

The **PRESS** Club of Western Pennsylvania

PRESS CLUB OF WESTERN PA 2021 GOLDEN QUILL WINNERS

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Spot News Photo — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Mother’s Day Visit,” Nate Smallwood, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Raised in Solidarity,” Jake Myliwczyk, Pittsburgh Current

“Protester Near Damaged Car,” Shane Dunlap, Tribune-Review

“Graduation Day,” Shane Dunlap, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News — Division 4

Winner: “Preserving Pittsburgh: The Birthplace of the National Negro Opera Company Could Be the Latest Historical Gem to be Spared the Wrecking Ball,” Mark Houser, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Historic Low Levels of Pollution,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“‘It’s Been Crazy’: Gun Sales Break Records,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Pittsburgh’s April Job Loss Is Worst Ever,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Winner: “Covid Breaking News,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalist: “Police Escalate Protest Outside Peduto’s House With Pepper Spray, Projectiles and Apparent Kettling,” Hannah Lynn, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Spot/Breaking News — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “ ‘This Is Not a Riot!’ Hundreds March Through East End, Beechview; Doctors Protest in Oakland,” Kiley Koscinski, Liz Reid and Katie Blackley, WESA

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

Winner: “Allegheny County Jail’s Treatment of Incarcerated People During COVID-19,” Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh Current

Finalists:

“Tyronne Man Thankful for ‘Miracle’ Sentence,” Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror
“Western PA Child Care to Close Next Month,” Steve Ferris, Butler Eagle
“Trump Rallies in Johnstown,” Dave Sutor, John Rucosky, Staff, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism Spot/Breaking News — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “May 30th Protest,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalist: “BLM: Unrest in Downtown Pittsburgh,” KDKA Staff, KDKA-TV

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

Winner: “Turnpike Bus Accident,” Staff, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Protesters March From Downtown Through South Side; Stage Lay-in at County Jail,”
Dan Gigler and Nick Trombola, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Complaint: Reassigned Allegheny County Judge Referred to Black Juror as ‘Aunt
Jemima,’ ” Torsten Ove, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Protests in Downtown Pittsburgh,” Staff, Tribune-Review

**Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration, News or Feature —
Division 7**

Winner: “The Helpers,” Jim Prokell, Pitt Magazine

**Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration, News or Feature —
Divisions 1-6**

Winner: “War of the World: A Salute to Health Care Workers on the Front Lines,”
Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Home Run or Strikeout: Baseball’s Return-to-Play Negotiations Could Have Long-Term
Effect on the Game,” Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Is the System Geared to Assist 17 Million Newly Unemployed?” Daniel Marsula,
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Virtual Three Rivers Art Festival,” Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Page Design, Print — Division 7

Winner: “In the Lead,” Gary Cravener, Pitt Magazine

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Page Design, Print — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Referee Shortage,” Marje Horvath, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Preservation Project,” Steve Ziants, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Buccos & Bucks,” Melanie Wass, Tribune-Review
“Look to the Light,” Staff, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Editorial Cartoon — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Vote for Your Life,” Rob Rogers, www.gocomics.com

Finalists:

“What It Is,” Rob Rogers, www.gocomics.com

“Masked Heroes,” Rob Rogers, www.gocomics.com

“Anti-Virus Handsoap,” John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Cover Design, Print — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Top Work Places, Stranger Things. Much Stranger. Working in the Upside Down,” Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“December 2020,” Judy Macoskey, Mark Bender, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Summer 2020,” Anita Dufalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Standing Tall,” Elizabeth Kane and sara huny young, Postindustrial

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Animation/Motion Graphics — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pittsburgh Pirates Home Run Leaders,” Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Kent State Tragedy: 50 Years,” Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Brighton’s Plight: What Led to One of the Deadliest Nursing Home Outbreaks in America,” Ed Yozwick, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The ’70s at 50,” Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo — Division 7

Winner: “2020 Visions,” Mike Drazdzinski, University of Pittsburgh

Finalist: “Clara Wang,” Tom Altany, University of Pittsburgh

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Dancing With Myself,” Steph Chambers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“BLM in Pittsburgh,” Nick Childers, PublicSource

“Live Well,” Nate Smallwood, Tribune-Review

“Swae Lee,” Kristina Serafini, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature — Division 7

Winner: “Priests in Pandemic,” Mary Solberg, Faith Erie

Finalists:

“Serving Those Who Served,” Mark Kramer, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“A Tale of 2 Pandemics,” Deborah Todd, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“ ‘There’s Just No Voice for Us’: Pandemic Creates More Difficulties for Caregivers,”
Amerigo Allegretto, University of Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature — Division 4

Winner: “Harm Reduction: As the Pandemic Grips the Region, Prevention Point Pittsburgh Faces a Huge Increase in Demand for Its Needle Access Program,”
Cristina Rouvalis, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalist: “Legacy of Racism: Brown Mamas, a Collective of African-American Women, Gives Voice to the Persistent Inequality that Burdens Black Women in Pittsburgh,”
Ervin Dyer, Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature — Division 3

Winner: “The Displacement of Anthony Hardison From His Lawrenceville Apartment Is a Microcosm of a Neighborhood Epidemic,” Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Ghost Light Still Shines,” Nate Doughty, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Two Years Later, Wounded Victims of Synagogue Shooting Staying Strong,”
Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“South Oakland Corner Dedicated to Late Holocaust Survivor,” Adam Reinherz,
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, News Feature — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “ ‘Just Scraping By’: Families in PA Waiting on Additional Food Stamps as Court Fight Continues,” Kate Giammarise, WESA

