

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
Division IV - Multi-day publications under 5,000 circulation

Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	The York Dispatch	ICE's 287(g) agreements	Aimee Ambrose
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	How Pennsylvania schools fail to report suspected child abuse	Jo Ciavaglia
Investigative Reporting	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Central Bucks abuse allegations	Jess Rohan
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	The Hidden Dangers of Low Head Dams	JD Mullane, Michele Haddon & Chris Ullery
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	The York Dispatch	Pharmacy Desert	Catherine Rose
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Bucks County Coroner returns names to unidentified, unclaimed dead	Jo Ciavaglia
News Beat Reporting	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	crime, courts and chaos beat	Jo Ciavaglia
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Local development beat	Lacey Latch
News Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Politics watchdog coverage	Jess Rohan
Breaking News	First Place	The York Dispatch	North Codorus Ambush Shooting	York Dispatch Staff
Breaking News	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Fatal Lear Jet crash in Philadelphia neighborhood	Lacey Latch, Chris Ullery, Jo Ciavaglia & JD Mullane
Breaking News	Honorable Mention	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Man trapped after trench collapse in Charleroi	Taylor Brown & Jennifer Codeluppi
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Bucks County Head Start would end under leaked Trump budget proposal	Jess Rohan & Chris Ullery
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	ICE partnership with Sheriff's office divided Bucks County	Jo Ciavaglia
Ongoing News Coverage	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Pipeline leak contaminates drinking water in Upper Makefield	Jess Rohan
News Feature Story	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Bucks County man died a Ukraine war hero. He is not the only American on the frontlines	Jo Ciavaglia
News Feature Story	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	These dams look harmless. They're deceptive, dangerous and deadly	JD Mullane, Chris Ullery & Michele Haddon

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Business or Consumer Story	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Three childhood friends from Pennsbury have teamed to open this new Morrisville brewery	Michele Haddon
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	It was always kimchee': Mechanicsburg business brings Korean staple to grocery store shelves	Maddie Seiler
Editorial	First Place	The York Dispatch	The politics of hate has no place in our schools; We are all immigrants; Hate has become normalized in our streets. We must resist it	Wallace McKelvey
Editorial	Second Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Rockview, Piper Fly-In, Community Action	Arianna McKee
Column	First Place	The Record-Argus, Greenville	The view from the cheap seats	Earl Corp
Column	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Celebrating extraordinary women this Mother's Day; 9/11 to today: Ways we have changed; Thankful for life's big - and small - blessings	Stacy Wolford
Column	Honorable Mention	The Bradford Era	Rural Pa. Is the place for me; Change comes from outrage; When nature strikes	Marcie Schellhammer
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Penn State football	Jon Sauber
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	Pocono Record	High school sports	Mason Smith
Sports Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Lebanon Daily News	High school sports beat	Zavier Gussett
Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	The York Dispatch	How the York Revolution reloaded to win another first-half division title; YAIAA football teams hope Week 1 learning experiences pay off moving forward; Central York football reasserts division dominance with rout of Spring Grove	Thomas Kendziora

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Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	More to the recipe of destroying a program; 'Tybo' is the right man for BVA boys; One of the WPIAL's 'GOATS' gets his one for the thumb	Jeremy Sellow
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	Centre Daily Times, State College	Afield: Outdoors in central PA	Mark Nale
Sports Feature	First Place	The Meadville Tribune	Carter Sheets is collecting victories in his young racing career, but wants to keep climbing the ladder	Alex Topor
Sports Feature	Second Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Understanding James Franklin	Jon Sauber
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Loss of sister inspires Hatboro-Horsham baseball player. Team: 'We always had his back'	Tom Moore
Sports Enterprise	First Place	Daily American, Somerset	Windber hazing scandal	Adam Ripple
Sports Enterprise	Second Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Penn State football: The best players since 2000	Jon Sauber & Josh Moyer
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Another game, another upset. Is it finally over for James Franklin at Penn State?	Jon Sauber
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Second Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Cumberland Valley boys soar to state 4x100-meter relay gold at PIAA championships	Tim Gross
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	Honorable Mention	Centre Daily Times, State College	Why Penn State will be better off after Terry Smith's tenure as interim head coach	Jon Sauber
Feature Story	First Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	'A true hero': State College man, WWII pilot honored with France's highest medal	Josh Moyer
Feature Story	Second Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Live like Levi': Sextortion killed her son. A Shippensburg mother has a message and warning in his memory.	Benjamin Orner

