

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
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Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Human Trafficking	Dave Sutor
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	Bucks County Beacon	ACLU Sues Bucks County Sheriff Fred Harran over 'Illegal' 287(g) ICE Partnership; Asks Court to Issue an Injunction	Melinda Rizzo
Investigative Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Data Centers	Frank Lesnefsky
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Altoona Mirror	COVID Five Years Later	Mirror Staff
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Faces of Immigration	Dave Sutor
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Breast Cancer Awareness	Staff
News Beat Reporting	First Place	Butler Eagle	Education in Butler County	Zach Zimmerman
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	Erie Times-News	Oversight and accountability in Erie County	A.J. Rao
News Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	WVIA Public Media	Politics and government	Borys Krawczeniuk
Breaking News	First Place	Butler Eagle	Fogel Free	Zach Zimmerman & Sol McCormick
Breaking News	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Former Scranton Mayor Wenzel dies on night he was honored	Jim Lockwood
Breaking News	Honorable Mention	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Two people found dead at Carrolltown home	David Hurst
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	Altoona Mirror	APD officer conduct under review	William Kibler
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Chavez coverage	Susan Schwartz & Drew Mumich
News Feature Story	First Place	Erie Times-News	In Pennsylvania town, immigrants, natives face uncertainty of deportations, closed factory	Matthew Rink & Greg Wohlford
News Feature Story	Second Place	LehighValleyNews.com	'I don't want anyone else to get that call': Mothers share heartbreak, urge awareness as motorcycle deaths climb	Stephanie Sigafos

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News Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Butler Eagle	Mobile home park residents place faith in legislation, hope for relief	William Pitts
Business or Consumer Story	First Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	A decade of determination: Basalyga reflects on Steamtown Mall purchase	Robert Tomkavage
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	The Morning Call, Allentown	Financial woes are causing Pa. private colleges to lay off employees, or shut down. How are Lehigh Valley schools' finances?	Evan Jones
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	Altoona Mirror	A shadow of itself	Matt Churella
Editorial	First Place	Altoona Mirror	Public notices must remain accessible, Lakemont suit needs a mediator, It's time for cameras in the courtroom	Kay Stephens
Editorial	Second Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	On the sidewalk to nowhere, The Bloomsburg Address, Tarlecki should be warning for other townships	Peter Kendron
Editorial	Honorable Mention	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Mark Pesto editorials: Johnstown can't afford to miss out on passenger rail expansion; Oven Run revival highlights river cleanup efforts; Discipline reasonable in school security breach	Mark Pesto
Column	First Place	Observer-Reporter, Washington	Next top chef, Bowled over, A taste for reading	Katherine Mansfield
Column	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Rittenhouse finds no room at the inn; More than a mailman; Poor and powerless in the shadow of big data	Christopher Kelly
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	WVIA Public Media	Beyond the Scoreboard	Sarah Hofius Hall
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Motor Sports	Scott Walsh
Sports Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Altoona Mirror	Scholastic Sports	Michael Boytim

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Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	Altoona Mirror	Parents: Your kids are paying attention; Clock delay was always money-related; The blueprint for future soccer success	Michael Boytim
Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	Penn State coach columns	Neil Rudel
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	Erie Times-News	PIAA gets it right; Erie County basketball all-stars; All set for 20025	Tom Reisenweber
Sports Feature	First Place	The Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre	Up to the Challenge	Tom Fox
Sports Feature	Second Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Jets' Lockhart Cup team inspired the iconic movie 'Slap Shot'	Mike Mastovich
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	Erie Times-News	Little League World Series fans irked by offshore gambling	Bethany Rodgers
Sports Enterprise	First Place	Butler Eagle	Past 25 Years: Top athletes, coaches and trends in sports	Jake Merda Adams, Derek Pyda, Brendan Howe & John Enrietto
Sports Enterprise	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	Playoff Parade	Michael Boytim
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	Altoona Mirror	On Cloud Nine - BG girls championship coverage	Michael Boytim
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Second Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	15 Is A Dream	Dave Fegley, Dan Reilly & Jimmy May
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Honorable Mention	Reading Eagle	Penn State upset loss to Northwestern	Rich Scarcella
Feature Story	First Place	Bucks County Beacon	A Dream Realized: The African American Museum of Bucks County's Journey from Mobile Museum to Modern Day Learning Center	Lee Davis
Feature Story	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	Alfie Wise - Altoona grad who appeared in Reynolds movies dies at 81	Holly Claycomb
Feature Story	Honorable Mention	WVIA Public Media	Clarks Summit's Memory Cafe provides community, support for those experiencing memory loss	Lydia McFarlane