Finalists:

“Local Governments Plan for Climate Change With the Help From a State Program,”
Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front

“Wolf Hesitates to Take More Aggressive Action Despite Accelerating Spread of COVID-19,” Sarah Boden, WESA

“Flour Is Having a Moment. Will Local Wheat Farmers Benefit?” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature — Division 2

Winner: “Agents of Change,” Karen Mansfield, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“Despite Widespread Efforts, the Pittsburgh Area Faces Hurdles to Address Food Insecurity Amid Pandemic,” Oliver Morrison, PublicSource

“Socialism Unpacked,” Dave Sutor and Russell O’Reilly, Tribune-Democrat

“Iwo Jima 75th Anniversary,” Dave Sutor, Thomas Slusser and Caroline Feightner, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, News Feature — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Life After Hate,” Beth Dolinar, Amy Grove and Dave Forstate, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Cherrie Mahan: 35 Years of Mystery & Misery,” John Shumway, Ian Smith and Steve Willing, KDKA-TV

“Letters to Mom,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki, WPXI-TV

“Tragedy at Brighton,” Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature — Division 1

Winner: “The Mystery Girl of Oakmont: Neighbors Say They Didn’t Know She Was There Until She Died,” Jonathan D. Silver, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“ ‘Pretty Infuriating’: William Penn Hotel Owner Hasn’t Used PPP Loans to Keep Workers Employed, Union Charges,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“ ‘Still Like It Was Yesterday’: People Pay Respects at Tree of Life,” Peter Smith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Prohibition and Pittsburgh,” Paul Guggenheimer, Jeff Himler, Joe Napsha, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Photo Essay — Division 7

Winner: “Meet the Cleaning Staff on the Job, Day and Night,” Aimee Obidzinski, Tom Altany and Kimberly Barlow, University of Pittsburgh

Finalist: “Our Current Reality,” Elan Mizrahi, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Photo Essay — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “2020: The Year in Photos,” Staff, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Through a Joyful Lens,” George Lange, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Nature’s Bounty,” Joshua Troup, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Frzy: A Rapper’s Life,” Kristina Serafini, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature — Division 4

Winner: “Lifting With Love,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“Annie’s Field of Dreams,” Anne Reynolds Trabandt, Shady Ave

“Shining Bright,” Sarah Tuthill, Shady Ave

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature — Division 3

Winner: “How Pittsburgh’s Muslim Community Is Celebrating Ramadan During Coronavirus,” Alex Gordon, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Getting to the Finish Line,” Julia Mericle, Pittsburgh Business Times
“Tuesdays With Jon and Helen,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
“Late Checkout: Rabbi and Family Wait Out Pandemic 2,400 Miles From Home,”
David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Traditional Feature — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “From the Source: Season 1 Episodes,” Jourdan Hicks and Andy Kubis,
PublicSource

Finalists:

“Racist Birding Incident Sparks Joyful Online Event #BlackBirdersWeek,”
Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front
“Here’s Something to Do During the Pandemic: Become a Citizen Scientist,”
Andrea Kubis, The Allegheny Front
“Pittsburgh’s Performance Students, Teachers Adjust to Virtual Lessons,”
Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pittsburgh Circus,” Aidan McGarvey, Anne Casper and Amy Grove,
WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Dear Coronavirus: Watch Pittsburgh’s Open Letter on Life in Quarantine,” Ryan Loew,
PublicSource
“The Riverkeeper,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review
“Princess Lilli’s Surprise Birthday Party,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature — Division 2

Winner: “A Love for the Game,” Karen Mansfield, Observer-Reporter

Finalists:

“Faith in Survival (St. Pat’s School Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary),” Ike Fredregill,
Altoona Mirror
“Gender-Affirming Parenting Is Allowing Kids to Explore Their Own Identities,”
Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Current
“Obama Trump Towns,” Staff, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Traditional Feature — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “A Daughter’s Promise,” Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“The Return of the Clark Bar,” Paul Guggenheimer, Sean Stipp and Chris Benson,
Tribune-Review
“The Riverkeeper,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review
“The Talk,” Chandi Chapman, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature — Division 1

Winner: “A Daughter’s Promise,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Sue McFarland and Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Women in Pennsylvania Are Being Courted for Their Votes. What Has Changed Since the Last Presidential Election?” Anya Sostek, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hope and Determination: Retired Western Pa. Attorney Living With Rare Form of Muscular Dystrophy on a Mission to Generate Awareness,” Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

“Salk’s Legacy: How Pittsburgh’s Polio Vaccine Triumph Could Shape Race to End Coronavirus Pandemic,” Paul Guggenheimer and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Personality Profile Photo — Division 7

Winner: “Dr. Elayne Arrington,” Aimee Obidzinski, Pitt Magazine

Finalists:

“Mr. Pitt,” Mike Drazdzinski, University of Pittsburgh

“Jeff Waddell,” Aimee Obidzinski, University of Pittsburgh

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Personality Profile Photo — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Faith Through It All,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Intensive Care,” Tom O’Connor, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Nisha Blackwell, Knotzland Bowtie Co.,” Jim Harris, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Tom Friday, Tom Friday’s Market,” Jim Harris, Pittsburgh Business Times

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile — Division 7

Winner: “Still in the Fight: Pitt’s Rory Cooper Recovers From Crash to Complete Marathon,” Amerigo Allegretto, University of Pittsburgh

Finalist: “Going the Distance,” Ervin Dyer, Pitt Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile — Division 4

