

2025 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
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Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	Broad+Liberty	Deadly management issues at Delaware County Prison	Todd Shepherd
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	EQT's Gas Play	Quinn Glabicki
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Spotlight PA	Abuse and neglect investigations of aging Pennsylvanians are woefully slow. The results can be devastating.	Angela Couloumbis
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Inquirer's data and political reporters identified the long-term voting trends that would lead Donald Trump's win to Pennsylvania four years after his loss to Joe Biden.	Staff
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Death of Ellen Greenberg	John Luciew
News Beat Reporting	First Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Public Safety - Man hit by ambulance; Life can be cruel; From child refugee to college director; Looking forward to golden years; We need to believe our victims; Why can't I know	Jenna Wise
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Health Beat - Men's study aids; Charged lemonade; Micropreemie baby; Sun disorders; Liver transplant; Penn State cancer drug	Anya Sostek
News Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Spotlight PA	Penn State - Sandusky scandal; DEI diversity funding budget cuts; Trustees' private meetings; Trustees deliberation governance	Wyatt Massey

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Breaking News	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	FBI believes shooter who tried to assassinate Donald Trump acted alone; Biden calls for nation to 'dial the rhetoric down'	Staff
Breaking News	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Coverage of the Trump assassination attempt	Staff
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Inside the Raging Battle at Philips	Michael D. Sallah, Michael Korsh, Evan Robinson-Johnson & Madaleine Rubin
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Investigators examine preparation, response at Trump rally shooting	Staff
News Feature Story	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	A battle over how to teach kids to read is playing out in Philly-area classrooms. Parents are losing trust.	Maddie Hanna
News Feature Story	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	'This is what money smells like.' \$2.2M fine is latest entry in Clairton's air pollution history	Justin Vellucci
News Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Pittsburgh's run-down bridges face yearslong backlog of repairs, tens of millions in maintenance	Neena Hagen & Hallie Lauer
Business or Consumer Story	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	As Charleroi's glassmaking tradition ends, an Ohio town gains from its loss	Madaleine Rubin
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Shadow of the sun	Kris B. Mamula
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh City Paper	Boldly going to the Duquesne Club and Rivers Club, where few but rich white men had once gone before	Rachel Wilkinson

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Editorial	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Allegheny County is quietly gutting services for the severely mentally ill, The human cost of Allegheny County's data-driven mental health care reforms, DHS must not make Pittsburgh a mental health laboratory	Brandon McGinley & Rebecca Spiess
Editorial	Second Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	PA lawmakers must act know to ensure patients can afford medicines; Racism in fire departments; Battling to bring daylight to people in prison	PennLive Editorial Board
Editorial	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Unusual city housing authority contract deserves independent scrutiny; Shady business: Housing authority ditched minority business after getting diversity panel approval; The HACP contracting process is marred by arbitrary and opaque decisions	Brandon McGinley
Column	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Zelensky Ukraine War interview; Russia war crimes; NATO Ukrain war crimes	Trudy Rubin
Column	Second Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	About Governor Shapiro's mansion costs; Thank you politicians for the fun you provide; Fetterman and McCormick should have a new politics bromance	John Baer
Column	Honorable Mention	The Morning Call, Allentown	We're all just getting old and tired; Show your dog some love; passing the baton	Graysen Golter

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Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	High School Sports - Sportsmanship; Girls flag football popularity; 11-player suspension; Woman coaches boys high school; Baseball championship	Mike White
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Pirates beat - Homerun cancer battle; MLB prospects; Pirates season report card; Booing Derek Shelton	Noah Hiles
Sports Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Steelers beat - Russell Wilson; Free agency; Training camp; Trade rumors	Gerry Dulac
Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Cheltenham's Corey Bradley was still mourning after his mother's murder. Baseball gave him a chance to honor her.	Mike Sielski
Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh sports perspectives	Tim Benz
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	TribLive, Pittsburgh	What's right and wrong with Pittsburgh sports	Mark Madden
Sports Feature	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The Hardest Hit: The pain of his son's loss never takes a day off for ex-Eagle Hugh Douglas	Alex Coffey
Sports Feature	Second Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	How PSU's Gyasi Cline-Heard survived a decade in prison and his own regret, for a shot at redemption	David Jones
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Flyers' 50th anniversary since their first Stanley Cup title	Mike Sielski, Lochlahn March, Jackie Spiegel & Matt Breen

