BIG PLAY ON SPORTS BETTING

Billions of dollars are wagered illegally in Ohio, other states every year, as third of the nation

COVER STORY BY STEVE WATKINS, 4

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SOUTHERN KENTUCKY 46-1A development near CVG in works

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY $64M development near CVG in works

Paul Hemmer Co. project over 255 acres could create up to 2,000 jobs within six years.

CHRIS WETTERICH, 15

ARTS FRONT D. Lynn Meyers writes a comeback story

Revival of Ensemble Theatre under artistic director’s tenure nothing short of remarkable.

JANELLE GELFAND, 16

Rumpke moves operations into $25M HQ in Colerain Township

TOM DEMEROPOLIS, 3

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In HB’s IDEA Lab, students learn engineering concepts, work with high-tech machines, discover creative ways to overcome obstacles, and bring their ideas to life.
**Third Place**

Is It Too Early for Browns Fans to Hit “Panic Button?” Tri-C Students Weigh In

Justyn Spanski

Tri-C

**BEST PRINT FEATURE STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL**

**First Place**

Stop the vaping, save the living

Quentin Pardon

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

LCCC students bring typewriters back to life

Madelyn Hill

Lorain County Community College

**Third Place**

International student crossed border for his U.S education

Jayne Giese

Lorain County Community College

**BEST RADIO/PODCAST NEWS STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL**

**First Place**

Career Exploration Podcast- Episode So You Want to be in Broadcasting-

Janet Maltbie

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

Dabble Podcast - Episode Journalism

Jim Lanigan

Lorain County Community College

**BEST ONLINE REPORT TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL**

**First Place**

Facts and concerns of internet addiction for students and youths

Weliton DeOliveira

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

College offers ways to prevent cardiovascular disease

Jayne Giese

Lorain County Community College

**OPEN**

**TECHNOLOGY WRITING**

**First Place**

Bold Penguin Putting People First

Katy Smith

Columbus CEO Magazine

**Second Place**

Inside the rise and fall of Everything But The House: Can Ohio’s hottest startup rebound?

Alexander Coolidge

The Cincinnati Enquirer

**Third Place**

Coping with anxiety issues in classrooms

Oscar Rosado

Lorain County Community College

**BEST PRINT NEWSPAPER STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL**

**First Place**

Gun on East Campus

Diamond Hunt

Tri-C

**Second Place**

Arc Center helps fight mental health stigma

Quentin Pardon

Lorain County Community College

**BEST PRINT SPORTS STORY 2 YEAR/TRADE SCHOOL**

**First Place**

Volleyball team comes up short in tournament play

Quentin Pardon

Lorain County Community College

**Second Place**

Junior Colleges offer benefits for transferring athletes

Quentin Pardon

Lorain County Community College

**BEST PRINT FEATURE STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL**

**First Place**

This was exceptionally well done and an important topic. Only one thing could’ve been improved: The vaping student maybe took up too much real estate, but overall there were lots of voice and factual information shared. I’m very glad there were resources included at the end. Keep on writing!

**Second Place**

This is exactly what I picture as a lighter feature, well done! I wish the article had some quotes with the shop owner or a client. I think it could have been even stronger. (Is there much demand?) Overall it was a very enjoyable article on a niche topic.

**Third Place**

The story subject is a good one. I don’t think many people realize how difficult it must be. I would have liked to see a few additional voices; for the longest time it’s just the student. However, it’s a good topic that ended as it should have (with information about the international students and resources). Nice job!

**BEST RADIO/PODCAST NEWS STORY TRADE/2 YEAR SCHOOL**

**First Place**

We should deliver better customer service than a 5-star hotel. People aren’t coming here because they want to. They’re coming here because they’re in crisis.

Jordan Heller

Down But Not Out in East Cleveland
Eye on Ohio
To be consumed like a fine wine. Well done from the first headline to the last line of the piece. Well researched, reported and written. In fact, you could almost “feel” the neighborhoods as the sources walk through them. This storytelling was compelling. Perfect graphics. For me, this was aspirational work. Though the topic was regional, this work could thrive in any U.S. market. In a word, or two, polished excellence.

Second Place
Cost of Business Incentives
Kim Palmer, Jay Miller
Crain’s Cleveland Business

From a “thinking” perspective, I think this article would be of value to development professionals across the nation. It hints at needed metrics to judge the overall value of such tax incentives and their lasting impact on cities. Extremely well researched and written. It accomplishes the goal of bringing the target reader to a larger, more informed perspective of tax incentive impacts.

Third Place
Beachwood mayor forgiven unanimously by council
Jane Kaufman
Cleveland Jewish News

I thought this was an interesting, educational and well written political story. Moreover, this story seamlessly takes a reader from the tense opening discussion all the way through to the final release of tension as they voted to “forgive” the mayor. The storytelling was succinct, yet the facts and quote were sufficient and smartly selected to give the reader a sense of being there. I thought it was artfully done.

DATA JOURNALISM
First Place
Investigation: Blacks, black neighborhoods most likely to be traffic stop targets in Ohio’s 3 biggest cities
Lucia Walinchus, Max Londberg, Michael Nyerges
Eye on Ohio

Second Place
Closed Doors
Cid Standifer
The Plain Dealer

Third Place
Now we know why the state didn’t want us to see this data
Darrel Rowland
The Columbus Dispatch

GENERAL NEWS COLUMN
First Place
Actions speak louder than words
Regina Brett
Cleveland Jewish News

This is hard-hitting and powerful. I liked the challenge to policy-makers and the specifics of what she is calling on them to do. It’s not anything new, but it’s well said and should draw attention.