Winner: “Finding Jackie Lerner,” David S. Rotenstein, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Intensive Care,” Anne Caffee, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Delivering Goodwill,” Deborah Weisberg, Shady Ave

“Building the Cabin,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Profile — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “A Grieving Mom Is on a Hunger Strike at Freedom Corner. The Hill District Has Embraced Her,” Ariel Worthy, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile — Division 3

Winner: “COVID Nurse Shares Observations From New York City”
Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“Jim Nied Steps Back,” Tim Schooley, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pittsburgh Stylist Chi Ilochi Uses Her Company to Heal, Help, and Inspire Through Clothing,” Jordan Snowden, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Downtown Rabbi Weathers Pandemic With a Little Help From His Friends,” Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile — Division 2

Winner: “My Neighbor’s Sole Business Is ‘Closed Until Further Notice,’” Francesca Dabecco, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Blair County’s Queen,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“I Was a Sailor Who Didn’t Do Much Sailing,” Ike Fredregill, Altoona Mirror

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Profile — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Jean Bryant: A Crowning Achievement,” Annette Banks and Ash Warren, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Praying for a Miracle for Mary,” Meghan Schiller and Ian Smith, KDKA-TV

“In the Shadow of Salk,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

“Happy Birthday George!” Lisa Sylvester and Chris Johnston, WPXI-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile — Division 1

Winner: “Salk’s Legacy: How Pittsburgh’s Polio Vaccine Triumph Could Shape Race to End Coronavirus Pandemic,” Paul Guggenheimer and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Dancing Beekeeper: Caitlyn Mendicino Is a PBT Ballerina Who Loves Bees,”
Sara Bauknecht, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Dairy Farmer and His Wife Share a Happy Long Love Story,” Gretchen McKay,
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hope and Determination: Retired Western Pa. Attorney Living With Rare Form of Muscular Dystrophy on a Mission to Generate Awareness,” Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Video Essay — Division 7

Winner: “Jonas Salk: Ending Polio’s Reign of Terror,” Christin Bongiorno, University of Pittsburgh

Finalist: “For Future Comeback Stories,” Christin Bongiorno, University of Pittsburgh

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Video Essay — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Lasting Impressions,” Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV

Finalist: “Pittsburgh Artists on Keeping Art and Their Livelihoods Going During COVID,” Jay Manning, PublicSource

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Documentary — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Land & Power,” Margaret J. Krauss and Liz Reid, WESA

Finalist: “Tree of Life Community Still Grieving, Healing Two Years After Attack,” Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams and Julia Zenkevich, WESA

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Documentary — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Tragedy at Brighton,” Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“‘Black Mothers Were Already Scared’: Coronavirus Home Births,” Nick Childers, Tom Silverstone and Alex Healey, The Guardian

“In a Summer of Protest, Members of the Skateboard Community Join the Push for Racial Justice,” Nick Childers, Ryan Loew and PublicSource Staff, PublicSource

“Everything in Hardware,” James Wright Jr. and Jonathan Bindley, Division Street Films

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government — Division 7

Winner: “Preserving Our Democracy,” Jeffery Fraser and Donovan Harrell, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalist: “Think Before You Share,” Will Entrekin, University of Pittsburgh

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

Winner: “Pittsburgh Tomorrow,” Bill O’Toole, Jeffery Fraser and Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“The Velvet Hammer,” Anne Caffee, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Reset Button,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Day Pohla Smith Voted,” Evan Pattak, Pittsburgh Quarterly

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

Winner: “Does the Allegheny County Democratic Committee Have a Trump Supporter Problem?” Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Can Biden Win Back Support From Catholic Democrats in PA?” Lucy Perkins, WESA

Finalists:

“Democrats Could Field an Anti-Fracking Candidate in 2020. Can They Win in Pennsylvania?” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“Wolf’s Support for Petrochemicals Raises Climate Worries as Pennsylvania Tries to Cut Carbon Emissions,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“Referendum on Ballot Could Give Police Review Board More Power, but Police Could Challenge,” Ariel Worthy, WESA

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

Winner: “Candidate With History of Right-Wing Social Media Posts Wins Dem Nominee,” Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh Current

Finalists:

“Daryl Metcalfe’s Secret Office,” Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh Current

“Population Decline: Can We Stop the Slide?” Dave Sutor, Tribune-Democrat

“Exposing Previously Unknown Uses of Facial Recognition Technologies,” Juliette Rihl, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Mail-In Ballots & Pre-canvassing,” David Kaplan, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“Race in Pittsburgh,” Lynne Hayes-Freeland, Olga George and Mike Mason, KDKA-TV

“VOICES: The Most Livable City for Who?” Anne Casper, Ryne DeCaprio and Alisyn Blackwell, WQED-TV

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

Winner: “Logistics, Not Partisan Tampering, Stand Best Chance at Influencing Election,” Julian Routh, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“The Wooing of a Would-Be Petrochemical Plant,” Anya Litvak and Laura Legere, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Experts Say Stock Buy May Be Ethics Issue; Years of Political Pressure in Washington to Bolster the Butler Works,” Daniel Moore, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Call for Help: Union Claims 911 Call Center Workers Need More COVID-19 Protections,” Patricia Sabatini, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education — Division 7

Winner: “Living in a Global Pandemic: Education,” Donovan Harrell and TyLisa Johnson, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalist: “Into the Woods,” Ervin Dyer, Pitt Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education — Division 4

Winner: “Back to School?” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Building a Bio Balloon,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Gauging K-12 Education Quality,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education — Division 3

