Juniper

Dan Tritttschuh

Business First

Second Place

Willie Phoenix

Tessa Berg

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Toxic Brewery

Sarah Bennett

Dayton Business Journal

STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS

First Place

40 under 40

James E. Mahan

Dayton Business Journal

PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Behind the lens: Columbus Castings photo shoot more about the people

Jeffrey Konc

Business First

Second Place

Columbus CEO Local Craft Beer Business Bubbling Over

Tim Johnson

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Third Place

With the Grain

Will Shilling

Columbus Monthly

PICTORIAL - ALL OTHERS

First Place

Steaming Ahead

Steven Manheim

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Columbus CEO L Brands interiorscape

Tim Johnson

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

BEST BUSINESS PUBLICATION IN OHIO

First Place

Columbus CEO

Staff

Second Place

Dayton Business Journal

Staff

Third Place

Smart Business Columbus

Staff

Smart Business Cleveland

BEST WEBSITE IN OHIO

First Place

Daytonbusinessjournal.com

Staff

Dayton Business Journal

Second Place

bizjournals.com/cincinnati

Staff

Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

Cleveland19.com

Staff

WOIO-TV

BEST MAGAZINE IN OHIO

First Place

Cincinnati Magazine

Staff

This magazine just looks great and mix of articles has something for everyone.

Second Place

Canvas

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Nice photography and pieces about up and coming artists and neighborhoods.

Third Place

Cleveland Magazine

Staff

Tackles some tough stories as well as the nostalgic ones.

BEST IN OHIO: PHOTOGRAPHER

First Place

Sam Greene

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Compelling. That is the word that describes the lead photo in this series. Sam Green's work is excellent. Well done sir!

Second Place

Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

It makes judging easier when pictures and stories are presented together. Viewing in context is important. Meg Vogel's work gave an important visual to the printed text. Confession: I like cats and had a positive emotional response (PUR) to the first photo in the series.

Third Place

Lynn Ischay

The Plain Dealer

Must say that judging was not easy at the top tier level. The word here is creative. And Lynn did an excellent job of bringing to life the associated stories!

BEST IN OHIO: FREELANCE WRITER

First Place

Joel Oliphint

Joel has a captivating writing style where the reader feels as if she is actually there. Magnificent use of quotes and colorful descriptions. Well done!

Second Place

Jill Sell

Jill has a beautiful writing style and her research is superb. I enjoyed reading about her various topics and enjoyed her historical backgrounds.

Third Place

Vince Guerrieri

Vince is a terrific writer with a knack for capturing the essence of his subjects. Great job!

BEST IN OHIO: STAFF REPORTER

First Place

Dan Horn

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Nadia's story ("Finding Her Way") reads like great literature.

Emotionally gripping, bringing tears and smiles. The other stories are good examples of watchdog journalism.

Second Place

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Strong investigative reporting. Coolidge explains complex subjects well.

Third Place

Paula Schleis

Akron Beacon Journal

Thoughtful, comprehensive biography. Schleis provided a good measure of Plusquellic's career. She put his resignation in context.

BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN

First Place

Regina Brett

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

From the CEO

Fred Koury

Smart Business Cleveland

Third Place

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN

First Place

Lesley Blake

Ohio Magazine

Second Place

Alyse Kordenbrock

Columbus Alive

Third Place

Rebecca R. Markovitz

Crain's Cleveland Business

BEST IN OHIO: HEADLINE WRITING

First Place

Benjamin Nagy

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Susan Gapinski Price

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Vince Guerrieri

The Chronicle-Telegram

BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place

Steven Litt

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Laura Adiletta

Cleveland Magazine

Third Place

Brad Keefe

Columbus Alive

BEST IN OHIO: ESSAY WRITING

First Place

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL

First Place

Michael Douglas

Akron Beacon Journal

Thorough research and reporting, and very well written. Nicely done.

Second Place

Jeff Gerritt

The Blade (Toledo)

Third Place

David Kushma

The Blade (Toledo)

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO:

First Place

Boutique Design

Staff

Second Place

Rubber & Plastics News

Staff

Third Place

HB Magazine

Staff

Hathaway Brown

BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING

First Place

Jeff Darcy

Cleveland.com

Second Place

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Kirk Walters

The Blade (Toledo)

BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION ALL PUBLICATIONS

First Place

Ted Crow

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Rebecca R. Markovitz

Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place

Andrea Levy

The Plain Dealer

BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus C.E.O. Magazine

Interesting and informative while still being eye-catching.

Second Place

Michael Nyerges

The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST RADIO NEWSCAST IN OHIO

First Place

WKSU 'All Things Considered' Newscast

Staff WKSU

BEST TELEVISION NEWSCAST IN OHIO

First Place

Channel 3 News at 11

Staff WKYC

Absolutely fantastic team coverage of plane crash. Wow! You managed to cover all angles of the story and still fit in weather and sports along with updates throughout the newscast. Very well done!

Second Place

Cleveland 19 News @ 11pm

Staff WOIO-TV

BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Cleveland Jewish News

Staff

Non-Daily Newspapers

BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: ALTERNATIVES

First Place

Columbus Alive

Staff

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: 75-000 OR LESS CIRCULATION

First Place

The Chronicle-Telegram

Staff

The Chronicle is the kind of newspaper that all communities—it provides extensive local coverage while also including local and national. Good writing and photography throughout, Layout is solid and includes huge headlines (like “EQUALITY”) for very important stories, which is something few newspapers do these days. It is an out-standing community resource.

Second Place

Medina Gazette

Staff

The Gazette shows what good journalism is as it covers its community well. Plenty of names...which always means news as well as solid coverage of local news from the county government to sports to out-standing high school students. Layout is clean and makes the pages inviting and easy to read.

BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: MORE THAN 75-000 CIRCULATION

First Place

The Plain Dealer

Staff

The front page coverage of important local news, from details of th Tamir Rice shooting to the Brelo verdict to Cleveland children in danger from lead poisoning, the journalism is impressive and demonstrates a commitment to in-depth investigative journalism. Front page layout, especially photography, is impressive. Special sections are also impressive, Overall, the PD staff produces solid, interesting journalism that serves its public well.

Second Place

Akron Beacon Journal

Staff

The Beacon-Journal also provides important coverage of local news, Its special sections are of note and run the gamut from the Cavs’ season preview to a look at the candidates for mayor. The features writing is very strong and covers a number of interesting topics. Football coverage is should satisfy any fan.

Third Place

The Blade, Toledo

Staff

An overall strong newspaper, The Blade has a particularly good opinion page and columns featuring a variety of voices. Community coverage performs vital public service.