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AT LARGE

At Large: Collaboration

First Place - April Ehrlich, Scott Franz, “Colorado's ambitious plan to restore wolves taps into years-old tensions in Oregon”, *OPB and KUNC*,

At Large: Column

First Place - Greg Jayne, “Republicans need to redirect; Rectifying sins of past right path; ilani a rising tide that lifts all boats”, *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Ron Judd, “Ron Judd columns”, *Cascadia Daily News*

At Large: Multimedia Storytelling

First Place - Fedor Zarkhin, Mark Friesen, Beth Nakamura, “The Forgotten Four”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Teo Popescu, David Hyde, Cat Smith, “Do you agree with your Seattle City Council candidates? This will tell you”, *KUOW*

AUDIO

Audio - Small: Audio Series

First Place - Katie Anastas, Adelyn Baxter, Anna Canny, Tasha Elizarde, Yvonne Krumrey, "Mga Kuwento", *KTOO*

Second Place - Shayla Escudero, Alex Powers, Penny Rosenberg, "'A Place to Sleep" -- Episode 1, Albany I", *Albany Democrat-Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*

Audio - Small: Breaking News

First Place - Chris Lehman, "PeaceHealth wants to close Eugene's only hospital", *KLCC*

Audio - Small: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Shayla Escudero, Jess Hume-Pantuso, Penny Rosenberg, "'A Place to Sleep" -- Episode 7, Grants Pass", *Albany Democrat-Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*

Second Place - Yvonne Krumrey, "Family says untreated pain, solitary confinement led to man's suicide at Lemon Creek", *KTOO*

Audio - Small: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - Roman Battaglia, Hal Bernton, "A giant Oregon wildfire shows the limits of carbon offsets in fighting climate change", *Jefferson Public Radio*,

Second Place - Adelyn Baxter, "Lost and found: After the flood, Juneau residents return lost treasures to families", *KTOO*,

Audio - Small: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Kosisochukwu Ugwuede, Alex Powers, Cody Mann, Penny Rosenberg, "'A Place to Sleep" -- Episode 3, Corvallis", *Albany Democrat-Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*,

Second Place - Jane Vaughan, "Royal Oaks move-in delayed by uninhabitable homes. Now what?", *Jefferson Public Radio*,

Audio - Small: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Roman Battaglia, "Ukrainian family recalls one year since fleeing to Ashland", *Jefferson Public Radio*

Audio - Small: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Penny Rosenberg, Alex Powers, "'A Place to Sleep" -- Episode 6, Brownsville", *Albany Democrat-Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*,

Second Place - Katie Anastas, "Telephone Hill residents plan next move after Juneau acquires property from state" *KTOO*

Audio - Small: Health Reporting

First Place - Shayla Escudero, Hans Boyle, Penny Rosenberg, "'A Place to Sleep" -- Episode 9, Sleep", *Albany Democrat-Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*

Audio - Small: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Roman Battaglia, "Lawsuits against Ashland parks department highlight lack of

oversight”, *Jefferson Public Radio*

Audio - Small: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Ida Hardin, “‘Gender Diverse’ Ultimate team from Eugene blazes new ground amid opposition”, *KLCC*

Second Place - Nathan Wilk, “How Randy Shilts, a leading voice on AIDS, started his reporting career at the University of Oregon”, *KLCC*

Audio - Small: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Katie Anastas, “Presbyterian leaders apologize, begin reparations for 1962 closure of Juneau church led by Rev. Walter Soboleff”, *KTOO*,

Second Place - Brian Bull, “Indigenous movement to 'decolonize' museums forges on across Oregon and the U.S.”, *KLCC*

Audio - Small: Technology & Science Reporting

First Place - Tiffany Eckert, “Look up for the Ring of Fire eclipse this Saturday, weather or not”, *KLCC*,

Second Place - Michael Fanelli, Matt Faubion, “A small but growing group of EV owners in Alaska show electric cars can work in the frigid north”, *Alaska Public Media*

Audio - Large: Audio Series

First Place - Eilis O'Neill, Liz Jones, “Numbing the pain: Opioid crisis on the Olympic Peninsula”, *KUOW*,

Second Place - Monica Nickelsburg, Carol Smith, “Highway robbery: What keeps Seattle-area women in the salary slow lane”, *KUOW*

Audio - Large: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Conrad Wilson, Alex Zielinski, “Portland's protests made them friends. After the Normandale Park shooting, they became family.”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Amy Radil, Cat Smith, “‘Therapeutic’ courts could see influx under Washington's next drug law”, *KUOW*

Audio - Large: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - Emily Cureton Cook, “Crook County residents fear mining company polluted their water. Here's how Oregon investigated”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Second Place - John Ryan, Cat Smith, “Road trip! Kicking the tires on electric travel in the Northwest”, *KUOW*

Audio - Large: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Patricia Murphy, Clare McGrane, Antonio Nevarez, Hayden Andersen, “How local youth are taking on school gun violence”, *KUOW*, Judges’

Second Place - Joni Auden Land, “Tainted, brown drinking water grips a Southern Oregon town”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Audio - Large: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Tom Banse, Cat Smith, “Would you leave grandma with a companion robot? Care bots and robot pets find favor in Pacific NW”, *KUOW*

