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2022 Newspaper Carrier of the Year Awards Announced by PNA Foundation

HARRISBURG, Pa., Aug. 10, 2022 – The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation has announced its 2022 Newspaper Carrier of the Year Award winners, recognizing the exemplary performance of newspaper carriers across Pennsylvania.

John Albert, *Bucks County Herald*, Lahaska, is recognized with first place honors. Jonathan Dubow, Jr., *The Times News*, Lehighton, wins second place. Dawn Plaisted, *Butler Eagle*, is honored with third place. The judges also recognized four carriers – Beverly Aniska, *The Times-Tribune*, Scranton; Barry Broaddus, Trib Total Media; Levi Johnson, *The Times News*, Lehighton, and David Urban, LNP, Lancaster – with special honorable mention awards this year. The contest saw more than double the number of entries in 2022 than in 2021, highlighting how carriers are exceling in spite of current challenges. With so many worthy nominees, judges chose to add several Honorable Mention awards.

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 John Albert, 73, as the overall winner in 2022, the judges were especially impressed by his reliability and willingness to go above and beyond to deliver quality service. A recommendation letter mentioned that John “is the ‘Swiss Army Knife’ of drivers: dependable, multifaceted, and precise” and he’s always willing to help get the newspapers delivered, even in crisis mode or emergency situations, sometimes driving until well into the night. Customers mentioned that their newspapers are delivered “with professionalism and enthusiasm for the job” and mentioned that John “is an enjoyable and very friendly man.”

Judges commented, “There were so many outstanding nominees this year, from teens to seniors, newcomers to longtime carriers. But John stood out for many reasons including his ‘tenacity and positive mental attitude’ which help to bring community journalism to Bucks County. We couldn’t think of better reasons to honor John with this award.”

Since 1959, the PNA Foundation’s Newspaper Carrier of the Year contest has helped Pennsylvania newspapers recognize the exemplary performance of carriers of all ages. It continues to be difficult to hire and retain reliable and talented carriers. Therefore, it is more important than ever to show exemplary carriers how much they are valued and appreciated for their contributions.

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.

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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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