

The **PRESS** Club of Western Pennsylvania

PRESS CLUB OF WESTERN PA 2022 GOLDEN QUILL WINNERS AND FINALISTS

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Spot News Photo — Divisions 1-6

Winner: “‘All Right, Have a Good Night’: North Allegheny School Board Adjourns Meeting After Attendees Refuse to Mask Up,” Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Friends, Family Pray for Firefighter With COVID,” Seb Foltz, Butler Eagle
“St. Vladimir Fire,” Louis Ruediger, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – News Photo

Winner: “Pittsburgh Comes Together to Remember Mac Miller,” Jacob Woodyard, The Globe

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – News

Winner: “Reckoning With Shank, Part 1: A Tenured Professor, a Racial Slur and a Reinstatement Leave a Predominantly White Institution Asking: Where Do We Go From Here?” Kellen Stepler, The Duquesne Duke

Finalists:

“Pitt-Johnstown Leaders Support Private Vendor’s Online Course Offerings,” Callie Cassick, The Advocate (University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown)
“Even as Gun Problems Grow, Students Stick to the South Side,” Colleen Hammond, The Duquesne Duke
“Pitt Spends Additional \$881K on ‘Union Avoidance’ Law Firm, Pushing Total Over \$2M,” Neena Hagen, The Pitt News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 3

Winner: “Romoff Retirement,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalist: “Pittsburgh Brewing Co. to Build New Brewery at Former PPG Site in Creighton,” Tim Schooley, Pittsburgh Business Times

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Newscast

Winner: “Centre County Report: November 5, 2021”; Hope Burley, Isabel Hayes and Connor Griffin; Centre County Report

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Local Restaurants Battle Red Tape to Get Federal COVID Funding Only to Have the Money Snatched Away,” An-Li Herring, WESA

Finalist: “Dine and Dash? Leaders in Braddock Chew on Sousa Departure,” An-Li Herring, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 2

Winner: “Tyrone House Explosion,” Bill Kibler, Altoona Mirror

Finalists:

“County Reels Over Shooting Death” et al., Altoona Mirror Staff, Altoona Mirror

“Explosion Rocks Tyrone,” Rachel Floor, Altoona Mirror

“Southwest PA Reacts to George Floyd Murder Trial Verdict,” Chrissy Suttles and Dani Fitzgerald, Beaver County Times

“Path of Destruction,” Staff, Observer-Reporter

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – News

“Ten Years After: Key Figures Remember Moments and Lessons From the Sandusky Scandal,” Preston Shoemaker, Centre County Report

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Ida’s Impact,” WTAE Staff, WTAE-TV

Finalists:

“Chaos at Ross Park Mall,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV

“South Side Inferno,” KDKA News Team, KDKA-TV

“Dog Warden Stabbed,” Lindsey Watson, WKBN/WYTV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Spot/Breaking News – Division 1

Winner: “ ‘A City Is Changed With All of Us,’ Ed Gainey Says After Historic Win” and “Election Update,” Julian Routh and Post-Gazette Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Ben Roethlisberger: ‘Signs Are Pointing’ to Monday Night Being Final Game at Heinz Field,” Gerry Dulac, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“2 Detained Following Incident at Ross Park Mall; Officials Say No One Injured,” Hallie Lauer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration – News or Feature, Division 7

Winner: “Clean Spaces,” Donna Grethen, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalist: “Hidden Treasures,” Kagan McCleod, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Illustration – News or Feature, Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Jazz Renaissance,” Stacy Innerst, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Brutal Secrets,” James Hilston, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Spring Cover, Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Summer Cover, George Schill, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Page Layout/Design

Winner: The Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette, Nathaniel Rega, The Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Page Design – Print, Divisions 1-4

Winner: “Ode to the Nose,” Anita Dufalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“The Conversation Business: Podcasting May Not Offer Its Creators Much Traditional Return for Their Often-Sizable Investment. Yet Dedicated Creators Keep At It – for Connection, Outreach and Enjoyment,” Huck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine

“A Battle Over Fifteen,” Natalie Duleba and Diane Juravich, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hidden Dangers,” Melanie Wass, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Editorial Cartoon – Divisions 1-4

Winner: Kichi Cartoons, John Kichi, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: Menees Cartoons, Tim Menees, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Cover Design – Print, Division 7

Winner: “Celebrating America’s Cultural Treasures: How a National Initiative Is Elevating Local Cultural Legacies,” Kagan McCleod, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Cover Design – Print, Divisions 1-4

Winner: “Black Women Leaving Pittsburgh,” Abbie Adams, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Best of the ’Burgh,” Huck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine

Spring Cover, Anita Dufalla, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Animation/Motion Graphics – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Money Laundering Explained”; James Hilston, Ed Yozwick and Michael Sallah; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalist: “NBA’s All-time Scoring Leaders,” Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo – Division 7

Winner: “Industry Ills – Bryan Latkanich,” Joshua Franzos, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalists:

“The Main Problem – Claire and Mary Pro,” Joshua Franzos, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Change Makers – Angelo Taranto,” Elan Mizrahi, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Photo – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Remembering 9/11,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“A Tractor Working on Clearing Leaves,” Andrew Rush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Steam From the Beaver Valley Nuclear Power Plant Is Reflected in the Ohio River,” Andrew Rush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pitt-Greensburg Commencement,” Shane Dunlap, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 7

Winner: “Child Care Ingenuity,” Cristina Rouvalis, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalists:

“Lives Loved and Lost,” Mary Solberg, Faith Erie

“Stewards of the Forest,” Mary Solberg, Faith Erie

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 4

Winner: “Gift of a Lifetime,” Merle Jantz, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“The Spiritual Village: In Pittsburgh, Congregations of African Immigrants Are Using Worship to Re-Generate the Kinship, Identity, Family Life and Culture Found in Their Home Countries,” Ervin Dyer, Pittsburgh Magazine

“Municipal Time Bomb,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Afghans Make a New Start in America,” Zubair Babakarkhail, Postindustrial

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 3

Winner: “Leveling the Playing Field,” Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

