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PNA Foundation announces 2024 News Organization of the Year awards

HARRISBURG, Pa., July 16, 2024 – The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation has announced its 2024 News Organization of the Year Awards, recognizing Pennsylvania news companies for overall excellence across all departments.

For multiday publications, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette won first-place honors while PennLive/The Patriot-News, Harrisburg, received second place. TheBurg, Harrisburg, received first place for weeklies while the Chestnut Hill Local earned second place honors.

Tracy DeAngelo, president, and Stan Wischnowski, vice president and executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, stated, “It is an incredible honor to receive this award for a third straight year and we are very proud of the commitment to sustained excellence our employees demonstrate every day. We also salute the other news organizations across the state and around the country that are doing the important work of creating journalism that works to uphold democracy.”

“We’re deeply appreciative of this recognition. It underscores the statewide journalistic work we do to strengthen and empower the communities we serve, while providing cutting-edge business solutions for clients across the commonwealth,” noted Burke Noel, president of PA Media Group.

When notified of TheBurg’s fourth consecutive NOY nod, Publisher/Editor Lawrance Binda commented, “It’s an enormous honor for TheBurg to be named the 2024 News Organization of the Year. This recognition means a great deal to us, as it covers every aspect of our operations and demonstrates our commitment to the highest quality local journalism. Thank you so much to PNA for making this honor possible.”

“Every week, we strive to produce a newspaper that is engaging and entertaining while also being a reliable and informative service to the community,” said Chestnut Hill Local Editor Carla Robinson. “It is thrilling - and an honor - to get this kind of recognition for our work.”

More than 120 news organizations from across Pennsylvania competed for NOY Awards throughout the year by entering the Keystone Media Awards and the PNA Foundation Advertising contests. Points were awarded and accumulated through these contests as well as several special awards. While these contests were divided across categories and circulation divisions, NOY recognition is determined by the highest accumulated points across all categories and divisions. News organizations are judged not only on their journalism and writing, reporting, photography, video, digital products and design, but also their sales strategies, innovation, community impact and their relevance, integrity and initiative in serving readers and audiences.

The awards will be presented Oct. 17 as part of the Keystone Media Awards Brunch to be held at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel.

About PNA Foundation:

The PNA Foundation is an independent, nonprofit 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:

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. Membership includes newspapers and media-related companies, as well as college newspapers and online publications.

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