Winner: “Learning 2.0,” Julia Mericle, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“Leslie Frischman’s Sidewalk Math Equals Neighborhood Fun,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Building Tomorrow’s Citizens,” Melissa Rayworth, Remake Learning

“Hammering a Nail, Threading a Needle, Learning a New Skill: Is a New Era of ‘Home Ec’ and ‘Shop’ on the Horizon?” Melissa Rayworth, Remake Learning

“Math Quiz: Could Grassroots Innovation + Pandemic-Fueled Change = True Transformation?” Melissa Rayworth, Remake Learning

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Education — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Teachers Are Tackling the Impeachment Trial in a Politically Divisive Climate,” Sarah Schneider, WESA

Finalist: “Advocates Say Remote Teaching Puts English Language Learners in an Impossible Situation,” Sarah Schneider, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education — Division 2

Winner: “Ready to Reopen?” Joshua Byers, John Finnerty and CNHI PA News Team, Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“Pandemic Takes a Swipe at Fine Arts Education, But Might Just Prove How Much It’s Worth,” Jennie Geisler, Erie Times-News

“COVID-19 Spotlights the Harsh Inequities in Public Education,” Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Current

“After Four Years of Restrictions and Fear, International Students Seek Stability From the New Administration,” Naomi Harris, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Education — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Montour High School COVID Crisis,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki, WPXI-TV

Finalists:

“Is Pandemic Education Making the Grade?” Kristine Sorensen, Amy Philips-Haller and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV

“The Hunger Lesson,” Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri and Dave Forstate, WQED-TV

“Reopening Schools: McKeesport Area School District,” Marcie Cipriani, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education — Division 1

Winner:

“How 65 Student COVID-19 Cases at WVU Became One Overnight,” Bill Schackner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Lessons on the Radio, in the Parking Lot,” Kris B. Mamula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Branch Off: Penn State, Other College Satellite Campuses Hope Pandemic Will Help Reverse Declining Enrollment Numbers,” Deb Erdley, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer — Division 7

Winner: “Signs of the Times,” Elwin Green, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalist: “How Google Maps Get Made,” Sharon Blake, University of Pittsburgh

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

Winner: “Where the Dead Go,” Ben Wecht, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: “Stayin’ Alive,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer — Division 3

Winner: “PNC Expansion Coverage,” Patty Tascarella, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“Turbulence,” Julia Mericle, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pittsburgh Artist Creates Black Lives Matter T-Shirt to Help Fight Systemic Racism, Ends up in Fight Against Big Business Ripping Off His Design,” Lisa Cunningham, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Want to Save the Planet? Expert Says Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“In the Ohio River Valley, the Petrochemical Boom Is on Hold,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“While Investment Dollars Remain Scarce, Mon Valley Communities Test a New Form of Currency,” An-Li Herring, WESA

“Pittsburgh’s Indie Bookstores Struggle to Stay Afloat During Pandemic,”
Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer — Division 2

Winner: “Vision 2020: Great Outdoors,” Staff, Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“Ralliers Decry Wolf’s Order,” Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

“Precision Marshall Shows Steely Resolve,” Rick Shrum, Observer-Reporter

“PPP Poured More Than \$1.5 Billion Into Pittsburgh. Did It Go to the Businesses That Needed It Most?” Oliver Morrison, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast, Business/Technology/Consumer — Division 1-6

Winner: “Stealing Home: Property Takeover Scheme,” Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki and Ward Hobbs, WPXI-TV

Finalists:

“Help! My Home Is Melting!” Meghan Schiller, Rob Hopson and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV

“Are They Worth the Investment? Testing UV-C Units,” Ashley Bishop, Ward Hobbs and Peggy Finnegan, WPXI-TV

“Future Jobs: Technology and Our Changing Workforce,” Tonia Caruso, Frank Caloiero and Dave Forstate, WQED-TV

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

Winner: “Buccos & Bucks | Experts: Big Spending Doesn’t Equal Big Success.”
Megan Tomasic and Paula Reed Ward, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Despite Governor’s Request, UPMC Continues to Do Elective Surgeries,” Sean Hamill and Kris B. Mamula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“With Unemployment Benefits Slow to Arrive, Many Are Left ‘Treading Water’ to Meet Basic Needs,” Lauren Rosenblatt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Bringing People Together: Monroeville Businessman, aka ‘Dr. C,’ Created Modern Conference Call — The Tool Keeping America Running,” Dillon Carr, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 7

Winner: “Groundswell,” Elaine Vitone, Pitt Med

Finalists:

“Body of Work,” Susan Wiedel, Pitt Magazine

“Left of Bang,” Gavin Jenkins, Pitt Med

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 4

Winner: “All Stressed Out: Can College Counseling Centers Handle a Rise in Students Using Their Services?” Amanda Reed, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Harm Reduction: As the Pandemic Grips the Region, Prevention Point Pittsburgh Faces a Huge Increase in Demand for Its Needle Access Program,” Cristina Rouvalis, Pittsburgh Magazine

“Gone Before Their Time,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Cannabis Helps Vets Cope. Just Ask Them,” Carmen Gentile, Postindustrial

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 7

Winner: “Pitt Medcast, Episode 13: ‘Relationship Abuse,’” Elaine Vitone and Maya Best, Pitt Med

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 3

Winner: “Paul J. Gough’s Covid Health Care Coverage,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“Physician Ministers During Peak of Pandemic,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

“America the Unprotected,” Cody McDevitt, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Medical/Health — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Locked Emergency Room, No Answers: Ellwood City Still Without Hospital,” Sarah Boden, WESA

