

NW Excellence in Journalism Awards 2019

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ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

The Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest is one of the largest of its kind in the nation and honors journalists across SPJ Region 10, which covers Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

All proceeds from this contest support the efforts of SPJ Western Washington and SPJ Oregon territory chapters. In Washington, contest proceeds fund scholarships for student journalists. In Oregon, proceeds help pay for our lobbyist, who works on our behalf in Salem to improve public records law.

This year's entries were due by February 28, 2020. We've updated our categories and updated the contest rules this year and added new eligibility guidelines based on feedback from our members. A summary of changes and category descriptions is here.

WRITING, PHOTO & DESIGN

LARGE NEWSROOMS

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLES
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Art Space"
Amy Wang — The Oregonian/OregonLive
Runner Up
"Billy Rancher"
Doug Perry — The Oregonian/OregonLive

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"South Lake Union crane collapse kills 4"
Staff — The Seattle Times
Runner Up
"Spokane climber Jess Roskelley missing and presumed killed by avalanche in Canadian Rockies; David Lama, Hansjorg Auer also presumed dead"
Eli Francovich — The Spokesman-Review

BUSINESS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Polluted By Money"
Rob Davis — The Oregonian/OregonLive
Runner Up
"Amazon Squeezes Merchants"
Spencer Soper, Ben Brody — Bloomberg News

COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
Column 1, Column 2, Column 3
Shawn Vestal — The Spokesman-Review

Runner Up
Column 1, Column 2, Column 3
Naomi Ishisaka — The Seattle Times

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"No Mercy"
Noelle Crombie, Kale Williams, Beth Nakamura, Dave Killen— The Oregonian/OregonLive
Runner Up
"Homelessness"
Molly Harbarger — The Oregonian/OregonLive

CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Fleeing Justice"
Shane Dixon Kavanaugh — The Oregonian/OregonLive
Runner Up
"Prison Doctor and Deaths"
Jim Brunner — The Seattle Times

DIVERSITY REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Leaving her mark: Native high schooler uses state track meet to raise awareness for missing and murdered women"
Megan Rowe — The Spokesman-Review
Runner Up
"Immigration policy"
Naomi Ishisaka — The Seattle Times

EDUCATION REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"UW finds star athlete's sexual assault allegation credible, but athletic executive quietly moved on"
Asia Fields — The Seattle Times
Runner Up
"Reading Instruction in Washington State"
Katherine Long — The Seattle Times

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Polluted By Money"

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/OregonLive

Runner Up

"A Western Alaska village, long threatened by erosion and flooding, begins to relocate"

Marc Lester — Anchorage Daily News

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"A Tiger With a Toothache"

Alan Berner — Seattle Times

Runner Up

"On Parade"

Kathy Plonka — Spokesman Review

FEATURE, HARD NEWS

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"No Return: the Final Voyage of the Destination"

Hal Bernton — Seattle Times

Runner Up

"Multiple Women Recall Sexual Misconduct and Perceived Retaliation by Gordon Sondland"

Julia Silverman, Fiona McCann, Portland Monthly staff — ProPublica staff

FEATURE, SOFT NEWS

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"30 years after the Paddle to Seattle, Tribal Canoe Journeys represent healing and revival"

Crystal Paul — Seattle Times

Runner Up

"Seattle's last buffalo soldier, 98, doesn't want black regiments' history to 'fade out'"

Crystal Paul — Seattle Times

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Boeing 737 Max"

Lindsey Wasson — Reuters

Runner Up

“Bridge Bandit”

Greg Gilbert — Seattle Times

GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

“The Moon Landing: 50 Years Later

Mark Nowlin, Jennifer Luxton — Seattle Times

Runner Up

“Gabriel Campanario illustration portfolio”

Gabriel Campanario — Seattle Times

HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

“Homeless with HIV”

Molly Harbarger — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live

Runner Up

“It’s Alive”

Sandi Doughton — Seattle Times

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

“Cancer Cloud”

Brad Schmidt — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live

Runner Up

“Project Homeless”

Vianna Davila, Sydney Brownstone, Scott Greenstone, Jonathan Martin — Seattle Times

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

“Lawless”

Kyle Hopkins — Anchorage Daily News

Runner Up

“No Mercy”

Noelle Crombie, Kale Williams, Beth Nakamura, Dave Killen — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Beyond the Border"

