

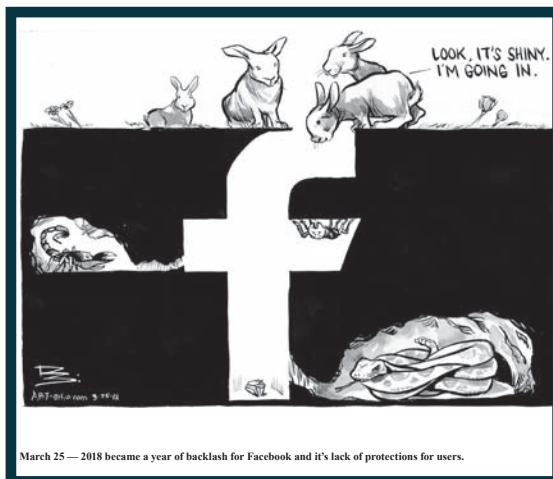
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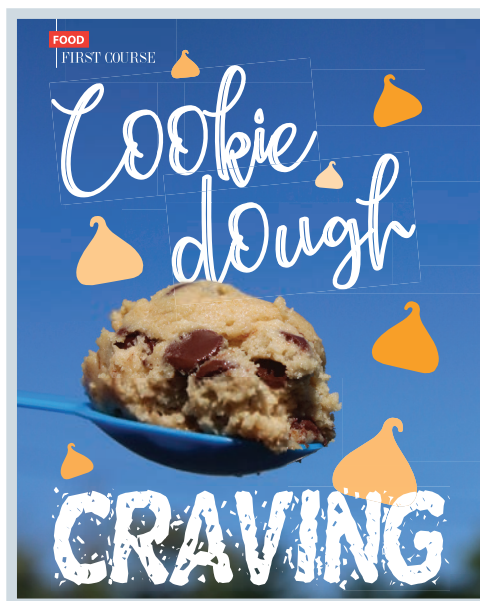
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Gone to the Birds

Kristin Bauer

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David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

WELCOME!

Good evening, and welcome to The Press Club of Cleveland's 41st Excellence in Journalism Awards! We are thrilled to once again celebrate achievements in journalism from across the state of Ohio.

This year, we received 801 entries from all corners of the state, which were judged by Press Club members from across the nation. This year, that includes journalists from Florida, Idaho, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Orange County, San Diego, San Francisco, Southeast Texas, Syracuse and Western Pennsylvania. We do this to reinforce that the judging of our awards is completely objective and independent of our club.

Through this event and other programming throughout the year, The Press Club of Cleveland aims to provide a stage to highlight the best local journalism in Ohio and to reinforce our mission and our message: Journalism matters...now more than ever.

I want to thank our 2019 corporate partner, FirstEnergy, without whom we could not offer our programming and events. And, as always, we thank the House of Blues for being our most excellent host.

Tonight, as we celebrate local journalism and your accolades, please join me in thanking Lee Moran, Press Club board member and chair of the Excellence in Journalism awards committee, who worked tirelessly to organize this event. I also would like to recognize Lynn Bracic, Press Club administrator, who really makes everything we do come to life.

Finally, thank you for doing the kind of journalism that deserves to be in a contest called Excellence in Journalism. We need – and value – your excellent reporting, writing, editing, page design, art work, photography and videography.

We encourage you to keep on keeping on, and please consider joining our organization and connecting with us on social media. Thank you again, congratulations to our winners, and have a wonderful time tonight!

Amy McGahan,
President,
The Press Club of Cleveland

Please take time to connect with us on social media. And, if you are posting about tonight's event, please use the hashtag #pressclubcle!



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STUDENT RUN MEDIA

Best Print Newspaper Story 2 Year/Trade School

First Place

Students bolster local economy

Abigail Doane

Lorain County Community College
This story showed some originality by looking at how the college's students contribute to the local economy by working in various businesses. The quotes are good and help the storytelling quite a bit. Well written and interesting.

Second Place

Scuffle during game brings on investigation

Mark Perez-Krywany

Lorain County Community College
Solid reporting covers a complicated story.

Best Print Sports Story 2 Year/ Trade School

First Place

Scuffle during game brings on investigation

Mark Perez-Krywany

Lorain County Community College
Good reporting breaks down the sequence of the scuffle and the results. Reporter did a good job of including multiple sources.

Second Place

Focus keeps students in the game

Kirsten Hill

Lorain County Community College
Interesting story that not only explains the coach's five points to consider, but gives examples, which makes it relatable for many readers.

Third Place

Controversy in extra innings assists Chargers' sweep

Mark Perez-Krywany

Lorain County Community College
This story does a good job of relating the controversy with lots of good quotes.

Best Print Feature Story Trade/2 Year School

First Place

Overcoming abusive relationships

Jayne Giese

Lorain County Community College
This story is especially powerful because abuse victims shared their stories under their own names. Well written and researched, it included valuable information on signs of abuse and where to go for help.

Second Place

Students bolster local economy

Abigail Doane

Lorain County Community College
An interesting story about how LCCC students contribute to the local economy by working at various businesses. Topic us original.

Third Place

Suicide evokes emotions, guilt

Jay Sigal

Lorain County Community College
Thus story contains valuable information on where there is help for anyone contemplating suicide. It could help save a life.

Best Online Report Trade/ 2 Year School

First Place

Ballinger highlights new challenges

Madelyn Hill

Lorain County Community College
Good summary reporting of the college president's presentation.

Best Print News Story 4 Year School

First Place

Students' concerns prompt review of sexual misconduct policies, resources

Emma Selmon

The Exponent
The newspaper wasn't afraid to devote the space and resources to covering a major campus forum on student concerns about the college's policies on dealing with complaints related to Title IX (sexual assault, discrimination, etc.) It covered college officials' response and presented both sides. Thoroughly reported and well written.

Best Print Sports Story 4 Year School

First Place

Career-ending Injury Doesn't Hinder Bain's Legacy

Tim Miller

Cedars
Well written story about a star basketball player who sustained a serious injury, how he is handling it and how supportive other members of the college have been. An inspiring story without the typical sentimentally usually stresses in such accounts.

Second Place

Transfer Bennett Turns in Record-breaking Year

Tim Miller

Cedars
Good things come in small packages, even on the basketball court. Nicely written with good quotes.

Best Print Feature Story 4 Year School

First Place

Super-Fly Struggles

Callahan Jones

Cedars
An interesting detailed look at the challenges and problems of a an independent business trying to survive in a small town. Good details fill the story. The store may deal with a specialty produce, its situation is mirrored by many other businesses.

Second Place

Baby Wren Comes Home for Christmas

Paolo Carrion

Cedars
This is a human interesting story with a happy ending, yet the writer does a good job of detailing the disappointments the couple faced before and adoption finally became a reality.

BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

General News

Judges comment: Very competitive category.

First Place

Amazon Rising

Terry Troy

Cleveland Magazine's Community Leader

A strong lead pulls the reader in and provides a detailed look at how the land a deserted mall stood on, was transformed into a commercial space that breathed new economic life into an area that desperately needed it. The story unfolds smoothly, thanks to good writing and strong quotes. The story holds the reader's attention— even those not normally readers of stories about business —through the end.

Second Place

Best retail reporting

Dan Eaton

Columbus Business First
This interesting and exhaustive look at the regional retail scene stands out, in part, since it zeros in on some specific businesses. Readers can really learn about the state of local retailers here.

Third Place

Commercial real estate coverage

Tom Demeropolis

Cincinnati Business Courier
A thorough, detailed examination of the local commercial real estate scene.