“How to Slow the Great Grad Exodus,” Ahmari Anthony, Pittsburgh Business Times
“How Newsrooms, Police Departments, and Social Media Fail Missing People of Color,”
Kimberly Rooney, Pittsburgh City Paper
“A ‘Respectful Acknowledgement’: Oct. 27 Survivors on Rebuilding Tree of Life,”
David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, News Feature – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “A Valid Podcast: Relationships Among People With Intellectual Disabilities,”
All-Abilities Media Team, Unabridged Press and PublicSource

Finalist: “Two Black Activist Groups Look Toward the Future of Racial Justice in
Pittsburgh,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 2

Winner: “Dispute in Downtown’s Gateway Towers Divides Condo Residents,” Bill
Zlatos, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Family Sues State Police Over Wrongful Death,” Steve Ferris, Butler Eagle
“Couple Marks One-Year Anniversary of Daughter’s Death,” Mike Crowley, Meadville
Tribune
“Flight 93: ‘That’s Where It Belongs,’” David Hurst, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, News Feature – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “A Critical Connection”; Beth Dolinar, Amy Grove and Dave Forstate; WQED-
TV

Finalists:

“Dirty Dollars: Warren Steel,” Andrew Rush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“COVID in the Workplace: Employee Rights,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki,
WPXI-TV

“VOICES: Pittsburghers on Racism and Resilience”; Anne Casper, Aidan McGarvey
and Minette Seate; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, News Feature – Division 1

Winner: “A Fight to Survive,” Kris B. Mamula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“ ‘The Biggest Story of My Life,’ ” Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
“A Lasting Effect: How 9/11 Impacted the Lives of Western Pennsylvanians at World
Trade Center, Pentagon and Shanksville,” Paul Guggenheimer, Tribune-Review
“Hidden Danger: Registered Sex Offenders Often Go Undetected in Care Homes,
Sometimes at an Unspeakable Cost”; Natasha Lindstrom, Debra Erdley and Susan
McFarland; Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Photo Essay – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Off the Tourist Track,” Ron Block, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“Artisans Carry on Erie’s Traditions of Making Things, Teaching Others,” Jack Hanrahan and Greg Wohlford, Erie Times-News

“Ballerinas of Pittsburgh,” Linda Hackett, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“The City of Prayer: Clairton’s Residents Persevere Amid Persistent Pollution and Violence,” Quinn Glabicki, PublicSource

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Feature

Winner: “Pickett Returns to Roots in NIL Deal With Boys and Girls Club,” Jon Moss, The Pitt News

Finalists:

“Not Just a Coffee Shop”: Br. Andre’s Cafe Is a Coffee Shop With Cause,” Colleen Hammond, The Duquesne Duke

“21 Years of DIY Music Culture: Mr. Roboto Celebrates Anniversary During Pandemic and Year-Long Hiatus,” Nathaniel Rega, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

“‘A Long Time Coming’: Pitt Faculty Celebrate Union Victory,” Neena Hagen, The Pitt News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 4

Winner: “The Humblest Jewel,” Ben Moyer, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Our Sleeping Porch,” DarylN Brewer Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Decorating the Silver Screen,” Maria Sciuлло, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Feature

Winner: “‘Safe at Home’ – Smiling Through Pain,” Preston Shoemaker, Centre County Report

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 3

Winner: “‘Our Little Mitzvah’: Local Mom Donates Vast Quantities of Breast Milk,” Justin Vellucci, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“Kitty Activists: ‘Community Cat’ Volunteers Plan Mass Trapping Event April 11,” Jamie Wiggan, Gazette 2.0

“Three Years in Solitary Confinement: An Open Letter From the Allegheny County Jail,” James Byrd, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Traditional Feature – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “How a Determined Crew of Dumbusters Clears a Ton of Trash From a Pittsburgh Hillside,” Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front

Finalists:

“Meet the Can Crushers,” Andy Kubis, The Allegheny Front

“Leading With Generosity — a Conversation With a Local Jeweler About His Career and Culture of Giving,” Jourdan Hicks and Andy Kubis, PublicSource

“One Option for Reviving a Shrinking Middle Class: Value Skills, Not Just Education,” An-Li Herring, WESA

“Which Dinosaurs Lived in Pittsburgh?” Margaret Fleming, WESA

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Feature Videography – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “100: A Celebration of Centenarians”; Louis Ruediger, JoAnne Klimovich Harrop and Chris Benson; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Last Chance Trolley: Transforming Western Pennsylvanians Into Pittsburghers”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Paul Guggenheimer; Tribune-Review

“Called to Hallowed Ground: The Phone Calls of Sept. 11, 2001”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Paul Guggenheimer; Tribune-Review

“The Great Ride: Dead Man’s Hollow,” Amy Grove and Damian Catanza, WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 2

Winner: “Pennsylvania’s First Female Coal Miner Hailed From Bentleyville,” Mike Jones, Observer-Reporter

Finalist: “Dixon Reflects on Life of Educational Leadership,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Traditional Feature – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “The Day the Music Stopped,” Sean Stipp and Chris Benson, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“The Forgotten Heroes,” Ross Guidotti and Ken Murray, KDKA-TV

“A Dream Fulfilled”; Annette Banks, Dave Forstate and Amy Grove; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Traditional Feature – Division 1

Winner: “Heyday of Trolleys in Western Pa. Transformed Region,” Paul Guggenheimer, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Learning to Make Prosciutto at Home, With Help From a Maestro’s Class,” Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Pittsburgh Symphony Is Hiring New Players. Can You Survive the Grueling Audition Process?” Jeremy Reynolds, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Personality Profile Photo – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Small Town Royalty,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Uncommon Labor,” John Altdorfer, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Chrome Cable,” Jared Wickerham, Pittsburgh City Paper

“Pittsburgh’s Unofficial Santa Claus,” Kristina Serafini, Tribune-Review

“A Higher Calling,” Kristina Serafini, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 4

