

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
Division VII - Niche publications (all circulations)

Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Investigative Reporting	First Place	City & State PA	For PA's eds & meds, a funding crisis upends work, healthcare and the economy	Harrison Cann
Investigative Reporting	Second Place	City & State PA	Commonwealth school districts are still working on improving buildings and environments	Harrison Cann
Investigative Reporting	Honorable Mention	Delaware Currents	Special report: Large vessels on the Delaware River lose steering, propulsion or power monthly	Susanna Granieri
Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Climate-Smart Milk	Carolyn Beans
Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	City & State PA	Meet the elder stateswomen of the state's protest movement	Harrison Cann
Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	Lancaster Farming	South Jersey Road Trip	Phil Gruber
News Beat Reporting	First Place	Chesapeake Bay Journal, Seven Valleys	Environmental reporting	Karl Blankenship
News Beat Reporting	Second Place	City & State PA	Artificial intelligence and its impact on Pennsylvania	Justin Sweitzer & Hilary Danailova
Breaking News	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	Meijer confirms Western Pennsylvania expansion	Tim Schooley
Ongoing News Coverage	First Place	Philadelphia Gay News	Schools coverage	Lauren Rowello
Ongoing News Coverage	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Whole Milk in Schools	Phil Gruber, Tom Venesky, Candice Wierzbowski & Stephanie Speicher
Ongoing News Coverage	Honorable Mention	Delaware Currents	Coverage of the SS United States	Chris Mele
News Feature Story	First Place	Philadelphia Gay News	Denied, delayed, dismissed: Local trans-affirming health care for youth goes underground	Lauren Rowello
News Feature Story	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Bumper Crop of Data Centers Growing in Mid-Atlantic	Dave Lefever

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News Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Votebeat Pennsylvania	A brazen case of election fraud unfolds in Millbourne, Pennsylvania. What are the lessons?	Carter Walker
Business or Consumer Story	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Stevens Feed Mill	Rebecca Schweitzer-Benner
Business or Consumer Story	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Berks Wood Business Sells to A-Listers, Artisans and Architects	Dan Sullivan
Business or Consumer Story	Honorable Mention	Lancaster Farming	Institutions: The Next Frontier for Local Food	Phil Gruber
Editorial	First Place	Philadelphia Gay News	The LGBTQ+ community is not immune to bad people; Are the Donica Lewinsky jokes problematic?; Some LGBTQ+ people are outlandish and weird — and you should support them too; International Transgender Day of Remembrance: Honoring those we have lost in 2025	Jeremy Rodriguez
Column	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Underplayed Opportunities, Will AI Help Rural Schools?, Bold Move Needed on Ag Labor	Phil Gruber
Column	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	A Friendship Forged in Writing, Helping With Hay, A Past Defined by Purpose	Tom Venesky
Sports Beat Reporting	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Motorsports in the Mid-Atlantic	Travis Barrett
Sports Beat Reporting	Second Place	Philadelphia Business Journal	Philadelphia Sports Teams	John George
Sports Beat Reporting	Honorable Mention	Delaware Currents	Shad in the Delaware face a problematic future	Meg McGuire
Sports Feature	First Place	Philadelphia Gay News	Transgender inclusion in local sports	Lauren Rowello
Sports Feature	Second Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Harvey Lloyd Beyer, Jr. burst onto GAP, state scene in style	Tony Regina & Martin Emeno
Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	Philadelphia Business Journal	Super selling point	John George