Features: Personality Profile

First Place

Trash into treasure: Ansir Junaid's curiosity, and lots of pallets, generate success at Prime Woodcraft

Adam Burroughs

Smart Business

Nice writing and an interesting topic. You gave readers more than just a solid profile, you gave them knowledge about an industry they never knew they should be curious about. Good job.

Second Place

A team of Davids: Mike Kahoe turns underdogs into assets as he drives toward \$100M at Group Management Services

Adam Burroughs

Smart Business

Some really good detail writing in this piece. The article was interesting, accessible to all readers (not too much jargon), and nicely reported.

Third Place

Building a Legacy: Steve Germain

Jayne Gest

Smart Business

Loved the lede. You can tell your subject was easy-going and lovely to visit with. You cast him in a light that made readers feel like he was an old friend. Well done.

Features: General

First Place

Urban Acres

Chloe Teasley

Columbus CEO Magazine

Absorbing, well-researched and written article about the promises and perils of rural and urban farming and their future in light of a population increase in Ohio.

Second Place

Craft beer

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

Enlightening article about the craft beer competition and possible glut in Ohio, with comments by a range of craft beer producers.

Features: Package

First Place

Rubber City Rising

Dan Shingler, Susan Walton

Crain's Cleveland Business

This series represents a compelling and entertaining story of revitalization for even someone who isn't from Akron. Well told!

Second Place

Over-the-Rhine redevelopment

Chris Wetterich, Tom Demeropolis

Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

Transportation package

Staff

Columbus CEO Magazine

Features: Trends

Judges comments: This category included many fine entries illuminating various aspects of life in Ohio, with many charts and statistics to illustrate the articles.

First Place

Independent Spirit

Chloe Teasley

Columbus CEO Magazine

Excellent article about the surprising resurgence of independent bookstores amidst the "third wave" of business ventures.

Second Place

Targeting Talent. How Cleveland Can Hit the Mark

Staff

Cleveland Magazine's Community Leader

Fascinating article about the trend to attract talent, along with interesting sidebar profiles of individuals who provide insight, recommendations, and personal histories.

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Third Place

Medical marijuana

Jeremy Nobile

Crain's Cleveland Business

Compelling series of articles detailing the many road bumps to producing pot and opening medical marijuana businesses in Ohio.

Public Service/Investigative

First Place

Columbus' affordable housing problem

Carrie Ghose, Tristan Navera

Columbus Business First

Well-reported! Great use of graphics and variety of voices to convey the scope of your story.

Departments or Columns

First Place

Cincinnati Business Courier

Chris Wetterich columns

Hard-hitting and pointed commentary from a clear perspective.

Second Place

Closing the Gap

Alex Johnson

Smart Business

Third Place

Building Stronger Communities

Jayne Gest

Smart Business

BEST BUSINESS PUBLICATION IN OHIO

First Place

Columbus Business First

Staff

A really nice mix of stories, photos and charts makes this an entertaining read.

Second Place

Crain's Cleveland Business

Staff

Definitely scores well for news and big picture think pieces such as why Pittsburgh has grown faster than Cleveland.

Third Place

Cincinnati Business Courier

Staff

DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Breaking News: Single Story

First Place

The death of Kyle Plush

Sharon Coolidge, Dan Horn, Sarah Brookband

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Very strong and compelling coverage of two tragic events. The first-place entry stood out for its simple, but concise explanation of exactly how the young man died.

Second Place

Kyle Plush death ruled accidental

Hannah Sparling, Dan Horn, Kate Murphy

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

4 minutes, 28 seconds: What happened on Fountain Square

Dan Horn, Sharon Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Breaking News: Consecutive Days- Same Topic

Judges comment: Competition was tight between the first and second place - two excellent examples of breaking news coverage. The Fountain Square shooting coverage was extensive, thorough and well-organized, a real feat for multi-format coverage of a major breaking news event. The Cincinnati Enquirer crew has a lot to be proud of here.

First Place

The Fifth Third shootings

Sharon Coolidge, Dan Horn, Max Londberg, Sarah Brookbank

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

The death of Kyle Plush

Dan Horn, Sharon Coolidge, Alexander Coolidge, Kate Murphy

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Breaking News: Ongoing Coverage

First Place

The death of Kyle Plush

Sharon Coolidge, Dan Horn, Alexander Coolidge, Mike Nygeres

The Cincinnati Enquirer

The Enquirer's coverage of the death of Kyle Plush was more than just a close look at a tragedy - it spurred action by lawmakers and brought much-needed attention to what may be a widespread and deadly defect in a popular car. A laudable series.

Second Place

Fatal Elyria house fire

Carissa Woytach

The Chronicle-Telegram

General News: Single Story

First Place

The Girl Collector

Kevin Grasha, Cameron Knight

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

Lynched in Oxford: Descendant tries to reconcile official, family histories of 1892 killing

Mark Curnutte

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Facial features

Rick Armon

Akron Beacon Journal

General News: Multiple Stories- Same Topic

First Place

You don't leave him. He leaves you.

A four-part series

Kevin Grasha, Cameron Knight

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Extraordinary, exhaustive reporting provides the facts that are woven into novelistic writing that is compelling and chilling.

Second Place

Unrest came home in 1968

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

Clearly, there is so much relevancy to the topic in current times that it calls out for a story like this to incorporate the past into the present. Fascinating, informative.

Third Place

Body of work

Terry DeMio

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Each piece tells its own sad story and details the frustration of dealing with a scourge that seems impossible to prevent and a struggle to overcome.

Features: Personality Profile

Judges comment: This was definitely not easy, great articles in this bunch. Most all of them easily grabbed my attention and kept it throughout the articles.

First Place

He has 20 DUIs. How alcohol ruined George Tribune's life

Keith BieryGolick

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This was definitely a unique and creative perspective on a topic that's covered many times in the news, but this is the first time I've seen the story handled this way. Very amazing.

Second Place

Girl stricken with rare brain infection

Melissa Linebrink

The Chronicle-Telegram

The emotions came through the words of this article, and it accomplished what all good writing should, and that's make you feel something.

Third Place

Greater Cincinnati's Mini-Trump

Keith BieryGolick

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This man is definitely a character, and the article captured his essence. It grabbed you from the start, what a beginning. It held my attention throughout.

Features: General

First Place

Where the gorillas live

Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Beautiful writing, memorable images. I felt the experience of being there.

Second Place

Ghost signs of Cleveland

John Petkovic

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

Cast out

Nicki Gorny

The Blade (Toledo)

Public Service

First Place

The Sex Talk: The conversation that is not happening about campus sexual assault

Kate Murphy, Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Smart, nuanced in its engagement of all shades of this controversy.

Second Place

Side Effects

Marty Schladen, Cathy Candisky, Lucas Sullivan, Darrel Rowland

The Columbus Dispatch

Third Place

Puerto Rico to Lorain

Bruce Walton

The Chronicle-Telegram

Investigative

First Place

The Honda Odyssey and its history of problems

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Terrifying story. Stellar reporting and research went into this. Great presentation all around.

Second Place

FBI cyber division arrest reveals face behind the mask

Amanda Garrett

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Bullying alleged in prosecutors office

Stephanie Warsmith

Akron Beacon Journal

Business

First Place

A child could die: Honda owners warned feds

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

This piece was perfect. Watchdog reporting at its best. It's hard to imagine someone reading this and not feeling called to action to demand reform and accountability.

Second Place

LLC loopholes help property owners avoid taxes, fees

Michelle Jarboe

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

How Ohio failed to keep GM in Lordstown

Jessie Balmert

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Sports

First Place

Articles by Tom Archdeacon

Tom Archdeacon

Dayton Daily News

Impossible to forget the characters Tom brings to life. He jimmed the lock to get his sources to reveal details only a trusted friend could unearth.