Second Place - Emily Cureton Cook, “Loot the Deschutes offers lost and found on Bend's high traffic river”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Audio - Large: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Dirk VanderHart, Lauren Dake, Andrew Theen, “The rise and fall of Shemia Fagan”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - David Hyde, Cat Smith, “The backlash over Seattle's plan to reward drug users for staying clean”, *KUOW*,

Audio - Large: Health Reporting

First Place - Eilis O'Neill, Liz Jones, “Numbing the pain: Opioid crisis on the Olympic Peninsula”, *KUOW*,

Second Place - Kate Walters, Liz Jones, “Finding an eating disorder therapist is hard. This program aims to change that”, *KUOW*,

Audio - Large: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Sara Bernard, Farah Eltohamy, Mai Hoang, “After a takeover, mobile home tenants are fighting back”, *Cascade PBS*,

Second Place - Cat Smith, John Ryan, “FBI warned of neo-Nazi plots as attacks on Northwest grid spiked”, *KUOW*,

Audio - Large: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Libby Denkman, Noel Gasca, Ann Dornfeld, “Community members give Denny Blaine Park play area proposal a dressing down”, *KUOW*,

Second Place - Crystal Ligor, “A new exhibit explores Indigiqueer history in the Pacific Northwest”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*, Judges’ Important, untold story of LGBTQ+ members of the Native community and how amateur historians are writing the history of their LGBTQ+ elders.

Audio - Large: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Joni Auden Land, “As membership declines, Portland churches see money and ministry in affordable housing”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Tiffany Camhi, “Portland group works to make wealth redistribution a reality through real estate”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Audio - Large: Technology & Science Reporting

First Place - Monica Nickelsburg, Christy George, “Can Microsoft become an AI leader and maintain its ambitious goals to cut carbon emissions?”, *KUOW*,

Second Place - Sara Bernard, Brandon Block, “The gray areas of surveillance tech in WA police forces”, *Cascade PBS*,

MAGAZINE

Magazine - : Arts & Culture

First Place - Christen McCurdy, “Sparking Community”, *Oregon Business Magazine*,

Second Place - Jeffrey Fijolek, “Tanden Launder: The Mayor of Fifth Street”, *Edible Inland Northwest*

Magazine - : Environment & Natural Disasters

First Place - Colette Buck, “Spokane Riverkeeper: protecting area rivers one lawsuit and litter pickup at a time”, *Edible Inland Northwest*,

Second Place - Erin Hut, “Harvesting Resilience”, *Edible Inland Northwest*,

Magazine - : Food & Restaurants

First Place - Maddison Foley, Jeffrey Fijolek, Morgan Marum, Allen Stone, Chad White, “The Road Home With Allen Stone”, *Edible Inland Northwest*,

Second Place - Christen McCurdy, “More Cooks in the Kitchen”, *Oregon Business Magazine*

Magazine - : Health & Science

First Place - Christen McCurdy, “To the Test”, *Oregon Business Magazine*,

Magazine - : Investigative Reporting

First Place - Sydney Fluker, Jeffrey Fijolek, “War & Wheat”, *Edible Inland Northwest*,

Magazine - : Personal Profile

First Place - Blake Peterson, “SYML is Just Getting Started”, *425 Magazine*,

Second Place - Rachel Gallaher, “He Can Dig It”, *UW Magazine*,

Magazine - : Print Page Design

First Place - Alex Schloer, “Legacy Business// How to Create a Contemporary Personal Brand// 2023 40 Under 40”, *425 Magazine*,

Second Place - Jeffrey Fijolek, Kristi Hanson, “Edible Inland Northwest 2023”, *Edible Inland Northwest*

Magazine - : Review

First Place - Blake Peterson, “The Superhuman Spectacle of Taylor Swift's Eras Tour”, *425 Magazine*

Magazine - : Technology- Business & Economics

First Place - Hannah Wallace, “Buzzkill”, *Oregon Business Magazine*, Judges’ With amazing reporting and a great narrative flow, this article was a fantastic read that shines the light on what led to the dissolution of a promising business.

Second Place - Max Chafkin, Dina Bass, “Microsoft's Sudden AI Dominance Is Scrambling Silicon Valley's Power Structure”, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, Judges’ A great in depth report that ties together a complex saga and subject into something digestible.

PHOTO & DESIGN

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Feature Photography

First Place - Jared Wenzelburger, "In focus: Mountain goat grazes as the sun sets at Paradise in Mount Rainier National Park", *The Chronicle*,

Second Place - Jarrette Werk, "John Bravehawk", *Underscore*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: General News Photography

First Place - Bob Brawdy, "Sunrise on the 911 Memorial Ceremony", *Tri-City Herald*,

Second Place - Mick Hangland-Skill, "Portland students support their striking teachers at City Hall", *Willamette Week*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Graphics & Illustrations

First Place - Lara Kaminoff, "'Here, kitty kitty' by Lara Kaminoff 12/12/23", *Real Change*,

Second Place - Etta O'Donnell-King, "Street Roots Cover Illustrations", *Street Roots*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Photo Essay

First Place - Dean Guernsey, "Shiloh Binder", *The Bulletin*,

Second Place - Joe Kline, "Dog races", *The Bulletin*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Photo Portfolio

