

2025 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners

Division - Radio I

(Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Markets)

Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Best Newcast	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	President Biden shuts his presidential campaign	Jennifer Lynn, Sarah Mueller, Kenny Cooper & Susan Phillips
Best Newcast	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	August 2024 Newscast	Jeremy Scott
Best Spot News Coverage	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	'We will not be held hostage': Philly police seek 4 suspects after 8 teens injured in mass shooting	Cory Sharber
Best Spot News Coverage	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	3 hurt, 5 arrested in West Philly shooting during Eid al-Fitr celebration, police say	Cory Sharber
Best Continuing Coverage	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	East Palestine Divided	Oliver Morrison
Best Continuing Coverage	Second Place	The Allegheny Front	Following the development of the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub	Reid Frazier
Best Continuing Coverage	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Throughout 2024, the Philadelphia metro area's transit system faced a bevy of issues relating to finances, which could've potentially cut services throughout the region.	Cory Sharber
Best Series	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	WHYY News coverage of the proposed Philadelphia 76ers arena in Chinatown, Center City	Aaron Moselle, Tom MacDonald, Cory Sharber & Heather Chin
Best Series	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Climate Fixers by WHYY News Climate Desk	Susan Phillips, Emma Lee & Kimblery Paynter
Best Series	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Future of Trucking	Julia Fraser
Best Investigative Reporting	First Place	The Allegheny Front	Ohio derailment reveals gaps in public health response to chemical emergencies	Julie Grant & Kathy Knauer
Best Investigative Reporting	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh Public owes students nearly 603,000 hours of services missed during COVID	Jillian Forstadt

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Best Enterprise Reporting	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Charleroi's Migrants	Oliver Morrison
Best Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The Allegheny Front	A series examaming "Fossil-free" steel in Sweden and U.S.	Reid Frazier
Best Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Scams, big water bills and bargains	Kenny Cooper
Best Feature	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	A Native American sanctuary in Salem County gets green light to operate as a worship site, but only after 'interrogation'	P. Kenneth Burns
Best Feature	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	A Pittsburgh group tackles student chronic absenteeism with grandmas, vans and a lot of love	Jillian Forstadt
Best Feature	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Big movie theater chains are struggling. Not the little guy	Kenny Cooper
Best Public Service	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Philadelphia is 'America's poorest big city.' Here's what that actually means	Kenny Cooper
Best Public Service	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	VP candidate watch: Pa. Gov. Josh Shapiro's impact in Pa. and beyond	WHYY News Staff
Best Public Service	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh is considering closing more than a dozen schools. Can they become affordable housing?	Kate Giammarise & Jillian Forstadt
Best Reporter/Anchor	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Jennifer Lynn, Morning Edition Host	Jennifer Lynn
Best Reporter/Anchor	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Tom MacDonald, Reporter/Anchor	Tom MacDonald
Best Regularly Scheduled News or Sports Talk Program	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	VP candidate watch: Pa. Gov. Josh Shapiro's impact in Pa. and beyond	WHYY News Staff, Tom MacDonald, Carmen Russell-Sluchansky & Kenny Cooper
Best Digital Presence	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	wesa.fm	Patrick Doyle, Katie Blackley & Jakob Lazzaro
Best Digital Presence	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	whyy.org	WHYY News Staff
Best Sports Coverage	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Phillies play in London Series	Jennifer Lynn

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Best Sports Coverage	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	UFC Fight Night in Atlantic City saw contenders emerge and a legend return	Cory Sharber
Best Sports Feature	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	On the road to superstardom, the next WrestleMania headliners could be training in Philadelphia	Cory Sharber
Best Sports Feature	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh rapper Fedd the God makes his demolition derby debut	Bill O'Driscoll
Best Use of Photography	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Pride March 2024; Chinatown Lunar New Year Parade; Philadelphia protest Israel arms embargo Democratic National Convention; UFC Fight Night in Atlantic City saw contenders emerge and a legend return	Cory Sharber
Best Use of Photography	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	East Palestine after derailment division; Charleroi was adapting to an influx of migrants then Donald Trump weighed in	Oliver Morrison
Best Use of Sound	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	At Pittsburgh King PreK-8, staff give students extra support as holidays approach	Susan Scott Peterson
Best Use of Sound	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Yellow buses, new shoes: the first day of school at King PreK-8 on the North Side	Susan Scott Peterson
Best Use of Sound	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	An Elkins Park cantor and world-class composer recently passed away. His music lives on.	Jennifer Lynn
Podcast (Broadcast)	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	The Pulse at WHYY	Maiken Scott, Alan Yu, Liz Tung & Lindsay Lazarski

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Podcast (Broadcast)	Second Place	The Allegheny Front	The Allegheny Front podcast	Kara Holsopple, Reid Frazier, Julie Grant & Kathy Knauer