Second Place

Muncie and back. Inside a road trip for the Toledo basketball team

Kyle Rowland

The Blade (Toledo)

Exceptional access drives this story. Kyle leaves no stone unturned in his meticulous notetaking and lifts the curtain on what life is like on the road for a mid-high major.

Third Place

1971-1972 Zips formed a bond that will never be ripped apart

Marla Ridenour

Akron Beacon Journal

Marla's sourcing is the best of the entries. She doesn't settle for just covering the luncheon. She goes a layer deeper to contextualize what that magical season meant for all involved.

Arts & Entertainment

First Place

Cleveland Orchestra Sexual Misconduct

Zachary Lewis

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Glitzy show fit for a queen

Lynne Sherwin

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Girls learn to be rock stars

Malcolm Abram

Akron Beacon Journal

Best Section

First Place

Sports Section

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Consistently great coverage of local sports, as well as good design.

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

First Place

The Chronicle-Telegram

The Chronicle-Telegram is the kind of community paper I'd like to read. Full of information on local and national news, along with quirky elements like an advice column.

Second Place

Medina County Gazette

The Medina County Gazette features solid reporting and a well informed opinion section.

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

First Place

Akron Beacon Journal

Akron Beacon Journal does double duty in their editorial commitments. They report the big stories along with everyone else, but they put the stories about their community front and center and that's commendable.

Second Place

The Plain Dealer

The Plain Dealer is everything a newspaper needs to be. Informative, precise, with clean copy and utilitarian design.

DIGITAL MEDIA

Newspaper Website

First Place

cjn.org

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

This site was more colorful, the photos were livelier and larger and the organization was neat.

Second Place

medina-gazette.com

Staff

Medina Gazette

The photography was large, and the organization is average. It follows the trend of mixing up the offerings, while calling out local news at the very top.

Third Place

www.chroniclet.com

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Breaking News Single Story

First Place

Security quickly increased at area synagogues

CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Covering extraordinary news events requires more than just great reporting - there are logistical problems to be managed as well. The Cleveland Jewish News handled both challenges with aplomb in covering the local reaction to the mass shooting at a Pittsburgh synagogue. An excellent example of breaking news coverage.

Second Place

ROBERT 'MENDY' KLEIN: OCT. 16, 1952 – MAY 3, 2018: He was recalled as a 'giant' in philanthropy world

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Breaking News Series

First Place

Stipe Miocic breaks UFC record for consecutive heavyweight title defenses

Matt Florjancic

WKYC

Comprehensive coverage of a record-breaking title fight and what happened next.

Use of Social Media

Judges comment: All of the social media stories were engaging! Excellent job overall.

First Place

Staff

WKSU

Second Place

Applause Performances

Dave DeOreo, Dan Polletta

ideastream

Third Place

Chronicle-Telegram YouTube

Staff

The Chronicle-Telegram

Online Storytelling

First Place

Glenville Shootout: 50 Years Later

Staff

ideastream

Thorough look back at painful moments in Glenville history.

Second Place

Stanford Jennings punt return

Mike Nyerges

Cincinnati.com

Slick video work by a team that clearly loves football history.

Third Place

Kittens do yoga, too

Kristin Bauer, Melissa Linebrink

The Chronicle-Telegram

Lovable coverage firing on all cylinders: words, photos and video.

Podcast

First Place

Episode 127; AP golf writer Doug Ferguson on the final WGC-Bridgestone Invitational in Akron

Tom Valentino, Travis Ulle

The Nail in the Coffin | A Cleveland sports podcast

Second Place

The Donovan Live Postgame Show and Podcast

Dave DeNatale, Jim Donovan,

Dave Hrvatin

WKYC

Third Place

The Mat Report for February 6

Shaun Bennett, Bruce Bishop

The Chronicle-Telegram

Television Website

First Place

WKYC.com

Denise Polverine, Ryan Haidet, Stephanie Metzger, Tyler Carey, Ben Axelrod, Matt Florjancic, Dave DeNatale, Kierra Cotton, Brian Crane

WKYC

Magazine Website

First Place

EyeonOhio.com

Lucia Walinchus, Ben Keith

Eye on Ohio

Second Place

ohiomagazine.com

Staff

Ohio Magazine

Radio News Website

First Place

WKSU.org

Staff

WKSU

Online Feature story

First Place

Johnny Gargano lives out dream as professional wrestler

Matt Florjancic

WKYC

Second Place

The RainForest: A legacy of conservation at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Matt Florjancic

WKYC

Third Place

Cincinnati Art Club: A Hidden Gem

Laura Hobson

aeqai, international online visual arts magazine

Blogs

First Place

Sports business in Northeast Ohio

Kevin Kleps

Crain's Cleveland Business

A great send-off for LeBron James that combines newsy tidbits and sentimental writing.

Analysis

First Place

Ben Axelrod: Baker Mayfield made me - and Cleveland Browns fans everywhere - believers in 2018

Ben Axelrod

WKYC

Loved this look at Baker Mayfield and the reporter's insight into what makes Mayfield great for the Browns.

Second Place

Dman's QB Report: Baker Mayfield Final Grade: A

Dennis Manoloff

Cleveland.com

Excellent, detailed reporting. This is a great series full of interesting info on Baker Mayfield.

Third Place

Remembering a fallen icon

Blade Staff

The Blade (Toledo)

Infographics

First Place

How teen died in Honda Odyssey

Mike Nyerges

Cincinnati.com

Fantastic explanation of an event that would have otherwise been difficult to describe.

BEST WEBSITE IN OHIO

First Place

cjn.org

Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Exciting layout and easy navigation. The website allows for a nice overview along with being easy to drill down when necessary.



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Shaker Heights, Ohio

The Plain Dealer congratulates its 2019 All-Ohio Excellence in Journalism award winners:

Lisa DeJong
Rachel Dissell
Susan Glaser
Michelle Jarboe

Kathryn Kroll
Zachary Lewis
Steven Litt
James McCarty

John Petkovic
Terry Pluto
George Rodrigue
Mary Lou Sneyd

THE PLAIN DEALER

Second Place

www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati

Erin Caproni

Cincinnati Business Courier

Third Place

sbnonline.com

Staff

Smart Business

PHOTOGRAPHY DAILY NEWSPAPER

Spot News - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Moment of devastation

Kareem Elgazzar

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

Fire destroys home

Steven Manheim

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

The shock of mass murder

Cara Owsley

The Cincinnati Enquirer

General News - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Gun rights march

Phil Masturzo

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Shock of terror

Cara Owsley

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Filling out ballot

Mike Cardew

Akron Beacon Journal

Sports - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Game winner

Sam Greene

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

Punched in the face

Kareem Elgazzar

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Taken down

Phil Masturzo

Akron Beacon Journal

General Feature - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Forgotten man

Albert Cesare

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Haunting and evocative.

Second Place

As the sun sets

Albert Cesare

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Third Place

Walk With A View

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Studio Photography - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Reds Picture Day

Sam Greene

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Great variety in the angles and each one highly evocative.

Second Place

Damn the Witch Siren

Tim Johnson

Columbus Alive

Seductive and original.

Third Place

Cincinnati Dining

Kareem Elgazzar

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Portrait / Personality Photography - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Flutists

Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Striking, interesting and original.

Second Place

The Face

Lisa DeJong

The Plain Dealer

It starts with the face, but then you notice the symbolism surrounding it.