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Sports Enterprise	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The Final Penalty Eagles 1980 Super Bowl icons, damaged by the game they loved, struggle to get compensated through the NFL's controversial concussion deal	David Gambacorta, Gabe Coffey, Matt Breen & Aaron Carter
Sports Enterprise	Second Place	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times, Easton	Misfire	Nick Falsone, Kurt Bresswein & Saed Hindash
Sports Enterprise	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	1974 Steelers Season	Joe Starkey, Jason Mackey, Brian Batko & Gerry Dulac
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Steelers-Bills Blizzard Game	Sports News Team
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Pirates battle elements, bullpen meltdown to outlast Cubs in Paul Skenes' MLB debut	Kevin Gorman, Justin Guerriero & Tim Benz
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Honorable Mention	LNP, Lancaster	Final day of the U.S. Women's Open	Staff
Feature Story	First Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Retired Pa. state troopers trade patrol cars for golf carts in Florida 'paradise'	John Luciew
Feature Story	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Owner of Tokyo's viral Philly cheesesteak joint dishes on what he loves most about the city	Henry Savage
Feature Story	Honorable Mention	The Philadelphia Inquirer	A New Life, Far From Philadelphia: Gun violence killed her only child. She's starting over in Montana.	Ellie Rushing
Personality Profile	First Place	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	Mark can't talk independently, but co-wrote - and stars in - a new opera	Bill Zlatos

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Personality Profile	Second Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Health issues stole promise of man who died homeless in Harrisburg: 'Life can be cruel'	Jenna Wise
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Gov. Shapiro talks about being Pa.'s leading cheerleader, sports fan, family man	Jan Murphy
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	Pittsburgh City Paper	Food - Pickleback Tour of Pittsburgh; IC Light and Well Vodka; Frownie Brownie; Cheese Cosmo; Hoss's; Holiday cookie table	Amanda Waltz
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Kids' Health Beat - PTSD kids/Trump rally shooting; Peanut introduction allergy; Screen time/Kids mental health study; Firearm deaths; Covid Vaccine pregnancy	Abby Mackey
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Music - New Country-Alt Sixth Generation; Best protest songs; Flaming lips; Grateful for Biggie; Review Billie Eilish; Solid foundation of the Grateful Dead	Scott Mervis
Breaking News Photo	First Place	Pittsburgh City Paper	Hands Off Rafah rally	Mars Johnson
Breaking News Photo	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Protester Arrested	Steven M. Falk
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times,Easton	Firey crash	Mike Nester
News Event Photo	First Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Survivor's grief	Sean Simmers
News Event Photo	Second Place	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times,Easton	Secret Service	Saed Hindash
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Balloon release	Sean Simmers

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Feature Photo	First Place	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times,Easton	Merry-go-round	Saed Hindash
Feature Photo	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Backstage Ballet	Tom Gralish
Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times,Easton	Puppy love	Saed Hindash
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	Tony Fahling practices a drop kick on James Cleaver, reflected in a mirror framed by posters of famous pro wrestlers pasted to the wall at T2T Wrestling Academy in New Kensington	Quinn Glabicki
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Penguins honor Malkin	Chaz Palla
Sports Action Photo	First Place	LNP, Lancaster	Double header	Chris Knight
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times,Easton	Pretzel move	Saed Hindash
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	LNP, Lancaster	Eye ball	Chris Knight
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	Pittsburgh City Paper	Enjoy Wrestling delivers a piledriver of fashion, queerness, and inclusivity	Mars Johnson
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Bishop Zubik visits jail inmates for Holy Thursday Mass	Shane Dunlap
News Page Design	First Place	Pittsburgh City Paper	The Pride Issue; Summer Guide; Nailing It; Big Bad Brownie; Holiday Touchdahn; Smoke Screen	Jeff Schreckengost
News Page Design	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Ask-A-Centenarian	Staff
News Page Design	Honorable Mention	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Not so great debate, Biden out, Fogel speaks	Dave Penn
Feature Page Design	First Place	LNP, Lancaster	Home & Garden	Elizabeth Patton