First Place - Tony Overman, "Tony Overman Portfolio", *Tacoma News Tribune*,

Second Place - Alex Powers, Penny Rosenberg, "Alex Powers", *Albany Democrat Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*, Judges'

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Portrait Photography

First Place - Andy Bronson, "Jesse's cochlear implants", *Cascadia Daily News*,

Second Place - Mick Hangland-Skill, "U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer Will Not Run for Reelection", *Willamette Week*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Print Page Design

First Place - Henry Behrens, "The Transit Fairy", *Real Change*,

Second Place - Henry Behrens, "'Online complaints about mutual aid pantry get real' Feature", *Real Change*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Sports Action Photography

First Place - Andy Tullis, "Rodeo!", *The Bulletin*,

Second Place - Jack Ellis, "Kyle Williams - Intimidation", *CougCenter*,

Photo & Design - Small and Medium: Spot News Photography

First Place - Meegan Reid, "Second Floor Fire Entry", *Kitsap Sun*,

Second Place - Bob Brawdy, "Massage parlor sex trafficking raid", *Tri-City Herald*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Feature Photography

First Place - Ben Lonergan, "Egg hunt", *The Register-Guard*,

Second Place - Beth Nakamura, "The Nutcracker", *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: General News Photography

First Place - Ryan Berry, "To grow a great pumpkin in Edmonds: seeds, water, brute force", *Everett Herald*,

Second Place - Amanda Snyder, "New mothers can stay with their babies at this Washington prison", *Cascade PBS*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Graphics & Illustrations

First Place - Jeffrey Fijolek, "Peach Sangria Recipe", *Edible Inland Northwest*,

Second Place - Chandler O'Leary, "Potting Shed Illustrations by Chandler O'Leary", *South Sound Business*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Photo Essay

First Place - Karen Ducey, "A deep dive into Seattle's busy, beloved Ballard Locks", *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Annie Barker, "Saving racehorses from slaughter, Snohomish rescue offers second chance", *Everett Herald*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Photo Portfolio

First Place - Rodrigo DeMedeiros, "Rodrigo DeMedeiros Portfolio for 425 Magazine", *425 Magazine*,

Second Place - Chris Pietsch, "2023 Portfolio Pietsch", *The Register-Guard*

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Portrait Photography

First Place - Karen Ducey, "Lost Grave", *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Karen Ducey, "John Horne", *The Seattle Times*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Print Page Design

First Place - Romana Wood, "Wanted for crimes against biodiversity; Fighting fire with firewise; The long, winding road to I-205 Bridge", *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Mike Pham, A.V. Eichenbaum, Otts Bolisay, "The Front Page", *Seattle Gay News*

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Sports Action Photography

First Place - Lindsey Wasson, "Dunk", *Associated Press*,

Second Place - Kevin Neri, "Proud soccer mom", *Statesman Journal (Salem, Oregon)*,

Photo & Design - Extra Large and Large: Spot News Photography

First Place - Sam Gomez, "The shooting", *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Olivia Vanni, "Over a dozen rescues in Snohomish County after record flooding on Stilly", *Everett Herald*, Judges'

VIDEO

Video - Small: Breaking News

First Place - Alyssa Warner, Christopher Whitmer, Morgan Huff, Ana Trejo, Erin Wencil, "Wildfire shuts down I-82, area under LEVEL III GO NOW Evacuations - July 3, 2023", *KAPP/KVEW*

Video - Small: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Tom Layson, Steve Kiggins, Phillip Townsend, John Lobertini, "Northwest Now - Breaking the Barriers", *KBTC-TV*

Second Place - Emily Goodell, "Torture and starvation: Inside the hidden history of the Indian boarding school at Fort Simcoe", *KAPP/KVEW*

Video - Small: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Steve Kaufmann, "Building a Beaver-Hood", *Central Oregon Daily*,

Second Place - Jill Sperling, "From the gridiron to the saddle shop: The story of Pendleton's Rod Retherford", *KAPP/KVEW*,

Video - Small: General Assignment - Pre-Produced

First Place - Savannah Welch, Evan Bell, "Growing Up: Vertical Expansion in Hillsboro", *KATU*,

Video - Small: General Assignment Same day

First Place - Savannah Welch, Evan Bell, "Nearly 1,800 Providence Nurses and Clinicians Go on Strike", *KATU*,

Second Place - Karli Olson, "Jewell Community Under Boil Water Notice for Over a Year", *Fox 12 Oregon (KPTV)*,

Video - Small: Health Reporting

First Place - Jill Sperling, "Firefighters sound the alarm on cancer risks during month of January", *KAPP/KVEW*

Video - Small: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Christina Giardinelli, Brian Smith, "Oregon's Early Learning Division spends millions on unfilled preschool slots", *KATU*

Second Place - Emily Goodell, "A dirty, rotten shame': Parents speak out on bullying at West Valley Innovation Center", *KAPP/KVEW*

Video - Small: Sports

First Place - Noah Chast, "The Big Playback Fall Awards Show", *KTVZ*

Second Place - Noah Chast, "A whirlwind': Bend and Caldera volleyball teams hold 'Pink-Out' for coach battling breast cancer", *KTVZ*

Video - Small: Video Series

First Place - Emily Goodell, "A Random Act of Violence: The shootings at the Nob Hill Circle K", *KAPP/KVEW*,