Second Place
No, we are not fine
Amelia Robinson
Dayton Daily News

The columnist drew evocative profiles of some of the victims. The use of “fine” worked for me at first, but grew predictable. Trying to turn sorrow into anger and ultimately into action is hard, but this piece does it well.

Third Place
A bathrobe for my mother
Bob Dyer
Akron Beacon Journal

SPORTS COLUMN
First Place
Today’s players have it right show the emotion, save the beanballs
Ryan Lewis
Akron Beacon Journal

A well-reported, well-organized column that pulls the reader in with great quotes. This piece does what a good column is supposed to do, taking a different and thought-provoking angle on a hot topic.

Second Place
Tiger Woods implausible and unequaled triumph at 2019 Masters
Bill Livingston
cleveland.com

Colorful writing that can make the reader feel as if he or she was right there on the 18th green at Augusta. A great retrospective of Tiger’s comeback.

Third Place
Where’s John Dorsey?
Marla Ridenour
Akron Beacon Journal

An impassioned column that took up the voice of seemingly every frustrated Browns fan, holding the man in charge to task.

BUSINESS COLUMN
First Place
A heartbreaking end for the Vindy and its hometown
Elizabeth McIntyre
Crain’s Cleveland Business

Second Place
NCAA finally succumbs to reality with athlete endorsements decision
Doug Buchanan
Columbus Business First

Third Place
Finding the Goo-Goo(gle) Algorithm for Babies to Reach Their First Birthdays
Roderick L. Ingram Sr.
Northeast Ohio Medical University

HEADLINE WRITING
NEWSPAPERS (DAILY & NON DAILY)
First Place
HANDS OFF , DANCE-OFF Studio owners gets creative when teaching Orthodox couple
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

HEADLINE WRITING ALL OTHER PUBLICATIONS
First Place
Finding the Goo-Goo(gle) Algorithm for Babies to Reach Their First Birthdays
Roderick L. Ingram Sr.
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Very clever. Nice play on words that will draw readers into the article. Good job!

Second Place
Kosher Poultry: Honoring Religious Tradition in the Slaughter
Kathy Ames Carr
Edible Cleveland

Tough subject, so this was particularly
well done.

Third Place
Jack hits road, Hard Rock rolls in
Matthew Hall
Soapbox Cincinnati

HEADLINE WRITING - ONLINE
First Place
With growth plans brewing Aegis looks to former Starbucks executive to fill president's role
Lois Bowers
www.mcknightsseniorliving.com

REVIEWS/CRITICISM: (movie- restaurant- television- books- music- arts- etc.)
First Place
Tony Morrison Documentary
Questions what it Means to be a Foreigner
Brittany Mariel Hudak
CAN Journal
Engrossing story of an improbable film.

Second Place
The Bands Visit tour unforgettable production of a most unlikely Broadway show
Bob Abelman
Cleveland Jewish News
Superb writing captures the quality of this "small" work.

Third Place
Movie review: JoJo Rabbit
Chuck Yarborough
The Plain Dealer
Spot on analysis of a dark comedy with a message for today

SINGLE ESSAY
First Place
Dark and Light, Recovering from Alcohol and Drug Addiction
Jeremy Umansky, Daniel Lozada
Edible Cleveland

Second Place
Analytic or interpretive, personal point of view. Caring for Our Refugees
Julie Aultman
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place
A dozen years with Bon Iver
Joel Oliphint
Columbus Alive

OBITUARY
First Place
Marian Spencer, segregation fighter who later served on Cincinnati City Council, dies at 99
Mark Curnutte
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place
Remembering The Life Of Morton L. Mandel: 1921-2019 Mandel recalled as a mensch at memorial service
Jane Kaufman
Cleveland Jewish News

Third Place
Final dispatch from the Comics

SINGLE EDITORIAL
First Place
Sexual harassment of girls starts during middle school
Bonnie Jean Feldkamp
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place
Opioids in Focus
Scott Suttell
Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place
Tattooing over scars helps with trauma, healing; Kentucky's ban a loss of that control
Bonnie Jean Feldkamp
The Cincinnati Enquirer

ANALYSIS
First Place
After Epstein
Dave Ghose
Columbus Monthly

Second Place
Border wall is nothing compared to Brexit crisis, and what it reveals
Richard Perloff
The Plain Dealer

FOOD WRITING
First Place
The Pepperoni Kings of Columbus
Jill Moorhead
Columbus Monthly

Second Place
Ohio barley crafts a comeback
Dan Eaton
Columbus Business First

Third Place
Minerva Dairy's Slow-Churned, Small-Batch Amish Butter
Karin McKenna, Kathy Ames Carr
Edible Cleveland

TRAVEL WRITING
First Place
Traveling with Mom
Susan Glaser
The Plain Dealer

Second Place
What Lies Beneath the Fernald Preserve
Darren Hopes
Cincinnati Magazine

Third Place
Case Closed
JoAnne Walsh
The Plain Dealer

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- TAB
First Place
US death tax levied on Dayton
Stephen Valentine
Cleveland Jewish News
Apt and eye-grabbing

Second Place
Underinsured in America
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

Third Place
As the economy grows, so do doubts
David Kordalski, Andrea Ucini
Crain's Cleveland Business

SINGLE PAGE DESIGN- MAGAZINE
First Place
Columbus Parent Family Faves 2019
Alyse Pasternak
Columbus Parent
This layout is perfect for the opening page of a fun, family-oriented spread.

