

**2026 Student Keystone Media Award Winners - DIV  
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Division	Award	Category Name	College or University	Credits	Entry Title
IV	First Place	General News	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Lavanya Dixit & Evie Fernandez	SEPTA budget cuts burden community
IV	Second Place	General News	State College Area High School - Lions' Digest	Noah Radio	WPSU's Imminent Closure Draws Strong Community Response
IV	Honorable Mention	General News	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Mia Fagone & Fiona Seale	DEI policy, NIH fund cuts purge government websites, student biomedical research, students feel effects
IV	First Place	Ongoing News Coverage	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Clark Kerkstra, Mia Fagone, Kaitlyn Ho & Izzy Boland	District changes phone policies
IV	Second Place	Ongoing News Coverage	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez, Evie Fernandez, Savvas Zeibekis, Lavanya Dixit, Izzy Boland & Jane Yau	Students, school district adjusts to AI
IV	Honorable Mention	Ongoing News Coverage	Conestoga High School - The Spoke	Ashley Du, Jeffrey Heng, Tvisha Jani & Paige Vachris	SEPTA proposes service cuts, Chester County responds
IV	First Place	Public Service/Enterprise Package	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez, Evie Fernandez & Savvas Zeibekis	AI at Haven: The line between help and honesty
IV	Second Place	Public Service/Enterprise Package	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Kaitlyn Ho, Matthew Ramirez & Matteo Ventresca	All the demands on one common time
IV	Honorable Mention	Public Service/Enterprise Package	Malvern Preparatory School - The Friar's Lantern	Jason Zurawski & Chase O'Keefe	No Teacher, No Problem: Rely on AI?
IV	First Place	Feature Story	Tyrone Area High School - The Eagle Eye News	Tyler Weston, Ashlynn McKinney & Logan Harpster	Fishing, Farming, and Family: How a Local Farmer and a US President Became Lifelong Friends
IV	Second Place	Feature Story	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Kaitlyn Ho & Clark Kerkstra	Farewell Trailers
IV	Honorable Mention	Feature Story	Spring-Ford Area High School - Rampage	Regan Schlesinger	Behind the scenes of Spring-Ford Theater's play-selection process
IV	First Place	Personality Profile	Tyrone Area High School - The Eagle Eye News	Shiloh Price	'Thank You, Bub': Tyrone High School Says Goodbye to a Legend

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IV	Second Place	Personality Profile	Tyrone Area High School - The Eagle Eye News	Tyler Weston	Bryan Gruber: Teacher, Explorer, Renaissance Man
IV	Honorable Mention	Personality Profile	Springside Chestnut Hill Academy	Suhaila Khujali Elamin	Ms. McNichols Loves to Cook
IV	First Place	Sports Story	Bellwood-Antis High School - The BA Blueprint	Lindsay McKinnon	Flag football on the rise locally: Leagues in Bellwood, Tyrone may signal shift in preparation for school football
IV	Second Place	Sports Story	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Lavanya Dixit & Anabella Larin	PIAA revises policies, responding to executive orders
IV	Honorable Mention	Sports Story	Emmaus High School - The Stinger	Claudia Walls	Claudia Walls plays recruiting game
IV	First Place	Editorial	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	2024-2025 Editorial Board	2024-2025 Editorial Board
IV	Second Place	Editorial	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	2025-2026 Editorial Board	2025-2026 Editorial Board
IV	Honorable Mention	Editorial	Penn-Trafford High School - The Warrior	Mia Williams	Assassin game poses danger to students
IV	First Place	Column	Conestoga High School - The Spoke	Jeffrey Heng	Jeff's Gist: ICE terrorizes undocumented immigrants; Censor injustice, not activists; I hate men
IV	Second Place	Column	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Fiona Seale	How social media changed music; My biggest mistake is not sleeping enough; What's like, so wrong with saying 'like'?
IV	Honorable Mention	Column	Northern Lehigh High School - The Slate	Mylz Miller	Global Perspectives (three different columns) The Illusion of Freedom; Our Nation's Heavy Hand; Finding My Roots, Facing Hard Truths

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IV	First Place	Review	Springside Chestnut Hill Academy	Gray David	Taylor Swift's Euphonic Yet Esoteric Life of a Showgirl
IV	Second Place	Review	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Eli Graves	George Clooney's 'Good Night, and Good Luck' more than just a riveting performance
IV	Honorable Mention	Review	Spring-Ford Area High School - Rampage	Austin Stewart	Kendrick Lamar's album pleasantly surprises fans
IV	First Place	Cartoon/Graphic Illustration	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Isaac Lothrop	September 2025 Front Page; Haven girls breaking gender barriers; February 2025 Front Page
IV	Second Place	Cartoon/Graphic Illustration	Emmaus High School - The Stinger	Arwen Causa	The fight over transgender athletes
IV	Honorable Mention	Cartoon/Graphic Illustration	McCaskey High School	Sanaia Boudier & Keira Koser Martin	Save the Date for Graduation
IV	First Place	Sports Photo	Penn-Trafford High School - The Warrior	Annabelle Aquino	Fear the spear: Warrior softball dominates Latrobe
IV	Second Place	Sports Photo	McCaskey High School	Logan Fleetman	Fingertip Save
IV	Honorable Mention	Sports Photo	Spring-Ford Area High School - Rampage	Max Barnaik	Rams rally to win PAC crown
IV	First Place	Feature Photo	Cranberry High School - Cranberry Chronicles	Lily Shook	Compassion in Action
IV	Second Place	Feature Photo	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez	Orchestra performs in Northern Lights themed hallway
IV	Honorable Mention	Feature Photo	Bellwood-Antis High School - The BA Blueprint	Cameron Gallagher	Devil of a teacher
IV	First Place	News Photo	Conestoga High School - The Spoke	Ashley Du	Transit turmoil: SEPTA enacts service cuts, judge orders reversal
IV	Second Place	News Photo	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez	Students confront teachers in lunchtime debate over cell phone ban
IV	Honorable Mention	News Photo	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Isaac Lothrop	Haven reacts to Eagles Super Bowl LIX win