Second Place - Emily Goodell, “A Community Mourns: The Lucian Act Becomes Law”, *KAPP/KVEW*,

Video - Large: Breaking News

First Place - Beth Verge, Melissa Frey, Mike Ross, “Children among missing after deadly Wrangell landslide”, *Alaska's News Source*

Second Place - Joe Cadotte, Aaron Weaver, Beth Verge, “Mountain View Shooting, Fire and Standoff”, *Alaska's News Source*

Video - Large: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Cassandra Profita, Brandon Swanson, Danika Sandoz, “Massive dam removal project spurs hope in the Klamath Basin”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Michael Byhoff, Esmé Duprez, Julie Snider, Baldwin Tang, Alexander Gittleson, “One Woman's War Against 'Forever Chemicals'”, *Bloomberg News*,

Video - Large: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Dave Allgood, “Protective mom stops a moose in its tracks”, *Alaska's News Source*,

Second Place - Samantha Swindler, “Cowboy Dinner Tree”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Video - Large: General Assignment - Pre-Produced

First Place - Beth Verge, “Exploring NOAA's Northernmost Atmospheric Baseline Observatory”, *Alaska's News Source*, Judges’

Video - Large: General Assignment Same day

First Place - Beth Verge, Aaron Weaver, Lex Yelverton, “Man who shot into Anchorage party bus to serve 35 years in prison”, *Alaska's News Source*

Video - Large: Health Reporting

First Place - Michael Byhoff, Esmé Duprez, Julie Snider, Baldwin Tang, Alexander Gittleson, “America's Biggest Public Health Crisis May Be Guns”, *Bloomberg News*,

Video - Large: Investigative Reporting

First Place - David Bernknopf, Rachel McPherron, Mike Mason, Rebecca Palsha,, “Seeking Shelter / Seeking Solutions”, *Alaska's News Source*,

Second Place - David Bernknopf, Mike Mason, Rachel McPherron, “AARPA Fund Allocations Under Scrutiny”, *Alaska's News Source*,

Video - Large: Sports

First Place - Beth Verge, Tracy Sabo, “Veteran musher Jason Mackey reflects on life, brother's legacy in return to Iditarod”, *Alaska's News Source*

Second Place - Jordan Rodenberger, “World Eskimo Indian Olympics”, *Alaska's News Source*

Video - Large: Video Series

First Place - Carly Schreck, Beth Verge, “Taking Flight: Honoring Alaska's Veterans”, *Alaska's News Source*.

Second Place - Jes Burns, Dan Evans, Stephani Gordon, Brandon Swanson, “"All Science. No Fiction.": Solutions science from the Pacific Northwest”, *Northwest Public Broadcasting*,

WRITING

Writing - Small: Arts & Culture Reporting

First Place - Brian Bull, "Indigenous People Press on to Indigenize Museums", *Underscore*,

Second Place - Alex Bruell, "Federal Way student goes viral on 'American Idol'", *Sound Publishing*,

Writing - Small: Breaking News

First Place - Abbey McDonald, Ardeshir Tabrizian, "St. Joseph's congregation grieves, prays after arson damages Salem sanctuary", *Salem Reporter*

Second Place - Les Zaitz, Pat Caldwell, Steven Mitchell, "Nyssa reserve officer killed in Saturday shooting, gunman being sought", *Malheur Enterprise*

Writing - Small: Business & Economics Reporting

First Place - Abbey McDonald, Rachel Alexander, "Plans revealed to turn shuttered cannery into lively riverfront complex", *Salem Reporter*

Second Place - Wendy Culverwell, "Contracts Crushed", *Tri-City Herald*

Writing - Small: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Kelsey Turner, "Evading justice: How sex traffickers walk free as victims struggle to get help", *InvestigateWest*,

Second Place - Cameron Probert, "'What caused his rage?'", *Tri-City Herald*,

Writing - Small: Editorial & Commentary

First Place - Gennette Cordova, "Debunking the Defunding Myth", *South Seattle Emerald*,

Second Place - Elizabeth Shepherd, "Writing about orcas? Dive deeper", *Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber*,

Writing - Small: Education Reporting

First Place - Kelsey Turner, "How A Seattle-Area School District Ignored Repeated Warnings Of 'Grooming-Like Behavior'", *InvestigateWest*,

Second Place - Alex Baumhardt, "Oregon fails to turn page on reading", *Oregon Capital Chronicle*

Writing - Small: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - Anna Canny, "'We could still hear the hillside cracking': How neighbors helped each other to safety after Wrangell's deadly landslide", *KTOO*,

Second Place - Wilson Criscione, "In A Battle For Truth In A Small Montana Mining Town, Newly Revealed Records Show How The EPA Sided With Polluters", *InvestigateWest*,

Writing - Small: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Daniel Hart, "Facing Parole Expiration, Many Afghan Refugees Lack Guarantee of a Future in the U.S.", *South Seattle Emerald*

Second Place - Rachel Alexander, "Returning from chemo, state worker has gone months without accurate pay", *Salem Reporter*

Writing - Small: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Alex Bruell, “Corey Nettles brought Federal Way together - and inspired a new book for grieving youth”, *Sound Publishing*,

