

2026 Professional Keystone Media Award Winners
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Division	Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits
Radio I	Best Newscast	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Jeremy Scott 2025 Newscast 90.5 WESA	Jeremy Scott
Radio I	Best Newscast	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	The Philadelphia Eagles command Super Bowl LIX	Jennifer Lynn & Cory Sharber
Radio I	Best Spot News Coverage	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Second worker found dead after explosion at U.S. Steel Clairton Coke Works	Julia Maruca, Kiley Koscinski, Glynis Board & Cindi Lash
Radio I	Best Spot News Coverage	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	7 killed, at least 22 injured in fiery Northeast Philly plane crash	Kenny Cooper, Phil Davis & Emily Neil
Radio I	Best Spot News Coverage	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Active shooter report at Villanova University was a 'cruel hoax,' no injuries reported	Cory Sharber & Kenny Cooper
Radio I	Best Continuing Coverage	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	George Norcross: Power and Consequences	P. Kenneth Burns
Radio I	Best Continuing Coverage	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Impacts of Trump administration funding cuts on Western Pennsylvania	Kiley Koscinski
Radio I	Best Series	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	SEPTA's \$230 budget deficit and planned cuts to service puts Greater Philly transit riders in a tailspin	Cory Sharber
Radio I	Best Series	Second Place	The Allegheny Front	Reporting from the Mon: A series on the Monongahela River	Reid Frazier, Julie Grant, Kara Holsopple & Kathy Knauer
Radio I	Best Series	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Local Cuisine, Global Roots (Under 30-minute version; Uzbek Food, Fet Fisk, Mexican Businesses, first half of Mike Chen -- to 06:14 minutes)	Susan Scott Peterson, Jakob Lazzaro & Katie Blackley
Radio I	Best Investigative Reporting	First Place	The Allegheny Front	Ohio landfills take drilling waste, but don't track or test much of it	Julie Grant

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Radio I	Best Investigative Reporting	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Delaware County residents plagued with longer ambulance rides, emergency room waits	Kenny Cooper
Radio I	Best Investigative Reporting	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Double Jeopardy: From Classroom to Courtroom (series segments 1, 2 for time limitations)	Jillian Forstadt
Radio I	Best Enterprise Reporting	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	In the periphery of a national spotlight, families with autistic children struggle to find help	Kiley Koscinski, Glynis Board & John Beale
Radio I	Best Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Pennsylvania residents, firefighters support legislation to ban toxic firefighting foam	Zoe Read
Radio I	Best Enterprise Reporting	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Data Centers in Pennsylvania: Worries and Questions	Rachel McDevitt
Radio I	Best Feature	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pitt medical students study the healing power of sound with renowned CMU violinist	Kiley Koscinski
Radio I	Best Feature	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Curbside Happy Hour	Kenny Cooper
Radio I	Best Documentary	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	How Veterans Find Healing After War	The Pulse at WHYY
Radio I	Best Public Service	First Place	The Allegheny Front	Two years after train derailment in East Palestine, some residents worry about liver disease	Julie Grant
Radio I	Best Public Service	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Southwestern Pa. mobile home residents push for limits on lot rent hikes	Kate Giammarise
Radio I	Best Public Service	Honorable Mention	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh's Kingsley Association weighs options amid financial uncertainty	Kate Giammarise & Julia Maruca
Radio I	Best Reporter/Anchor	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	2025 Reporting Compilation	Kenny Cooper

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Radio I	Best Reporter/Anchor	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	The Legendary Reporter	Tom MacDonald
Radio I	Best Digital Presence	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	wesa.fm	Patrick Doyle, Katie Blackley & Jakob Lazzaro
Radio I	Best Digital Presence	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	WHYY News Digital News Coverage	WHYY News Digital & Reporting Teams
Radio I	Best Sports Coverage	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	The Eagles' Road to Victory	Jennifer Lynn
Radio I	Best Sports Feature	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh biographer chronicles groundbreaking auto-racing champ	Bill O'Driscoll
Radio I	Best Sports Feature	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Johnstown Little League Softball champs treated to big homecoming	Jeremy Scott
Radio I	Best Sports Feature	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Suburban Philadelphia skaters find community in roller derby: 'The harder you hit them, the more you love them'	Kenny Cooper & Emily Neil
Radio I	Best Use of Photography	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	In the periphery of a national spotlight, families with autistic children struggle to find help	John Beale
Radio I	Best Use of Photography	Second Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	2025 Visual Coverage	Kenny Cooper
Radio I	Best Use of Photography	Honorable Mention	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	Scenes from the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl 59 victory parade	Emma Lee, Kimberly Paynter, Tom MacDonald & Meir Rinde
Radio I	Best Use of Sound	First Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	Thanksgiving at Jack's	Julia Fraser
Radio I	Podcast (Broadcast)	First Place	WHYY-FM, Philadelphia	MOVE at 40	Tom MacDonald, Charlie Kaier, Mark Eichmann & Sarah Glover
Radio I	Podcast (Broadcast)	Second Place	WESA-FM, Pittsburgh	WESA Reports: KING: A Year in the life of a Pittsburgh public school	Susan Scott Peterson

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Radio II	Best Continuing Coverage	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Jordan Creek Encampment Coverage	James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Continuing Coverage	Second Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	SNAP Payments Coverage	James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Series	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Twenties Toolbox	Grace Mansfield & James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Series	Second Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Roots and Resilience	Maddie Yang & James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Series	Honorable Mention	WDIY 88.1 FM	Plan Lehigh Valley	Margaret McConnell, Becky Bradley, Matt Assad & James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Enterprise Reporting	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Local Fundraising Efforts Underway Amidst SNAP Uncertainty	James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Thousands Take to Bethlehem Streets for "No Kings" Protest	Mike Flynn
Radio II	Best Feature	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	Local Professor Plays a Part in New Dinosaur Discovery	James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Documentary	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	SNAP Changes to Know with North Penn Legal Services and the United Way Valley Voices	Margaret McConnell & James Zipprodt
Radio II	Best Digital Presence	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	WDIY Digital Strategy + App	Shamus McGroggan
Radio II	Best Use of Photography	First Place	WDIY 88.1 FM	WDIY Listener Fall Foliage Photos 2025	Shamus McGroggan
Radio II	Podcast (Broadcast)	First Place	WITF-FM, Harrisburg	The Morning Agenda, WITF's daily news podcast	Karen Hendricks

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