Finalists:

“Climate Change to Bring More Smoggy Days,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“Lyme Disease Risk Is High in City Parks, Too,” Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front

“Some Worry Coronavirus Will Amplify Racial Disparities in Health Care,”

Ariel Worthy, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 2

Winner: Breast Cancer Project, Randy Griffith, Staff, Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“Alcoholism and Sobriety During the Pandemic: Pittsburghers Share Their Story,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Current

“Experts Evaluate the Formidable Toll the Pandemic Has Been Taking on Our Community’s Mental Health,” Sharise Nance, Kenneth Thompson and Casey Swartz, PublicSource

“Back to the Wall” PTSD Series, Dave Sutor, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Medical/Health — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Tragedy at Brighton,” Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“We Just Want to Breathe,” Meghan Schiller, Fred Williams and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV

“In the Shadow of Salk,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

“Nursing Home COVID Failures,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki, WPXI-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health — Division 1

Winner: “21 hours in Uniontown Hospital’s Red Zone: Tears, Frustration and Grit” Kris B. Mamula and Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Washington County Residents Say Their Neighbor Is Noisy, Disruptive and a Polluter. Their Neighbor Is a Compressor Station, and It’s a Quarter-Mile Away,” Don Hopey and David Templeton, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Cough, a Cruise Ship and a Westmoreland County Case of Coronavirus,” Anya Sostek, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment — Division 4

Winner: “Sun Powered,” Kellie Gormly, Postindustrial

Finalists:

“Seeing Sound in Space,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Historic Low Levels of Pollution,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Saving Injured Animals,” Deborah Weisberg, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Science/Environment — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “What Might Happen If Dams Are Removed in the Ohio River Watershed” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“Trump on Earth Podcast: The Series Finale,” Staff of The Allegheny Front and Andy Kubis, The Allegheny Front

“Wild Pennsylvania,” Staff of The Allegheny Front, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment — Division 2

Winner: “Pennsylvania’s Grouse Population in Peril,” John Rucosky, Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“Why the National Media Is Obsessed With Fracking in Southwestern Pennsylvania — and What It Gets Wrong,” Oliver Morrison, PublicSource

“Community Members Struggle With Pittsburgh’s Air Quality and Whether to Leave or Stay and Fight for Clean Air,” Dennis Towne, Noah Theriault and Melanie Meade, PublicSource

“Vision 2020: Great Outdoors,” Staff, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Science/Environment — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “The Air That We Breathe,” Iris Samson, Ash Warren and Amy Grove, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh’s Air: Is It Really That Bad?” Andy Sheehan, Amy Philips-Haller and KDKA Staff, KDKA-TV

“The Riverkeeper,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment — Division 1

Winner: “Unplugged: Pennsylvania Faces a New Wave of Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells,” Laura Legere and Anya Litvak, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Pitt Lab Working to Create Vaccine for Coronavirus,” Sean D. Hamill, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Big Fish Are Getting Bigger in Pittsburgh’s Rivers,” John Hayes, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture — Division 7

Winner: “The Love Lady & the Professor: A Pittsburgh Civil Rights Story,” David S. Rotenstein, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalists:

“Against the Odds,” Cristina Rouvalis, Pitt Magazine

“August Wilson & Romare Bearden: A Playwright’s Debt to an Artist,” Larry Glasco, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture — Division 4

Winner: “The Day Women Took Over,” Eliza Smith Brown, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“When the Spanish Flu Hung Like a Black Cloud Over the Mahoning Valley,” Sean Posey, Metro Monthly

“Finding Jackie Lerner,” David S. Rotenstein, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Where the Dead Go,” Ben Wecht, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Original Waterworks,” Tawnya Panizzi, Shady Ave

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture — Division 3

Winner: “Century-Old Sign Company Has True Grit,” Janine Faust, The Northside Chronicle

Finalists:

“Preserving Pittsburgh: How Pittsburgh’s 3-Year-Old Archive Department Is Working to Make the City’s History More Accessible,” Hannah Lynn, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Rabbi’s Pandemic Edicts Save Lives During Cholera Crisis of 1831,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“The Anatomy of a Nightmare: How Garfield Came to Kennywood,” Boaz Frankel, Very Local Pittsburgh

Excellence in Audio Journalism, History/Culture — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “From the Source Episode 13: The Student and Her Grandma, an Intergenerational View on Civil Rights,” Jourdan Hicks and Andy Kubis, PublicSource

Finalist: “Carp Fishing and Eating Popcorn Under the Brilliant Viaduct Over Washington Boulevard,” Katie Blackley, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture — Division 2

Winner: “Historical Context: Violence Occurring Against Black Pittsburghers Today Has Been Happening For More Than a Century-and-a-Half,” Jody DiPerna and Elaine Frantz, Pittsburgh Current

Finalists:

“Concerned Citizens,” Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

“From Pittsburgh West,” Dave Sutor, John Rucosky, Tribune-Democrat

“Two Jima 75th Anniversary,” Dave Sutor, Thomas Slusser and Caroline Feightner, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, History/Culture — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pittsburgh’s Underground Railroad,” Lisa Sylvester, WPXI-TV

Finalists: “The Return of the Clark Bar,” Paul Guggenheimer, Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

“Jumonville Cross,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

“Strawberry Pretzel Salad – Is It a Salad or a Dessert?” Boaz Frankel, Very Local Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture — Division 1