Second Place - Berit Thorson, “Designed to be different”, *East Oregonian*

Writing - Small: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Scott Schaefer, “Kennedy Catholic High 'tremendously disappointed' it was not actively consulted by City of Burien despite numerous outreach efforts over proposed nearby Pallet Village encampment”, *The B-Town (Burien) Blog*

Second Place - Macie Harreld, Zoë Buhrmaster, Kat Leon, Isaiah Burns, “On Taking Sides Israel-Palestine”, *PSU Vanguard*

Writing - Small: Health Reporting

First Place - Emily Green, “Meth, fentanyl pose new problems for overwhelmed detox providers”, *The Lund Report*,

Second Place - Grace Deng, “For children exposed to alcohol before birth, services are in short supply”, *Washington State Standard*,

Writing - Small: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Ardeshtir Tabrizian, Rachel Alexander, Abbey McDonald, “Video shows driver ran stop sign in fatal collision with Salem cyclist”, *Salem Reporter*,

Second Place - Wilson Criscione, “In the Wrong Hands: How Idaho allows rape, abuse and cruelty to flourish inside the state's youth residential facilities”, *InvestigateWest*,

Writing - Small: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Courtney Vaughn, “A Mother's Fight for Her Gay Son's Military Honors”, *Portland Mercury*,

Second Place - Nathan Wilk, “How Randy Shilts, a leading voice on AIDS, started his reporting career at the University of Oregon”, *KLCC*,

Writing - Small: Poverty & Homelessness Reporting

First Place - Kelsey Turner, “Housing Restrictions Are Leaving More Northwest Sex Offenders Homeless”, *InvestigateWest*,

Second Place - Claire Stremple, “Alaskans again wait months for food stamps, workers union blames policy choices”, *Alaska Beacon*,

Writing - Small: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Carrie Johnson, “A 'Land Back' Achievement in Portland”, *Underscore*,

Second Place - Bailey Jo Josie, “Renton family seeks reparations from school district”, *Sound Publishing*,

Writing - Small: Review

First Place - Bailey Jo Josie, “Beyond this flesh: Prog-rock immortals Tool play the Tacoma Dome”, *Sound Publishing*,

Second Place - Tim Gruver, “SportsBox Is a Strip Club Reborn as a Vegan Esports Bar”,

Writing - Small: Series

First Place - Juliet Grable, "After the dams: Restoring the Klamath", *Jefferson Public Radio*.

Second Place - Claire Stremple, "Domestic Violence in Alaska", *Alaska Beacon*

Writing - Small: Sports Column

First Place - Wade Evanson, "Wade Evanson Sports Columns", *Pamplin Media Group*,

Second Place - Greg Witter, "Crimson Commentary", *CougFan.com*,

Writing - Small: Sports Feature

First Place - Austin White, "'We're just happy that she's here:' How Lincoln's Sophia Malinoski went from brain cancer to track standout", *Pamplin Media Group*,

Second Place - Ben Ray, "Federal Way boxer wins first professional fight by TKO", *Sound Publishing*,

Writing - Small: Sports Reporting

First Place - Jamey Vinnick, "How Jen Greeny built WSU's No. 4-seed Cougar volleyball team", *CougFan.com*,

Second Place - Michael Whitney, "Semi-pro soccer team to play in Nationals", *Snohomish County Tribune*,

Writing - Small: Technology- & Science Reporting

First Place - Katie Frankowicz, "Researchers look to fill gaps in understanding tufted puffins", *KMUN.ORG*,

Second Place - Yereth Rosen, "Antibiotic-resistant microbes lurk in poop of Anchorage moose, UAA research finds", *Alaska Beacon*,

Writing - Medium: Arts & Culture Reporting

First Place - Chey Scott, "Pretty in Plastic", *Inlander*,

Second Place - Charles Mudede, "How Jeff Bezos and Amazon Haunt the Dutch Golden Age: Artist Alex Sandvoss Puts a Baby-Faced Bezos Where He Longs to Be, at the Center of a Capitalistic 17th Century", *The Stranger*,

Writing - Medium: Breaking News

First Place - Audra Anderson, Ralph Schwartz, Charlotte Alden, "Terminal Building fire", *Cascadia Daily News*,

Second Place - Audra Anderson, Andy Bronson, Ralph Schwartz, "Lake Whatcom fire", *Cascadia Daily News*,

Writing - Medium: Business & Economics Reporting

First Place - Anthony Effinger, Lucas Manfield, "Junk Ambulances", *Willamette Week*,

Second Place - Anthony Effinger, "The Death List", *Willamette Week*,

Writing - Medium: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Peter Talbot, "Manuel Ellis trial", *Tacoma News Tribune*,

Second Place - Lucas Manfield, "Life in Hell", *Willamette Week*,

Writing - Medium: Editorial & Commentary

First Place - Rob Schubert , Hayley Day, Penny Rosenberg, “It's time to use Cowlitz County's millions earmarked to combat homelessness”, *The Daily News*.