Second Place
Simply Syrup
Stephen Valentine
Cleveland Jewish News
Clean design and clever use of photography.

Third Place
Festival of Lights Foodie Challenge:
Frying up a storm
Stephen Valentine
Cleveland Jewish News

SPREAD OR MULTIPLE PAGE-MAGAZINES
First Place
All Rise
Rosie Hileman, Melissa McColland
Edible Cleveland

Second Place
Ohio History Hotspots
NE Ohio Design Staff
Northeast Ohio Parent magazine

Third Place
High Hopes
Betsy Becker
Columbus Monthly

COVERS: GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES
First Place
Cleveland Magazine May
Maria Amador
Cleveland Magazine

Second Place
Hidden Columbus
Betsy Becker
Columbus Monthly

Third Place
Be a Tourist in Your Own Town
Brittany Dexter, Jeremy Kramer
Cincinnati Magazine

COVERS: BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS
First Place
One year later, a clearer view of tax reform takes shape
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

Second Place
High Retail
Yogesh Chaudhary
Columbus CEO Magazine

Third Place
Retail shakeout opens unexpected doors
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

COVERS: TRADE & PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS
First Place
Building the Future - Fall/Winter 2019 HB Magazine
D.J. Reichel
Hathaway Brown

Second Place
Ignite Magazine Cover Spring 2019
Elise Radzialowski
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Third Place
Ignite Magazine Cover Fall 2019
Dave Szalay, Elaine Guregian
Northeast Ohio Medical University
BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

GENERAL NEWS

First Place
Cuyahoga River Reborn
Michael von Glahn, Dan Shingler, Stan Bullard, David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business
The special report on the 50th anniversary of the burning of the Cuyahoga River recalled the dire condition of the Crooked River and took readers through the decades of action resulting in a restored waterway that is an asset to the region. Lessons worth a study.

Second Place
Business of real estate
Stan Bullard
Crain's Cleveland Business
Stan Bullard gave insight into what drives Cleveland real estate trends and the puzzle of what will be built, where and by whom.

Third Place
Restaurant industry coverage
Dan Eaton
Columbus Business First
Dan Eaton's reports served up a menu of players, trends and history of the restaurant world in Columbus and its environs including the legendary Chef Hubert Seifert, the Malhame family, Bob Evans Restaurants CEO Saed Mohseni and Rick Harrison Wolfe of the historic and dynamic North Market.

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place
Artfully Diverse: Right place, right time, right women
Emily Bench
Columbus Business First

Second Place
‘Insurance will never be the same’ - Root shoots up
Carrie Ghose
Columbus Business First

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE

First Place
Joy Bivens - Saving Franklin County
Katy Smith
Columbus CEO Magazine
This very compelling personality profile succeeds in showing, rather than telling, how this remarkable woman turned her life experiences into such meaningful and impactful work. Quite a story!

Second Place
Cuyahoga River Reborn
Michael von Glahn, Dan Shingler, Stan Bullard

Crain's Cleveland Business
Easy to follow. Love the photographs. Written very “visually”

Second Place
How Northeast Ohio became Northeast Ohio
Rachel Abbey McCafferty
Crain's Cleveland Business
Fascinating explanation of the history and how it affects the now. Easy to follow - even for someone not of the the area

Third Place
Cost of Business Incentives
Jay Miller, Kim Palmer, Michael von Glahn, Lee Chilcote
Crain's Cleveland Business
Deep dive into an important but overlooked topic.

FEATURES: TRENDS

First Place
States make big play on betting
Jeremy Nobile
Crain's Cleveland Business

Second Place
Is LegitScript’s Certification Process to Crack Down on Bad Online Ads Working?
Tom Valentino
Behavioral Healthcare Executive

Third Place
Tips From The Top
Michael Feuer
Smart Business

TRADE PUBLICATIONS

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place
Taking Control of Stinkin’ Thinkin’
Elaine Guregian
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Second Place
I Have an IDEA - HB Magazine
Kendra Davis
Hathaway Brown
Third Place
Editor's Column
Lois Bowers
McKnight's Senior Living

TRADE REPORT
First Place
Impact on imports
Bruce Davis
Tire Business Newspaper

FEATURES: SPECIAL SECTION/PACKAGE
First Place
Humanitarian of the year
Don Detore
Tire Business Newspaper

GENERAL CIRCULATION MAGAZINES
NEWS
First Place
Fallen Angels
Suzanne Goldsmith
Columbus Monthly

Second Place
Those Who Serve
Sheehan Hannan
Cleveland Magazine

Third Place
The Battle for the Octagon
Chris Gaitten
Columbus Monthly

PUBLIC SERVICE/INVESTIGATIVE
First Place
How Much are you Overpaying in Property Tax?
Lucia Walinchus, Lukas Udstuen, Samantha Raudins, Aston Nichols
Eye on Ohio

FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE
First Place
Jasmin's Escape
Suzanne Goldsmith
Columbus Monthly

Jasmin is a powerful subject. Suzanne Goldsmith does a marvelous job condensing a complex sequence of events into a moving narrative. Poignant work and I'm grateful for the fact-checking. Well done.

Second Place
Cake Stand
Sheehan Hannan
Cleveland Magazine
This story made me feel nostalgic for a bakery I've never visited, and made me want cakes I've never had before.

Third Place
Joy Bivens - Saving Franklin County
Katy Smith
Columbus CEO Magazine
Great lede. Love the storytelling style.