Corinne Chin, Erika Schultz, Nina Shapiro, Tyrone Beason — Seattle Times

Runner Up

"Her Story: Our Story"

Seattle Times staff — Seattle Times

PHOTO ESSAY

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Life After a Hate Crime: the Recovery of DaShawn Horne"

Megan Farmer — KUOW

Runner Up

"The Highline Bears"

Alan Berner — Seattle Times

PHOTO PORTFOLIO

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"Beyond the Border"

Erika Schultz — Seattle Times

Runner Up

Megan Farmer — KUOW

POLITICS & GOVERNMENT REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Polluted By Money"

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

Runner Up

"Fight for Legislative Records"

Rachel La Corte — Associated Press

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place

"Armed and Ready"

Dan Pelle — The Spokesman-Review

Runner Up

“Curator of Birds”
Alan Berner — Seattle Times

PRINT PAGE DESIGN
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
“Hostile Waters: Orcas in Perile”
Frank Mina — Seattle Times
Runner Up
“The Shot”
Ralph Water — The Spokesman-Review

REPORTING SERIES
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
“Polluted By Money”
Rob Davis — The Oregonian/Oregon Live
Runner Up
“How Cost Cutting Brought Boeing to the Brink and Cost 346 Lives”
Peter Robinson, Julie Johnson — Bloomberg/Bloomberg Businessweek

SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
“Gobbled Up”
Tyler Tjomsland — The Spokesman-Review
Runner Up
“Bouncing Back”
Dan Pelle — The Spokesman Review

SPORTS COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
Column 1, Column 2, Column 3
John Canzano — The Oregonian/Oregon Live
Runner Up
Column 1, Column 2, Column 3
John Blanchette — The Spokesman-Review

SPORTS FEATURE
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom

First Place
"Faatui Tuitele Left Home But It Never Left Him"
Mike Vorel
Runner Up
"The Shot"
John Blanchette — The Spokesman-Review

SPORT FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Eyes of a Swimmer"
Greg Gilbert — The Seattle Times
Runner Up
"Joshua Bessex -sports feature"
Joshua Bessex — The News Tribune

SPORTS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Adidas"
Brad Schmidt, Jeff Manning — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live
Runner Up
"The Rise and Fall of a King (The Complicated Legacy of Felix Hernandez"
Corey Brock — The Athletic

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Crane Collapse"
Lindsey Wasson — Reuters
Runner Up
"Standing in Honor"
Kathy Plonka — The Spokesman-Review

TECHNOLOGY REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Convoy, the 'Uber' for Trucking Tries to Navigate Some Uber-Scale Problems"
Dina Bass — Bloomberg News
Runner Up
"Amazon Squeezes Merchants"

Spencer Soper, Ben Brody — Bloomberg News

MEDIUM NEWSROOMS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
The Daily Herald of Everett
Runner Up
The Columbian

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLES REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Life for Dead Poets: Bend Painter Addresses Suicide in New Exhbit”
David Jasper — The Bulletin
Runner Up
“Revolution is a Marathon”
Shannon Gormely — Willamette Week

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“1 dead, 2 wounded in shooting: Trauma specialists’ training put to test; Shooting timeline”
Jessica Prokop, Calley Hair, Kaitlin Gillespie, Jack Heffernan — The Columbian
Runner Up
“WA Rep. Matt Shea engaged in ‘domestic terrorism,’ helped plan Matheus standoff, investigation finds”
Melissa Santos — Crosscut

BUSINESS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Coffee roasters ‘piece of history’ in Yacolt”
Will Campbell — The Columbian
Runner Up
“Vigor Selects Vancouver/ Series
Alan Brettman — The Columbian

COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Race & Place"
Glenn Nelson, Crosscut
Runner Up
"Working in Clark County column"
Lyndsey Hewitt — The Columbian

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"On the Margins"
David Kroman — Crosscut
Runner Up
"Love and rage"
Christian Hill — The Register-Guard

CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"The trial of William Talbot II"
Caleb Hutton — The Daily Herald of Everett
Runner Up
"Living with a label"
Chelsea Deffenbacher — The Register-Guard

DIVERSITY REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Historic Black Panther newspapers find a home in the Central District"
Margo Vansynghel — Crosscut
Runner Up
"VPS Student Discipline Series"
Kaitlin Gillespie — The Columbian