Winner: “Gisele Fetterman: On the Move With the Second Lady of Pennsylvania,” Cristina Rouvalis, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalist: “Mexican Bakery Opens on Beverly Road,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Profile – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pittsburgh-based Photographer Plumbs the ‘Infinite Essence’ of Black Bodies,” Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

Finalist: “Lives Left in Caring Hands? — A Conversation With a Palliative Care Social Worker,” Jourdan Hicks and Andy Kubis, PublicSource

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 3

Winner: “A Tailor Stitched a New Life in Pittsburgh,” Jan Kurth, Print

Finalists:

“WYEP-FM’s Joey Spehar Is Northside Born and Bred,” Matthew Benusa, The Northside Chronicle

“Women of Influence: Esther L. Bush,” Richard Cerilli, Pittsburgh Business Times

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 2

Winner: “Blue-chip Recruit to Blue-Collar Dad: How Rushel Shell Has Adjusted to Life After Football,” Noah Hiles, Beaver County Times

Finalists:

“Penn State Professor Studying Stories of Spanish Flu Survivors,” Andrew Mollenauer, Altoona Mirror

“Through Some of Life’s Toughest Challenges, Central Valley’s Antonio Dinello Keeps Smiling,” Noah Hiles, Beaver County Times

“Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi Leads Western Pennsylvania Churches Toward a More Inclusive Future,” Chris Hedlin, PublicSource and Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Profile – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Free Care Fund: The Care After the Cure”; Corey Martin, Ian Smith and David Highfield; KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“Remembering 9/11: Cathy’s Story,” Lindsey Watson and TJ Renninger, WKBN/WYTV

“Brain Space and Energy: My Interview With August Wilson”; Rick Sebak, Richard Capaldi and Frank Caloiero; WQED-TV

“Sally’s Story: Keeping Hope Alive”; Annette Banks, Dave Forstate and Ash Warren; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Profile – Division 1

Winner: “Channeling His Erie Roots By Restoring Griswold Cast-iron Skillets,” Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“KDKA’s Paul Martino Retiring After Nearly 37 Years of Ruffling Feathers, Chasing News,” Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Next Page: The Mike Hepler Story,” Bill Zlatos, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Great Race: How Connellsville Native John Woodruff’s Gold-Medal Run in ’36 Dispelled White Supremacy and Set Stage for Equality in Sports,” Jason Cato and Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

“Pittsburgh-based Dr. Amesh Adalja Cherishes Role as Voice of the Pandemic,” Paul Guggenheimer, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Video Essay – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “After Finding a Home in Pittsburgh, a Paralegal Helps Others Navigate Housing Difficulties,” Ryan Loew, PublicSource

Finalists:

“Remembering Synagogue Victim Rose Mallinger,” Ben Braun, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Out of the Woods: Battlefields of Western Pennsylvania,” Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Documentary – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “ ‘Complete Strangers’: Reflecting on the Sept. 11 Attacks, 20 Years Later”; Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams and Laura Tsutsui; WESA

Finalist: “Pollution’s Mental Toll: How Air, Water and Climate Change Impact Our Mental Health”; Julie Grant, Kristina Marusic and Kara Holsopple; Environmental Health News and The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Documentary – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “20 Years Later: Remembering 9/11”; Erin Shea, Corey Martin and KDKA News Team; KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“The Nuremberg Trials: Witness to History,” Iris Samson and Aidan McGarvey, WQED-TV

“A Very Quick History of an Unusual Television Station,” Rick Sebak and Richard Capaldi, WQED-TV

“Chronicle: Remembering 9/11”; Nicolas Matoney, Brian Caldwell and Michael Lazorko; WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 7

Winner: “American Citizenship”; Melissa E. Marinaro, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalist: “The Growing Impact of Nonprofit Journalism,” Rob Taylor, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government –Division 4

Winner: “What the New Mayor Faces,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalist: “Taking the Pre-Midterm Election Pulse,” Steve Hallock, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government –Division 3

Winner: “It Started With a Parking Ticket and Ended With a Police Shooting. Four Years Later, The Defendant Has Yet To Go To Trial”; Brittany Hailer, Jody DiPerna and Mary Niederbeger; Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

“For More Than a Decade, Pittsburgh’s Mayor Supported Friends in the Squared Circle,” Thomas Leturgey, KSWA Digest

“Why Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala Continues to Avoid Scrutiny,” Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Overtime Pay for up to 190K Salary Earners Died in Harrisburg This Summer. Why Aren’t More Workers Upset?” An-Li Herring, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government –Division 2

Winner: “PWSA: After the Crisis,” Oliver Morrison, PublicSource

Finalists:

“DA’s Son Arrested; Charges Dropped,” Mike Jones, The Herald-Standard

“Volant Borough Council,” Pete Sirianni, New Castle News

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “From Virus to Vaccine: COVID-19 & The Black Community”; Lynne Hayes-Freeland, Olga George and KDKA News Team; KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“VOICES: Gentrification and Displacement”; Anne Casper, Ryne DeCaprio and Aidan McGarvey; WQED-TV

“Attorney Alleges Systemic Racism in Allegheny County Legal System,” Bob Mayo, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Public Affairs/Politics/Government – Division 1

Winner: “Land Bank Fails to Fight Blight,” Ashley Murray and Joel Jacobs, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“ ‘A Newcomer Tax’? How One Munhall Home Purchase Illustrates County’s Property Assessment Issues,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“COVID Unemployment: Those out of Work During the Pandemic Faced Hard Quest for State Jobless Aid,” Lauren Rosenblatt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hidden Danger: Registered Sex Offenders Often Go Undetected in Care Homes, Sometimes at an Unspeakable Cost”; Natasha Lindstrom, Debra Erdley and Susan McFarland; Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 4

Winner: “Granting Wishes,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Finalists:

“Voyage of Discovery,” Anne Caffee, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Extending the Safety Net,” Stephanie Hacke, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Campus Lore & Legends: From Wandering Camels to Ghostly Bread, We Found Hidden Slices of History at Seven Area Universities,” Sylvan Lebrun, Pittsburgh Magazine

Education Series; Julia Fraser, Jeffery Fraser and Bill O’Toole; Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 3