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Personality Profile	First Place	Butler Eagle	A chink in the armor: A first responder's struggle with mental health	Matthew Glover
Personality Profile	Second Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Farmer: 'Empty Barn' song 'saved me'	Dave Sutor
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Part of the Gang	Arthur Dowell & Jimmy May
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	The Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre	Remembering the hey-day of Peruginos; New Haven style pizza emerges; Wingin it; Jenkins Twp man wins top honors at International Pizza Expo again; It's pierogi time somewhere; Chuck's Diner	Bob Kalinowski
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	WVIA Public Media	Way's Garden preserves history on Williamsport's 'Millionaire's Row'; Pocono Organics grows niche with 'tiny but mighty' nutrient-packed microgreens; Harvesting summer crops and planting fall assortment at the Garden of Giving; Sensory garden sprouts at Lackawanna Blind Association; Back Mountain gardens to be showcased in Luzerne County garden tour	Haley O'Brien
Breaking News Photo	First Place	Butler Eagle	Man arrested amid downtown protest	Rob McGraw
Breaking News Photo	Second Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Flames wreck Berwick home	Jimmy May
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	Altoona Mirror	A total loss	Holly Claycomb
News Event Photo	First Place	The Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre	Alter ego	Bill Tarutis
News Event Photo	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	A snowy salute to veterans	Sean McKeag
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Getting in step for the holdiaiy	Jimmy May
Feature Photo	First Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	'These are all my brothers'	John Rucosky

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Feature Photo	Second Place	The Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre	Catching Some Sun	Jason Ardan
Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	Altoona Mirror	Veterans Day welcome	Cynthia Wise
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown	Making the leap	John Rucosky
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	Butler Eagle	Drenched in Glory: Moniteau celebrates first win in 2 years	Rob McGraw
Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Connect the dots	Jimmy May
Sports Action Photo	First Place	Altoona Mirror	One more needed	Patrick Waksmunski
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	The Citizens' Voice, Wilkes-Barre	Tag	Jason Ardan
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Setting it all straight	Jimmy May
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Back in the saddle	Jimmy May
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	A hero's welcome	Cynthia Wise
Photo Story/Essay	Honorable Mention	Altoona Mirror	You're a green one	Cynthia Wise
News Page Design	First Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Honoring female trailblazers; A search for answers; Making more memories; A Barbie first; Keeping it simple; 'A gift of love' for 50 years	Rebecca Kivak
News Page Design	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	Rising from ruins; Spinning their wheels; 'I can't believe we did it'; Climb every mountain; Still making the cut; Small business, big impact	Cynthia Wise
Feature Page Design	First Place	Altoona Mirror	Mini Mirror	Nicholas Anna
Feature Page Design	Second Place	Butler Eagle	Chris Crossing America and other feature designs	Bob Weible

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Sports Page Design	First Place	Altoona Mirror	Bowling over Boise; Dashing through the snow; Back-to-back; More work to be done; Eyes on the quarterback; Motor City madness	Buck Frank
Headline Writing	First Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Everything's Rosie, A Splashing Success, Catch A Glimpse	Arthur Dowell & Dan Reilly
Headline Writing	Second Place	Press Enterprise, Bloomsburg	Warming, 'M3GAN,' Sugar Rush	Shannon Flynn
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Altoona Mirror	Hawk's Eye View	Nicholas Anna
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	Altoona Mirror	Bats are fangtastic creatures	Nicholas Anna
Sports Videos	First Place	Erie Times-News	District 10 Football Focus: Week 3 preview	Tom Reisenweber & Jeff Uveino
Sports Videos	Second Place	Erie Times-News	High school wrestling technique of the week series	Jeff Uveino
Features Videos	First Place	WVIA Public Media	Sensory garden sprouts at Lackawanna Blind Association	Haley O'Brien
Features Videos	Second Place	WVIA Public Media	'Saint Nick' featured on HGTV show for Waymart holiday display	Haley O'Brien
Podcast	First Place	Butler Eagle	Holding On to Hello: Teen Pregnancy, Adoption, and a 40-Year Reunion	Laura Crago
Podcast	Second Place	Butler Eagle	The Heart of a Community: Service, Serendipity & Small Business	Laura Crago
Podcast	Honorable Mention	Butler Eagle	A Year in Local Sports: Legends, Live Shows & Championships	Derek Pyda, Brendan Howe, Jake Merda Adams & Laura Crago
Special Section	First Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Outlook 2025, The Times-Tribune	Times-Tribune staff
Special Section	Second Place	Observer-Reporter, Washington	Mon Valley Magazine	Staff
Special Section	Honorable Mention	Observer-Reporter, Washington	GoXplore	Staff

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Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	First Place	Erie Times-News	He has been a blessing': Son with autism has taught refugee father how to be patient; Here's why Afghan refugees in other states are making a new home in Erie; Erie's Daryl Craig reflects as DEI attacks escalate 5 years after George Floyd's death; Faith, family remain priorities for Amish in non-traditional jobs; 'Courageous': Erie father remembered for winning landmark case over same-sex adoptions	Erie Times-News staff
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	La buena vida: Hispanics find opportunity, room for growth in NEPA	Donnie Collins