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IV	First Place	Photo Story	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez	Marching band performs at Eagles game
IV	Second Place	Photo Story	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez & Kathryn Barrett	Orchestra performs in Northern Lights themed hallway
IV	Honorable Mention	Photo Story	State College Area High School - Lions' Digest	Ellory Potter	Seven Days at State: A Collection of Moments from Homecoming Week
IV	First Place	Layout and Design	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Matthew Ramirez	June 2025 Front Page   About the Box
IV	Second Place	Layout and Design	Conestoga High School - The Spoke	Lily Chen, Sophia Cui & Emily Wang	Senior Destinations Map 2025
IV	Honorable Mention	Layout and Design	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Isaac Lothrop & Matthew Ramirez	Haven girls breaking gender barriers
IV	First Place	Website	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Staff	<a href="https://shpantherpress.com/">https://shpantherpress.com/</a>
IV	Second Place	Website	Altoona Area High School - Mountain Echo	Madison Aboud, Mattie Baker & Emmalee Martyak	<a href="https://aahsmountainecho.com/">https://aahsmountainecho.com/</a>
IV	Honorable Mention	Website	Bellwood-Antis High School - The BA Blueprint	Kevin Stiver, Lilly Gerwert, Ava Conway, Lindsay Campbell, Collin Matthews & Cameron Gallagher	<a href="https://theblueprint.com/">https://theblueprint.com/</a>
IV	First Place	Video Story	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Evelynn Lin & Mia Fagone	French students experience Quebec
IV	Second Place	Video Story	McCaskey High School	Nolan Bjerklie	McCaskey's Building Trades Program
IV	Honorable Mention	Video Story	McCaskey High School	Keira Koser Martin	McCaskey's Agricultural Science Program
IV	First Place	Podcast	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Manny Pickup & Jasper Hals	The Panther Pod, Season 3
IV	Second Place	Podcast	Greater Latrobe High School - WCAT-TV	Gabrielle Cunningham & Brianna Vesely	Latrobe Alumni All-Stars

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IV	First Place	Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Freedom High School, Freedom - FHS Press	Elizabeth Mooney, Calla Reynolds, Mia Roncevich, Bryson Deal & Alexander Micon	DEI Collection by Mooney, Reynolds, Roncevich, Deal, and Micon
IV	Second Place	Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Strath Haven High School - The Panther Press	Staff	ABC program celebrates 50th anniversary; Black History Month kicks off with student-led assembly; District to hold ground, follow state guidance amid threats by Trump administration; DEI policy, NIH fund cuts purge government websites, student biomedical
IV	Honorable Mention	Excellence in Reporting on Diversity- Equity and Inclusion	Altoona Area High School - Mountain Echo	Melissa Krainer	Melissa Krainer Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Entry
IV	First Place	Best Newscast (Broadcast)	Greater Latrobe High School - WCAT-TV	Staff	WCAT-TV
IV	Second Place	Best Newscast (Broadcast)	McCaskey High School	Keagen Laureano-Roman, Sanaia Boudier, Javion Rodriguez, Nolan Bjerklie, Keira Koser Martin & Logan Fleetman	WMCC "Tornado Alert" Morning Show - 12.16.25
IV	Honorable Mention	Best Newscast (Broadcast)	Lower Dauphin High School	Hannah Richmond, Keaton Wagner, Cayden Brassell, Jake McConnell, Ethan Amici, Nick Brunner, Rylie Michael & Casey O'Brien	FBC Weekly Nov. 13
IV	First Place	Best Feature (Broadcast)	Greater Latrobe High School - WCAT-TV	Hayleigh Bruno	The Importance of Quality Sleep for Teens
IV	Second Place	Best Feature (Broadcast)	Greater Latrobe High School - WCAT-TV	Arianna Cramer	Cat Cafe

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IV	First Place	Best Public Service (Broadcast)	Altoona Area High School, Mountain Lion Television	Taylor Knepper & Maleah Koch	Blood Drive PSA
IV	First Place	Best Sports Coverage (Broadcast)	Greater Latrobe High School - WCAT-TV	Staff	Wildcat All Access - Fall Recap
IV	Second Place	Best Sports Coverage (Broadcast)	Altoona Area High School, Mountain Lion Television	Aiden Aiken, Megan Kelly, Alexandra Rosenberry & Adilee Scott	2025 Turkey Bowl Highlights
IV	Honorable Mention	Best Sports Coverage (Broadcast)	Lower Dauphin High School	Hannah Richmond	Lower Dauphin Girls Basketball Dominates