

Professeeional Keystone Media Awards- Specialty Category Winners
The Lenfest Institute Emerging Journalist Award
(formerly the Edith Hughes Emerging Journalist Award)

Year	Organization	Credits	Entry Title
2026	LNP, Lancaster	Sarah Nicell	Curiosity & Storytelling: Remains of a soldier from Lancaster who died in Laos 57 years ago finally returned home; The remains of a missing soldier from Lancaster finally came home. Here's who's still missing; Lancaster County to count misdaded and undated mail ballots in compliance with March court decision; Late 'Bard of Brickerville' posted daily poems for a decade; his work may now become a book
2025	TribLive, Pittsburgh	Megan Swift	I sprinted out of the building. Franklin regional reflects on attack 10 years later; Despite rising salaries, there's a shortage of qualited superintendents, politicized school boards and Covid fallout have contributed; I want to live long - Covid patients battle debilitating symptoms in Western PA
2024	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Hanna Webster	Fentanyl deaths harm reduction; Dobbs decision; Pittsburgh teen advocate brain cancer
2023	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	Emma Folts	Update: CMO no longer considering draft policy, says it has never used racial recognition; Another Pittsburgh promise? Payments from 'eds and meds' would bring millions to PPS, allow district to slash deficit and consider 'wonderful things'; University of Pittsburgh student Mia Larkin poses for a portrait on campus; They are Pittsburgh college students and survivors of sexual violence. Here, they share their stories.
2022	Spotlight PA	Kate Huangpu	Despite transparency vows, much of Pa.'s redistricting still takes place behind closed doors; Pennsylvania Latinos work to turn huge population gains into political muscle, but still face barriers; A free virtual panel on Pennsylvania's proposed redistricting maps
2021	PublicSource, Pittsburgh	Juliette Rihl	The true cost of court debt; Emails show Allegheny County district attorney's office used trial of controversial facial recognition technology Clearview; Impossible workloads, 'hostile' management and unsafe medical practices: former ACJ medical employees speak out
2020	LNP, Lancaster	Gillian McGoldrick	Smucker will return campaign contributions; My fight has never ended; Ongoing conflict boils over
2019	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Heather Khalifa	An African American synagogue in Philly; Warrior Spirit - Jahsun Patton
2018	LNP, Lancaster	Lindsey Blest	Transportation: Obsolete? (reconstruction of Rte. 30); Hit-And-Run; Gun Legislation: Setting Security Standards
2017	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Julian Routh	Voter Voices; The Trump Tightrope; From Scaife to Trump - the Foundation of the Transition; Dispatches from Trump Country
2016	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Joel Shannon	Fixing York; Penn State beat; Hospital investigation
2015	Philadelphia Weekly	Josh Kruger	Philly Die-In; Being Homeless; Dear Mayor Nutter

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2014	Erie Times-News	Andy Colwell	Edith Hughes Emerging Journalist Award -- Andy Colwell, Erie Times-News
2013	Reading Eagle Company	Jamie Klein	The tough decision; The farm vote; Finding a way out of grief
2012	The Legal Intelligencer, Philadelphia	Ben Present	Penn State Case to Test Failure-to-Report Law
2011	Valley News Dispatch	Rossilynne Skena	Emerging Journalist