Second Place - Ron Judd, Cynthia Pope, “CDN endorsements”, *Cascadia Daily News*,

Writing - Medium: Education Reporting

First Place - Laura Pappano, “The (mostly) Republican moms fighting to reclaim their Idaho school district from conservatives”, *The Hechinger Report*

Writing - Medium: Education Reporting

Second Place - Noemi Arellano-Summer, “We are teaching in a war zone!”, *The Bulletin*

Writing - Medium: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - Samantha Wohlfeil, “Diversity Defenders”, *Inlander*,

Writing - Medium: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Samantha Wohlfeil, “Out of Afghanistan”, *Inlander*

Second Place - Anthony Effinger, “They Left”, *Willamette Week*

Writing - Medium: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Janay Wright, “Guy's Grocery Games' reunites celebrity chef and his Redmond High teacher”, *The Bulletin*

Second Place - Janay Wright, “There's a new, underground fine dining experience in Bend”, *The Bulletin*

Writing - Medium: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Sophie Peel, “Up in Smoke”, *Willamette Week*

Second Place - Nigel Jaquiss, “Track Addicts”, *Willamette Week*

Writing - Medium: Health Reporting

First Place - Anna Kaminski , Winter Wagner, “Crisis Mode”, *Eugene Weekly*,

Second Place - Nigel Jaquiss, “Free Fall”, *Willamette Week*,

Writing - Medium: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Alexis Weisend, “"Fast and Furious" and "City of Eugene Ignores State Law on Camping"”, *Eugene Weekly*,

Second Place - Sophie Peel, “Strange Budfellows”, *Willamette Week*

Writing - Medium: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Anthony Effinger, “They Arrived”, *Willamette Week*,

Second Place - Becca Most, “Transgender Pride”, *Tacoma News Tribune*,

Writing - Medium: Poverty & Homelessness Reporting

First Place - Shea Johnson, “The Jungle”, *Tacoma News Tribune*

Second Place - Bryce Dole, “A former Bend mayor dies homeless”, *The Bulletin*

Writing - Medium: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Pei-Yu Lin, “Latino parents accuse North Kitsap schools of discrimination”, *Kitsap Sun*,

Second Place - Katie Fairbanks, “WA bill to address housing discrimination, including previously in some Longview neighborhoods”, *The Daily News*,

Writing - Medium: Review

First Place - Bennett Campbell Ferguson, “Sorce Code”, *Willamette Week*,

Writing - Medium: Series

First Place - Ralph Schwartz, Hailey Hoffman, Jenelle Baumbach, “Beyond Bars: The future of justice in Whatcom County”, *Cascadia Daily News*,

Second Place - Joseph O'Sullivan, “Joe O'Sullivan's coverage of "Legislative Privilege"”, *Capital Press*,

Writing - Medium: Sports Column

First Place - Steve Gress, Penny Rosenberg, “Steve Gress, sports columnist”, *Albany Democrat Herald/Corvallis Gazette-Times*

Second Place - Jordan Nailon, “Mark Morris boys laugh their way to State championship game”, *The Daily News*

Writing - Medium: Sports Feature

First Place - Meri-Jo Borzilleri, “Our Boys in the Boat”, *Cascadia Daily News*,

Second Place - Seth Sommerfeld, “Welcome to the Age of \$tudent Athlete\$”, *Inlander*,

Writing - Medium: Sports Reporting

First Place - John Stearns, “Speaking from Experience: Inside the Moyer Baseball Academy”, *425 Magazine*

Second Place - Dylan Wilhelm, “Rochester rules in Scatter Creek Showdown”, *The Chronicle*

Writing - Medium: Technology- & Science Reporting

First Place - Chey Scott, Daniel Walters, “Artificial Inception/Daniel vs. MechaDaniel”, *Inlander*,

Writing - Large: Arts & Culture Reporting

First Place - Steven Tonthat, “Revamp considered for Portland's Keller Auditorium after seismic report deems it unsafe”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Second Place - Steven Tonthat, “Eugene film festival spotlights Asian American and Pacific Islander stories”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Large: Breaking News

First Place - Joni Auden Land, “Dozens of homeless people displaced by Tillamook floods”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Jordan Hansen, Jonathan Tall, Aina de Lapparent Alvarez, Ta'Leah Van Sistine, Maya Tizon, “Stillaguamish River flood breaks record after 6 inches of rain, Why are Snohomish County rivers susceptible to flooding?, 'As the water recedes,' Snohomish County grapples with record flood”, *Everett Herald*,

Writing - Large: Business & Economics Reporting

First Place - April Ehrlich, "Oregon has an extreme housing shortage. Here's what could be done", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Sarah Wolf, Becca Robbins, "Stores suppress shoplifters", *The Columbian*,

Writing - Large: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Jessica Prokop, Becca Robbins, "Deaths fuel oversight questions; Records detail actions in disappearance, deaths of woman, girl; Aggravated murder charge planned by prosecutors for man accused in deaths of Melendez, daughter", *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Caleb Hutton, "'Relief and closure' for family of Spencer Island John Doe from 1979", *Everett Herald*,

Writing - Large: Editorial & Commentary

First Place - Colleen Keller, "Labor Day has worked its way to honored status; Website good tool, but child care still needs help; Respite beds for homeless compassionate, vital", *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Dyer Oxley, Stephen Howie, "Could ChatGPT write for Today So Far?", *KUOW*,

Writing - Large: Education Reporting

First Place - Ashley Hiruko, Isolde Raftery, "About the gun that killed a boy at Seattle's Ingraham High School", *KUOW*,