Winner: “Death on the High Seas: Two Western Pa. Soldiers Remembered in 1943 Troopship Disaster,” Torsten Ove, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Women’s Battle for the Ballot,” Marylynne Pitz, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Prohibition and Pittsburgh,” Paul Guggenheimer, Joe Napsha and Jeff Himler, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Division 7

Winner: “How Culture Saved the Steel City,” Maxwell King, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalist: “Pittsburgh at the Smithsonian,” Leslie Przybylek, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Division 4

Winner: “The Stage Is Our Canvas,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists;

“They’re Not Shy,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“The Curtain Rises on a New Reality,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Stuart Sheppard Portfolio,” Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Division 3

Winner: “‘Hello Darkness, My Old Friend’ Recounts Friendship Between Author and Art Garfunkel,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Composer Christopher Tin,” Katie Brill and Bryan Sejvar, WQED-FM

Finalists:

“HungryGrl Big City Podcast,” Jess Iacullo, Postindustrial Media, Postindustrial

“This Fall, Pittsburgh’s Performing — Arts Groups Adapt to the Pandemic,”

Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

“Laura Gordon — Band of Brothers Shakespeare Company,” Katie Brill and Bryan Sejvar, WQED-FM

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “En Pointe: Black Dancers, Black History,” Gina Catanzarite, Amy Grove and Ash Warren, WQED-TV

Finalists:

“So Long, 2020! First Night 2021,” David Highfield, Heather Abraham and James Santelli, KDKA-TV

“Autism: Behind the Lens,” Dave Forstate, WQED-TV

“Yinzer Shopping Network,” Boaz Frankel and Alden Roth, Very Local Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment — Division 1

Winner: “‘Four Dead in Ohio’: How the Kent State Shooting Changed Music History,” Scott Mervis, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“A Steelers Mural in Edinboro Gains New Champions — and a New Life,” Bob Batz Jr., Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“1 in 6 Americans Sings in a Choir — and They’re Healthier for It,” Jeremy Reynolds, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Area Artists Are Finding New Ways to Make Movies, Theater During the Pandemic,” Maria Sciullo, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Poet Gene Hirsch Leaves Behind a Magnum Opus,” Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle — Division 7

Winner: “Alum BASE Jumps for Veterans’ Suicide Awareness,” Kimberly Barlow, University of Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle — Division 4

Winner: “Gilbert de Botton and The Warhol,” Greg Curtis, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“The Haunting of Lebo House,” Merle Jantz, Katie Wagner and Amy Martin, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Caffeine & Cadence,” Katie Wagner, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“A Farm Life,” Daryl Brewer Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle — Division 3

Winner: “Tim Schooley Restaurant Coverage,” Tim Schooley, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“How a Pittsburgh Couple Pulled off a Socially Distant Wedding,” Rossilynne Culgan, The Incline

“Community Adapts Jewish Rituals During Coronavirus Crisis,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Lifestyle — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Drive-ins Find New Life During the Pandemic,” Katie Blackley, WESA

Finalist: “Have a Corn Dog: Fair Food Without the Fair,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Lifestyle — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “The Return of the Clark Bar,” Paul Guggenheimer, Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“The Riverkeeper,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

“Pittsburgh Eats,” WQED Digital Production Team, WQED-TV

“Switch and Signal: an Indoor Skatepark in Swissvale That Welcomes Everyone,” Dylan White, Very Local Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle — Division 1

Winner: “The Next Page: In the Shadow of Mount Everest,” Bill Zlatos, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Crisis Prompts Anguished Talks in Faith Communities,” Peter Smith, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“TV Talk: Powerful, Filmed-in-Pittsburgh ‘Ma Rainey’ Debuts on Netflix,” Rob Owen, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Photo — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Ben Roethlisberger Stiff Arms Texans Outside Linebacker Whitney Mercilus” Peter Diana, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh Riverhounds Host First Professional Sporting Event During Pandemic,” Jared Wickerham, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Harness Racing,” Chris Gooden, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Murray in Goal,” Nate Smallwood, Tribune-Review

“Celebrating a Winning Kick,” Christopher Horner, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports — Division 7

Winner: “Beat ‘Em Bucs: Personal Reflections on the Rise of the 1960 World Champs,” Dennis Ranalli, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports — Division 4

Winner: “Sports Virus Portfolio,” Bill O’Toole, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: “Cameron Heyward, Gridiron Philanthropist,” Jeff Sewald, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Videography — Division 7

Winner: “Together Has a New Meaning,” Sydney Bauer, Cayla Morgan and Dave Saba, Duquesne Athletics

Finalists:

“More Than a Game,” Sydney Bauer, Duquesne Athletics

“My Mom Was My Best Friend ... Everything About Her Inspires Me,” Sydney Bauer, Duquesne Athletics

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports — Division 3

Winner: “Bob Orkwis Celebrates 35 Years Covering High School Sports in WPA” Thomas Leturgey, Patch

Finalists:

“Punching out Parkinson’s,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

“ ‘Tour de Quarantine’ the Brainchild of Pittsburgh Cycling Commentator,”

Ashlee Green, The Northside Chronicle

“Clear the Way for the Goldmans Because They’re Not Slowing Down,” Adam Reinherz,
Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Sports — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Breakfast With Benz and Jason Mounts,” Tim Benz, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Breakfast With Benz and Christian Montano,” Tim Benz, Tribune-Review

“Breakfast With Benz and Louis Faló,” Tim Benz, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Video — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Will Power: William Jeffress’ Journey to Major Basketball,”

Tom Reisenweber, Erie Times-News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports — Division 2

