

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
Division V - Weekly general news publications over 5,000 circulation

Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Governance, retaliation concerns mount at Bucks County Community College	Andy Holtzman
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Downtown Harrisburg	Lawrance Binda, Maddie Gittens, Alexandra Jones & M. Diane McCormick
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Federal Impacts Uncertain Semester et al	Maddie Gittens, Lawrance Binda, M. Diane McCormick & Rebekah Teuscher
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	The Spirit, Glenolden	Infant Mortality: Two Words - More Than Meets The Eye	Julie Flandreau
News Beat Reporting	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Business Beat A Load of Scrap et al	M. Diane McCormick
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Haycock Township	Kathryn Finegan Clark
News Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Town and Country, Pennsburg	NH Quarry Appeal Denial 'a Victory' for Public	Bradley Schlegel
Breaking News	First Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	Saved By the Loan: Kingsley Association in dire financial situation; almost closed its doors	Rob Taylor Jr.
Breaking News	Second Place	Town and Country, Pennsburg	Burglars Strike Four Marlborough Properties	Bradley Schlegel
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Homelessness in Harrisburg	Maddie Gittens & Susan Ryder
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	The Spirit, Glenolden	The end of an Era: Healthcare Dies	Loretta Rodgers, Julie Flandreau & Paul Bennett
Ongoing News Coverage	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Bucks Sheriff ICE Agreement	Freda R. Savana
News Feature Story	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	A Flood of Love and Hope	Karin Knaus & Staff
News Feature Story	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Restoration & Frustration	M. Diane McCormick
News Feature Story	Honorable Mention	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Unsettling Resettling	Maddie Gittens
Business or Consumer Story	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	The Forest and the Trees	Gayle Morrow

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Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Second Serving	M. Diane McCormick
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	On the Waterfront	Lilace Mellin Guignard
Editorial	First Place	The Spirit, Glenolden	The Paper's Position: Trump is woefully wrong on DEI; We Need a 2026 Revolutionary War; Celebrate the spirit of our 250th anniversary; change the political culture	Paul Bennett
Editorial	Second Place	Philadelphia Jewish Exponent	Confronting Antisemitism; Weaponizing the Word 'Genocide'; The Poisonous Spread of Antisemitic Conspiracy	Editorial Board
Column	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Glory Hill Diaries: Flaming Santa, A Fog By Any Other Name, Rue the Rhubarb	Maggie Barnes
Column	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Come Together, Downtown Dialogue, Mind the Gap	Lawrance Binda
Column	Honorable Mention	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Mother Earth: And a Pheasant in a Pine Tree, Snakes in the Grass, Turn No-Mow May into No-Sweat Summer	Gayle Morrow
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	High School Football	Don Leypoldt
Sports/Outdoor Column	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	On The Run	Wayne Fish
Sports/Outdoor Column	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Adventure Together	Natalie diSanto
Sports/Outdoor Column	Honorable Mention	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Nessmuking About: Lobster Monster of the Woods, Welcome to the Hotels Pennsylvania, Enjoying the Long View at Rider Park	Lilace Mellin Guignard

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Sports Feature	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Keeping the Faith: Lions wrestler Owin Brunner fights leukemia with same tenacity displayed on the mat	Jeff Moeller
Sports Feature	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	State Stride	Rachel Curry
Sports Enterprise	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Super Seniors	Don Leypoldt
Sports Breaking News/Event Coverage	First Place	The Almanac, McMurray	Dream Come True: USC's Casey drafted by Toronto Blue Jays/Reflecting on the past	Eleanor Bailey
Feature Story	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Going Off Script	Lilace Mellin Guignard
Feature Story	Second Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	The Lost Trail of Tiffany	David O'Reilly
Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Stitching History: Plumsteadville Grange Quilters look to soften a hard message	Jacqueline M. Sofia
Personality Profile	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Sober 14 years, Bucksadelphia apiarist now gets his buzz from bees	Melissa Komar
Personality Profile	Second Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	Chace's name never to be forgotten	Naomi C. Ilochi
Personality Profile	Honorable Mention	Philadelphia Jewish Exponent	Gov. Josh Shapiro: Proud of His Faith and 'Getting Stuff Done'	Aaron Troodler
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Pillars of the Community; The art is in the details; Mural, Mural on the Wall; Frit happens; A Lot on Its Pallettes; Gina Pfleegor's Warriors Wear Gowns	Karey Solomon
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Family Time Package, Character Building et al	Gina Napoli
Breaking News Photo	First Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	21 injured in school bus crash involving Aliquippa students	Rob Taylor Jr.