Winner: “Leveling the Playing Field,” Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalists:

“Pandemic Chronic Absenteeism Plagues the Pittsburgh Public Schools,” Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

“College Is a Pressure Cooker, the Pandemic May Make It Burst,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Education – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “‘I Was Honest’: How Educators Addressed the Insurrection at the Capitol,” Sarah Schneider, WESA

Finalist: “Pennsylvania Families Are Finally Getting Funds to Make up for Missed School Meals During the Pandemic. Here’s Why It Took Months to Get Aid to Hungry Kids,” Kate Giammarise and Sarah Schneider, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 2

Winner: “Screen Test”; TyLisa Johnson, Punya Bhasin, Juliet Martinez and community members; PublicSource

Finalists:

“Claysburg Hosts Career Workshop,” Rachel Foor, Altoona Mirror

“School Budget \$2.7M Short,” David Kirk, Times West Virginian

“Lessons in Diversity,” Joshua Byers, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Education – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “VOICES: Can I Make a Difference?” Anne Casper, Aidan McGarvey and Minette Seate; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“No Contact: Protection From Bullies,” Kristine Sorensen and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV

“Cartoon Academy”; Joe Wos, Amy Grove and Annette Banks; WQED-TV

“Teachable Moments”; Iris Samson, Aidan McGarvey and Paula Zetter; WQED-TV

“Pittsburgh Public Schools Return to the Classroom,” Chandi Chapman
WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Education – Division 1

Winner: “The Shrinking of the State System,” Bill Schackner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Turmoil at Sewickley Academy,” Andrew Goldstein, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Empty Dorm Rooms Pose Financial Problems for Pennsylvania Public Universities,”
Debra Erdley, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Division 4

Winner: “The State of Hospitality: The Region’s Restaurants and Bars Are Doing All They Can to Survive a Pandemic That Has Meant Immeasurable Sacrifice,” Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Supply Chain Pain,” Merle Jantz, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Downtown Reels and Suburbs Rise,” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Pittsburgh Today & Tomorrow 2021”; Jeffery Fraser, Julia Fraser and Bill O’Toole;
Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Breaking the News,” Bill O’Toole, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer –Division 3

Winner: “State Lawmakers Join Pittsburgh Restaurant Owners in Revolt Against Food Delivery Apps,” Kimberly Rooney, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Labor Shortage,” Nate Doughty, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Building out Life Sciences,” Tim Schooley, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Reinventing Venture Capital,” Patty Tascarella, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Experts Talk About Implications of Social Media Crackdown,” Toby Tabachnick, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Popular but Underfunded Hazard Pay Program Helped Many, Left Others Behind,” Kate Giammarise and An-Li Herring, WESA

Finalists:

“U.S. Steel Cancellation Leaves Western Pennsylvania With Questions Over Steel’s Future,” Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front

“Supply Chain Problems Mean Your Next Bottle of Liquor or Beer Might Look a Little Different,” An-Li Herring, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer –Division 2

Winner: “Does Subminimum Wage Exploit or Empower? Future of Pa. Disabled Workers Hangs in Balance,” Jim Martin, Erie Times-News

Finalists:

“Dispute in Downtown’s Gateway Towers Divides Condo Residents,” Bill Zlatos, PublicSource

“‘Downtown Development’ in Johnstown,” Russell O’Reilly, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Not So E-ZPass: PA Turnpike Toll Penalties”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki, Ashley Bishop and JC Smith; WPXI-TV

Finalists:

“Extended Car Warranties: Proceed With Caution,” Angie Moreschi and Chris Kunicki, WPXI-TV

“VOICES: The Generational Wealth Gap”; Nathalie Berry, Paul Ruggieri and Dave Forstate; WQED-TV

“Future Jobs: Starting Over”; Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri and Dave Forstate; WQED-TV

“Unemployment During COVID-19 (in Six Words),” Steve Mellon and Chance Brinkman-Sull, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Business/Technology/Consumer –Division 1

Winner: “The Block” Project; Anya Litvak, Joyce Gannon, Lauren Rosenblatt and Kris B. Mamula; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“A Battle Over Fifteen: Pennsylvania’s Minimum Wage Hasn’t Changed in Over a Decade. Workers, Business Owners, Advocates Debate What That Means,” Lauren Rosenblatt, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Rising Cyber Ransom Attacks Costing Pennsylvania Victims Millions,” Jonathan D. Silver and Joel Jacobs, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 7

Winner: “Our Best Shot,” Julia Fraser, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalist: “The Railroad Surgeons of Western Pennsylvania”; Mary Franz, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 4

Winner: “Baby Boom or Bust?” Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Gift of a Lifetime,” Merle Jantz, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“We Need New Blood,” Kelly Casey, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Taking on Maternal Health,” Tory Parrish, Postindustrial

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 7

Winner: “Immunotherapy and Adoptive Cell Transfer”; Gina Catanzarite, Glenn Syska and Pete Horn; UPMC Physician Journal

Finalist: “Treating Opioid Use During Pregnancy”; Gina Catanzarite, Glenn Syska and Pete Horn; UPMC Physician Journal

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 3

Winner: “The Silent Treatment,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

Finalists:

“The Race for Equity,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pittsburgh Jewish Leaders Are Handed Frontline Role in Mental Health,” David Rullo and Chris Hedlin, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle and PublicSource

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Medical/Health – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “For Many Immigrants, Language Access Is a Major Barrier to COVID Vaccination,” Sarah Boden, WESA

Finalists:

“Feeling Anxious About Climate Change? Experts Say You’re Not Alone,” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

“PA’s Elderly Rely on Younger Relatives, Strangers on Facebook to Get COVID-19 Vaccine,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 2

Winner: “Rx for Rural Health Care”; Randy Griffith, Eric Scicchitano and CNHI Pa. News Service; Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