FEATURES: CONSUMER
First Place
Rise of the Makers
Staff
Cincinnati Magazine

Second Place
Legends of the Land
Jason Brill, Staff
Cleveland Magazine

Third Place
High Hopes
Chris Gaitten, Dave Ghose, Suzanne Goldsmith, Emma Frankart
Henterly
Columbus Monthly

FEATURES: ART
First Place
“I, Like the Pen, Am Filled With Ink”
James Bigley II
Cleveland Magazine
Deep reporting on compelling characters gathered together in a unique setting. Well-paced and smart writing.

Second Place
Maggie Smith Keeps Moving
Laura Arenschield
Columbus Monthly

Third Place
“Making Waves”
Columbus Monthly

All Ohio Excellence in Journalism
Compelling narrative and insight into the highs and lows of this poet’s life and career.

Third Place
Art House
Sheehan Hannan
Cleveland Magazine
Poetic opening and quite dense reporting for what might be an easily overlooked story.

FOOD
First Place
25 Best Restaurants
Kim Schneider, Staff
Cleveland Magazine
Just reading this list made me hungry! The writing is vivid and full of detail and the photographs are beautifully done. This package truly gives the reader a sense of Cleveland’s bustling food scene. Well done!

Second Place
In Praise of the Potato
Jane Kaufman
Cleveland Jewish News
Sometimes the history of food and the story behind it makes it as interesting as it is delicious. This story captures Chef Jeremy Umansky’s creation with style and flair. Great work!

Third Place
Burger Madness
G.A. Benton, Nicholas Dekker, Erin Edwards, Chris Gaitten
Columbus Monthly
This package is pure fun, proving that good food isn’t always about fine dining. Very nicely done!

SPORTS
First Place
Will McKinney’s Way
Chris Gaitten
Columbus Monthly

DEPARTMENTS OR COLUMNS
First Place
Welcome to CAN Journal
Michael Gill
CAN Journal
CAN Journal editor/publisher Michael Gill’s well thought-out, forward-thinking columns give readers fresh insights and perspectives into northern Ohio culture. In one, he explores how the region’s museums are redefining their role as repositories and becoming more relevant and diverse; in another, how Cleveland’s Cuyahoga River has evolved into a catalyst for and symbol of the city’s transformation.

Second Place
The Modern Momma
Kristy Eckert
Columbus Parent
Columbus Parent columnist Kristy Eckert writes with humor and perception about the challenges and joys of being a working mom in the 21st century. Moms will relate to the experiences she describes and know that they’re not alone. And everyone else will empathise with the situations she describes.

Third Place
The Dish
Columbus Monthly
Cleveland Magazine’s The Dish is a well-designed and lively dining section: it highlights unique eateries and entrepreneurial ventures through short profiles and reviews and offers recipes and advice for do-it-yourself cooks. Its comprehensive listings section is a go-to guide for anyone looking to dine out.

DIGITAL MEDIA
NEWSPAPER WEBSITE
First Place
www.bizjournals.com/cincinnati
Staff
Cincinnati Business Courier

Second Place
San Diego Chabad shooting coverage
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
First Place
WKSU

TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE
First Place
fox8.com
Jessica Bates, Kara Sutyak
WJW Fox 8

BREAKING NEWS SINGLE STORY
First Place
Morton L. Mandel dies at age 98
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

Second Place
1 worker remains ‘critical’; other worker, driver ‘stable’ following University Heights crash
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

BREAKING NEWS SERIES
First Place
Cleveland’s Stipe Miocic regains UFC heavyweight championship
Matt Florjancic
WKYC

Second Place
San Diego Chabad shooting coverage
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
First Place
WKSU

ONLINE STORYTELLING
First Place
East Cleveland’s Million-Dollar Dump
Nick Castele
ideastream

Second Place
San Diego Chabad shooting coverage
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA
First Place
WKSU

Second Place
FOX 8 Extra with Stefani Schaefer
Jessica Bates, Kara Sutyak
WJW Fox 8

Third Place
Cleveland Jewish News election results - Twitter
CJN Staff
Cleveland Jewish News

THEME: Cleveland Jewish News
images. Each factor stood on its own to show the complexities of a piece of land with waste on it. This piece was a true service to the community.

**Second Place**
What’s in store for Beachwood Place?
CJN Staff
Cleveland Jewish News

**INFOGRAPHICS**

**First Place**
Cincinnati Explained 2.0
Kevin Cox
Cincinnati Business Courier

**TELEVISION NEWS WEBSITE**

**First Place**
fox8.com
Jessica Bates, Kara Sutyak
WJW Fox 8

**ONLINE GENERAL NEWS STORY**

**First Place**
Brecksiville City Council asks fellow Councilman Jack Petsche to resign; threatens impeachment due to bids on municipal jobs
Bob Sandrick
cleveland.com

**ONLINE FEATURE STORY**

**First Place**
Ohio River Stories Series
Lucia Walinchus, Ryan Schnurr, Bonnie Feldkamp, Jeff Brooks-Gillies
Eye on Ohio
The collaboration among news organizations results in a valuable, in-depth portrait of the Ohio River. Threats to the river, and its potential, are brought to life in the diverse series of stories.

**Second Place**
Making It
Jeff Haynes, Jean-Marie Papoi, Lisa Ryan, David C. Barnett
ideastream
The colorful, concise series of profiles highlights creativity and entrepreneurship in northeast Ohio.