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Breaking News Photo	Second Place	Town and Country, Pennsburg	Four Pets Die in Milford Fire	Steve Pestrock
Breaking News Photo	Honorable Mention	Town and Country, Pennsburg	Longswamp Man Dies in Crash	Steve Pestrock
News Event Photo	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	"No Kings" protests include Bucks County locations	Sara Pinkus
News Event Photo	Second Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Fuel Spill Frustration	Peg Quann
News Event Photo	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	A Blessing Beyond the Badge	Sara Pinkus
Feature Photo	First Place	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Sleigh Bells and Train Whistles	Curt Weinhold
Feature Photo	Second Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Uptown Strut	David Garrett
Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	Mountain Home, Wellsboro	Sentry of Centuries	Bernadette Chiamonte
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Tour de Belt Photo	Lawrance Binda
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	Like Father, Like Son -- Deion Sanders embraces his son, Shedeur	Marlon Martin
Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	New Hope-Solebury's Trevor Donohoe races through the fog	Michael A. Apice
Sports Action Photo	First Place	Town and Country, Pennsburg	Post 184 Preparing for Likely Bux-Mont Tiebreaker	Robert Esposito
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Marking Miles Photo	Lawrance Binda
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Brock Williams Makes an Incredible Catch	Michael A. Apice
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Autumn in Bucks County	Scott Roman & John Crawford
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Hall Manor Hues	Landon Wise

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Photo Story/Essay	Honorable Mention	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Instilling Confidence: Young Women's Empowerment Academy , Whitaker Center , Girls on the Run	Gina Napoli
News Page Design	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Rough Edge Collective	Landon Wise
News Page Design	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Pet Issue	Maddie Gittens
Feature Page Design	First Place	Bucks County Herald, Doylestown	Bucks County Festival; Dragon boat crews display relentless enthusiasm for ancient sport; Cubing Competition; Cyclists from all over the world converge on Doylestown for Bucks County Classic; "Some Enchanted Evening"	Beth Schroeder
Feature Page Design	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Hall Manor Hues, Have Art Will Travel, Days of Apples and Wine	Kyle Seyfert & Landon Wise
Feature Page Design	Honorable Mention	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Sweet Finish, Decade of Dazzle, Home Turf	GK Visual, Donna Wierzbowski & Nancy Cladel
Headline Writing	First Place	Allied News, Grove City	Class reunion: Mercer man finds ring lost 48 years ago; Return engagement: Broadway performer visits hometown... ; Company shows off its booming business	John Zavinski
Headline Writing	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Bark in Business, Otterly Entertaining, Tat Chat	Lawrance Binda
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	The Journey North	Aron Rook
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Second Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	Halloween Cover	Aron Rook
Graphic/Photo Illustration	Honorable Mention	TheBurg, Harrisburg	News Reviews	Rich Hauck

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Sports Videos	First Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	South Carolina State University wins 2025 Celebration Bowl in dramatic four overtimes	Rob Taylor Jr.
Features Videos	First Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	Pittsburgh's own DJ Big Phill spotlights African Americans in the comic book space	Julian Hill
Special Section	First Place	Philadelphia Jewish Exponent	Guide To Jewish Life	Staff
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	First Place	TheBurg, Harrisburg	DEI What's Next et al; Everyone laughs; A Walk to Freedom; Glam Rock Odyssey; The Painted Word	Susan Ryder, Colin McGuire, Bob MacGinnes & Stephanie Kalina-Metzger
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	New Pittsburgh Courier	Pittsburgh tied for worst city for Black professionals; The 'State of Black Pittsburgh' Urban League Event; Black girls being referred to juvenile court on the decline	Rob Taylor Jr. & Naomi C. Ilochi