“UPMC Nurses Decry Limited Staffing,” Bill Kibler, Altoona Mirror

“UPMC ER/Staffing Issues,” Bill Kibler, Altoona Mirror

“Disinformation Hampering Vaccination Effort,” Mike Jones, Observer-Reporter

“Therapists at UPMC, Pittsburgh Mercy Are Burned Out and Quitting. What Does It Mean For Patient Care?” Juliette Rihl, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Medical/Health – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “VOICES: A Childbirth Crisis”; Annette Banks, Dave Forstate and Ryne DeCaprio; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Sensory Room Comes to Washington County Daycare for Kids With Special Needs,” Amy Wadas and Aaron Sledge, KDKA-TV

“VOICES: Mental Health and the Black Community”; Anne Casper, Willy James and Aidan McGarvey; WQED-TV

“A Broken System: Health Care Inequity”; Anne Casper, Aidan McGarvey and Paula Zetter; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Medical/Health – Division 1

Winner: “Offspring of the Drug Crisis,” Kris B. Mamula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalist: “Rural Hospital Money Flows to UPMC While Small Facilities Struggle,” Joel Jacobs and Sean D. Hamill, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 7

Winner: “Fighting for Air” and “Air Sickness,” Jeffery Fraser, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Finalists:

“Stewards of the Forest,” Mary Solberg, Faith Erie

“Industry Ills,” Don Hopey, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Future Vision,” Craig Pittman, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 4

Winner: “The Humblest Jewel,” Ben Moyer, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Planning for a Sustainable Future,” Merle Jantz, Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“The Perfect Antidote,” Jeffery Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Into the Woods,” Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 7

Winner: “Adaptive Technology for Persons With Disabilities”; Gina Catanzarite, Glenn Syska and Marie-Luise Caster; UPMC Physician Journal

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 3

Winner: “Fractured: The Body Burden of Living Near Fracking,” Kristina Marusic, Environmental Health News

Finalists:

“Winds of Change,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Producing Naturally,” Paul J. Gough, Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pollution’s Mental Toll: How Air, Water and Climate Pollution Shape Our Mental Health,” Kristina Marusic and Julie Grant, Environmental Health News and The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Science/Environment – Divisions 1-6

Winner: Wild Pennsylvania Series, Staff, The Allegheny Front

Finalist: “It’s Not Ketchup Packets Falling From the Sky, It’s Rabies Vaccine,” Sara Boden, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 2

Winner: “Struggling With Blight, American Chestnut Tree Faces New Disease Identified By Erie County Researchers,” Dana Massing, Erie Times-News

Finalists:

“Mystery Surrounds Water-level Drop at Woodcock Creek Lake,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune

“Abandoned Wells Are a Lingering Environmental Issue,” Rick Shrum, Observer-Reporter

“A Tragedy of Errors: A Series of Maintenance Failures Led to the 2018 Fire at the Clairton Coke Works,” Oliver Morrison, PublicSource

“Flight 93: ‘A Place of Reflection,’” John Rucosky, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Science/Environment – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “The Air That We Breathe – Part 2”; Iris Samson, Ash Warren and Amy Grove; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Hey, Ray!” Ray Petelin and Elizabeth Petelin, KDKA-TV

“The Great Ride: Dead Man’s Hollow,” Amy Grove and Damian Catanza, WQED-TV

“Ask Kelly: What’s the Line in the River?” Kelly Sasso, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Science/Environment – Division 1

Winner: “Burning for Bitcoin: A Waste Coal-Burning, Crypto-Mining Pirate Ship Sets Sail,” Anya Litvak, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalist: “A Laboratory at Scale: A Hydrogen and Carbon Storage Project in Clinton County Is Tapping Into All the Trends,” Anya Litvak and Laura Legere, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 7

Winner: “Bring Home the Soldier Dead League: A World War I Saga”; Andrew Capets, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalists:

“Hidden Treasures” and “Marking This Moment,” Elwin Green, The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“‘The Wildest Tribes in North America’: Pittsburgh’s Role in the Development of George Catlin’s Indian Gallery, 1833-1836”; Carrie Stanny, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 4

Winner: “Pie’s the Limit: From the Ohio Valley to the Mon Valley, the Region Is Awash in Idiosyncratic Styles of Pizza,” Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Jazz Renaissance,” Marianne Dougherty, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Brothers & Keepers?” Mark Schwartz, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Reality Falls Short of Vision in Mahoning Valley,” Vince Guerrieri, Postindustrial

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 3

Winner: “Pittsburgh’s Holocaust Torahs Encompass Rich History,” Justin Vellucci, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“May Nelson Could Have Been World Champion in 1910,” Thomas Leturgey, KSWA Digest

“Its Building for Sale, but Beth Israel Synagogue Takes It ‘Shabbos by Shabbos,’” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, History/Culture – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Memories of Those Lost on Flight 93 Reverberate From the Tower of Voices,” Kiley Koscinski, WESA

Finalist: “Why Are the Globes on the Sixteenth Street Bridge Different Colors?” Katie Blackley, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 2

Winner: “Pittsburgh’s Oldest Black Church Was Demolished as ‘Blight’ in the 1950s Lower Hill. Today, Members Seek Justice”; Chris Hedlin, Rich Lord and Naomi Harris; PublicSource

Finalists:

“Why You Can’t See the Mammoth Bones Uncovered 30 Years Ago in an Erie County Lake,” Dana Massing, Erie Times-News

“Black History Month Project, The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, Pa.,” Staff, Tribune-Democrat

“Tulsa Massacre Anniversary: ‘We Can’t Avoid the Past’”; Dave Sutor, Janelle Stecklein and CNHI Pa. News Service; Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, History/Culture – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Juneteenth: Past, Present & Future,” Royce Jones and Gerome Williams, KDKA-TV

Finalists:

“Julia Parsons: World War II U.S. Navy Veteran,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review

“Last Chance Trolley: Transforming Western Pennsylvanians Into Pittsburghers”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Paul Guggenheimer; Tribune-Review

“Olympic Oak: The Story of John Woodruff, the 1936 Berlin Olympics & the Roots of Athlete Activism”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Jason Cato; Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, History/Culture – Division 1