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Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	In Bensalem, Backstretch Village's quiet denizens keep thoroughbred horse racing alive	JD Mullane
Personality Profile	First Place	The Meadville Tribune	'Hard work and lots of exercise': World War II veteran turns 100	Chloe Forbes
Personality Profile	Second Place	Lebanon Daily News	Cleona Rosie the Riveter honored for voting 81 years in a row	Matthew Toth
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Love story for the ageless: How love, and first-time marriage, came calling in their 70s	Jo Ciavaglia
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	The Progress, Clearfield	Fair Food Reviews: R & A Cafe dishes out high quality street food; La Casita de Familia offers authentic Mexican food and drinks; Lori G's Pierogies and Creamy Whip; Uncle John's Jawns and Kohr's Orangeade	Angel Turner & Jeff Corcino
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Main Street Reporter: Berardi Bros. in Southampton celebrates 50 years of food, family and tradition; Carversville Inn renovation when will it reopen?; Why Roccas at the brick-in closed just before the holidays; Get green wine; Rivertide Brewing open late; Eagle Hotel Freight House	Michele Haddon
Breaking News Photo	First Place	The York Dispatch	End of Watch after North Codorus Township police shooting	Dawn Sagert
Breaking News Photo	Second Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Derecho damage	Abby Drey
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	The Evening Sun, Hanover	Dog rescued, two people transported, after early morning fire	Harrison Jones
News Event Photo	First Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	First day of school arrival	Jeff Helsel

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News Event Photo	Second Place	The Evening Sun, Hanover	2025 New Oxford High School graduation	Harrison Jones
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	The Sentinel, Carlisle	No Kings Rally	Jason Malmont
Feature Photo	First Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	First game at 'New Boston Field'	Jeff Helsel
Feature Photo	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Pet Day at Sunflower Festival: A golden day for pets at the Schwirian sunflower festival	Jeff Helsel
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Victorious	Jason Malmont
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Turkey Surprise	Jason Malmont
Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Shamrocks Celebrate	Jason Malmont
Sports Action Photo	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	La Salle celebrates their Philadelphia Catholic League football championship win against archrival St. Joseph's Prep	Michele Haddon
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Skaggs, Eagles fly to title No. 5	Jeff Helsel
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	The Meadville Tribune	Stealing third	Shannon Roae
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Philly's Chinatown celebrates the start of Lunar New Year with midnight parade	Michele Haddon
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	See how a Bedminster woman uses her love of sewing to give to others	Michele Haddon
Photo Story/Essay	Honorable Mention	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Homeless for the Holidays: Scenes from Community CARES in Carlisle	Maddie Seiler
News Page Design	First Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Taking Flight, Generational Legacy, Queens, Concert Series Scene, A Long Walk	Arianna McKee
News Page Design	Second Place	The Meadville Tribune	Bell with a mission; coming home	Kevin Hart

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Feature Page Design	First Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Preserving History, Whodunit, Getting the Ball Rolling, Clown in a Cornfield, A Quiet Place	Arianna McKee
Sports Page Design	First Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Super Bowl Champs, Fall Sports Guide, Bo Sechrist, Winter Sports Guide	Tim Wertz
Sports Page Design	Second Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Shy of gold; Bronze throw; Heartbreaker; One win away	Jon Gerardi
Headline Writing	First Place	The Express, Lock Haven	Shore Thing; Hurdlin' for Gold; Made in the Shade	Jon Gerardi
Headline Writing	Second Place	The Sentinel, Carlisle	Snake rumors rattle Carlisle, officials investigate; Who peed in the pool? Mechanicsburg police seek TikTok serial urinator; Hallelujah: Carlisle resurrects 'Messiah' community concert after 13 years	Maddie Seiler
Headline Writing	Honorable Mention	The Meadville Tribune	Something worth squealing about	Kevin Hart
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Centre County's record-turnout municipal election	Trebor Maitin
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Tracking how State College grocery prices have changed	Matt DiSanto
News Videos	First Place	The York Dispatch	'They matter': Upholding dignity at a Potter's Field	Catherine Rose
News Videos	Second Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Centre County election ties decided by dice	Trebor Maitin
News Videos	Honorable Mention	The York Dispatch	Spreading love and joy at the Burning Bridge	Dawn Sagert
Sports Videos	First Place	Centre Daily Times, State College	Franklin booed in last game	Abby Drey
Sports Videos	Second Place	Lebanon Daily News	What foods did wrestlers 'dream about' eating after a season of making weights?	Zavier Gussett

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Sports Videos	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	New Hope-Solebury football's Colin Foster helps lead the team despite injury	Daniella Heminghaus
Features Videos	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Bobby the Hero Remembered	Daniella Heminghaus
Features Videos	Second Place	Lebanon Daily News	Lebanon County protesters share reasons for 'No Kings' rally against Trump policies	Matthew Toth
Features Videos	Honorable Mention	The York Dispatch	Making a difference, one utensil bag at a time	Catherine Rose
Special Section	First Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Journey: Rivers of Life	MVI Editorial Staff
Special Section	Second Place	Mon Valley Independent, Monessen	Your Mon Valley Kickoff	Sports Staff
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times, Levittown	Black History Art at Juneteenth Event; The Next Step Programs...; Mama Chang opens....; Chinatown Lunar New Year parade	Michele Haddon
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	The York Dispatch	Rookie wrestler sets record for York Suburban Girls' Wrestling team; Ky the Chemist, after canceled residency, pushes ahead with program outside school: 'I have overcome so much'; 'Deceitful': York-area Haitians left in legal limbo by Trump travel ban; 'Hate has no home here': Alleged attack on drag artist in York City forces reckoning; Two women, both nonpartisan, tag-teamed winning mayoral campaigns in York County	York Dispatch staff