EDITORIAL & COMMENTARY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Race and Equity"
Glenn Nelson — Crosscut
Runner Up
"Editorials"
Gary Nelson — Medford Mail Tribune

EDUCATION REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Face cuts, Seattle school librarians fight to save their budget"
Liz Brazile, Matt M. McKnight — Crosscut
Runner Up
"It gives us hope: Why Yakima County families choose homeschooling — and what it looks like"
Janelle Retka — Yakima Herald-Republic

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Chronicling the last years of a North Cascades glacier"
Zachariah Bryan — The Daily Herald of Everett
Runner Up
"Challenging the 'new normal' in the wildfire-ravaged Methow Valley"
Manola Secaira — Crosscut

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Razor Clamming"
Dorothy Edwards — Crosscut
Runner Up
"A family in costume"
Olivia Vanni — The Daily Herald of Everett

FEATURE WRITING, HARD NEWS
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"For Vancouver man, every day is a chance to make a difference"
Wyatt Stayner — The Columbian

Runner Up
"The Road to Ruin"
Kaylee Tornay — Medford Mail Tribune

FEATURE WRITING, SOFT NEWS
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"The monks of white salmon"
Patty Hastings — The Columbian
Runner Up
"The Unlikely Style Icon Teaching Older Women to be Fashion Rebels"
Celeste Hamilton Dennis — Narratively

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"River Walk"
Amanda Ray — Yakima Herald-Republic
Runner Up
"Delivering in the Snow"
Matt McKnight — Crosscut

GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
Romana Wood — The Columbian
Runner Up
Rick Vodicka — Willamette Week

HEADLINE
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
"Headline Writing Brandon Sawyer"
Brandon Sawyer — Portland Business Journal
Runner Up
"Top Headlines"
Robert Galvin — Medford Mail Tribune

HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place

“There are effective HIV Treatments: Why are people still dying of AIDS?”
Markian Hawryluk — Bend Bulletin
Runner Up
“Alt-Vaxx”
Rachel Monahan — Willamette Week

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“‘Heartbreaking’: Seattle’s homeless are getting sicker and shelters are struggling to keep up”
David Kroman — Crosscut
Runner Up
“Recent evictions, police activity could end decades of homeless camps in Wallace Marine Park”
Connor Radnovich, Jonathan Bach — Statesman Journal

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Troubled kids, troubled system”
Lucy Thompkins, Seaborn Larson, Cameron Evans, Gwen Florio — Missoulian
Runner Up
“Serial rapists targeted women on Aurora, this woman got justice”
Kate Walters, Isolde Rafferty — KUOW

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Running with the dogs”
Mark Freeman, Ryan Pfeil — Medford Mail Tribune
Runner Up
“WA farmers and laborers are struggling under the H-2A guest worker program — and it may get worse”
Lilly Fowler, Jen Dev — Crosscut

PHOTO ESSAY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Still Fighting”
Tommy Martino — Missoulian
Runner Up

“A day in the life of Maya Reddy, 16-year-old competitive archer”
Dana Sparks — The Register-Guard

PHOTO PORTFOLIO
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
Nathan Howard — The Columbian
Runner Up
Joshua Bessex — The News Tribune

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“WA foster kids sent to out-of-state group homes with checkered records”
Allegra Abramo — InvestigateWest
Runner Up
“County's public records policy ‘invites potential abuse,’ state advocate says”
Shaun Hall — Grants Pass Daily Courier

PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Miss Montana Pilot”
Sara Diggins — Missoulian
Runner Up
“Tom Hansen”
Dorothy Edwards — Crosscut

PRINT PAGE DESIGN
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
Jacie Landeros — The Daily Herald of Everett
Runner Up
Jessica Abell — Missoulian

REPORTING SERIES
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Education and the path to prosperity”
Keila Szpaller, Cameron Evans — Missoulian
Runner Up

“Flores Family Series”
Jessica Prokop — The Columbian

SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Seahawks vs. Rams”
Evan Abell — Yakima Herald-Republic
Runner Up
“Zillah-Granger”
Evan Abell — Yakima Herald-Republic

SPORTS COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Sports & Culture”
Glenn Nelson — Crosscut
Runner Up
“Bill Speltz's sports columns”
Bill Speltz — Missoulian