Winner: “9/11 20 Years Later,” Post-Gazette Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“A Steel City Tragedy on New Year’s Day 1926,” Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Paralyzed: The Last Massive Vaccine Rollout — for Polio — Started in Pittsburgh,” Laura Malt Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Great Race: John Woodruff’s Gold-Medal Run in 1936 Set Stage for Equality in Sports,” Jason Cato, Tribune-Review

“Celebrating the Greatest Generation: As More Seniors Live Longer, These Centenarians Share Stories of Hardship, Humor and Humility,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop
Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 7

Winner: “The Delirious Adventures of Pittsburgh Poets Tom Boggs and Robert Clairmont”; Jennie Benford, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Finalist: “Marisol & Warhol, Reunited,” Rossilynne Culgan, Carnegie Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 4

Winner: “Decorating the Silver Screen,” Maria Sciullo, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Art House: Braddock’s Ohringer Arts Building, a Lovingly Converted Furniture Store, Provides Housing, Community and Inspiration for a Group of 37 Artists,” Kaitlyn Nuebel, Pittsburgh Magazine

“Jazz Renaissance,” Marianne Dougherty, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 3

Winner: “Hidden Media Network Promises Fun, Immersive Experiences, but Some Say Everything’s Not as It Seems,” Amanda Waltz, Pittsburgh City Paper

Finalists:

“Magic Theory 101 With Jon Tai,” Ashlee Green, The Northside Chronicle

“Award-Winning Poet Addresses Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooter in New Book,” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Chaiflicks: The Chanukah Gift for When You Don’t Want to Give Pajamas,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Holocaust Center Marks Genocide Awareness Month With ‘Miracle in Rwanda,’” David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pittsburgh Arts Groups Have Returned to Indoor Shows, but Not All Patrons Have Followed,” Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

Finalist: “Lynn Emberg Purse”; Bryan Sejvar, Jim Cunningham and Katie Brill; WQED-FM

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Limitless”; Ash Warren, Annette Banks and Amy Grove; WQED-TV

Finalists:

“Welcome to Buffalo Bill’s,” Ross Guidotti and Ken Murray, KDKA-TV

“Love What You Do: Shy’s Story,” Anne Casper and Dave Forstate, WQED-TV

“Keep Pittsburgh Dope,” Anne Casper, Aidan McGarvey and Ryne DeCaprio
WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Arts/Entertainment – Division 1

Winner: “Joanne Rogers, Widow of Mister Rogers, Dies at 92,” Rob Owen,
Tribune-Review

Finalist: “TV Q&A: What Do I Do If a TV Show Filming on My Block Is Disruptive?”
Rob Owen, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 4

Winner: Sheppard Portfolio, Stuart Sheppard, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

Movie reviews “Roadrunner: A Film About Anthony Bourdain,” “Dear Evan Hansen,”
“In the Heights”; Sean Collier, Pittsburgh Magazine

Restaurant reviews “Dream Garden (Pusadee’s Garden),” “A New Classic (Fig & Ash),”
“North Side Star (40 North)”; Hal B. Klein; Pittsburgh Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 3

Winner: “Literature in Pittsburgh,” Rege Behe, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Written Journalism, Criticism – Division 1

Winner: Rob Owen Columns, Rob Owen, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

Joshua Axelrod: Pop Culture Beat, Joshua Axelrod, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Scott Mervis: Music Critic Beat, Scott Mervis, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Jeremy Reynolds: Classical Music Beat, Jeremy Reynolds, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 4

Winner: “A Second Story,” Kecia Bal, Postindustrial

Finalist: “Grabbing a Beer,” Bob Batz Jr., Mt. Lebanon Magazine

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 3

Winner: “Healing Ink Offers Free Tattoos to Those Affected By Tree of Life Shooting,”
David Rullo, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Finalists:

“Why Are So Many Black Women Talking About Leaving Pittsburgh?” Dani Janae,
Pittsburgh City Paper

“But I’m a Cheerleader,” Drew Praskovich, QBurgh

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Lifestyle – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Summer in the City: A Special Episode of Pittsburgh Explainer”; Liz Reid, Katie Blackley and Lucy Perkins; WESA

Finalist: “How a Local ICU Nurse Uses TikTok to Celebrate Everyday Pittsburghers,” Katie Blackley, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 2

Winner: “From Participant to Paid Employee, Recent Woodlands Foundation Hires Show What People With Disabilities Bring to the Workforce,” Bill Zlatos, PublicSource

Finalist: “One Big Happy Family,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Lifestyle – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “100: A Celebration of Centenarians”; Louis Ruediger, Chris Benson and JoAnne Klimovich Harrop; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Snapchat: A Mother’s Warning,” Pam Surano and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV

“Pet Owners Facing Long Wait Times at Emergency Veterinarians,” Amy Wadas and Jeremy Stockdill, KDKA-TV

“Comfort Food: Baking for the Flight 93 Families”; Beth Dolinar, Amy Grove and David Solomon; WQED-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Lifestyle – Division 1

Winner: “After 75 Years and Three Stadiums, He’s ‘The Mayor’ Behind Home Plate,” Abby Mackey, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Heyday of Trolleys in Western Pa. Transformed Region,” Paul Guggenheimer, Tribune-Review

“Immeasurable Heartbreak: Coping With the Death of a Sibling Can Be a Life-Changing Struggle,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review

“Celebrating the Greatest Generation: As More Seniors Live Longer, These Centenarians Share Stories of Hardship, Humor and Humility,” JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement – Sports Photo

Winner: “Penn State Cheerleader Dances With Nittany Lion at Penn State’s Football Game vs. Indiana,” Harrison Lilley, Penn State Behrend Beacon

Finalist: “Celebrating a Successful Play,” Pamela Smith, The Pitt News

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Photo – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Jumping Jubilation,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

Finalists:

“Steelers Linebacker T.J. Watt Leaps out of the Tunnel,” Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Header in the Rain,” Christopher Horner, Tribune-Review

“Katelyn Wehman Hangs Onto the Ball,” Chaz Palla, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Sports

Winner: “Ten Years After,” Preston Shoemaker, Penn State Curley Center

Finalists:

“Allez, Sebastien,” Sebastien Kraft, Penn State Curley Center

“Negro Leagues to Major Leagues: Pittsburgh Slugger Josh Gibson, Records, Now Recognized by MLB,” Madason Porter-Gibson, Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 4

Winner: “Why Did the Great One Go Down?” Scott Holleran, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Lovable and Inimitable,” James Forr, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Date With Destiny,” Vince Guerrieri, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Catfish Rule the Rivers,” Deborah Weisberg, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Sports Videography – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Olympic Oak: The Story of John Woodruff, the 1936 Berlin Olympics & the Roots of Athlete Activism”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Jason Cato; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“In Focus: Pittsburgh Rhinos Blind Ice Hockey,” Alexandra Wimley, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“FloodCity Boxing – Flood City Youth Fitness Academy,” Thomas Slusser, Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 3

Winner: “Hockey Helps Mt. Lebanon Goaltender Remember Father,” Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac

Finalists:

“Resilient Jim Emler Yearns for Return to Broadcasting Table,” Thomas Leturgey, Patch

“‘The Regent’ Soars to the Top of Pittsburgh’s Wrestling Scene,” Thomas Leturgey, Patch

“Youth and Sports Return With Newfound Appreciation,” Adam Reinherz, Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Sports – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Pod of Steel: Who or What Is to Blame for the Steelers’ Failures?” Brian Batko and Ray Fittipaldo, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Off Script: Is Kenny Pickett Making the Right Choice By Opting out of the Peach Bowl?” Johnny McGonigal and Craig Meyer, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pittsburgh Pirates Mark 50 Years Since Historic All-Black and -Latino Lineup,” Bill O’Driscoll, WESA

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 2

Winner: “From Tragedy to Triumph: Antonyo ‘Sunny’ Anderson Continues Road to Recovery,” Noah Hiles, Beaver County Times

Finalists:

“Reaching New Heights,” Michael Boytim, Altoona Mirror

“Saving the SeaWolves,” Tom Reisenweber, Erie Times-News

“Flow State: Journey Brown Reflects on Playing Career, Looks at Future,” Mike Crowley, Meadville Tribune

Student Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism – Sports

Winner: “Defying the Odds – The Gaven Toney Story,” Jake Starr, Centre County Report

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Sports – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Olympic Oak: The Story of John Woodruff, the 1936 Berlin Olympics & the Roots of Athlete Activism”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Jason Cato; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“A Season to Remember: The Baseball Boys of Mon City”; Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri and Dave Forstate; WQED-TV

“Chronicle: The Road to Canton”; Andrew Stockey, Brian Caldwell and Ryan Recker; WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Sports – Division 1

Winner: “Lost Money: High School Athletes Losing Scholarships Because of Pandemic and New NCAA Rule,” Mike White, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Moneyball: A Losing Pirates Season Can Impact City Revenues, Vendors and Even PNC Park Itself,” Mark Belko, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“‘Chace’ing a Comeback: From Near Amputation to NCAA Hockey. The Remarkable Return of RMU’s Chace Sperling,” Tim Benz, Tribune-Review

“The Great Race: How Connellsville Native John Woodruff’s Gold-Medal Run in ’36 Dispelled White Supremacy and Set Stage for Equality in Sports,” Jason Cato and Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Written Journalism – Opinion

Winner: “Letter From the Editor: The Higher Ed Bubble Is at Its Bursting Point,” Jordyn Hronec, The Globe

Finalists:

“Grades Are Limiting Our Ability to Learn,” Amanda Andrews, The Globe

“You Shouldn’t Have to Talk in Class to Participate,” Sarah Liez, The Pitt News

“Remove Native American Mascots from Pro Sports,” Alexander Ganas, The Pitt News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 4

Winner: Heuck Portfolio, Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, editorials – Division 3

Winner: “The Pride Tipping Point: Why I Reject the ‘Gen Z Is Canceling Pride’ Narrative” et al., Hansen Bursic, QBurgh

Finalist: “Views of the West: 2021,” Jamie Wiggan, Gazette 2.0

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 2

Winner: Lisa Thompson Sayers Editorials, Lisa Thompson Sayers, Erie Times-News

Finalists:

“Kelly’s Response to Capitol Chaos Appalling” et al., Keith Gushard, Meadville Tribune

“Public Should Have 24-hour Notice” et al., Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

“School Boards Work Best in the Open” et al., Eric Cravey, Times West Virginian

“Trump Backers Complicit in Capitol Violence, Should Step Down,” “Outside Prosecutor Needed for Bedford BLM Shooting Case” and “Charged With Rape, Thomas Must Step Down as Somerset DA or Be Removed”; Chip Minemyer; Tribune-Democrat

Excellence in Written Journalism, Editorials – Division 1

Winner: “How Did We Get Here?” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Why Fentanyl?” “Juvenile Lifers Highlight Prisoner Re-Entry Struggles” and “The Housing Authority Is Failing Its Tenants”; Brandon McGinley; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Capitol Security Must Project Strength, Not Fear,” “Baseball Boondoggle Shows Why Nutting Should Sell Pirates” and “CNN Commentator Rick Santorum Needs a Lesson on Native American History”; Jeremy Reynolds; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Nothing Divides State Government Like Money,” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

“One Way or Another, Somebody Pays,” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 4

Winner: Editor Portfolio, Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Finalists:

“Farmlife” Portfolio, Daryln Hoffstot, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Kimberly Palmiero Columns, Kimberly Palmiero, Postindustrial
Zubair Babakarkhail Columns, Zubair Babakarkhail, Postindustrial

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 3

Winner: “KSWA Digest Covers the Men, Women and Fans That Make up the Pittsburgh Wrestling Scene,” Thomas Leturgey and Tim Steiner, KSWA Digest

Finalist: “Voices,” Tereneh Idia, Pittsburgh City Paper

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 2

Winner: “Final Actions, Words of Flight 93 Heroes Inspire 20 Years On,”
“Efforts to Absolve Sandusky Insult to Victims” and “The Butterfly Has Flown Away”;
Chip Minemyer; Tribune-Democrat