**Third Place**
“Big senior living stories of 2019”
Lois Bowers
www.mcknightsseniorliving.com

**ANALYSIS**

**First Place**
Single-payer has become a campaign buzzword that by 2020 may become a buzzsaw
Richard M. Perloff
The Plain Dealer

**Second Place**
“Older adults: Images, reality dont always match”
Lois Bowers
www.mcknightsseniorliving.com

**TELEVISION**

**NEWS**

**First Place**
Separated
Janelle Bass Hawthorne, Chris Reece, Nzinga Blake, Stephanie Filo Jones
WJW Fox 8

**Second Place**
Security Breaches at Cleveland Hopkins Airport
Ed Gallek, Andy Fishman
WJW Fox 8

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**First Place**
Environmental Reporting
Olivia Fecteau
WEWS
HUMAN INTEREST

First Place
Amanda Berry Reunites with Charles Ramsey
Carrie Youn, Amanda Berry, Andy Fishman
WJW Fox 8
This is a landmark moment, captured on screen, and the team had the good sense not to overdo it. No frills: just human emotion about profound as it can get. It shines because of wise editorial choices.

Second Place
Echo's Second Chance
Megan Mitchell, Robert Busby
WLWT-TV
This looks like a simple tale, but it isn't. We learn a lot about this veteran and the dog in a short span – it's efficient storytelling that unrolled the facts and figures seamlessly and unobtrusively.

Third Place
Aging Out
Janelle Bass Hawthorne, Chris Reece, Nzinga Blake, Stephanie Filo Jones
WJW Fox 8
Kudos to the interviewers for tapping into some deep, raw and real conversations here. This was heavy emotion handled responsibly.

SPORTS REPORT OR COMMENTARY

First Place
The Miracle League of Lake County
Tim Dubravetz, Bill O'Connell
ideastream
The emotion and passion of the participants displayed in this story made it a winner.

Second Place
Fox 8's Friday Night Touchdown
Nick Kovach
WJW Fox 8
This is a well-produced program. Done by experienced professionals

TELEVISION SHOW

First Place
Orion: The New Frontier
Mike Friend, Betsy Kling, Jeff Reidel
WKYC
This production was wonderfully researched, artfully written and well produced. On camera talent was perfect for the piece and believable. Production value, space graphics, field production and overall structure was exceptional. Thoroughly well done.

Second Place
Ten Years Later: Amanda Berry Meets with Hero Who Rescued Her
Andy Fishman, Amanda Berry, Carrie Youn
WJW Fox 8
A compelling story reported with style and precision. What a great idea for Amanda Berry to create a framework around which to build - and report - her television reunion. Remarkable and commendable.

Third Place
Let's Talk Cincy: Art and Survival
Alexis Rogers-Wilson, Courtis Fuller, Robert Busby, Austin Maynard
WLWT-TV
Let's Talk Cincy was very enjoyable and very well done. The on-camera talent was excellent, the segments were interesting and this was a show relevant for today's times.

BEST WEATHERCAST

First Place
January Tempest
Betsy Kling
WKYC

RADIO

NEWS

First Place
A Piece of the 'Arsenal of Democracy' in Cleveland May Be Redeveloped
Kabir Bhatia
WKSU
This thorough look at a community's concerns about a redevelopment project provides necessary context and viewpoints without getting too far into the weeds. It's clear and informative. A great example of community journalism!

Second Place
Willoughby-Eastlake Officials, Parents Discuss Changes After Failed Levy
Taylor Haggerty
ideastream

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place
Homes
Justin Glanville
ideastream

Second Place
Watershed
Staff
WKSU

USE OF SOUND

First Place
Native American Water Walker Blesses Cuyahoga River
Dave DeOreo
ideastream
This was a story that could not be done justice without sound. Because of it, we can hear the native language spoken and it sets the tone for the piece. The ambient sounds of nature brings us to the scene in our minds and the narrator's calm speaking gives the story an easy flow that is enjoyable to listen to. Well done.

Second Place
One Last Performance for a Special Member of Ashland University
Marching Band
Ella Abbott
WKSU

ON-GOING COVERAGE

First Place
Exploradio: Why is there more of a focus on treatment vs. a cure for Diabetes
Jeff St. Clair
WKSU

HUMAN INTEREST

First Place
Contentious Mayor's Race in Barberton
Sarah Taylor
WKSU

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE

First Place
Deportation Journeys Wind Through Ohio Detention Facilities
M. L. Schultze
WKSU

NEWS WRITING

First Place
2019 Inamori Ethics Prize Recipient, LeVar Burton, Discusses His Career And Advocacy
Mike McIntyre, Leigh Barr
ideastream
**BREAKING NEWS**

**First Place**
Pepper Pike Gas-Line Explosion
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News
Really good work here. The opening with the couple's experience drew me in. Good structure. Nice use of subheads to retell the explosion, the investigation and the aftermath. Good quotes and mix of paraphrase. It was obvious how serious this was and how it affected the community.

**Second Place**
Morton L. Mandel dies at age 98
Jane Kaufman
Cleveland Jewish News
Very thorough obituary. I like the timeline addition here to help move along all this man accomplished throughout his long life. Nice touch!

**Third Place**
Sam Miller, former Forest City co-chair emeritus, dies at 97
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News
Nice work on someone who deserved this retelling of his life story. Including the video and all the photographs added to this.