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Feature Page Design	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Snow Days, The Other Carnegie Halls, Group Grilling, Chili Beats Chilly, Memorable Meals	Melanie Wass
Feature Page Design	Honorable Mention	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Philly, On Location	Sam Morris
Sports Page Design	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Pick a Path, Sid and the Kids, Rivalry TV, I would not have Liked it at All, Russ 6-1	Daniel Mann
Sports Page Design	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Mad Money, LA Story, Always a Penguin	Jeff Vella
Sports Page Design	Honorable Mention	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Party Time, Power move, Safe landing	Jeff Vella
Headline Writing	First Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Black & Cold, IUP lettuce, Mills Mall	John Lehner
Headline Writing	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	As ring bearers, these owls have a talon for it; Lawyers to Eagles songwriter: Take it easy; Riding a Bike without Attire	Addam Schwartz
Headline Writing	Honorable Mention	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Feeling the squeeze, Not so great debate, Positive buzz	Dave Penn
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Pittsburgh City Paper	Haunted Aviary	Jeff Schreckengost
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Gun Violence	John Duchneskie
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Aging (Well) Guide	James Hilston
Documentary	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	How did a mom discover the wrong man was in prison for her son's murder? Listen to her story.	Jenna Miller
Documentary	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	After losing a part of each limb at 30, this COVID survivor is adapting to her new life	Lauren Schneiderman

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News Videos	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Hidden dangers: Silica dust levels in coal mines were concealed for years	Benjamin B. Braun
News Videos	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The Angel of Instagram	Lauren Schneiderman
News Videos	Honorable Mention	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Philly residents say a law meant to fight blight is being used to take homes in valuable locations	Jenna Miller
Sports Videos	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Eagles 1980 icons suffer the effects of brain injuries and fight to receive compensation	Gabe Coffey
Sports Videos	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Meet the Blue Meanie's alter ego, Brian Heffron from South Philly	Gabe Coffey
Sports Videos	Honorable Mention	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Battle of the Burg: Bishop McDevitt, Harrisburg football rivalry finally renewed	TJ Smith
Features Videos	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Bread baking at the 106-year-old Sarcone's Bakery is passing to the 5th generation	Jenna Miller
Features Videos	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Bitty and Beau's coffee shop	King Jemison
Features Videos	Honorable Mention	lehighvalleylive.com/The Express-Times, Easton	Riding the Iron Menace at Dorney Park in Allentown	Saed Hindash
Podcast	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	412Kids	Abby Mackey
Podcast	Second Place	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Breakfast with Benz	Tim Benz
Podcast	Honorable Mention	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Today in PA	Claudia Dimuro
Special Section	First Place	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	Hollowed Out	Quinn Glabicki & Natasha Vicens
Special Section	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	The Wrong Man	Staff
Special Section	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Sunday Food sections	Gretchen McKay & Melanie Wass

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Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion	First Place	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	We are all family; An unlikely path; Trailblazers/Trendsetters; Pastor's rocky road; Trans community celebrates; Anti-immigrant rhetoric	PennLive staff
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Transgender care ban impact; They care unity recovery; What does it mean to use the correct pronoun; Clothing health transgender; Overdose deaths	Hanna Webster
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion	Honorable Mention	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Ask-A-Centenarian video interviews	Lauren Schneiderman & Jenna Miller