

## **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***Jeffrey 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 soundbites 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- SUN-DAY 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

**Jeffry Konczal**

Business First

**Second Place**

Collection of images

**Dan Trittschuh**

Business First

**PORTRAIT / PERSONALITY PHOTOGRAPHY - ALL OTHERS**

**First Place**

Bob Juniper

**Dan Trittschuh**

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

**Jeffry 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 outstanding 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 outstanding 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 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.*