Second Place - Diana Opong, Liz Brazile, "A music teacher left two jobs following allegations of sexual harassment. Kent School District hired him anyway", *KUOW*,

Writing - Large: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - April Ehrlich, "For some Oregonians, losing 10 wolves to Colorado is complicated", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Zach Urness, "Corps of Engineers extreme water drawdown at the Oregon reservoirs", *Statesman Journal (Salem, Oregon)*,

Writing - Large: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Jonathan Levinaon, "Pilot accused of trying to shut down plane engines was afraid to report depression, colleagues say", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Alex Zielinski, Conrad Wilson, "Portland's protests made them friends. After the Normandale Park shooting, they became family.", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Writing - Large: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Monika Spykerman, "Freedom in fins", *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Steven Tonthat, "Video games at OHSU help kids cope during medical treatment", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Large: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Alex Zielinski, "Outgoing Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler has a chance to lead differently. Will he take it?", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Large: Government & Politics Reporting

Second Place - Dirk VanderHart, "Coverage of Oregon's record-breaking Capitol walkout", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Large: Health Reporting

First Place - Mia Ryder-Marks, "For people experiencing homelessness, health care can be out of reach; Bringing care to the streets", *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Eilis O'Neill, Liz Jones, "Opioids on the Peninsula", *KUOW*,

Writing - Large: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Emily Cureton Cook, "Crook County residents fear mining company polluted their water. Here's how Oregon investigated", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Ian Max Stevenson, "These foreign workers have some of the hardest jobs in Idaho. Are they mistreated, too?", *Idaho Statesman*,

Writing - Large: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Jonathan Levinson, "A new network of hate groups in the Pacific Northwest targets smaller Pride festivals", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Kayla Dunn, "We can't let hate scare us", *Everett Herald*,

Writing - Large: Poverty & Homelessness Reporting

First Place - Alex Zielinski, "How homelessness in Oregon started, grew and became a statewide crisis", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Sophia Gates, "Instead of helping us, they just want to put us in jail,' She feeds Everett's homeless; 'no sit' ban makes her mission harder, For those who lived through addiction, a split on whether jail can help", *Everett Herald*

Writing - Large: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Jonathan Levinson, "Public defenders sue Washington County over what they say is systemic courthouse racism", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*,

Second Place - Emily Cureton Cook, "Warm Springs Tribes challenge Deschutes County resort development over treaty rights", *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Large: Series

First Place - Becca Savransky, Asia Fields, "Idaho's Crumbling Schools", *Idaho Statesman*,

Second Place - Ruby de Luna, "State of the Cart", *KUOW*,

Writing - Large: Sports Column

First Place - Tim Martinez, "Another banner year at WSD; Cvitkovich has a lot to play for at Fort; Coming home to give back", *The Columbian*,

Writing - Large: Sports Feature

First Place - Meg Wochnick, "Ukrainian teens find solace in soccer", *The Columbian*

Second Place - Brandon Willman, "WSU volleyball's G.O.A.T through talent, dedication, humility: Magda Jehlárová", *The Daily Evergreen*

Writing - Large: Sports Reporting

First Place - Meg Wochnick, “Evergreen to cut athletic directors; Athletic directors react to layoffs”, *The Columbian*,

Second Place - Brandon Willman, “Volleyball coverage by Brandon Willman”, *The Daily Evergreen*

Writing - Large: Technology- & Science Reporting

First Place - Jes Burns, “A new 'Pied Piper' robot protects Oregon's vineyards from pests”, *Oregon Public Broadcasting*

Writing - Extra Large: Arts & Culture Reporting

First Place - Margo Vansynghel, “A Seattle artist and the auction frenzy that sparked an FBI tip”, *Cascade PBS*,

Second Place - Nathalie Graham, “At this Green Lake dive bar, karaoke is a cathartic, unifying experience”, *The Seattle Times*,

Writing - Extra Large: Breaking News

First Place - Maxine Bernstein, Austin De Dios, “GOOD SAM SHOOTING”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Writing - Extra Large: Business & Economics Reporting

First Place - Dominic Gates, Mark Nowlin, Jennifer Buchanan, “The last 747”, *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Mike Rogoway, “Cannabis crisis”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Writing - Extra Large: Crime & Law Enforcement Reporting

First Place - Esmy Jimenez, “The puzzling rise of defendants too sick to stand trial in WA”, *The Seattle Times*

Second Place - Maxine Bernstein, “Suspended licenses”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Writing - Extra Large: Editorial & Commentary

First Place - Therese Bottomly, “Letter from the Editor”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Naomi Ishisaka, “Stop, listen to voices for peace”, *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Education Reporting

First Place - Dahlia Bazzaz, Lauren Flannery, Katherine Long, “Segregation in Seattle Schools”, *The Seattle Times*

Second Place - Claire Bryan, “Pistols have no place at track meets, Ingraham students say”, *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Environment & Natural Disaster Reporting

First Place - Gosia Wozniacka, “Hidden toll of homelessness”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Iris Samuels, “As the climate warms, the face of Denali National Park changes”, *Anchorage Daily News*,

Writing - Extra Large: Feature- Hard News

First Place - Tom Hallman Jr., “The drowning”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Second Place - Esmy Jimenez, “How WA's mental health labyrinth claimed a life”, *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Feature- Soft News