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Sports Enterprise	First Place	City & State PA	Meet the Pennsylvania timber mills behind the Louisville Slugger	Harrison Cann
Feature Story	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Airmail Pilot's Disappearance Gripped Bellefonte 100 Years Ago	Phil Gruber
Feature Story	Second Place	Chesapeake Bay Journal, Seven Valleys	Healing a scarred stream	Jeremy Cox
Feature Story	Honorable Mention	Delaware Currents	Once an industrial hub, Petty's Island is on a path to environmental renewal	Isabella Darcy
Personality Profile	First Place	Philadelphia Business Journal	Starr Power	Emma Dooling
Personality Profile	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Auctioneer Overcomes Severe Brain Injury	Dan Sullivan
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	Pittsburgh's evolving restaurant scene	Jake Dabkowski
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Charity/religion	Margaret High
Lifestyle/Entertainment Beat	Honorable Mention	City & State PA	City & State PA's First Read	City & State PA Staff
Breaking News Photo	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	U.S. Steel Clairton Coke Works explosion	Jim Harris
News Event Photo	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	New terminal opens at Pittsburgh International Airport	Jim Harris
News Event Photo	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Dairy Princess	Drew Oberholtzer
Feature Photo	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	Tenaris bets big on Koppel steel plant	Jim Harris
Feature Photo	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Wheat Growers	Vinny Tennis
Sports Feature Photo	First Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Bridging generations through golf	Dalton Balthaser
Sports Feature Photo	Second Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Champagne-covered Champion	John T. Iswalt

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Sports Feature Photo	Honorable Mention	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Sharing a moment on putting green	Martin Emeno
Sports Action Photo	First Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Drue Nicholas' Sand Splash	Dalton Balthaser
Sports Action Photo	Second Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Brockstedt's ball launch	Martin Emeno
Sports Action Photo	Honorable Mention	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Logan Paczewski, driver part ways	Martin Emeno
Photo Story/Essay	First Place	Pittsburgh Business Times	Book of Lists: Pittsburgh International Airport's new terminal	Jim Harris
Photo Story/Essay	Second Place	Delaware Currents	Cardboard boat racers on Delaware River at Port Jervis sink or win	Preston Ehrler
Photo Story/Essay	Honorable Mention	Philadelphia Gay News	Philly Pride 2025	Kelly Burkhardt
Headline Writing	First Place	City & State PA	Age Against The Machine; It's Always Money In Pennsylvania; Losing their routes: PA's transit funding crisis looms over rural systems	City & State PA Staff
Headline Writing	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Steer Cheer, Threshermen of Mystery, Fields of Glory	Phil Gruber
Graphic/Photo Illustration	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Keystone Industry	Heidi Krall & Phil Gruber
Documentary	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Farming Since 1955: Celebrating 70 Years of Agriculture	Drew Oberholtzer
News Videos	First Place	Lancaster Farming	80,000 Acres Preserved	Drew Oberholtzer
Sports Videos	First Place	Lancaster Farming	High School Rodeo at Farm Show	Drew Oberholtzer
Features Videos	First Place	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Lancaster's 125th Anniversary	Martin Emeno, Tony Regina, Dalton Balthaser & John T. Iswalt
Features Videos	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Zillow and Days End Farm	Drew Oberholtzer
Podcast	First Place	Lancaster Farming	The FarmHouse	Candice Wierzbowski & Stephanie Speicher

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Podcast	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	The Industrial Hemp Podcast	Eric Hurlock
Special Section	First Place	City & State PA	City & State PA's Special Reports	City & State PA Staff
Special Section	Second Place	Lancaster Farming	Mid-Atlantic Horse	Stan Hough
Special Section	Honorable Mention	Golf Association of Philadelphia	Celebrating R. Jay Sigel 1943-2025	Martin Emeno, Dalton Balthaser, Tony Regina & John T. Iswalt
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	First Place	Lancaster Farming	Cansayapi: Tribal Sovereignty and the Future of Hemp Building (series)	Eric Hurlock
Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Second Place	Philadelphia Gay News	Denied, delayed, dismissed: Local trans-affirming health care for youth goes underground; Marsha's, Philly's first women's sport bar, caused a sapphic South Street takeover on opening night; Honoring 49 LGBTQ+ Leaders: Building Tomorrow's Legacy Today; Christmas Eve marks the 23rd anniversary of Nizah Morris' death	PGN Staff