

The Lakies Award Winners

2023

Great Lakes News Event of the Year

Winner: [The discovery of the wreck of the Ironton](#)

Great Lakes Research of the Year

Winner: [Sarah Balgooyen and Christina K. Remucal, 2023. Impacts of Environmental and Engineered Processes on the PFAS Fingerprint of Fluorotelomer-Based AFFF. Environmental Science and Technology 57: 244–254.](#)

Runner up: [Campbell, T., Shaw, B., Hammond, E., Bao, L., Yang, S., Jurich, P., & Fox, S. \(2021\). Qualitative interviews of practitioners of Buddhist life release rituals residing in the United States: implications for reducing invasion risk. Management of Biological Invasions, 12\(1\).](#)

Great Lakes Animal of the Year

Winner: [Roseate Spoonbill](#) !?!?!?

Runner up: Lake Sturgeon

Runner up: Cisco

Great Lakes Non-Animal of the Year

Winner: [Diatoms](#)

Great Lakes Sandwich of the Year

Winner: Anything that takes two hands to eat while on a paddleboard on Lake Superior on a glass-smooth day with only a loon or two for company

Our first-ever loser: [Whatever Tim Campell sent us here](#)

Great Lakes Donut of the Year

Winner: [Chocolate Cake Donut with Cherry Frosting at Cops and Doughnuts, Alpena, MI](#)

Runner up: a series of DUPES!

Coollest Thing You Learned on Teach Me About the Great Lakes of the Year

Hmm...we somehow skipped this 😊

Science Podcast of the Year

Winner: [Who Smarted?](#)

Runner up: [Wisconsin Water News](#)

Great Lakes Halloween Social Media Graphic of the Year

Winner: [Haunted H.O.M.E.S.](#)

Great Lakes Titus of the Year

Winner: [Titus Bakery](#), award winning and family owned since 1980

Runner up: [Titus Seilheimer](#), Wisconsin Sea Grant

Great Lakes Science Communication Product of the Year

Winner: [Lake Champlain Watershed Alliance Stream Monitoring and Stewardship Handbook](#)

Runner up: [Lake Superior State University Fish Cam](#)

Runner up: [Roberta Bondar Foundation Piping Plover Story Map](#)

Great Lakes Outreach Program of the Year

Winner: [Trash Removal Technologies Program, Including a Robot and a Drone, Amazingly Enough](#)

2022

Great Lakes News Event of the Year

Winner: [Mike Shoreman, The Unbalanced Paddleboarder](#)

Runner up: [The Enbridge Line 5 pipeline](#)

Great Lakes Research of the Year

Winner: Burlakova et al., [Six decades of Lake Ontario ecological history according to benthos](#).

Runner up: Yasmin et al., [Pervasive male-biased expression throughout the germline-specific regions of the sea lamprey genome supports key roles in sex differentiation and spermatogenesis](#)

Great Lakes Animal of the Year

Winner: [Monty and Rose](#)

Runner up: [Cisco](#)

Great Lakes Non-Animal of the Year

Winner: [S/V Inland Seas](#)

Great Lakes Sandwich of the Year

Winner: Falafel Pita

Runner up: [Whitefish Sandwich from Les Cheneaux Culinary School](#)

Great Lakes Donut of the Year

Winner: Pumpkin and Cider Donuts, Jenny's Farm Stand, Dexter, Michigan

Runner up: [Long John from Bennisons, Evanston, Illinois](#)

Coollest Thing You Learned on Teach Me About the Great Lakes of the Year

Winner: Cats contain surprisingly high levels of flame retardants, via [Marta Venier in Episode 52](#).

Science Podcast of the Year

Winner: [The Water We Swim In, Bonnie Willison, Hali Jama, & Wisconsin Sea Grant](#)

Runner up: [Lakes Chat, Alliance for the Great Lakes](#)

Great Lakes Titus of the Year

Winner: Titus Winders, [University of Southern Indiana](#)

Runner up: [Titus Seilheimer](#), Wisconsin Sea Grant

Great Lakes Art of the Year

Winner: [Year of the Sunrise, Buggy Sailor](#)

Great Lakes Science Communication Product of the Year

Winner: [Coloring sheets and papercraft by Taaja Tucker](#)

Runner up: [GLANSIS video series & story map: Managing Great Lakes Invaders](#)

Great Lakes Outreach Program of the Year

Winner: [Student Watershed Watch](#), Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments

Runner up: [Get Into Your Sanctuary](#), Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary

Runner up: Baby sturgeon release events

2021

Science Communication of the Year

Winner: [Geo Rutherford](#)

Runner up: Healthy Headwaters Lab

Runner up: [Michigan Sea Grant Great Lakes Basin Map](#)

Great Lakes Outreach Program of the Year

Winner: From [Students to Stewards](#)

Runner up: Ohio Sea Grant's fish farming and aquaculture programming

Runner up: [Freddie the Gnome](#)

Great Lakes News Event of the Year

Winner: Large amounts of GLRI and other funding in the infrastructure bill

Runner up: Lake levels receding

Runner up: Designation of [The Wisconsin Shipwreck Coast National Marine Sanctuary](#)

Great Lakes Research of the Year

Winner: Eric Anderson et al. [Seasonal overturn and stratification changes drive deep-water warming in one of Earth's largest lakes](#).

Runner-up: SF Colborne et al. [Lake sturgeon \(Acipenser fulvescens\) annual adult survival estimated from acoustic telemetry](#).

Coollest Thing You Learned on Teach Me About the Great Lakes of the Year

Winner: [Freedom Seekers curriculum](#)

Science Podcast of the Year

Winner: [Introduced](#)

Runner up: [Ologies](#)

Great Lakes Animal of the Year

Winner: Piping plovers

Runner up: Lake Sturgeon

Great Lakes Non-Animal of the Year

Winner: Beach Grass

Runner up: Puddingstones

Great Lakes Sandwich of the Year

Winner: Tom Coomes' homemade, garden-fresh BLT

Runner-up: The concept of a fish sandwich, apparently

In memoriam: The Burd sandwich, Fifth Frame Brewing, Rochester

Great Lakes Donut of the Year

Winner: [Strange Matter Coffee Company](#), East Lansing, MI

Runner up: Tim Hortons

Honorary Lakie for worst/best donut/sandwich combo

[The Glazy Boy](#), suggested by [Titus Seilheimer](#)

Best Podcast Intro and Outro Music for Doing Jazz Hands with of the Year

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