Third Place

Mohammed Bah

Sam Greene

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Photo Journalism - Daily Newspaper

First Place

Todd Portune's morning

Kareem Elgazzar

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place

The Over-the-Rhine Rhinos

Meg Vogel

The Cincinnati Enquirer

PHOTOGRAPHY ALL OTHERS

General Photo Single image

First Place

The King's Abdication

David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

General Photo - Multiple Images

First Place

Best Dressed

Clarissa Westmeyer,

Melissa McClelland

Edible Cleveland

Studio Photography - All Others

First Place

Cookie Dough Craving

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News

Photo Journalism - All Others

First Place

Seeking Sanctuary

Tim Johnson

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Hallow's Eve LookBook

Kim Stahnke

Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

Pictorial - All Other

First Place

Pastoral

Shane Wynn

Edible Cleveland

Second Place

Gone to the Birds

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Perfect Harmony

Jane Rogers

Ohio Gardener

GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES

News

First Place

Seeking Sanctuary

Suzanne Goldsmith

Columbus Monthly

A timely and concise entry exploring an issue of national concern on a local level, this article gives the reader valuable documented information while drawing them in with multi-layered character commentary.

Second Place

Adoption Together

Angela Gartner

Northeast Ohio Parent magazine
Informative and well-researched with sufficient coverage documenting multiple perspectives of the outlined issue.

Third Place

Chain Reaction

Sheehan Hannan

Cleveland Magazine
As entertaining as the submission is, the only recommendation I can give is to solidify the main point of the article early on.

Features: Personality Profile

First Place

Mike DiSabato's War

Dave Ghose

Columbus Monthly

Second Place

Life Well Lived

Abby Burton

Cleveland Magazine

Third Place

Crunching the Numbers

Gil Kaufman

Cincinnati Magazine

Features: General

First Place

Sandwich tzedakah

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News
Very touching story, excellent story-telling and writing.

Second Place

Repairing (literally) the world

Amanda Koehn

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Wonder Women

Kelly Petryszyn, Sharon Best

akronlife magazine

Features: Consumer

First Place

Best Doctors

Staff

Cleveland Magazine
An excellent work of deep, heart-wrenching features on a subject still seen by many as taboo. In particular, the piece on the Jaworski family was masterful.

Second Place

Street Eats

Staff

Cincinnati Magazine
The photography and illustrations in this piece were absolutely incredible. It brought back shades of the now-shuttered Lucky Peach magazine. Bright, whimsical, bold and delicious.

Third Place

Guide to Good

Staff

Cleveland Magazine

It's always pleasing to read stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. This feature tied six of their stories together into one well-crafted uplifting package.

Features: Art

First Place

20 Reasons Why Our Music Scene Rocks

Staff

Cleveland Magazine

Excellent profiles of present-day musicians, combined with a compelling history of the music scene. Wonderful design.

Second Place

Change Agents

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News
Good survey of a wide range of artists, capturing a current snapshot of their careers.

Third Place

Chuck Cleaver Is Still Here

Justin Williams

Cincinnati Magazine

A lively profile of a unique person.

Sports

First Place

The '68 Season

Barry Goodrich

Ohio Magazine
A strong reporting effort to track down eight figures who played for Woody Hayes.

Second Place

Game Changer

Vince Guerrieri

Ohio Magazine
I'd never have thought to produce a feature on the creator of the scorecard. I'm glad the author did.

Food

First Place

Family Style

Staff

Ohio Magazine

Second Place

Tastemakers 2018

Staff

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Twist on tradition

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News

Public Service/Investigative

First Place

Fight Of Their Lives

Rebecca Meiser

Cleveland Magazine
Sensitive and thorough coverage of one family's fight to get help for their son.

Departments or Columns

First Place

Welcome to Middlehood

Judi Ketteler

Cincinnati Magazine
Fabulous writing that is intensely personal; the writer's unique voice resonates as clear as a bell.

Second Place

Good News, Dad News

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Lake Effect

Staff

Cleveland Magazine

BEST MAGAZINE IN OHIO

First Place

CAN Journal

Michael Gill, JoAnn Dickey

Second Place

Edible Cleveland

Noelle Celeste, Kathy Ames Carr, Lisa Sands, Laura Watilo Blake

Third Place

Cleveland Magazine

Staff

NON-DAILY NEWSPAPERS

Breaking News

First Place

Pittsburgh #StrongerThanHate

CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News
Sensitive, timely, and comprehensive coverage of a tragedy that affected Jewish communities around the country.

Features: Personality Profile

Judges comment: Great pieces all of them. Definitely got to know these people through the great words from the writer.

First Place

Who was Donna Dalton?

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Alive
Such a compelling read, really got to know the subject through the interviews with family and friends.

Second Place

MeiRo Potter brings advocacy for homeless youth to Africa

Erica Thompson

Columbus Alive

Writer captured this inspiring story so well, let us feel what the subject was going through.

Third Place

Hoffman set to pass the torch as Federation president

Alyssa Schmitt

Cleveland Jewish News

Article captured Mr. Hoffman's legacy to his community very well.

Features: General

First Place

Magical Realism: 12 Hours at The Mercantile Library, Cincinnati's Own Room of Requirement

Zachary Petit

Cincinnati City Beat

This was really an amazing article. It had everything I wanted, a well-drawn sense of place and good quotes.

Second Place

Cleveland Conversion Connection

Amanda Koehn

Cleveland Jewish News

I really liked this article. I think it needed a few more quotes to underline what a process it is.

Third Place

The making of Ambrose and Eve

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Nice job.

Public Service

Judges comment: All entries highlight professional writing. Thanks to all you entered the competition. Keep up the good work!

First Place

Behind Franklin County's high eviction rate

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Alive

With homelessness a growing national problem this is a current and compelling story.

Second Place

The roots of Columbus' ongoing color divide

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Alive

The history of a city that reflects today's race relations.

Third Place

Brecksville-Broadview Heights schools review, seek to improve security in aftermath of mass shootings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School

Bob Sandrick

Sun News

Student shooting are a national concern. How to help prevent is the story of the day.

Arts & Entertainment

First Place

The Hick-Hop Conundrum

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Second Place

Magical Realism: 12 Hours at The Mercantile Library, Cincinnati's Own Room of Requirement

Zachary Petit

Cincinnati City Beat

Third Place

Local black 'Lady Wrestler' highlighted in new film

Erica Thompson

Columbus Alive

Community / Local Coverage

First Place

Crisis Pregnancy Centers under scrutiny

Erica Thompson

Columbus Alive

Second Place

Community in Crisis: Can Wedgewood Village rebound from a violent 2017?

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Section

First Place

Local News

CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Good mix of features and local news.

PHOTOGRAPHY NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

General News

First Place

Great Oaks

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place

Felicia DeRosa

Tim Johnson

Columbus Alive

General Feature -

Non-Daily Newspaper

First Place

Christian Gill

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place

Kashis Keyz

Rob Hardin

Columbus Alive

Studio Photography - Non-Daily Newspaper

First Place

Climb Awards 2018

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place

Joe Camerlengo

Rob Hardin

Columbus Alive

BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER

First Place

Cleveland Jewish News

CJN Staff

Solid coverage with a balance of news, features, columns and lifestyle content all packaged with clean layout. Excellent work.

Second Place

Heights Observer

The Heights Observer Staff and Community

Not a conventional newspaper but a well-crafted example of citizen volunteers demonstrating why local news coverage is critical for communities. A healthy array of advertising ensuring survival is welcome to see, too.

BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: ALTERNATIVES

First Place

Staff

Cincinnati Business Courier

Although it's primarily a business publication, there's plenty to engage a wide variety of readers, including features, news and, of course, the well-read lists. A healthy blend of coverage.

Second Place

Staff

Columbus Alive

A lively, smartly presented publication. Great use of photography. Nice mix of music, food and culture coverage. Provocative features.

