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— 2018 —

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OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM



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The Kiplinger Program, named for W. M. "Kip" Kiplinger, was established in 1972 at Ohio State University with a gift from Austin Kiplinger, the longtime editor-in-chief of Kiplinger publishing, to memorialize his father's contributions to journalism. Begun as a one-year fellowship, the program evolved in 2011 into a week-long program of intense training in data journalism, mobile video and social media, aimed at mid-career journalists.

In 2018, the program and its endowment are moving to Ohio University in Athens, Ohio.

To learn more about the program, visit kiplingerprogram.org.

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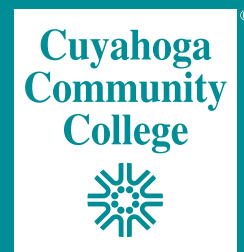
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Tom McKee:
Winner of three
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Evan Millward:
Winner of two
second-place honors

Congratulations

to all the winners of this year's
Ohio Society of Professional Journalists Awards

And a special thank you to Tom McKee and Evan Millward for your continued outstanding work in providing excellence in journalism in Greater Cincinnati.

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COLIN HASS-HILL

First Place – Best College Opinion Writing
First Place – Best College Feature Writing
First Place – Best College Sports Writing
+ Second Place – Best College Sports Writing
Second Place – Best College Opinion Writing
Second Place – Best College Feature Writing

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THE LANTERN First Place – Best College Newspaper: Non-Daily



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Congratulations to winners of Ohio's Best Journalism awards for 2018, coordinated by the Central Ohio, Cincinnati, and Cleveland Professional Chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists. The 308 winning entries were selected from 645 submissions. All winners are listed in this program. They are also available for viewing at our competition website – www.ohiospjawards.org. Many thanks to Brandon Pence, of Studio Pence, for contest digital work and data administration.

Contest categories included large circulation print (75,000 or greater), small circulation print (fewer than 75,000), radio, television, digital media, trade organizations, freelance and college. Best of Show distinctions were awarded in all categories except college. Entries were for work done in 2017.

A special thank you to dozens of judges from The Top of the Rockies awards contest (Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Wyoming), who judged entries from newspapers, magazines, websites and radio and television stations from throughout the state. The Central Ohio, Cincinnati and Cleveland chapters reciprocated by judging their contest this spring. Many thanks to all of our SPJ members and journalists throughout the state for judging.

Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to all journalists and their media outlets for the continued support of our contest. Your participation benefits scholarship programs administered by the Ohio SPJ chapters, as well as programming for journalists throughout our state.

We're already making plans for our 2019 contest. Watch your inbox and visit ohiospjawards.org for details about the 2019 contest soon.

Ohio's Best Journalism Advisory Committee

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- 6 PRINT**
(75,000+ circulation)
Winners and Best of Show
- 10 PRINT**
(Less than 75,000 circulation)
Winners and Best of Show
- 12 TRADE PUBLICATION**
Winners and Best of Show
- 13 TELEVISION**
(All markets)
Winners and Best of Show
- 14 RADIO**
(All markets)
Winners and Best of Show
- 15 DIGITAL MEDIA**
Winners and Best of Show
- 16 FREELANCE**
Winners and Best of Show
- 17 COLLEGE**
Winners and Best of Show

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Kyle Robertson, *The Columbus Dispatch*
BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF
SHOW FIRST, print 75,000+

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Best Anchor
Best Criminal Justice Reporting
Best Documentary
Best Documentary
Best Education Issues Reporting, K-12
Best Editor
Best Environment Reporting
Best Feature Reporting
Best Health Care Feature Reporting
Best Medical / Health Reporting
Best Minority Issues Coverage
Best Public Affairs Program
Best Education Issues Reporting, K-12

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FIRST PLACE:

Bill Rinehart – Best Investigative Reporting
Ann Thompson – Best Spot News
Tana Weingartner – Best Enterprise Reporting

SECOND PLACE:

Pete Rightmire, Mark Heyne, Selena Reder – Best Public Affairs Program
Bill Rinehart – Best Spot News
Ann Thompson – Best Continuing Coverage
Tana Weingartner – Best Criminal Justice Reporting, Best Reporter, Best General Assignment Reporting
Maryanne Zeleznik – Best Anchor
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BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – Theodore Decker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