**FEATURES: PERSONALITY PROFILE**

**First Place**
18 Difference Makers 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award: Milton and Tamar Maltz
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

**Second Place**
Remembering Amber Evans
Andy Downing
Columbus Alive

**Third Place**
The disappearance of Tyler Davis
Andy Downing
Columbus Alive

**PUBLIC SERVICE**

**First Place**
Heights of Democracy: A change in local government
Carla Rautenberg, Deborah Van Kleef
The Heights Observer

**Second Place**
Multiple women accuse Actual Brewing founder Fred Lee of sexual assault
Andy Downing
Columbus Alive

**Third Place**
Strongsville school board may have violated Sunshine Laws with phone polling of members
Bob Sandrick
Sun News

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**First Place**
Acclaimed conductor Alessandro Siciliani at center of sexual misconduct complaints
Andy Downing
Columbus Alive

**SECTION**

**DAILY NEWSPAPERS**

**BREAKING NEWS:**

**First Place**
The presidential debate comes to Ohio
Darrel Rowland, Rick Rouan, Marty Schladen
The Columbus Dispatch
Really good work here, with a great mix of coverage and types of articles. Good art complemented the articles here. Each story was readable and interesting. Standouts – the supporter rally story and the analysis of who won. I read them all down to the close.

**Second Place**
Anheuser-Busch buys Platform Beer Co.
Marc Bona
cleveland.com
Such good work here, too! Really a close second. Started off with the two short news accounts, and then moved into the longer article focusing
first on the co-founder of Platform Brewing and then moving on to the AB executive. Good use of subheads to keep the structure sound. Like the choice of having the actual Platform history at the end. Separating the timeline is appropriate. It would have been lost in the story. Analysis is well done, and I like the mix of sources in it – the reporter, experts and enthusiasts. Asks good questions about the acquisition and what it will mean to this craft beer.

GENERAL NEWS: SINGLE STORY

First Place
4 addresses in 4 months: The is what poverty looks like for this Cincinnati family
Mark Curnutte
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place
Stow pastor decides to continue pushing, praying for change in Methodist church
Emily Mills
Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place
Q&A: The landmark opioid trial explained
Emily Mills
Akron Beacon Journal

FEATURES: GENERAL

First Place
Ear candling not for timid or sane
Craig Webb
Akron Beacon Journal

Second Place
Mercy Ships
Betty Lin-Fisher
Akron Beacon Journal

Third Place
Oh, oh, oh, it’s magic
Craig Webb
Akron Beacon Journal

PUBLIC SERVICE

First Place
Closed Doors
Jordyn Grzelewski
The Plain Dealer

Second Place
I Promise School
Jennifer Pignolet
Akron Beacon Journal

INVESTIGATIVE

First Place
Side Effects - Promises made, promises unkept
Marty Schladen, Darrel Rowland, Catherine Candisky
The Columbus Dispatch

This was a close call, but the scope and depth of the research and analysis in this entry, and the ability of the writers to communicate complex material as clearly as possible gave it the nod. Congratulations to the journalists and the newspaper for provoking much-needed reforms.

Second Place
Case Closed
Rachel Dissell, Andrea Simakis
The Plain Dealer

Again, it was a close call. This is a compelling story, well and carefully told. The writers were able to capture the essence of a very strong personality, and then went beyond her story to look at the larger picture. I just hope the promised reforms come about. Congratulations to the two reporters and the paper for having the guts and determination to tell this story.

BUSINESS

First Place
Inside the rise and fall of Everything But The House: Can Ohio’s hottest startup rebound?
Alexander Coolidge
The Cincinnati Enquirer

Second Place
Akron's Summa Health acquired Betty Lin-Fisher

‘Dirty little secret’

The department Sandi believed had turned its back on her had been doing the same thing to women for decades. Ten years ago, the best opportunity for Cleveland to fix its broken sex crimes unit was handed to them by a serial killer. Anthony Sowell raped women, murdering 11, and Cleveland let him.

Report climbed about women who have drug, alcohol or mental health issues, knowing that their stories will be doubted or dismissed.

Cowled counted on a tepid police response, and he got it. He relied on rape reports not being investigated, on victims not being believed. Sowell walked out of jail days after one woman flagged down a cop car. She'd escaped from his home, leaving a trail of blood in the snow. A detective had decided the woman was "not credible" without looking up Sowell's record or reviewing the officer's reports.

Sowell killed six women after that.

Community outrage over the mishandled cases prompted a mayoral commission, a 900-page report and so many promises. Mayor Frank Jackson, elected to his second term in 2009 as women's bodies were still being unearthed from Sowell's yard, vowed to make every suggested reform, more than two dozen of them.

Cops in the unit got cellphones. Other easy, aesthetic fixes were made, like painting the run-down sex crimes offices. But the larger, more systemic problems persisted.

Taxpayers also paid for the city’s negligence, though police never admitted wrongdoing. As part of a settlement, Cleveland shelled out $10 million to the families of six women killed after Sowell was released from jail. And this July, after an eight-year court battle, the city settled with two women who survived Sowell’s attacks for a total of $200,000.

A LONG HISTORY OF NEGLECT
Women’s rights groups and victim advocates across the country had started pushing in the 1970s for better treatment of women who reported sex crimes.

In Cleveland, members of the newly formed Cleveland Rape Crisis Center set their sights on creating a special citywide unit to investigate sex crimes but only gained political traction after an alarming increase in violent crimes against women and children, including the rape and murder of two teenage girls in the 1990s.

Cleveland’s “Rape and Child Abuse Investigative Unit” was established after a very public nadir from an emergency City Council resolution in 1980. Cocouched in the bureaucratic language was a clear rebuke: “Whereas, because of the large number of stolen cars, the Police Department has responded by establishing a

In 1980, after pressure from City Council, then-Mayor George Voinovich formed Cleveland’s first Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit.
Akron Beacon Journal

**Third Place**
Pathways to Prosperity
Patrick O’Donnell, Olivera Perkins
The Plain Dealer

**SPORTS**

**First Place**
Rocky Colavito returns to Cleveland; hundreds turn out to meet true generational hero
Marc Bona
cleveland.com
I could not put this article down, it was well written and easy to follow and certainly not boring!!

**Second Place**
Joe Burrow: An example of humanity
Branson Wright
The Plain Dealer

**Third Place**
Leaner Myles Garrett still a monster’
Nate Ulrich
Akron Beacon Journal
Always interesting to the public how an athletes mind set works and you got it quite well explained in this article. I felt like I knew him when I was done. Nice job!

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

**First Place**
Cincinnati Ballet Stories
Sharon Coolidge
The Cincinnati Enquirer

**BEST SECTION**

**First Place**
Arts & Entertainment
The Plain Dealer
These samples feature outstanding writing, a nice mixture of stories across multiple genres, excellent page design and consistently good headlines.

**Second Place**
Sports
Staff

The Plain Dealer
Excellent coverage of a very vibrant and varied sports scene accompanied by eye-catching page design.

**PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**GENERAL NEWS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**
Confronted
Jeff Lange
Akron Beacon Journal
This photo is so powerful in its simplicity. The narrative comes raging off of the page and in this moment you’ve captured so many facets of the story - the disdain, the pain, the drama. A very well captured image.

**Second Place**
Charting a new course
Karen Schiely
Akron Beacon Journal
There is something beautifully quiet about this photograph. The landscape meets the people and create a very evocative image - even as a person who does not partake in running events, this photo makes me want to run a marathon on this trail. Well done!

**Third Place**
Steal
Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
Beyond the striking technical proficiency that this photograph describes, the expressions you captured in this split second are fantastic. The focus on the ball, the perilous, impossible positioning of the bodies as they scramble to regain control of the ball - superb!

**SPORTS - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**
Quadruple header
Jeff Lange
Akron Beacon Journal
You were able to capture a spectacularly dramatic moment in the match. The anguish, pain, drama, emotion on their faces is extraordinary. The torquing of the players body in the upper right is nothing short of a Baroque painting. A splendid image. Well done!

**Second Place**
Helmet assault
Jeff Lange
Akron Beacon Journal
Such an evocative image! The harsh reality of the photograph screams volumes about the physicality of the game. Nicely done!

**Third Place**
Calamari
Phil Masturzo

**GENERAL FEATURE - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**PHOTO JOURNALISM - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - DAILY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**
Make your holidays sparkle
Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
The composition is beautiful with its intensity of color and bubbles that seem to explode from the glass carrying the viewer inside each bubble! This photograph would fit into any gallery as art!

**Second Place**
Calamari
Phil Masturzo
Akron Beacon Journal
Attention to light and shadow plus the colors framing the subject add to the delicious image! The placement of the fork tines encourages those viewing image to order this tantalizing dish to see if it tastes as good as it looks!

PHOTOGRAPHY - NON DAILY NEWS PAPER

First Place
First MLS home goal for FC Cincinnati
Corrie Schaffeld
Cincinnati Business Courier

PHOTOGRAPHY

GENERAL PHOTO - ALL OTHERS

First Place
Market Daze
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

PICTORIAL - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place
2019 Blink Cincinnati
Corrie Schaffeld
Cincinnati Business Courier

STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY - NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER

First Place
2019 Climb Awards
Corrie Schaffeld
Cincinnati Business Courier

PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

First Place
Where Time Stands Still
Tim Johnson
Columbus Monthly

PICTORIAL - ALL OTHERS

First Place
Carnegie wins friends, influences development
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

SECOND PLACE
This photograph could be seen as a simple head-on shot of a building but the subject shows us struggle. The emptiness to the left of the frame also shows us a somewhat empty, dismal surrounding. It reflects the tale of a street that has seen better times and the deterioration of once-grand structures. A powerful image.

Second Place
Reflections on a success story
David Kordalski
Crain's Cleveland Business

BEST IN OHIO
BEST IN OHIO: COLUMN

First Place
Phillip Morris
The Plain Dealer
Disturbing and incredibly well written

Second Place
Amelia Robinson
Dayton Daily News
Made me cry

Third Place
Andrea Simakis
The Plain Dealer

PHOTO JOURNALISM - ALL OTHERS

First Place
Meet Cincinnati's Underground Hockey Heroes
Aaron Conway, Damian Dotterweich
Cincinnati Magazine

Second Place
Bum's Saloon: It's 5 o'clock in this Slavic Village Bar
Shane Wynn, Dan Shingler
Edible Cleveland

Third Place
Andrea Simakis
The Plain Dealer
BEST IN OHIO: HEADLINE WRITING

First Place
William (Skip) Hall
The Plain Dealer
Mostly clever headlines that pique a reader’s interest.

Second Place
Bob Jacob
Cleveland Jewish News

BEST IN OHIO: REVIEWS/CRITICISM

First Place
Steven Litt
The Plain Dealer
Everyone’s a critic these days thanks to social media but it’s obvious when a professional examines an art exhibition or the seemingly odd coupling of I.M. Pei and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Steven Litt writes with obvious experience, expertise, style and a sense of history, earning first place in a category rich with remarkably accomplished reviews.