SPORTS FEATURE
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“Rally from Despair”
Meg Wochnick — The Columbian
Runner Up
“South Salem runner helps special needs teammate finish his first cross country race”
Pete Martini, Anna Reed — Statesman Journal

SPORTS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom
First Place
“The growing trend of sport specialization: Is it worth it?”
Cameron Van Til — The Daily Herald of Everett
Runner Up
“An 18-year-old's path to announcing pro baseball”
Cameron Van Til — The Daily Herald of Everett

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom

First Place
“Scene of a Shooting”
Matt McKnight — Crosscut
Runner Up
“Fire line”
Jamie Lusch — Medford Mail Tribune

TECHNOLOGY REPORTING
First Place
“Inside Portland's Use of Controversial Mobile Location Tech from Google Sibling”
Kate Kaye — Geekwire and RedTail
Runner Up
“The world’s first commercial electric aircraft could take off in the PNW”
Beatriz Costa Lima, Jen Dev, Sarah Hoffman — Crosscut

SMALL NEWSROOMS

GENERAL EXCELLENCE
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“The B-Town (Burien) Blog”
Scott Schaefer, Michael Brunk, Shane Griffiths, Theresa Schaefer — South King Media
Runner Up
News-Times

ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLES REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Don't Fear the Reaper”
Rick Levin — Eugene Weekly
Runner Up
“Women in Music section”
Samantha Wohlfeil, Nathan Weinbender, Dan Nailen — The Inlander

BREAKING NEWS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place

"Sunnyland principal murdered, remembered"
Denver Pratt — The Bellingham Herald
Runner Up
“Salem's economy takes a jolt as 1,000 jobs disappear with NORPAC collapse”
Staff — Salem Reporter

BUSINESS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Nike's Global Tax Paradise”
Matthew Kish — Portland Business Journal
Runner Up
“Unions: Growing gap between 'haves' and 'have nots' driving strike activity”
Mallory Gruben — The Daily News

COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Director's Desk”
Kaia Sand — Street Roots
Runner Up
“Racial Justice Collection”
Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3
Zenobia Jeffries Warfield — YES! Media

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Port of Astoria reboots”
Edward Stratton — The Astorian
Runner Up
“Oregon Foster Care Crisis Coverage”
Libby Dowsett-Freelance, Joanne Zuhl - Street Roots

CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Driving While Indian”
Jason Buch, Joy Borkholder — InvestigateWest
Runner Up
“The Broken System”

Gina Scalpone, Emily Goodykoontz — Eugene Weekly

DIVERSITY REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Finding space in the "whitest city" in America”
Malia Spencer — Portland Business Journal
Runner Up
“Alaska Native language groups convene to translate census materials”
Tripp Crouse — KNBA

EDITORIAL AND COMMENTARY
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Editorial Writing”
Street Roots Editorial Board — Street Roots
Runner Up
“3 Stories in Data”
Tracy Matsue Loeffelholz, Lornet Turnbull, Erin Sagen, Miles Schneiderman — YES! Magazine

EDUCATION REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Salem-Keizer teachers face repeated injuries at the hands of students, documents show”
Rachel Alexander — Salem Reporter
Runner Up
“20 Feet Away: He wasn't the next school shooter but what if he had been?”
Caitlyn May — Albany Democrat-Herald

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“National Bison Range Investigation”
Patrick Reilly — Missoulian
Runner Up
“Coming Down the Pipe: Saving Washington’s Salmon May Require Replacing Tens of Thousands of Culverts, and Nobody Knows Where the Money Will Come From”
Alex Brown — The Chronicle

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place
"Dragland Empire"
Young Kwak — The Inlander
Runner Up
"Fall on the Road to Mount Rainier"
Jared Wenzelburger — The Chronicle

FEATURE WRITING, HARD NEWS
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Homeless outreach program REACH asks to change its relationship with the city's Navigation Team"
Ashley Archibald — Real Change
Runner Up
"Family reunites, offers hope for others battling addiction"
Laura Guido — Whidbey News-Times

FEATURE WRITING, SOFT NEWS
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"One valley too far:' How 110 soldiers survived the Mount St. Helens eruption"
Alex Bruell — The Daily News
Runner Up
"We're still here: Art exhibit shows creativity flourishes in those living with dementia"
Lisa Edge — Real Change

GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Hundreds 'Back the Blue' at R.A. Long Park for DeRosier family"
Courtney Talak — The Daily News
Runner Up
"Welcome Home Daddy"
Meegan M. Reid — Kitsap Sun

GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATION
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
Entry 1, Entry 2
Enkhbayar Munkh-Erdene — YES! Magazine

Runner Up
Jon Williams — Real Change

HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Century after Spanish flu 'nightmare,' pandemic remains concern"
Kyle Odegard — Albany Democrat-Herald
Runner Up
"The Core Elements"
Chey Scott — The Inlander

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Homeless Solutions Series"
Taylor Perse, Morgan Theophil — Eugene Weekly
Runner Up
"Portland Street Response"
Emily Green — Street Roots

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Pierce County Medical Examiner"
Kari Plog, Will James — KNKX
Runner Up
"Smith builds moneyed empire"
Les Zaitz, Pat Caldwell, Kristine de Leon — Malheur Enterprise

MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Making sense of the 2019 Montana Legislature with data visualization and news apps"
Eric Dietrich — Montana Free Press
Runner Up
"I Am a Future Ancestor: An Indigenous Perspective on Healing"
Josue Rivas, Tracy Matsue Loeffelholz — YES! Magazine

PHOTO ESSAY

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"Pearl Harbor U.S. Navy Musician Francis E. Dick returns home, honored with funeral"

Courtney Talak — The Daily News

Runner Up

"Life, Death and Dignity"

Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3

Wes Sauer — Real Change

POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"Smith builds moneyed empire"

Les Zaitz, Pat Caldwell, Kristine de Leon — Malheur Enterprise

Runner Up

"Oregon cannabis tax: Aiming low"

Pete Danko — Portland Business Journal

PRINT PAGE DESIGN

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

Briana Finney — Portland Business Journal

Runner Up

Derek Harrison — The Inlander

REPORTING SERIES

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"NINE INTO SIX: In one place, Salem Reporter's 5-part series on challenges of local schools"

Rachel Alexander — Salem Reporter

Runner Up

"Life, Death and Dignity"

Ashley Archibald — Real Change

SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"Carson Littlepage is stripped of the ball by Thackery"

Ellen Morris Bishop — Wallowa County Chieftain

Runner Up

“Max Borghi: Houston, we have lift off”
Whittney Thornton — Cougfan.com

SPORTS COLUMN
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“The Lobster Dives Deep on WSU”
Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3
Marshall Lobbestael — Cougfan.com
Runner Up
“Inside Coug Nation with Barry Bolton”
Entry 1, Entry 2, Entry 3
Barry Bolton — Cougfan.com

SPORTS FEATURE
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Can the People Wanting to Bring Major League Baseball to Portland Succeed Where Others Have Failed?”
Sports Feature — Robert Ham
Runner Up
“Heart and soul: Strength coach Tyson Brown is WSU's secret weapon”
Barry Bolton — Cougfan.com

SPORTS REPORTING
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Participation numbers falling for many schools in Oregon”
Jarrid Denney — Corvallis Gazette-Times
Runner Up
"Emotions flow after monumental SK win"
Jeff Graham — Kitsap Sun

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY
Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom
First Place
“Fatal Centralia House Fire”
Jared Wenzelburger — The Chronicle
Runner Up
“Family loses Warrenton home to fire”
Hailey Hoffman — The Astorian

TECHNOLOGY REPORTING

Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom

First Place

"Beach may be best way to prepare for the worst"

Cindy Yingst, Peggy Yingst - The Columbia Press

Runner Up

"Drones could help farmers inspect crops from above"

Jacqueline Allison — Skagit Valley Herald

MAGAZINES

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING

Magazines

First Place

"The Secrets of Mount Rainier"

Allison Williams — Seattle Met

Runner Up

"Winter Fun"

Allison Williams — Seattle Met

BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS REPORTING

Magazines

First Place

"The Battle of Seattle"

Tony Dear & Brian Beaky — Cascade Golfer magazine

Runner Up

"Checking Out: Amazon, Microsoft, and the Future of Automated Grocery"

Stefan Milne — Seattle Met

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING

Magazines

First Place

"Losing Lake Coeur d'Alene"

Emily Benson — High Country News

Runner Up

"The Octopus from Outer Space"

James Ross Gardner — Seattle Met

FOOD AND RESTAURANTS REPORTING

Magazines

First Place

“Chef of the Year”