Winner: “Wrestling With a Pandemic: Pittsburgh’s Indy Wrestling Scene Has Taken a Hit From COVID-19,” Thomas Leturgey, Damian Lynch and Mallory Lynde, Pittsburgh Current

Finalists:

“Playoff Parade,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“Change ‘a Long Time Coming,’” Tom Reisenweber, Erie Times-News

“Will Power,” Tom Reisenweber, Erie Times-News

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Sports — Divisions 1-6

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

Finalists:

“Just Gotta ‘Shalieve,’” Bob Pompeani, Ian Smith and Craig McConnell, KDKA-TV

“Pennsylvania’s Neighborhood: Hershey, Hershey Bears,” Bob McCool, PCN Staff, PCN

“Step Inside The Ring of the Keystone State Wrestling Alliance (KSWA),”

Dean Bogdanovic, Very Local Pittsburgh

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports — Division 1

Winner: “It’s Time to Appreciate Pirates Pitchers Who Could Actually Hit,”

Jason Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“‘It’s Crippling’: COVID-19 Pandemic Has Financially Thrashed College Athletic Departments,” Craig Meyer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hoping For a Rebound: Referee Shortage a Troubling Trend in U.S.,” Chris Harlan, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials — Division 4

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

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials — Division 2

Winner: “Time for Pa. to Repeal ‘Garb Law,’” “Lives Matter More Than the Economy” and “University Students Would Be Losers in Online Learning Suits,” Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials — Division 1

Winner: “Parks Tax Squabbles – This Is Not What Residents Voted For,” “Time for Leadership: Legislature Should Relinquish Its Reserve Fund” and “Lack of Transparency: Public Records Requests Ignored By the State,” Tom Bickert, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalist: “Courts and Crime,” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs — Division 4

Winner: Selected Columns of Carmen Gentile, Postindustrial

Finalists:

“From the Editor,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“A Farm Life,” Daryln Brewer Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs — Division 3

Winner: “Views by Tereneh Idia,” Tereneh Idia, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Not Moving on But Moving Forward,” “Moving Beyond Our Differences to See the Bigger Picture” and “The Unique Challenges and Opportunities of Being a 2020 Grad,” Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Remaking Tomorrow: Learning Innovation in SW PA and Beyond,” Melissa Rayworth, Remake Learning

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs — Division 2

Winner: “A Long-Ago Attack on a Child Sparked an Erie Revolution,” “Living With Mortal Fear Has Become Our New Normal” and “Don’t Close Polk Center Without Plan For What Comes Next,” Lisa Thompson, Erie Times-News

Finalists:

Selection of Columns by Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh Current

Columns of Chip Minemyer, The Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs — Division 1

Winner: Lori Falce Commentary, Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“The Heroic Story of the Steelers’ First-Ever Draft Pick — William Shakespeare,”
“ ‘A Lot of Us Can’t Sleep at Night’ — Ex-RMU Lacrosse Player on Front Lines of COVID-19 Battle” and “Maggie Dixon’s Impact Lives Profoundly Through the Women She Coached,” Joe Starkey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Us: This Cab Carries and Cares for Veterans — and 2 Funny Dogs,” “Us: At Age 97, Lucy Is a Viral Baking Sensation” and “Us: For South Side’s Albert Burnelis, Living to 100 Is Simple,” David Templeton, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Digital Presentation – Division 7

Winner: “Simply Celebrating,” Rich Papalia, Faith Erie

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Digital Presentation – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “After the Explosion,” Sam Underwood, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Women’s Battle for the Ballot,” Laura Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“A Strip of History: It’s Not Just the Past Decade That Has Seen Massive Changes on this Prime Property,” Zack Tanner, Andrew Rush and Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“Unplugged: Pennsylvania Faces a New Wave of Abandoned Oil and Gas Wells,” Sam Underwood, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multiplatform Project – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “A Daughter’s Promise,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Sue McFarland, Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh Today & Tomorrow,” Donald Bonk, Bill O’Toole and Kyle Uricchio, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“ADA at 30: Accessibility in Pittsburgh,” PublicSource Staff, Unabridged Press Staff and Pittsburgh community members, PublicSource
“Tragedy at Brighton,” Sue McFarland, Rob Amen and Frank Carnevale, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Division 4

Winner: “All Stressed Out: Can College Counseling Centers Handle a Rise in Students Using Their Services?” Amanda Reed, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Reset Button,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Pittsburgh Today Coronavirus Coverage,” Bill O’Toole, Pittsburgh Quarterly
“Pittsburgh Tomorrow,” Bill O’Toole, Jeffery Fraser and Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Division 3

Winner: “America the Unprotected,” Cody McDevitt, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Small Business Big Mission,” Staff, Pittsburgh Business Times

“A Changing Story By Police on a Rural Pa. Shooting Helped Fuel White Vigilantes and Misinformation,” Ryan Deto and Joseph Darius Jaafari, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Land & Power,” Margaret J. Krauss and Liz Reid, WESA

Finalists:

“When a Gas Plant Moves Next Door,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

“Is It Safe to Bring Your Reusable Bags Back to the Grocery Store?” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Division 2

Winner: “The True Cost of Court Debt,” Juliette Rihl, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Students Lead Call For Reform at West Jefferson Hills School District After Years of Unchecked Racist Incidents,” Brian Conway, Pittsburgh Current

“Daniel Pastorek Died in the Allegheny County Jail But He Shouldn’t Have Been There in The First Place,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Current