Second Place
Andy Downing
Columbus Alive
Unlike a restaurant that can be revisited or a TV show rewatched, a concert is a one-time opportunity for a critic. Andy Downing makes the most of his beat, giving readers a seat at a show they may have missed. Among his best lines is one about a performer’s spontaneous dance outbursts that are like a cut electric cable twisting and sparking on the ground. Nicely said!

Third Place
Brittany Hudak
CAN Journal

BEST IN OHIO: ESSAY WRITING

First Place
In everything goes online world, we need old-fashioned journalists; despite the naysayers, busing actually was helpful; Border wall is nothing compared to Brexit crisis, and what it reveals
Richard Perloff
The Plain Dealer
The third entry is a little dense, but ... so thought provoking and well stated. Challenges the reader in unexpected, searing ways.

BEST IN OHIO: EDITORIAL

First Place
Northeast Ohio business editorials
Scott Sutliff
Crain’s Cleveland Business

Second Place
Columbus Business First
Doug Buchanan
Columbus Business First

BEST IN OHIO: STAFF REPORTER

First Place
John Caniglia
The Plain Dealer
In an extremely tight competition, the first place goes to John Caniglia, who has covered a wide variety of topics and delivered some outstanding feature pieces that highlight the importance of local reporting. Drawing from credible sources, Caniglia sheds light on critical issues such as interns becoming Ohio’s watchdog for the prison system. He also delivered a beautifully-crafted piece on the role played by the Amish in the growth of the region’s economy and exposed the need for federal legislation following the rape of an 95-year-old dementia patient in one of Ohio’s assisted-living facility.

Second Place
Chris Gaitten
Columbus Monthly

Third Place
Daniel Carson
The News-Messenger (Fremont)

BEST IN OHIO: FREELANCE WRITER

First Place
Vince Guerrieri
Smithsonian, Popular Mechanics, Deadspin, Jalopnik, CityLab

Second Place
Lee Chilcote
Cleveland Scene

BEST IN OHIO: CARTOONING

First Place
Jeff Darcy
cleveland.com
Pungent and funny

BEST IN OHIO: ILLUSTRATION

First Place
Art direction portfolio
David Kordalski
Crain’s Cleveland Business

INFOGRAPHICS

First Place
Here’s why Cincinnati is susceptible to landslides
Michael Nyerges
The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST IN OHIO: INFOGRAPHICS

First Place
Michael Nyerges
The Cincinnati Enquirer

BEST IN OHIO: PAGE DESIGN

First Place
Betsy Becker
Columbus Monthly
Great use of type. The designer made something out of nothing, using her creativity.

Second Place
Alyse Pasternak
Columbus Monthly
Clever ideas. Very well done.

Third Place
David Kordalski
Crain’s Cleveland Business
Clever ideas and great execution.
**BEST IN OHIO: PHOTOGRAPHER**

**First Place**
Jeff Lange
Akron Beacon Journal
Great action shots and design. I was particularly taken by the swim meet pic. Swimming is a difficult sport to capture an original image.

**Second Place**
Tim Johnson
Columbus Monthly
I like the imagination and design of Tim’s shots.

**Third Place**
Gus Chan
The Plain Dealer
Great capture of emotion and story telling

**BEST WEBSITE IN OHIO**

**First Place**
Cincinnati Business Courier website
Staff
Understated, subtle and clean, this website conveyed the idea of business news within a professional, easy to navigate website.

**Second Place**
cjn.org
CJN Staff
Cleveland Jewish News
A clean, professional presentation with plenty of links to main topics makes this site superior to most.

**BEST BUSINESS PUBLICATION IN OHIO**

**First Place**
Cincinnati Business Courier
Staff
Eye-catching, smart and dynamic

**Second Place**
Crain's Cleveland Business
Staff

**Third Place**
Columbus CEO Magazine
Staff

**BEST MAGAZINE IN OHIO**

**First Place**
Columbus CEO
Staff
Excellent and inspiring! Thank you!

**Second Place**
Columbus Monthly
Staff

**BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO**

**First Place**
D.J. Reichel, Vanessa Butler
Hathaway Brown
Very strong design. Well edited and on target for readership. Well done.

**Second Place**
Ignite Magazine
Roderick L. Ingram Sr., Scott J. Rutan, Elaine Guregian
Northeast Ohio Medical University
Great content. Crisply edited. Tough call on this one.

**Third Place**
Tire Business
Staff
Tire Business Newspaper
Excellent emphasis on news. The definition of a trade publication. Tough call.

**BEST RADIO NEWSCAST IN OHIO**

**First Place**
WKSU News
Staff
WKSU

**BEST TELEVISION NEWSCAST IN OHIO IN A MAJOR MARKET**

**First Place**
WOIO-TV
Second Place
WJW Fox 8 News
Andy Fishman, Marc Singer, Jessica Bateman
WJW Fox 8

**BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER**

**First Place**
The Heights Observer: Non-profit community news
The Heights Observer
Clearly committed to community news and in touch with their audience. A pleasure to review!

**Second Place**
Cleveland Jewish News
CJN Staff
Know their audience and is clearly connected as a trusted source of information.

**BEST NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO: ALTERNATIVES**

**First Place**
Columbus Alive
Andy Downing, Joel Oliphint, Erica Thompson, Jim Fischer
Balances serious stories with area entertainment

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

**First Place**
Akron Beacon Journal

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

**First Place**
The Plain Dealer