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**Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation announces
2025 News Organization of the Year awards**

*Awards recognize outstanding work across all departments and all products of
Pennsylvania news media companies.*

HARRISBURG, Pa., (July 10, 2025) – The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation announces its 2025 News Organization of the Year Awards, recognizing Pennsylvania news companies for overall excellence across all departments.

For multiday publications, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won first-place honors while PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, received second place. TheBurg, Harrisburg, received first place for weeklies while the Chestnut Hill Local earned second-place honors.

"Our employees take tremendous pride in collaborating across all divisions of the company to serve our readers, and this award is a reflection of that dedicated teamwork. To win this award a fourth straight year is especially gratifying given the outstanding quality of journalism produced every day throughout the Commonwealth," Post-Gazette President Tracey DeAngelo and Vice President and Executive Editor Stan Wischnowski said in a joint statement.

"We're truly honored to receive this award two years in a row," said Burke Noel, president of PA Media Group, which publishes PennLive/The Patriot-News. "This recognition reinforces our content team's dedication to producing impactful statewide journalism that strengthens the communities we serve. It also drives our sales and marketing teams to create even more innovative and effective business solutions for our valued clients throughout the commonwealth and beyond."

Lawrance Binda, president and editor of TheBurg, celebrated the announcement. "We are deeply honored to be named the 2025 News Organization of the Year," he said. "This is the fifth straight year that we've received this prestigious first-place award, which speaks to the hard work, dedication and creativity of both our editorial and advertising teams."

"It is somewhat surreal for the Chestnut Hill Local to be recognized as second in our category for the third year in a row," said Publisher Daralyse Lyons. "But it is a testament to our editorial team's vision, dedication and tenacity."

Lyons continued, "I am thrilled by the hard work of our staff reporters and editors as well as our freelance contributors. At the Local, we do a lot with limited resources and I feel humbled to be at the helm of a 67-plus-year legacy newspaper. I'm grateful that the communities of Northwest Philadelphia and Southeast Montgomery County trust us enough to share with us and to learn from our content. This award is an honor we do not take lightly."

More than 120 news organizations from across Pennsylvania competed for NOY Awards throughout the year by entering the Keystone Media Awards and the PNA Foundation Advertising contests. Points were awarded and accumulated through these contests as well as several special awards. While these contests were divided across categories and circulation divisions, NOY recognition is determined by the highest accumulated points across all categories and divisions. News organizations are judged not only on their journalism and writing, reporting, photography, video, digital products and design, but also on their sales strategies, innovation, community impact and their relevance, integrity and initiative in serving readers and audiences.

The awards will be presented at the Keystone Media Awards luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel in Harrisburg.

About PNA Foundation:

The PNA Foundation is an independent, nonprofit corporation organized as a public foundation. Its mission is to support the sustainability of local news through philanthropy and fundraising, training and recognition of professional and student journalists.

About PNA:

PNA, founded in 1925, is the nonprofit trade association for print and digital news media in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its mission is to advance the business interests of Pennsylvania news media organizations and to promote a free and independent press. Membership includes newspapers and media-related companies, as well as college newspapers and online publications.

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