“The Checkered Decade of One Pittsburgh Officer Shows the Shortcomings of Police Discipline,” Rich Lord, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Tragedy at Brighton,” Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Judge Under Fire,” Andy Sheehan, KDKA Staff, KDKA-TV

“Nursing Home Employee Whistleblowers,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki, WPXI-TV

“Action News Investigates: Unemployment in Pennsylvania,” Paul Van Osdol, Kendall Cross and Michael Lazorko, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative — Division 1

“Brighton’s Plight,” Sean Hamill, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalist: “After the Explosion,” Anya Litvak, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

STUDENT COMPETITION

Excellence in Written Journalism — News

Winner: “Analysis: Comparing Pitt’s Current Ballard Spahr Spending With Pre-Unionization,” Neena Hagen, The Pitt News

Finalists:

“Instruction Moves Online Due to Coronavirus Concerns,” Dara Collins and Jordyn Hronec, The Globe

“Adapt or Die: Political Organizations, Campaigns Utilize Different Strategies Ahead of the Election,” Amanda Andrews, The Globe

“Point Park Partners With Minding the Gap to Improve Dancers’ Mental Health,” Amanda Andrews, The Globe

“Penn State Greater Allegheny — COVID-19 Coverage, 2020,” Staff of The GA-Zette, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — News Photo

Winner: “Black Lives Matter Protester Arrested, Tensions Rise With Police,” Jared Murphy, The Globe

Finalists:

“Dannielle Brown Places Flowers on a Symbolic Empty Casket During Her Living Funeral Procession On Aug. 6,” Colleen Hammond, The Duquesne Duke

“White Supremacist, Fascist Group Holds Rally Downtown,” Griffin Sendek, The Duquesne Duke

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — News Videography

Winner: “Downtown Pittsburgh Election Day Interviews,” Griffin Sendek, The Duquesne Duke

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — News or Feature Illustration

Winner: Cal Times covers: Valentine’s Day and the Cal U Master Plan, Lily Gongaware, California University of Pennsylvania

Excellence in Written Journalism — Feature

Winner: “Exclusive: On Eve of Move-in, Gallagher Asks for Flexibility During Historic Semester,” Jon Moss, The Pitt News

Finalists:

“Pioneer Public – Royce Jones,” Amanda Andrews, The Globe

“Gen Z Use TikTok to Get Politically Involved,” Jordyn Hronec, The Globe

“Historic Neighborhoods Slowly Vanishing,” Tiara Strong, Point Park News Service

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — Feature Photo

Winner: “Take a Trip to Cuyahoga Valley,” Jared Murphy, Point Park News Service

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism — Feature

Winner: “Pick Your Own Flowers at Simmons Farm While Social Distancing,”
Kaitlyn Collins, California University of Pennsylvania

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — Feature Videography

Winner: “Partners in Time,” Griffin Sendek, The Duquesne Duke

Excellence in Written Journalism — Sports

Winner: “What’s in a Name?” Andrew Destin, Penn State Curley Center

Finalists:

“WBB HC Burt: Our Players More Than Athletes,” Adam Lindner, The Duquesne Duke

“Former Athletes Push for Change Within Pitt Athletics,” Alex Lehmbeck, The Pitt News

“ ‘You’re Just in Awe’: Spectators Reminisce on Kobe’s Pitt Visit,” Alex Lehmbeck, The Pitt News

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism — Sports

Winner: “A Portrait of Mayhem,” Paddy Cotter, Penn State Curley Center

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement — Page Layout/Design

Winner: “Penn State Greater Allegheny’s GA-Zette,” Nathaniel Rega, Penn State Greater Allegheny’s GA-Zette

Finalist: “The Globe,” Staff, The Globe

Excellence in Written Journalism — Opinion

Winner: “An Open Letter to Those That Don’t Understand,” Kendra Summers-Stephens, The Globe

Finalists:

“America’s Long Descent Into Fascism,” Nardos Haile, The Globe

“The Globe’s Point,” Staff, The Globe

“The Collective Columns of Shannon Reid,” Shannon Reid, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

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

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography – Division 7

“Meet the Cleaning Staff on the Job, Day and Night,” Aimee Obidzinski, Tom Altany and Kimberly Barlow, University of Pittsburgh

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography – Divisions 1-6

“2020: The Year in Photos,” Staff, PublicSource

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Videography – Division 7

“Jonas Salk: Ending Polio’s Reign of Terror,” Christin Bongiorno, University of Pittsburgh

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Videography – Divisions 1-6

“Pittsburgh Circus,” Aidan McGarvey, Anne Casper and Amy Grove, WQED-TV

Ed King Memorial Award: Audio Journalism – Divisions 1-6

“Land & Power,” Margaret J. Krauss and Liz Reid, WESA

Marie Torre Memorial Award: Video Journalism – Divisions 1-6

“Tragedy at Brighton,” Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Division 7

“Preserving Our Democracy,” Jeffery Fraser and Donovan Harrell, Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Division 4

“All Stressed Out: Can College Counseling Centers Handle a Rise in Students Using Their Services?” Amanda Reed, Pittsburgh Magazine

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Division 3

“America the Unprotected,” Cody McDevitt, Pittsburgh City Paper

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Division 2

“Historical Context: Violence Occurring Against Black Pittsburghers Today Has Been Happening For More Than a Century-and-a-Half,” Jody DiPerna and Elaine Frantz, Pittsburgh Current

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Division 1

“21 hours in Uniontown Hospital’s Red Zone: Tears, Frustration and Grit,” Kris B. Mamula and Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette