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**Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation announces
2026 News Organization of the Year awards**

*Awards recognize outstanding work across all departments and all products of
Pennsylvania news media companies.*

HARRISBURG, Pa., (July 27, 2026) – The Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation announces its 2026 News Organization of the Year Awards, recognizing Pennsylvania news companies for overall excellence across all departments.

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

"We're honored to be recognized by the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation with its highest award for journalistic and media excellence. This recognition reflects the talent, creativity and commitment of our entire organization." PennLive/The Patriot-News President Burke Noel said. "Every day, teams across PennLive and The Patriot-News work together to serve readers, advertisers and communities throughout Pennsylvania with journalism and products that make a difference. It's also a powerful affirmation of the value of strong local journalism. Our journalists work tirelessly to inform, investigate and tell stories that help people better understand their communities and the issues that shape their lives. Being named News Organization of the Year is a celebration of that mission — and of the people who bring it to life every day. Congratulations to all the winners of this prestigious award."

"Earning this recognition is a testament to the resiliency and hard work of our talented employees across all divisions of the company who are steadfastly committed to serving our community with high-impact news and information that truly matters," Post-Gazette President Tracy DeAngelo and Vice President and Executive Editor Stan Wischnowski said in a joint statement.

"Being named News Organization of the Year is an incredible honor," said Lawrance Binda, publisher and editor of TheBurg. "We work hard every day to make TheBurg a high-quality news product for the greater Harrisburg area. This award affirms the dedication and talent of our amazing team."

Publisher of the Chestnut Hill Local Laura Lucas said "Being honored with a second place showing for the fourth year in a row speaks to the heart and skill that every member of our newsroom brings to this work. From reporting and editing to photography, design, production, circulation and advertising, this award reflects excellence across the board. It's an honor to be recognized among Pennsylvania's best weeklies, and it strengthens our commitment to delivering journalism that informs, connects and inspires."

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 Contest. Points were accumulated through these contests as well as several special awards. NOY recognition is determined by the highest accumulated points across all categories and divisions.

The awards will be presented at the Keystone Media Awards luncheon scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, at The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg.

About PNA Foundation:

The PNA Foundation is an independent, nonprofit corporation organized as a public foundation. Its mission is to support the sustainability of local news through philanthropy and fundraising, training and recognition of professionals and student journalists.

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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