OPEN

Medical / Health Writing

First Place

Side Effects

Lucas Sullivan, Cathy Candisky, Darrel Rowland, Marty Schladen

The Columbus Dispatch

This is what journalism does best—opens the public's eyes by doing its best. The fact that middlemen businesses are making millions more than they should by administering the Ohio Medicaid program is a serious breach of public trust. The problem is presented through facts and figures and is a major public service. Good writing and reporting throughout.

Second Place

Independent docs still see a path to success

Lydia Coutré

Crain's Cleveland Business

This interesting and informative story takes a detailed look at area doctors who have chosen to practice independently as opposed to through hospital affiliations. The pros and cons of such arrangements are detailed and doctors share their own challenges and thoughts about being independent. The topic is explored through this informative piece.

Third Place

The Fighter

Chris Gaitten

Columbus Monthly

This in-depth story of a man who has been battling Alzheimer's disease is powerful and inspirational. Reporter had rare access to all aspects of his life and vividly showed his challenges and triumphs as he battles the disease. The subject is treated with dignity, which makes it even more memorable.

Technology Writing

First Place

All In

Dave Ghose

Columbus CEO Magazine

Second Place

Wind turbines in Sandusky, Seneca counties get mixed reception

Daniel Carson

The News-Messenger (Fremont)

Third Place

The delicate dance of tech startups

Chuck Soder

Crain's Cleveland Business

Politics / Government Writing

First Place

Kasich

Jim Vickers

Ohio Magazine

Jim Vickers offers an excellent look into the political life of former Governor John Kasich. Vickers gives his readers a deeper insight into Kasich with an easy and enjoyable read that defines the man, his motivation through his past into his present candidacy while giving insight into Kasich's future goals. Would that every candidate be presented in the manner Vickers has done with Kasich!

Second Place

The campaign for heart, minds - and stomachs

Darrel Rowland

The Columbus Dispatch

Darrel Rowland has brilliantly taken his readers along into candidates' daily push on the campaign trail! His shared experiences of the candidates in the search for voters is a delight. He gives the reader a view from the "other side" - one of eating endless treats, handing out cookbooks all the while having to answer to voters without the benefit of a prompter. Rowland opens the door to the behind the scenes real world art of campaigning while presenting each candidate in a fresh, new perspective. Well done!



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Third Place

Housing the homeless a challenge

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

Doug Livingston article puts a human face to government policies vs humanitarian efforts to help those who are homeless. His interviews and photographs of those who are currently in the midst of the political battle are compelling. From the man who has given his land for the Tent City, social service agencies and the city commissioners, Rowland has presented the human face of homelessness and the conflicting issues and difficulties in finding solutions to this human problem.

Data Journalism

First Place

Side Effects

Darrel Rowland, Lucas Sullivan, Rachel Kilroy

The Columbus Dispatch

A thorough and exhaustive analysis of a complete subject, pharmacy benefit managers, and their role in drug prices. A significant public service and in-depth treatment rarely seen in contemporary journalism!

Second Place

Unlike Neighboring States, Ohio Lacks Transparent, Merit Process For Debt Collection Outsourcing; Campaign Contributors Much More Likely To Get Contracts

James McNair

Eye on Ohio

Third Place

Rape kits: A follow-up

Rachel Dissell

The Plain Dealer

BEST IN OHIO: PHOTOGRAPHER

Judges comment: This category is very competitive. The three top selections displayed unique angles, diversity of composition, good timing and great light. Thank you.

First Place

Kristin Bauer

The Chronicle-Telegram

Second Place

Lisa DeJong

The Plain Dealer

Third Place

Corrie Schaffeld

Cincinnati Business Courier

BEST IN OHIO: STAFF REPORTER

First Place

Sheehan Hannan

Cleveland Magazine

Second Place

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Alive

Third Place

Stephanie Warsmith

Akron Beacon Journal

BEST IN OHIO: FREELANCE WRITER

First Place

Various

Vince Guerrieri

The diversity of subjects in Vince Guerrieri's writing stand out in excellence. Guerrieri brings perspective of job losses in the auto industry and the impact to people and businesses in local communities. When about the excitement of divers discovering what they believe to be The Serpent (a ship lost in Lake Erie in 1829) or why baseball players prefer bats made of maple, Guerrieri entertains and educates his readers at the same time. His use of video, visuals and photographs bring each article to life and leave the reader wanting to know more about his subjects. Vince Guerrieri has laid forth a road map for success for freelance writers and has earned the No. 1 place in the Freelance Writer category. Congratulations!

Second Place

Look Back, Elyria

Marci Rich

Marci Rich takes her readers on a trip down memory lane with her colorful tales of Elyria's local history. From the women who worked in budding telephone industry to a child's trip to the local corner store, Rich gives her readers the sense of being there. Rich takes that step back to another time when she describes the rise and demise of the local movie theaters as well as her childhood memories of the first trip to the library. Her description of the Cascade Park and those who lovingly kept its inhabitants, the local bears, safe imparts a sense of innocence. Rich's love of her town shines throughout her writing.

Third Place

Lovers of Ohio Wildflowers have a natural bond with Georgia O'Keeffe, Living Museum, Pattern Recognition, Treasure Hunters, Catching Light

Jill Sell

Jill Sell introduces her readers to the scientific, craft, historical and artistic landscape in Ohio. Her vivid descriptions of the Museum of Natural History in Cleveland bring the Museum to life for the reader. She introduces the Cleveland artist and her loom-making and shares how a treasure hunter in Columbus ended up opened an architectural salvage yard. Rich brings to light the hundred year old Franklin Art Glass Studios in Columbus tasked with the repair and preservation of damaged stained glass windows as well as sharing with a new generation how to work glass. Sell's writings and photographs bring the artists in Ohio to life in her well written, illuminating articles.

General News Column

First Place

Baseball dreams really do come true

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

History Repeats Itself

Stefanie Valentic

EHS Today

Sports Column

First Place

Jim Thome: The making of Cleveland Indians Hall of Famer

Terry Pluto

The Plain Dealer

This was far-and-away the winner. From the opening scene this recap of Thome's Hall-of-Fame career included unique anecdotes that pulled you through the story. In addition to the opener, I enjoyed the snapshot of Thome's subdued reaction to his basketball success as a portrait of his famed humble approach.

Second Place

Columns by Tom Archdeacon

Tom Archdeacon

Dayton Daily News

It would have been easy to tell the story the same way ESPN did, seeing the former player in a wheelchair This story took a different approach, delving into the relationship born from tragedy.

Third Place

Straight Jackets: A frustrating start

Jim Fischer

Columbus Alive

There is nothing more boring then a mediocre team. This column had a little bit of fun with it all, which isn't an easy thing to do.

Business Column

First Place

Lending circles fulfill dreams

Betty Lin-Fisher

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Tips From The Top

Michael Feuer

Smart Business

Lifestyle

First Place

There's no one like Mom to share big news

Robin Swoboda

Akron Beacon Journal

Robin Swoboda's prose is a pleasure to read even when, as in this case, it deals with a life and death struggle, loss of a loved one and troubling memories. Her clean, fresh style is the sugar that makes the medicine go down.

Second Place

Sexual assault denies humanity of women

Holly Christensen

Akron Beacon Journal

The author stands above the current political ruckus to bring a larger and deeply thoughtful context to the MeToo movement and the need for it.

Third Place

Read it and weep at doctor's office

Robin Swoboda

Akron Beacon Journal

In the author's hands, a personal incident becomes a parable on aging woven into popular culture in a clean, unaffected and enjoyable writing style.

BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN

Judges comment: Great writers covering a wide variety of topics. The columns category ranges in entries across all sections and genres. Extremely competitive category and all the columnists give great perspective.

