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2021 Newspaper Carrier of the Year Awards Announced by PNA Foundation

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 19, 2021 – The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation has announced its 2021 Newspaper Carrier of the Year Award winners, recognizing the exemplary performance of newspaper carriers across Pennsylvania.

Julius DeMicco, *The Times News*, Lehighton, is recognized with first place honors. Mathew Cadugan, also of *The Times News*, wins second place. Richard Stratemeier, Trib Total Media, Greensburg, is honored with third place. The judges also recognized two carriers – Jennifer Cox, LNP, Lancaster, and James Schroeder, *The Times-Tribune*, Scranton – with special honorable mention awards this year. Cash prizes and certificates suitable for framing are awarded with the first-place carrier receiving \$350. The second-place winner is given \$250 while third place captures \$150. Honorable mention recipients receive \$50. The nominating manager of the first-place winner is presented with a \$100 gift card.

In acknowledging Julius DeMicco, 13, as the overall winner in 2021, the judges recognized his “friendliness and his reliability with a 100 percent delivery rate.” Judges were especially impressed that Julius was not only dedicated and responsible, but also polite and personable, as described by his customers and manager. “A customer recommendation letter mentioned that Julius ‘is without a doubt the most reliable of all the carriers that have served me. In addition, he has the most winning smile and pleasant disposition of almost, if not all, the young people I have come in contact.’ Others mentioned that their paper is delivered ‘like clockwork, no matter the season or weather.’ As judges, we couldn’t think of better reasons to honor Julius with this award.”

Since 1959, the PNA Foundation’s Newspaper Carrier of the Year contest has helped Pennsylvania newspapers recognize the exemplary performance of newspaper carriers of all ages. This year’s winner is a 13-year-old youth carrier and his fellow honorees range in age from 30 to 68. Applications of top performing carriers are submitted by news organizations across Pennsylvania. Nominees are judged on their route performance and customer service, as well as personal and community service.

Carrier Awards will be presented locally by the nominating news organization.

About PNA Foundation:

The PNA Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation organized as a public foundation. Its mission is to provide training and resources to PNA members, to develop the next generation of readers and journalists, and to educate the public on the importance of the First Amendment and the role of a free press.

About PNA:

The PNA, founded in 1925, is the nonprofit trade association for print and digital news media in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Its mission is to advance the business interests of Pennsylvania news media organizations and to promote a free and independent press. It has more than 300 newspaper and media-related members, including daily, weekly, and college newspapers and online publications.

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