Finalists:

Lisa Thompson Sayers Columns, Lisa Thompson Sayers, Erie Times-News
“According to Hofmann,” Mark Hofmann, The Herald-Standard
Pete Sirianni Columns, Pete Sirianni, New Castle News

Excellence in Written Journalism, Columns/Blogs – Division 1

Winner: “Systemic Bullying By DA Zappala,” “Parable of an Endless War” and
“Look Within the Community to Make Long Overdue Changes”; Tony Norman;
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Tunch Ilkin’s Unbreakable Faith Will Be His Lasting Legacy,” “Penguins Are Forever
in Debt to Mario Lemieux for His Brilliance on and off the Ice” and “‘Nobody Messed
With the Sauls’: Remembering Football’s Underrated Siblings”; Ron Cook, Pittsburgh
Post-Gazette

“In a Sea of Heartache, an Obit With Edge,” “GOP Talking Point of the Week? Tough
One” and “Pain From 0-to-10 Pain Question Exceeds the Actual Pain”; Gene Collier;
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Why We Can’t Have Nice Things,” Lori Falce, Tribune-Review

Student Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multimedia Presentation

Winner: “Sky High: The Tight-Knit Community of Pole Vaulters,” Lily LaRegina, Penn
State Curley Center

Finalist: “Duq Investigates – Inside the Allegheny County Jail,” Baylee Martin, WDUQ-
TV/JMA/Duquesne U.

**Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Digital Presentation –
Divisions 1-6**

Winner: “What Difference Has a Year Made?” Naomi Harris, Natasha Vicens and Ryan
Loew; PublicSource

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multi-Platform Project – Division 7

Winner: “Re-membering Our Sunday Story”; Anne-Marie Welsh, Vince Dragone and Mary Solberg; Faith Erie

Excellence in Journalistic Craft Achievement, Multi-Platform Project – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Dirty Dollars,” Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Pittsburgh’s Black Muslim History Uncovered”; Jourdan Hicks, Andy Kubis and Chris Hedlin; PublicSource

“Get the Facts on the Vax,” Nicolas Matoney and Michelle Wright, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 4

Winner: “Chef Kevin Sousa Motors on With New Restaurants. Will They Last?” Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Magazine

Finalists:

“Brothers & Keepers?” Mark Schwartz, Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Pittsburgh Today 2021”; Julia Fraser, Jeffery Fraser and Bill O’Toole; Pittsburgh Quarterly

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 3

Winner: “COVID-19, Rodents, Unpaid Labor: A Year in the Allegheny County Jail Kitchen,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Finalist: “Fractured: The Body Burden of Living Near Fracking,” Kristina Marusic, Environmental Health News

Excellence in Audio Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Divisions 1-6

Winner: “Farmers Wanted,” An-Li Herring, WESA

Finalist: “With Electric Vehicles, Ohio’s Steel Valley Remakes Itself as ‘Voltage Valley,’” Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 2

Winner: “Tenant Cities,” Rich Lord and Kate Giammarise, PublicSource and WESA

Finalists:

“DA Censures Bartlett in Wake of Confer Arrest – How the Process Worked,” Marcie Schellhammer, The Bradford Era

“Female Inmates Accused Erie County Sheriff Candidate Shank of Misconduct at Former Job,” Matthew Rink, Erie Times-News

“Mixed-up Meds & Long Waits: How Understaffing Hurts Medical Treatment at Allegheny County Jail,” Juliette Rihl, PublicSource

Excellence in Video/Broadcast Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Divisions 1-6
Winner: “Hidden Dangers: A Triblive Investigation Into Sexual Assault at Pennsylvania Nursing Homes”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Natasha Lindstrom; Tribune-Review

Finalists:

“Recovery Houses: Unlicensed. Unregulated. Unacceptable?” Andy Sheehan and Fred Williams, KDKA-TV

“Can You Trust the Numbers? 11 Investigates Missing COVID Data”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki and JC Smith; WPXI-TV

“\$600,000 Hole in the Ground,” Paul Van Osdol and Kendall Cross, WTAE-TV

Excellence in Written Journalism, Enterprise/Investigative – Division 1

Winner: “Housing Misery,” Joel Jacobs and Ashley Murray, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

“Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission: Powerful State Agency Shrouded in Secrecy,” Jonathan D. Silver, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Brutal Secrets: Police Press for Final Confessions From Pennsylvania’s Dreaded Serial Killer,” Jonathan D. Silver, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Hidden Danger: Registered Sex Offenders Often Go Undetected in Care Homes, Sometimes at an Unspeakable Cost”; Natasha Lindstrom, Debra Erdley and Susan McFarland; Tribune-Review

The following Quill Award winners also received best-of-show awards:

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography – Divisions 1-6

“Remembering 9/11,” John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Videography – Divisions 1-6

“Olympic Oak: The Story of John Woodruff, the 1936 Berlin Olympics & the Roots of Athlete Activism”; Sean Stipp, Chris Benson and Jason Cato; Tribune-Review

Ed King Memorial Award: Audio Journalism – Divisions 1-6

“Farmers Wanted,” An-Li Herring, WESA

Marie Torre Memorial Award: Video Journalism – Divisions 1-6

“Not So E-ZPass: PA Turnpike Toll Penalties”; Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki, Ashley Bishop and JC Smith; WPXI-TV

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 7

“Bring Home the Soldier Dead League: A World War I Saga”; Andrew Capets, Brian Butko and Liz Simpson Romano; Western Pennsylvania History Magazine

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 4

“Chef Kevin Sousa Motors on With New Restaurants. Will They Last?” Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Magazine

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 3

“COVID-19, Rodents, Unpaid Labor: A Year in the Allegheny County Jail Kitchen,” Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 2

“Tenant Cities,” Rich Lord and Kate Giammarise, PublicSource and WESA

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award – Division 1

“The Block” Project; Anya Litvak, Joyce Gannon, Lauren Rosenblatt and Kris B. Mamula; Pittsburgh Post-Gazette