First Place

Jim Ingraham

The Chronicle-Telegram

Setting the standard in sports journalism. The columns are insightful and go into good analysis, something we are lacking today.

Second Place

Songs & Stories by David Budin

David Budin

Heights Observer

Witty, real and sincere insights given into the life of a true independent. So enjoyable and inspiring.

Third Place

Rini Jeffers

The Chronicle-Telegram

With very tough competition in other areas, the entries by this columnist found the "interesting" in every day life. Very enjoyable and insightful for the readers.

HEADLINE WRITING NEWSPAPERS (DAILY & NON DAILY)

Judges comment: Some good entries here, tough to decide as all were worthy, but these three really stood out. Kudos to these headline writers!

First Place

Here's looking at Hue

Mark Price

Akron Beacon Journal

Clever word play, short and succinct!

Second Place

Centenarian puts his mettle to the pedals

Jerry Petersen

The Blade (Toledo)

Nice blend of words on a tough challenge!

Third Place

Paighton's place: Avon Lake senior Masterson continues dominance on home course

Vince Guerrieri

The Chronicle-Telegram

This is an attention-getter, will draw readers in!

BEST IN OHIO: HEADLINE WRITING

Judges comment: Extremely tough category but the winners had consistently strong and catchy headlines.

First Place

Mark J. Price

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Banking on LeBron; The Son also rises; Sox make great presents; O.P. or O.T., it's just B.A.D; Just a tying shame.

Kevin Aprile

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Bob Jacob

Cleveland Jewish News

Headline Writing All Other Publications

First Place

Our Animosity to Adiposity

Roderick L. Ingram Sr.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Great alliteration for first place winner.

Second Place

The United Silence of America

Roderick L. Ingram Sr.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place

The Smokey Robinson | Society Lounge's Winter Talisman

Kathy Ames Carr

Edible Cleveland

Headline Writing - Online

Judges comment: All headlines did what they were suppose to do. But the headline connection to the story was best served in the order of you see here.

First Place

"PETA's claws come out over Brookdale community's activities"

Lois Bowers, Ronald Rajecki

McKnight's Senior Living

Hard to beat the connection between PETA and real claws.

Second Place

The Smokey Robinson: Society Lounge's Winter Talisman

Kathy Ames Carr

Edible Cleveland

Headline was a good fit for picture that went with story.

Third Place

"Senior living CEO gives himself a pink slip to try to push community into the black"

Lois Bowers

McKnight's Senior Living

Reviews/Criticism

First Place

Call to action: HEDGE Gallery's 'Don't Be Still' stirs emotions, spurs conversation about gender inequality

Michael C. Butz

Cleveland Jewish News

Enjoyed reading this very much. Review made me want to immediately visit this exhibit. Well done.

Second Place

CPH leads with expressionistic, heavyweight drama 'The Royale'

Bob Abelman

Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place

Saluting newspaper movies

Clint O'Connor

Akron Beacon Journal

BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place

Steven Litt

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

Third Place

Bob Abelman

Cleveland Jewish News

Single Essay

First Place

RFK brought a message of healing to Cleveland in wake of King's death

Richard Perloff

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Amma's Sri Lankan Dhal Curry

Udenie Madanayake, Shane Wynn

Edible Cleveland

Third Place

Choosing Life

Kate Bigam

Cleveland Magazine

BEST IN OHIO: ESSAY WRITING

Judges comment: All the entrants had wonderful essays that deserve to be read widely, making the category a hard one to judge and select three winners.

First Place

Richard Perloff

The Plain Dealer

Outstanding, top-notch essays by Perloff on Robert F. Kennedy, political divisiveness, and the impact of the Tet Offensive during the Vietnam War.

Second Place

Bob Dyer

Akron Beacon Journal

Dyer's varied, and oftentimes humorous, essays on the myth of chemtrails, over-engineering of products, and the military lottery draft are well-written and informative.

Third Place

Chuck Yarbrough

The Plain Dealer

Yarbrough's essays on music, especially the poignant one about Glen Campbell's ability to play live despite having Alzheimer's, are effective and well-done.

OBITUARY

First Place

Jenny Mae: 1968-2017

Joel Oliphint

Columbus Alive

A thoroughly enjoyable read despite thorny issues and varying accounts of the subject's substance abuse. Great storytelling.

Second Place

Notorious Cleveland bank robber dies at 89

James McCarty

The Plain Dealer

A neat story filled with surprises. Concise and well-written. Felt like I learned something new from reading this.

Third Place

Popular Akron jazz voice silenced

Malcolm Abram

Akron Beacon Journal

Descriptive writing and lively anecdotes set this apart from difficult competition.

Single Editorial

Judges comment: A very good collection of opinion pieces. There was something valuable in each one of them for the readers. These three pieces still stood out; their writers really stepped up!

First Place

Hickey did it, they hid it

Staff

The Blade (Toledo)

Second Place

Urban Meyer under fire

Brad Dicken

The Chronicle-Telegram

Third Place

Opinion: Sleepless over the trauma of separated families

Bonnie Jean Feldkamp

The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL

First Place

Michael Douglas

Akron Beacon Journal

Michael Douglas writes with excellent framing of arguments and presenting good background to explain his views. He offers his readers historical perspective to articulate his positions. Douglas educates his readers while presenting strong arguments to support his views! Congratulations to Michael Douglas for his superb writing!

Second Place

Scott Suttell

Crain's Cleveland Business

Crain Business editorials offer excellent arguments with sourced links to encourage the readers to engage in further independent research! Well done!

Third Place

Bonnie Jean Feldkamp

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Bonnie Jean Feldkamp brings her personal and compelling knowledge into her well-written editorials! Congratulations for her informative and excellent presentations!

Analysis

First Place

Copley couple torn apart by deportation

Rick Armon

Akron Beacon Journal

Nice lede. Interesting read that left us wondering if the Furmans had been reunited in the U.S. As you are well aware, it's good to leave readers wanting more. Kudos!

Second Place

Path to diploma blocked for some

Doug Livingston

Akron Beacon Journal

Important story with some nice detail writing.

Third Place

CBC 2018 Election Analysis

Chris Wetterich

Cincinnati Business Courier

Food Writing

First Place

The Future of Ancient Einkorn

Steve Corso

Edible Cleveland

A phenomenal exploration of an ancient grain and the current state of agriculture.

Second Place

The making of Ambrose and Eve

Andy Downing

Columbus Alive

This was a delightfully unexpected write-up of a restaurant opening. Great work.

Third Place

Feeding a Need

Lisa Roberson

The Chronicle-Telegram

Fantastic research and reporting on an important topic.

Travel Writing

First Place

Iceland in 5 days

Susan Glaser

The Plain Dealer

This will really help someone plan a trip to Iceland.

Second Place

Camp Ohio

Staff

Ohio Magazine

This will help anyone planning to camp in Ohio.

Third Place

A look back at 20 years of traveling

Bob Downing

Akron Beacon Journal

I really liked the intro to this, and you did a great job mentioning your favorite and most memorable trips.

RADIO

News

First Place

Judges May Be Powerful, But Judicial Races Fly Under The Radar

Nick Castele

ideastream

Good explanation of the problems with getting people to understand and vote in judicial races and efforts to improve the process. Crisp writing and pace, easy to follow, logical layout of facts, strong delivery, good variety of voices.

Second Place

EBay Finds Akron's Jugglers,

Beekeepers and Artists

M.L. Schultz

WKSU

Interesting subject: the changing needs of artisans, consumers and the retailers who bring them together.

On-going Coverage

First Place

Amer Adi Deportation

M.L. Schultz

WKSU

Clear and compelling story. Powerful.

