

2025 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
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| Category Name | Award | Organization | Entry Title | Credits |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Investigative Reporting | First Place | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | Apology Issued for Indian Boarding School System | Cati Keith |
| Enterprise Reporting | First Place | Dillsburg Banner | In the Military, Meet our Veterans | Chanty Webb |
| Enterprise Reporting | Second Place | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | Local Women Firefighters Talk About Experience in the Field | Cati Keith |
| News Beat Reporting | First Place | Northern Berks Patriot Item | Northern Berks Kutztown coverage | Lisa Mitchell |
| News Beat Reporting | Second Place | Dillsburg Banner | News Beat Reporting Education | Mary Lou Bytof |
| Breaking News | First Place | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | Four Alarm Fire Destroys Claysburg Lumber Business | Cati Keith |
| Breaking News | Second Place | The Potter Leader-Enterprise, Coudersport | Neo Nazi No More: Nationalist Socialism leaders renounce involvement, pledge inclusion | Donna LeSchander |
| Breaking News | Honorable Mention | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Phillip Walters to Get New Trial in Lorenzen Murder Case | Warren Howeler |
| Ongoing News Coverage | First Place | Print, Pittsburgh | Plan calls for school closures in 2025 | Ann Belser |
| Ongoing News Coverage | Second Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Germantown YWCA | Tom Beck, Carla Robinson & Richard Stein |
| Ongoing News Coverage | Honorable Mention | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | SEPTA | Tom Beck & Carla Robinson |
| News Feature Story | First Place | Bethlehem Press | Remembering Clennon; Rainbow | Nate Jastrzemski |
| News Feature Story | Second Place | The Wellsboro Gazette | County wants to keep part of hotel tax | Natalie Kennedy |
| News Feature Story | Honorable Mention | Dillsburg Banner | Tropical Storm | Mary Lou Bytof |
| Business or Consumer Story | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Weavers Way Co-op | Robert Calandra |
| Business or Consumer Story | Second Place | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Tuscarora Wayne Celebrates 150th Anniversary | David Keeler |

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| Business or Consumer Story | Honorable Mention | The Wellsboro Gazette | Wellsboro U.S. Renal Care to shut doors, few local dialysis options remain | Donna LeSchander |
| Editorial | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Maintaining a close relationship with our readers | Carla Robinson |
| Editorial | Second Place | Whitehall-Coplay Press, Allentown | What's on your bucket list?; The importance of a fact checker; Community newspapers: A 'true asset' to you and your family | Kelly Lutterschmidt |
| Column | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Vintage View | Len Lear |
| Column | Second Place | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Just Ask Alice | David Keeler, (Pen name) Alice Wickhammer |
| Column | Honorable Mention | Parkland Press, Allentown | Life's injustices are everybody's problem; Romantic hearts never grow old; Each of us has enormous power within | Bonnie Lee Strunk |
| Sports Beat Reporting | First Place | The Lititz Record Express | Offense leads Warwick to win over Mounts; 'He's inspired me'; Barons clinch L-L berth; 'Surreal moment' for Martin to be selected in MLB Draft | Bruce Morgan |
| Sports/Outdoor Column | First Place | The Wellsboro Gazette | Backwoods Extreme: Catchin' big bass on nightcrawlers is always a thrill; Climate change, no-see-ums and a grumpy old man; Experienced outdoorsman will observe telltale signs | David Orlowski |
| Sports/Outdoor Column | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | PSU bowl games; Dark side; Confrontational | Jeff Moeller |
| Sports/Outdoor Column | Honorable Mention | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | The Sportsman's Corner | Richard Tate |

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| Sports Feature | First Place | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | Retiring Batzel was an 'NBC First' AD and Coach | Cati Keith |
| Sports Feature | Second Place | The Lititz Record Express | Chasing NFL dreams; Hayden Rucci declares for draft | Bruce Morgan |
| Sports Feature | Honorable Mention | The Wellsboro Gazette | Teach a child to fish Mentored Youth Trout Day gives early opportunity for adults, children | Kristie Bowles |
| Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage | First Place | The Lititz Record Express | State gold for Warwick!; Warriors win fourth PIAA title with 4-0 shutout of Northern York | Bruce Morgan |
| Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage | Second Place | The Lititz Record Express | Back-to-back L-L League champions; Three-run fifth inning rally lifts Warriors past Donegal 5-3 | Bruce Morgan |
| Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage | Honorable Mention | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Twice as Nice for Rams | Pete Hardenstine |
| Feature Story | First Place | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | D-Day Trip to Normandy | Nancy Sharer |
| Feature Story | Second Place | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Jen Morningstar donates portion of her liver (Three pages combined in single PDF) | Warren Howeler |
| Personality Profile | First Place | The Potter Leader-Enterprise, Coudersport | A panorama of Pez: Shinglehouse couple owns Pez Museum | Donna LeSchander |
| Personality Profile | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | Train layout a labor of love and friendship | Dana Grubb |
| Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat | First Place | Bethlehem Press | Lehigh Valley health and public affairs | Theresa O'Brien |
| Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | 18th Annual ABEs Salute Lehigh Valley Stage | Paul Willistein |
| Breaking News Photo | First Place | Dillsburg Banner | A firefighter works to put out flames | Curt Werner |
| Breaking News Photo | Second Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Wyndmoor fire | Carla Robinson |