Andi Prewitt — Willamette Week

Runner Up

“Seattle's New Restaurant Rush”

Allecia Vermillion, Rosin Saez — Seattle Met

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Magazines

First Place

“Women Erased”

Hayat Norimine — Seattle Met

Runner Up

“To Fix Its Housing Crunch, One U.S. City Takes Aim at the Single-Family Home”

Noah Buhayar — Bloomberg Businessweek

PERSONAL PROFILE

Magazines

First Place

“Women to Watch”

Shelby Rowe Moyer — South Sound Magazine

Runner Up

“Tell Us Something Storytelling Event: Marc Moss”

Reilly Neill — Montana Press Monthly

PHOTOGRAPHY

Magazines

First Place

“Sun's Out, Suds Out”

Brian Breneman, Michael Novak — Portland Monthly

Runner Up

“Krushing It”

Holly Andres, Eden Dawn — Portland Monthly

PRINT PAGE DESIGN

Magazines

First Place
"Climate Change in Glacier Park"
Reilly Neill — Montana Press Monthly
Runner Up
"The Secrets of Mount Rainier, Seattle's New Restaurant Rush, Summer by Boat"
Jane Sherman — Seattle Met

TECHNOLOGY REPORTING
Magazines
First Place
"The Most Valuable Company (for Now) Is Having a Nadellaissance"
Austin Carr, Dina Bass — Bloomberg Businessweek
Runner Up
"Checking Out: Amazon, Microsoft, and the Future of Automated Grocery"
Stefan Milne — Seattle Met

AUDIO

LARGE NEWSROOMS

CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"She called 911 and said she was suicidal. Then she was charged with a crime"
Patricia Murphy, Liz Jones — KUOW
Runner Up
"Urge to Kill"
Ashley Korslien, Zachary Carver, Mila Mimica, Destiny Johnson — KGW

DIVERSITY REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Abrupt retirement of African American captain highlights lack of diversity in state patrol"
Austin Jenkins — Northwest News Network

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom

First Place
"Got time? You can avoid 'flygskam' (Swedish for flight shame)"
John Ryan, Liz Jones — KUOW
Runner Up
"Seattle is really good at recycling. Maybe a little too good"
Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Gil Aegerter — KUOW

FEATURE REPORTING, HARD NEWS
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"The Roots Of An Oregon Farm Bankruptcy"
Kate Davidson — Oregon Public Broadcasting
Runner Up
"As Amazon Gets Bigger, Sellers Feel the Squeeze"
Spencer Soper, Brad Stone — Bloomberg News

FEATURE REPORTING, SOFT NEWS
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Chasing Horses"
Emily Cureton — Oregon Public Broadcasting
Runner Up
"It's carpool karaoke (and free Tylenol) with this Seattle night driver"
Casey Martin, Liz Jones — KUOW

GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"A toilet is your face.' Seattle ponders the perfect public pissoir"
Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Gil Aegerter — KUOW
Runner Up
"Pop In Your Headphones, Oregon Lawmakers Have Discovered Podcasting"
Dirk VanderHart — Oregon Public Broadcasting

HEATH AND SCIENCE REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Lasting Impact"
Sergio Olmos, Emily Harris, Lee van der Voo, Investigate West, Pamplin Media Group, Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting
Runner Up

“Russian social media fuels vaccine anxiety as measles spreads in Washington state”
David Hyde, Gil Aegerter — KUOW

INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
“Booked And Buried: Pacific Northwest's Mounting Jail Death Toll”
Conrad Wilson, Austin Jenkins, Tony Schick, Ryan Haas — Oregon Public Broadcasting
Runner Up
“White kids usually get the most recess in Seattle. Black kids, the least”
Ann Dornfeld, Liz Jones — KUOW

REPORTING SERIES
Audio, Large Newsroom
First Place
“Urge to Kill”
Ashley Korslien, Zachary Carver, Mila Mimica, Destiny Johnson — KGW
Runner Up
“Bundyville: The Remnant”
Leah Sottile, Ryan Haas — Oregon Public Broadcasting

SMALL NEWSROOMS

DIVERSITY REPORTING
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
“We Out Here: From Chicago to Sumpter, Oregon with Portia Mittons”
Tiara Darnell — Independent Producer
Runner Up
“Oppressed By Wildfire”
April Ehrlich — Jefferson Public Radio