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Second Place

"Pro-Gun Kasich Suddenly Pivots In His Last Year As Governor"

Karen Kasler, Andy Chow

Ohio Public Radio

Interesting

Third Place

"Cordray v. DeWine - 2018 Race for Governor"

Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

Public Service

First Place

Navigating the Path to Mental Health

WKSU Staff

WKSU

Second Place

"Ohio's Opioid Crisis: Connecting To Care"

Jo Ingles, Andy Chow, Karen Kasler, Daniel Konik

Ohio Public Radio

Third Place

"Analyzing the Ohio '18 Vote"

Karen Kasler, Andy Chow

Ohio Public Radio

In-Depth Coverage

First Place

The Toxic Stress and Trauma from Gun Violence Takes a Toll On Health of Cleveland Communities And "Cleveland Communities Caught in Crossfire of Gun Violence Search for Solutions"

Marlene Harris-Taylor

ideastream

Heart-breaking.

Second Place

"Eight Years Of Gov. John Kasich: Changes In Tone And Ideas"

Karen Kasler

Ohio Public Radio

Insightful.

Third Place

Industry 4.0 in Cleveland

Jeff St. Clair

WKSU

Human Interest

First Place

Local Foodies Have Found the Next Big Thing: Gas Station Hummus

Amy Eddings

ideastream

Classic "driveway moment" story that keeps the listener intrigued and wanting to learn more. Fascinating subject that educates and entertains. Delivery and pacing of the writing are spot-on. Impressive that the story takes us to so many places and introduces so many flavors in such a short time! An easy pick for first place.

Second Place

Project D.R.E.W. Helps Veterans Heal Through Song

Amanda Rabinowitz

WKSU

Interesting subject and nice variety of voices. I would have liked to have heard longer segments of the music and learned more about how the songwriters were able to coax personal stories from the veterans.

Use of Sound

First Place

A New Kind of Wooden Coaster Twists and Turns at Cedar Point

Mark Arehart

WKSU

Use of sound transports listener to the roller coaster with the reporter; story examines interesting roller coaster technology.

Second Place

How Lawson's, a Small Ohio Dairy, Became a Japanese Retail Giant

Adian Ma

ideastream

Easy to listen to, fun quirky story with nice vintage audio clip.

News Writing

First Place

Blockland Backers Dream of a Cleveland Tech Mecca

Jeff St. Clair

WKSU

Second Place

Sound of Ideas: Crowdsourced Graduation Advice

Mike McIntyre, Rachel Rood

ideastream

Radio/Podcast Show

First Place

Sound of Ideas: Tackling Youth Violence in Cleveland

Mike McIntyre, Leigh Barr,

Lisa Ryan

ideastream

BEST RADIO NEWSCAST IN OHIO IN A MAJOR MARKET: (CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS OR CINCINNATI)

First Place

WKSU Newscasts

Amanda Rabinowitz, Jeff St. Clair

WKSU

TELEVISION

News

First Place

Pet Food Law Investigation

Maia Belay, Ali Ghanbari

WJW Fox 8

Interesting story, compelling subject matter, really well shot and edited. Good stuff.

Second Place

Heroin Hearts

Kay Colby

ideastream

Third Place

Scott Noll Daily Digging

Scott Noll

WEWS-TV 5

On-Going Coverage

First Place

UH Fertility Clinic Failure

Monica Robins

WKYC

Really strong reporting. In the initial story, the reporter wasn't afraid to lay out what she didn't know yet. Then the reporter anticipated every question I had as a viewer, and answered it. Smart, compelling, done with heart, this is excellent reporting.

Second Place

Thrown Under The Bus; Taxpayers and the RTA

Bill Sheil, Chris Reece,

Mary Stiene, Andy Fishman

WJW Fox 8

Third Place

Kaylie's Gifts

Alexis Rogers, Brandon Oubre,

Christina Rule

WLWT

Public Service

First Place

Cleveland students visit therapeutic horse farm to cope with trauma

Shannon Kantner Cassilo

Cleveland Metropolitan School District

Second Place

Hough Reads / Promise Reads

Margaret Bernstein

WKYC-TV

Third Place

"Over Dose Organ Donation"

Robert Busby, Alexis Rogers

WLWT-TV

Human Interest

Judges comment: We actually involved a ton of judges in this category because we felt there were four entries good enough to win. Ultimately, we came up with a point system and Graffiti Artist and His Crew won by a very close vote. Honor Flight deserves mention as an extremely close 4th Place finisher.

First Place

Graffiti Artist and His Crew Return to Cleveland to Create a Mural

Mary Fecteau, David C. Barnett

ideastream

Beautifully laid out and executed. Great pics, great sound, really interesting story. Judges loved the history lesson.

Second Place

"Down School For Troubled Youth"

Robert Busby, Brian Hamrick

WLWT-TV

Third Place

Cleveland's Murals: Exposing Hidden Corners of the City & Boosting Business

Sia Nyorkor, Misty Stiver, Devin Lamb, Holly Sechrist

WOIO-TV

Sports Report or Commentary

First Place

No Excuses 'Zion Story'

P. J. Ziegler, Ali Ghanbari

WJW-TV

Really well shot and edited, great reveal on the lack of legs. Really well done story, loved it.

Second Place

"Just Don't Call It Ping Pong"

Robert Busby, Alexis Rogers

WLWT-TV

Third Place

A Surprise Touchdown

Reggie Wilson, Todd Meadows

WKEF/WRGT

Spot News Videography

First Place

Ashland Amish Accident

Ali Ghanbari

WJW-TV

Interesting shots, nice variety of angles and depths, and really well edited together. Excellent job.

Second Place

"Trenton Shooting Suspect"

Robert Busby, Courtis Fuller

WLWT-TV

Feature Photography

First Place

The Mural Wall

Ali Ghanbari

WJW-TV

Beautifully shot and edited. Every shot helped make the mural the star – which was the point. Really well done.

Second Place

Oh, Say Can You See...

Ali Ghanbari

WJW-TV

Third Place

"Just Don't Call It Ping Pong"

Robert Busby

WLWT-TV

Television Show

First Place

Ideas: December 24, 2018

Stephanie Jarvis, Gabriel Kramer, Mary Fecteau, Amy Cummings

ideastream

Second Place

"The State of Ohio"

Karen Kasler, Daniel Konik,

Jo Ingles, Andy Chow

Ohio Public Radio

Best Weathercast

First Place

WWFD? What will Florence do (to our weekend forecast)? Betsy Kling, Chief Meteorologist

Betsy Kling

WKYC

Clear, easy to understand. Really well done. Terrific weather presentation overall.

BEST TELEVISION NEWSCAST IN OHIO IN A MAJOR MARKET: (CLEVELAND- COLUMBUS OR CINCINNATI)

First Place

Andy Fishman, Marc Singer, Jessica Bateman, Bryan Gruden

WJW Fox 8

Great pictures right off the top, solid reporting. The big tornado story was handled really well, but then this newscast had so much more. Terrific broadcast overall.

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

Trade Report

First Place

Impact of tariffs, trade

Miles Moore

Rubber & Plastics News

Thoroughly researched, informative and well presented about the impact of tariffs.

Second Place

The United Silence of America
A well needed "talk" about mental illness in America.