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| Breaking News Photo | Honorable Mention | Morrisons Cove Herald, Martinsburg | Four Alarm Fire Destroys Claysburg Lumber Business | Cati Keith |
| News Event Photo | First Place | Dillsburg Banner | Over 250 students participated in the annual Splatter Fest | Curt Werner |
| News Event Photo | Second Place | Dillsburg Banner | Northern High School Class of 2024 toss their hats | Curt Werner |
| News Event Photo | Honorable Mention | The Lititz Record Express | Taking a turn with the burn | Mykenzie Davis |
| Feature Photo | First Place | The Ephrata Review | Shine...and rise | Dennis Bicksler |
| Feature Photo | Second Place | Dillsburg Banner | Clouds create an ethereal glow as they pass over the eclipse | Curt Werner |
| Feature Photo | Honorable Mention | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Wissahickon Special Garden issue | Rob Cardillo |
| Sports Feature Photo | First Place | The Ephrata Review | With graduation still a week away, several Mountaineer athletes found other reasons to celebrate last week; Ephrata baseball team won its third straight nailbiter in the District Three tournament to advance to the championship game | Mykenzie Davis |
| Sports Feature Photo | Second Place | The Wellsboro Gazette | Wellsboro celebrates District Championship | Nick Coyle |
| Sports Feature Photo | Honorable Mention | Dillsburg Banner | Zach Lloyd comes from behind | Curt Werner |
| Sports Action Photo | First Place | Dillsburg Banner | Crue Keck slides safely under the tag into home plate | Curt Werner |
| Sports Action Photo | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | Rodney Vazquez and the Pates made quick work of Allen in last week's game | Mark Kirlin |
| Sports Action Photo | Honorable Mention | Dillsburg Banner | A bull hurdles into the air after bucking off a rider | Curt Werner |

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| Photo Story/Essay | First Place | The Ephrata Review | Crash simulation presented again to EHS upperclassmen | Mykenzie Davis |
| Photo Story/Essay | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | Gumdrops, Hershey kisses, Skittles and more | Ruth Grady |
| Photo Story/Essay | Honorable Mention | The Lititz Record Express | A fabulous Fourth in Lititz | Dennis Bicksler |
| News Page Design | First Place | The Wellsboro Gazette | Sky watchers prep for eclipse; Seneca crew serves Blossburg; 56-plus inch pit viper is largest at Morris hunt; Moving wall arrives July 10; Honey Harvest 'sweet' on protecting pollinators | Natalie Kennedy |
| News Page Design | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | Keeping dream alive; Biden visits Emmaus; Blues and berries; Feast of St. Joseph; Taps; Dream Boyd Theater | George Taylor |
| Feature Page Design | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Seeing her art through a leafy lens; Local honey brings a sweet legacy; Capturing the beauty of a unique landscape | Carla Robinson & Tommy Tucker |
| Feature Page Design | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | Backpack to school; Chocolate trail; Class of 74 reunion; Life goes on rally; Musikfest safe and sound; Tucker's toy run | George Taylor |
| Feature Page Design | Honorable Mention | Bethlehem Press | Holiday ballet; Disability and the arts; Strike up the band!; It will mean a thing; 18th annual ABes; The original Sgt. Pepper's Band? | Dave Rowe & Paul Willistein |
| Sports Page Design | First Place | Bethlehem Press | Liberty baseball; Liberty softball; Becahi baseball; Comes down to this; City champs; Becahi falls | Scott Pagel |

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| Sports Page Design | Second Place | The Wellsboro Gazette | Dominick reaches 1500 points, leads Tigers past Sayre; Pequignot brothers punch tickets to States wrestling; Wellsboro hosts Sayre in scrimmage; Wellsboro Hornets outlast Athens, 1-0; Indians late score tops CMVT, 29-24 | Nick Coyle |
| Headline Writing | First Place | Bethlehem Press | Dune: Pt. 2': Spice oddity; Fries frames: Film to tell of rebellion in time for America 250; Sweet 116: Bach Festival of Bethlehem; Whose adagio is it, anyway?; The sounds of silents: 'Nosferatu' scary movie score; Sticky 'Wicked' | Paul Willistein |
| Headline Writing | Second Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Creativity and clarity as partners | Carla Robinson, Edward Robinson & Len Lear |
| Headline Writing | Honorable Mention | Bethlehem Press | Lift; Duct; Feat | Ed Courier, Nate Jastrzemski & George Taylor |
| Graphic/Photo Illustration | First Place | Bethlehem Press | We're still waiting for pre-authorization | Ed Courier |
| Graphic/Photo Illustration | Second Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | Seeking a solution to sewage floods | Carla Robinson |
| Special Section | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | FOW Issue of the Magazine | Carla Robinson |
| Special Section | Second Place | Bethlehem Press | 2024 fall sports season preview | Scott Pagel |
| Special Section | Honorable Mention | The Rocket-Courier, Wyalusing | Rocket-Courier's Veterans' Day Salute | Warren Howeler, Nancy Sharer & Tim Ennis |

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| Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion | First Place | Chestnut Hill Local, Philadelphia | How a jazz giant found a sanctuary in Philadelphia; A trio of childhood friends brings development home; A period of intermission for the colored-girls museum; Shape of my heart is a vibrant mixed media odyssey; A peripatetic journey from Jewish roots to Islamic mysticism; Mt. Airy woman blazed a trail as a Boy Scout leader | Kristin Holmes, Len Lear & Delaney Parks |
| Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion | Second Place | Print, Pittsburgh | Communities commitment leads to recovery | Ann Belser |
| Excellence in Reporting on Diversity-Equity and Inclusion | Honorable Mention | Bethlehem Press | Keeping the dream alive; Empowerment; Pro-Palestinian rally; Three Kings Day; We're still here | Tami Quigley, Dennis Glew, Jennifer Rago & Lori Patrick |