

**2025 Professional Keystone Media Awards
Specialty Category Winners**

Category Name	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Calkins Family Distinguished Video Award	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Harrisburg's three NFL fans bases — Eagles, Steelers and Ravens — has sent more than 50 individuals to the NFL, including LeSean McCoy, Ricky Watters and Micah Parsons; Pennsylvania is one of the country's wrestling hotbeds, with some of the athletes from the central part of the state feeding a Penn State program that has won 10 national titles, nine since 2011	TJ Smith
Distinguished Writing Award	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Rochelle Marcus Yates shooting investigation; Michael Gaynor arrest; Child witnesses; Coerced confessions; Innocence Project	Barbara Laker
First Amendment Award (Broadcast)	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Bob Casey and Dave McCormick campaign finance senate race megadonors; Clean energy advocates Philadelphia gas works budget; Bucks County State Rep GOP Military Services; Pennsylvania juvenile detention center abuse lawsuit; Bethany Hall Long campaign broke law; Chester receiver water assets; Bob Brady-Kamala Harris turnout in Philly; Trump shooting - Pennsylvania gun laws; Philadelphia Mayor Cherelle Parker oath sworn in privately	WHYY News Staff
Freelance Journalist of the Year	Spotlight PA	Pennsylvania paid family leave/medical child care legislation; Pennsylvania adderall shortage; Pennsylvania child care waitlists; Pennsylvania election - abortion, health, child care - Senator Casey McCormick; How We Care: stroke camp caregivers	Sarah Boden

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G. Richard Dew Award for Journalistic Service	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Extreme Home Takeover	Samantha Melamed, Dylan Purcell, Ryan Briggs & Max Marin
John V.R. Bull First Amendment Award	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Investigation of Dauphin County's Jeff Haste	Juliette Rihl & Joshua Vaughn
Lenfest Institute Diversity Champion Award	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Central PA sundown towns and the legacy of racism - it's still here; Trans community celebrates day of joy calls for safe equal schools for trans youth; Amid anti-immigrant rhetoric, a Central PA fruit belt community embraces diversity	Ivey DeJesus
Lenfest Institute Emerging Journalist Award	TribLive, Pittsburgh	I sprinted out of the building. Franklin regional reflects on attack 10 years later; Despite rising salaries, there's a shortage of qualified superintendents, politicized school boards and Covid fallout have contributed; I want to live long - Covid patients battle debilitating symptoms in Western PA	Megan Swift
Paul Vathis Memorial Photography Portfolio Award	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Home after all these years; Semifinal Night Big East Tournament; Opening Night - Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival; Villanova 66-65 loss; Philadelphia cyclist shot paralyzed; Siddeeq Shabazz Bella Dance Academy	Charles Fox

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Public Notice Award	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Scranton sues to overturn city Zoning Board; The time has come to cross that bridge; Work in progress; Innovative boost for young homeless; Scranton plans anti-violence initiative; Can't change the weather, but you can make it more bearable; New signs make navigating the streets easier; Recreation in Scranton - Pickleball courts coming to 2 city parks; Site clearing to make way for new city park; Scranton aims to put salt shed on site deed-restricted to playground use; Commonwealth sale will be paid for using bond financing debt; Turnpike sets hearings on environmental assessment of Scranton Beltway Project; Self-storage facility sought at site of former 'gentleman's club' in Old Forge	Jim Lockwood
Public Service Award	Butler Eagle	How the Butler Eagle hosts a circus on our production floor	Staff
Reader Initiative Award	Butler Eagle	Soar: Student Engagement Initiatives at the Eagle	Staff