Roderick L. Ingram Sr.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place

Gates goes public

Kyle Brown

Rubber & Plastics News

Features: Personality Profile

First Place

Reflecting with Marie-Joelle Khouzam

RJ Smith

Super Lawyers Magazine

Second Place

RPN Executive of the Year

Chris Sweeney

Rubber & Plastics News

Third Place

Stuck sticks with rubber industry

Bruce Meyer

Rubber & Plastics News

Features: General

First Place

Solid Development: Silica-based additive could change concrete industry

Bruce Meyer

Rubber & Plastics News

Second Place

Oral health a concern for providers to chew on

Tom Valentino

Addiction Professional

Third Place

Custom Rubber ready to develop next generation

Kyle Brown

Rubber & Plastics News

Features: Special Section/Package

First Place

Game Changing Technology

Chris Sweeney

Rubber & Plastics News

Great writing and reporting on a topic that might at first glance seem less than exciting. Nice use of graphics and photos to support the reporting.

Second Place

Lasting Legacies

Kathleen Osborne

Hathaway Brown

Features: Trends

First Place

Women in Surgery: A Rising Tide

Elaine Guregian

Northeast Ohio Medical University

The opening grafts laid the groundwork, leading to the interesting personal stories of the surgeons and how they made their way into the OR.

Second Place

Cryptocurrencies could be catching on

Tom Valentino

Behavioral Healthcare Executive

Bitcoin! Well-written, easy-to-understand explanation of how it works and the treatment center willing to take a chance on it for its patients.

Third Place

How Pre-task Exercises Build a Strong Safety Core

Stefanie Valentic

EHS Today

The information is nicely presented and very readable.

Departments or Columns

First Place

Finding Time for Reflection

Elaine Guregian

Northeast Ohio Medical University

The writer conveys meaning and emotion through her descriptive, yet economical writing style. Good use of quotes, especially in the longer piece. She succeeds in writing about cadavers and dissection in a way that conveys the patients' dignity and students' humanity, and without "grossing out" the lay reader. That's no mean feat.

Second Place

The College Store Editorial

Michael von Glahn

The College Store Magazine

The writer offers advice/food for thought tailored to his audience in college retail. The editorials have a rhythm -- a beginning, a middle and an ending that sums up the moral of the story. I can hear the writer's inquisitive, authoritative voice in these pieces.

Third Place

Editor's Viewpoint

Bruce Meyer

Rubber & Plastics News

The writer displays deep knowledge of the rubber industry and its players, providing some "inside baseball" for his readers in the trade. His writing is clear and straightforward.

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO

First Place

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Elaine Guregian, Scott J. Rutan,

Roderick L. Ingram

Great Design! Visually dynamic with great illustrations, etc.

Second Place

HB Magazine

Kathleen Osborne, Vanessa Butler

Hathaway Brown

VISUALS

Single Cartoon

First Place

Midterm elections: Darcy cartoon

Jeff Darcy

Cleveland.com

Second Place

Facebook backlash

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place

Reluctant debate candidates

Rich Williams

Crain's Cleveland Business

BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING

First Place

Kirk Walters

The Blade (Toledo)

Incisive cartoons that will make you laugh as you understand the serious points at the same time.

Second Place

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

Good range of topics covered in these biting cartoons.

Third Place

Rich Williams

Crain's Cleveland Business

Well-drawn and effective cartoons.

Illustration Single image

First Place

Birth Control

Tom Fisher

The Blade (Toledo)

Clever, well-done illustration.

Second Place

Power Struggle

David Kordalski, John Ferguson,

Dan Shingler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place

Bobby Awards

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

Multiple Illustrations for One Story- All Publications

First Place

Bobby Awards

Brian Shellito

Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place

Haslam Family Matters

David Kordalski, Michael Hogue

Crain's Cleveland Business

BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION ALL PUBLICATIONS

First Place

David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

Second Place

Tom Fisher

The Blade (Toledo)

Third Place

Chris Morris

The Plain Dealer

INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

Gerrymandering in Ohio

Mike Nyerges

Cincinnati Enquirer

This video infographic is easy to listen to, concise and self explanatory. The combination of easy to understand graphics with verbal explanations is a winner!

Second Place

The New High Street

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus CEO Magazine

This infographic using photos, graphics and text gives the viewer all one needs to understand the neighborhood. The potential buyer gets the big picture of the community. Nice!

BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS

First Place

Mike Nyerges

Mike Nyerges does a fantastic job of communicating information quickly and in an informative way.

Second Place

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

Alyse Pasternak

Columbus Monthly

Single page design- Broadsheet

First Place

Season of the Arts

Jeff Basting

The Blade (Toledo)

Second Place

Fibonacci phenomena

Jeff Basting

The Blade (Toledo)

Single page design- Tab

First Place

Dayton manufacturers embrace new technologies

John Hancock

Dayton Business Journal

Second Place

Banks hedging at working in marijuana space

David Kordalski, Andrea Ucini

Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place

Newsmakers of the Year

David Kordalski,

Daniel Zakroczemski

Crain's Cleveland Business

Single page design- Magazine

First Place

August On the Side

Kendra Huspaska

Cleveland Magazine

This is a fine example of the art working with the copy.

Second Place

By the Numbers

Alyse Pasternak

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

The Monthly Specials

Rachael Jirousek

Ohio Magazine

A-1 News Front- Daily and Non-Daily Newspapers

First Place

Crain's Cleveland Business Front Page

David Kordalski, John Ferguson,

Elizabeth McIntyre

Crain's Cleveland Business

This publication know how to get a reader's attention. The three stories submitted show good judgement and clever design.

Spread or Multiple Page- Tabs

First Place

Crain's Cleveland Book of Lists

David Kordalski,

Daniel Zakroczemski

Crain's Cleveland Business

This spread took subject matter that could be a little dry and made it exciting.

Second Place

Crain's C-Suite Honorees

David Kordalski

Crain's Cleveland Business

The layout of this piece does what it's supposed to do. It's clean and precise.

Spread or Multiple Page- Magazines

First Place

The Misfortune Teller

Maria Amador

Cleveland Magazine

Second Place

Street Eats

Brittany Dexter

Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place

Dear Alex

Alyse Pasternak

Columbus Monthly

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BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN

First Place

Maria Amador

Cleveland Magazine

Good design is clean, sharp, purposeful and emotive. Excellent design is all those things, but it also elevates the copy. And that's what we have here - A superior understanding of color, textures, photography and how they all come together with the story.

Second Place

Rachael Jirousek

Ohio Magazine

The "Play Ball" spread was one of the best in the competition. This designer/team understands photography and clean, commercial design.

Third Place

Betsy Becker

Columbus Monthly

These entries feature clean, crisp design, and excellent typography.

Covers: General Circulation Magazines

Judges comment: A great series of entries. The top winners surfaced quickly but all had good graphic qualities.

First Place

Ghostly Figures

Mary Lou Sneyd

The Plain Dealer

Second Place

Deflated

Staff

Columbus Monthly

Third Place

Edible?

Rosie Hileman, Melissa McClelland

Edible Cleveland

Covers: Business Publications

Judges comment: All good entries, but imagination won the day.

First Place

Power Struggle

David Kordalski, John Ferguson,

Dan Shingler

Crain's Cleveland Business

Second Place

Yogesh Chaudhary

Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place

Hoopla

Tess Howdieshell

Dayton Business Journal

Covers: Trade & Professional Publications

First Place

Fall 2018 Ignite Magazine

Dave Szalay, Elaine Guregian, Scott J. Rutan, Roderick L. Ingram Sr.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Love imaginative illustrations

Second Place

Spring 2018 Ignite Magazine

Dave Szalay, Elaine Guregian, Scott J. Rutan, Roderick L. Ingram Sr.

Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place

HB Magazine Fall 2018

Vanessa Butler

Hathaway Brown

Best Use of Multimedia

First Place

Cleveland Jewish News -

Pittsburgh #StrongerThanHate

CJN Staff

Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place

Kittens do yoga, too

Kristin Bauer, Melissa Linebrink

The Chronicle-Telegram



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