First Place - Tom Hallman Jr., “Principal's Gift”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Second Place - Tan Vinh, “Tuesdays with Murray: 5 life lessons from a Seattle bartending folk hero”, *The Seattle Times*,

Writing - Extra Large: Government & Politics Reporting

First Place - Noelle Crombie, “Pappy Van Winkle scandal”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Second Place - Esmy Jimenez, “How WA's plan to transform its mental health system has faltered”, *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Health Reporting

First Place - Hannah Furfaro, Lauren Frohne, Jennifer Luxton, “Not Sick Enough”, *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Sydney Brownstone, Taylor Blatchford, “Lost Patients”, *The Seattle Times*,

Writing - Extra Large: Investigative Reporting

First Place - Farah Eltohamy, Mai Hoang, Genna Martin, “WA mobile home communities organize against 'economic eviction'”, *Cascade PBS*,

Second Place - Peter Robison, Priyanka Pulla, “No Testing, No Inspections: Contaminated Eyedrops Blinded and Killed Americans”, *Bloomberg News*,

Writing - Extra Large: LGBTQ+ Equity Reporting

First Place - Keely Larson, “'Tension Builds in Transgender Policy Debate in Montana'”, *Kaiser Health News*,

Second Place - Iris Samuels, Sean Maguire, “Dunleavy administration pushes for policy change to limit transgender kids in school sports”, *Anchorage Daily News*,

Writing - Extra Large: Poverty & Homelessness Reporting

First Place - Michelle Theriault Boots, Marc Lester, “Homeless below zero: After a man's death in a Fairbanks snowbank a city reckons with emergency shelter”, *Anchorage Daily News*

Second Place - Anna Patrick, “Fentanyl has devastated King County's homeless population”, *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Racial Equity Reporting

First Place - Fedor Zarkhin, “Forgotten Four”, *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Alexandra Yoon-Hendricks, “Renton brothers seek reparations decades after sale of family land”, *The Seattle Times*,

Writing - Extra Large: Review

First Place - Tan Vinh, “The top 30 best tacos in Western Washington. Our food critic ate 500 tacos to come up with this list”, *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Chase Hutchinson, “The Zone of Interest Review”, *IGN.com*

Writing - Extra Large: Series

First Place - Jayati Ramakrishnan, Sami Edge, Nicole Hayden, "Oregon's mental health crisis", *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Second Place - Fedor Zarkhin, "The Forgotten Four", *The Oregonian/OregonLive*,

Writing - Extra Large: Sports Column

First Place - Geoff Baker, "Inside The NHL columns", *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Bill Oram, "Columns by Bill Oram", *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Writing - Extra Large: Sports Feature

First Place - Mike Vorel, "UW folk hero Joe Jarzynka's last hurrah - and his family's path forward", *The Seattle Times*,

Second Place - Scott Hanson, "How Ben Arbuckle went from punching numbers and delivering food to WSU coordinator at age 27", *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Sports Reporting

First Place - Geoff Baker, "Reports on mysterious disappearance of Colorado Avalanche star Valeri Nichushkin from Kraken playoff series", *The Seattle Times*

Writing - Extra Large: Technology- & Science Reporting

First Place - Matt Day, "Inside Amazon's Effort to Challenge Musk's Starlink Internet Business", *Bloomberg News*,

Second Place - Kate Kaye, "Portland Adopts Surveillance Policy, As Police Discuss Drone Trial", *Bloomberg News*,

GENERAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Audio - Small: General Excellence

Brian Bull, Tiffany Eckert, Love Cross, Nathan Wilk, Chrissy Ewald, “KLCC entry for General Excellence”, *KLCC*

Audio - Large: General Excellence

Chris Morgan, Matt Martin, Patricia Murphy, Libby Denkman, David Hyde, “KUOW General Excellence Audio”, *KUOW*

Magazine: General Excellence

Lisa Patterson, Joanna Kresge, Blake Peterson, John Stearns, Stephanie Quiroz, “May 2023 Issue”, *425 Magazine*,

Video - Small: General Excellence

Emily Goodell, Alyssa Warner, Rylee Fitzgerald, Madeline Hagen, Erin Wencil, “General Excellence Submission, March 2023 KAPP/KVEW”, *KAPP/KVEW*,

Video - Large: General Excellence

Tracy Sabo, Alaska's News Source Staff, “General Excellence: Alaska's News Source”, *Alaska's News Source*

Writing - Small: General Excellence

Andrew Kitchenman, Claire Stremple, James Brooks, Yereth Rosen, Sophia Carlisle, “Alaska Beacon”, *Alaska Beacon*

Writing - Medium: General Excellence

Lucas Manfield, Nigel Jaquiss, Sophie Peel, Anthony Effinger, Rachel Saslow, “May 2023 Outstanding Work”, *Willamette Week*

Writing - Large: General Excellence

Ruby de Luna, Monica Nickelsburg, John Ryan, David Hyde, Gustavo Sagrero Alvarez, “KUOW General Excellence”, *KUOW*,

Writing - Extra Large: General Excellence

Cascade PBS Staff, “Cascade PBS 2023 General Excellence Entry”, *Cascade PBS*