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
“In rural Alaska, school districts deal with a legacy of unaddressed contamination”
Rashah McChesney — KTOO
Runner Up
“The McKenzie: A Resilient River”

Rachael McDonald — KLCC

FEATURE REPORTING, HARD NEWS
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Oregon Lawmakers Consider Expansion of Oregon's Death with Dignity Law"
Chris Lehman — KLCC
Runner Up
"He just wanted to be remembered.' Friends, family share memories of magnetic local boxer"
Posey Gruener — KNKX

FEATURE REPORTING, SOFT NEWS
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
"The Northwest's Star Wars Church"
Dyer Oxley — NW NERD Podcast
Runner Up
"Seattle man connects with his homeless neighbors, one toilet at a time"
Gabriel Spitzer — KNKX

HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORTING
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Finding Fixes: Preventing Youth Addiction"
Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Nicolle Galteland, Alisa Barba, Finding Fixes and InvestigateWest
Runner Up
"For Rogue Valley Seniors Needing Mental Health Treatment, Medicare Offers Little Help"
Erik Neumann — Jefferson Public Radio

REPORTING SERIES
Audio, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Finding Fixes: Season Two"
Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Nicolle Galteland, Alisa Barba, Finding Fixes and InvestigateWest
Runner Up
"Cruise Town"
Jennifer Pemberton & KTOO News Staff

VIDEO

LARGE NEWSROOMS

FEATURE, HARD NEWS
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"'Give me five coffins': Seeking asylum at the border"
Corinne Chin — The Seattle Times
Runner Up
"Suffering Silently"
Beth Verge — KTUU

FEATURE, SOFT NEWS
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"12 brothers they never had"
Beth Verge — KTUU
Runner Up
"Coffin Cruisers"
Samantha Swindler — The Oregonian/OregonLive

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"A Distant Refuge: Rohingya Genocide Survivors In Portland"
Arya Surowidjojo, MacGregor Campbell, Stephani Gordon, Jan Boyd — Oregon Public Broadcasting
Runner Up
"How much is a life worth?"
Lauren Frohne — The Seattle Times

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT, WITHIN 24 HOURS
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"A daughter's disappearance, a father's worst fears"
Jill Burke — KTUU
Runner Up
"Sounders Shake Video"

Megan Murnane, Amy Moreno — KING 5 TV

INVESTIGATION
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"29 Hours: A Crash, a 911 call... and the rescuers that never arrived"
Jill Burke, Eric Sowl, Kim Daehnke — KTUU
Runner Up
"An overburdened staff and Alaska's most vulnerable children"
Jill Burke, Eric Sowl, Leah Schwartz — KTUU

REPORTING SERIES
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Inside Woodlawn"
Cristin Severance, Gene Cotton, John Tierney — KGW
Runner Up
"One Year Later: The Quake, the Aftermath, the Recovery"
Staff — KTUU

SPORTS REPORTING
Video, Large Newsroom
First Place
"Culver coach back on sidelines, thanks to transplant"
Max Goldwasser — KTVZ
Runner Up
"Girls hockey is growing in Washington — and it isn't dependent on boys programs anymore"
Beatriz Costa Lima — Crosscut

SMALL NEWSROOM

FEATURE, HARD NEWS
Video, Small Newsroom
First Place
"Ending the Backlog"
Andrea Lutz, Paul Humphrey — KTVQ
Runner Up
"Deer Ridge inmates led beyond walls to forgiveness"
Max Goldwasser — KTVZ

FEATURE, SOFT NEWS

Video, Small Newsroom

First Place

“Attack, Decay, Sustain, Release”

Tom Layson — KBTC-TV

Runner Up

“These searchers have dogged determination”

Max Goldwasser, Tyson Beauchemin — KTVZ

GENERAL ASSIGNMENT, NO TIME LIMIT

Video, Small Newsroom

First Place

“Deer Ridge Correctional Institution: Out of Darkness Walk”

Arielle Brumfield — KTVZ NewsChannel 21

Runner Up

"Montana's ‘state of freight’"

Andrea Lutz, Brandon Sullivan — KTVQ

REPORTING SERIES

Video, Small Newsroom

First Place

“Urban Climate Change Adaptation Series”

Jesse Nichols — Grist

Runner Up

“Protecting Montana's Firefighters”

Margaret DeMarco — KRTV