

Professional Keystone Media Awards - Specialty Category Winners
Paul Vathis Memorial Photography Portfolio Award
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Year	Award	Organization	Credits	Entry Title
2026	Winner	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Justin Guido	Corey & Connor win Pittsburgh's Democratic mayoral primary; unseating incumbent Ed Gainey; Veterans, families remember those lost during the Vietnam War at traveling Wall That Heals memorial in Shaler; Aliquippa community mourns loss of 18-year-old shot and killed by ATF agent; A newcomer, a repeat winner and a photo finish highlight Pittsburgh Marathon races; WPIAL soccer championships: Elena Jenkins' late winner leads Freeport girls to 1st title in school history
2025	Winner	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Charles Fox	Home after all these years; Semifinal Night Big East Tournament; Opening Night - Philadelphia Chinese Lantern Festival; Villanova 66-65 loss; Philadelphia cyclist shot paralyzed; Siddeeq Shabazz Bella Dance Academy
2024	Winner	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Sean Simmers	Photos of the Year
2023	Winner	PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Sean Simmers	Ostrich Race; Emotional; Traffic Jam; Girls Softball Catch; Gallery with Parade, Girls Basketball Championship, High School Football
2022	Winner	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Heather Khalifa	Phillies' third straight walk-off win against the Yankees; Moving Forward; Return of in-person performances at the Kimmel Center; Eagles final pre-season game against the Jets; A mother, a bus driver, an optician: Glimpses of the people killed by Ida's wrath
2021	Winner	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Steven M. Falk	Barbershop on Germantown Avenue; Happy Return - Emblid dominates in first game back; Big voice won't be stilled; Black Lives Matter; Rainbow at baseball game
2020	Winner	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Christopher Dolan	Meth arrests rising; Knockout; Bark at the water park; Holy Cross claims championship; Champions
2019	First Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Charles Fox	Father of tased man at bedside; Penn basketball; Villanova basketball; Phillies get torched by Nationals; Gunshot victim goes to prom; Philly subway dance group, etc.
2019	Second Place	The Times-Tribune, Scranton	Butch Comegys	After heavy rains, flood water shows signs of receding; Valley View football; We're in a bit of a jam here, etc.
2018	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Steph Chambers	Window Dressing; Quaker Valley vs. Central Valley High School football; Reign on Parade (Penguins' Victory Parade)
2018	Second Place	Philadelphia Media Network	Charles Fox	American/Native Indians; Variety of sports (running, basketball, etc)

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2017	Second Place	Philadelphia Media Network	Tom Gralish	String of success; Just a ducky pose; 2016 Pennsylvania Battleground State
2016				
2015	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times	Stephen Jiwanmall	Remembering Riley (three-part series)
2015	Second Place	Central Penn Business Journal	Kathryn Morton	Top 100; Eye-opening small-business statistics; Export impact
2014	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times	Chuck Thomas	Eat This!
2014	Second Place	Erie Times-News	Chris Sigmund	Crossing the sandbar; Retracing Vincent's steps; Anatomy of a concussion
2013	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	Why do Americans ignore civilian casualties?; Does fake violence reduce the real thing?; America loves vigilantes
2013	Second Place	York Daily Record/Sunday News	Samantha Dellinger	Artist's bloc: Cut paper illustration; Sidewalk chalk drawing; Holiday kids' activity page
2012	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	A little fright music, The trouble with independents, Europe's homegrown terrorists
2012	Second Place	The Patriot-News, Harrisburg	Sean Simmers	7 children die in House Fire, 100 Year Flood, Musician Portraits
2011	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Stacy Innerst	Great bottled water scam, Oil is its own master, The Robin Hoods among us
2011	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Larry Roberts	Time to be quiet, Relatives mourn, Fleeting moment
2010	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	Dear Pittsburgh: Turn off the Lights; Space Junk; What Kind of Catholics are We?
2010	Second Place	The Patriot-News	Sean Simmers	On the March; The First Step; A Life Well-Lived
2009	First Place	Erie Times-News	Jack Hanrahan	Duck Hunting; Ice Cream Man; Marsh Young
2009	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Ed Yozwick	They're Back; Tuna 20 Ways; All the Little Bits Ad Up
2008	First Place	Philadelphia Daily News	Joseph Kaczmarek	City in Crisis
2008	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	Top 50, Bridges to tomorrow, Chicken killing day
2007	First Place	Pittsburgh Tribune Review	Evette Gabriel	Sports Stories
2007	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	April Saul	Kids, Guns and a Deadly Toll
2006	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Martha Rial	
2006	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	
2005	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	John Beale	
2005	Second Place	Philadelphia Inquirer	David Swanson	

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2004	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Stacy Innerst	Top 50, Grass is Greener; Prevailing winds
2003	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Stacy Innerst	
2003	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Ted Crow	
2002	First Place (tie)	Philadelphia Daily News	Jim MacMillan	
2002	First Place (tie)	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	
2002	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Ted Crow	
2001	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	John Beale	
2000	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	John Beale	This Old Man
2000	Second Place	The Philadelphia Inquirer	Peter Tobia	Polio: The Death of a Disease
1999	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Daniel Marsula	Trail Balloons
1999	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Peter Diana	basketball-playing mother; football; woman in front of collapsed building
1999	Honorable Mention	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	John Beale	woman living in poverty; President Clinton; football
1998	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Stacy Innerst	Why Work?; Louis Armstrong - Satchmo; The Korean Time Machine
1997	First Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Stacy Innerst	The games
1997	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	John Beale	accident, basketball player, fire
1996	First Place	Bucks County Courier Times	Bill Johnson	Joy in life
1996	Second Place	Pittsburgh Post-Gazette	Ted Crow	
1996	Honorable Mention	Bucks County Courier Times	Susie Chu	