PRINT WINNERS

Newspapers (Circulation 75,000+)

Best Arts Profile

FIRST: Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Clint O'Connor, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Malcolm Abram, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Business Profile

FIRST: Emily Williams, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award

Best Business Reporting

FIRST: Betty Lin-Fisher and Amanda Garrett, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: Janet Cho, *The Plain Dealer*

Best Children's Issues Reporting

FIRST: JoAnne Viviano, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: No Award



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – Kyle Robertson, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Mark Williams and JD Malone, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Betty Lin-Fisher, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Beth Burger, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Daniel Sewell, *APNews.com*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Education Issues Reporting, Higher Education

FIRST: Kate Murphy, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
SECOND: Jennifer Smola, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Education Issues Reporting, K-12

FIRST: Bill Bush, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Hannah Sparling and Keith Biery Golick, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Environment Reporting

FIRST: Marion Renault, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Thomas Henry, *The Blade*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: Mark Ferenchik, Rita Price and Joshua A. Bickel, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Dan Gearino and Doral Chenoweth III, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Rita Price, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Carol Motsinger, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: Jackie Borchardt, *Cleveland.com*
SECOND: Doug Livingston, *Akron Beacon Journal*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 75,000 – Kyle Robertson, *The Columbus Dispatch*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print over 75,000 – Joshua Bickel, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Headline Writing

FIRST: Mark J. Price, *Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: Heather Denniss, *The Blade*

Best Human Interest Writing

FIRST: Amanda Garrett, *Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: James Pilcher, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Mark Gokavi and Josh Sweigart, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Medical/Science Reporting

FIRST: Anne Saker, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Barrie Barber, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: Mark Curnutte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



BEST PUBLIC SERVICE JOURNALISM, FIRST, print over 75,000 – Katie Wedell, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Newsmaker Profile

FIRST: Holly Zachariah, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Stephanie Warsmith, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Political Commentary

FIRST: Kevin Aldridge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Darrel Rowland, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Political Reporting

FIRST: Jason Williams, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Doug Livingston, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Public Records Use

FIRST: Randy Ludlow, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: James Pilcher, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Public Service Journalism

FIRST: Katie Wedell, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Mike Wagner and Lucas Sullivan, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Betty Lin-Fisher,
Akron Beacon Journal

Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing

FIRST: Julia Oller, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: No Award

Best Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Rita Price, Mark Ferenchik and Joshua A. Bickel, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Mark Curnutte, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Sports Profile

FIRST: Zach Buchanan, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: C. Trent Rosecrans, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Adam Jardy, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Marla Ridenour, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Website

FIRST: *Dispatch.com*, staff, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: *Cincinnati.com*, staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

BEST OF SHOW PRINT

Newspapers (Circulation 75,000+)

Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Theodore Decker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Bob Dyer, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Critic in Ohio

FIRST: Clint O'Connor, *Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Daily Newspaper

FIRST: *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: *Akron Beacon Journal*



BEST ARTS PROFILE FIRST, print under 75,000 – Kelly Petryszyn, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Defense of First Amendment

FIRST: Randy Ludlow, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: No Award

Best Graphic Designer

FIRST: Justin Gilbert, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Edna Jakubowski, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Page One Design

FIRST: Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Mark Turner, *Akron Beacon Journal*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Kyle Robertson, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Joshua Bickel, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Amanda Garrett, *Akron Beacon Journal*

SECOND: Holly Zachariah, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Special Publication

FIRST: John Hancock and Sarah Bennett, *Dayton Business Journal*

SECOND: No Award

Best Special Section

FIRST: Kelly Lecker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: No Award

Best Videographer

FIRST: Carrie Cochran, *Cincinnati.com*

SECOND: Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

PRINT WINNERS

(Circulation Under 75,000)

Best Arts Profile

FIRST: Kelly Petryszyn, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: Michael C. Butz, *Canvas, Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: Linda Feagler, *Ohio Magazine*

SECOND: Michael C. Butz, *Canvas, Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Business Profile

FIRST: Chris Gaitten, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Stan Bullard, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Business Reporting

FIRST: Barrett Brunsman, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: Steve Watkins, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

Best Children’s Issues Reporting

FIRST: Daniel Carson, *The News-Messenger*

SECOND: Angela Gartner, *Northeast Ohio Parent*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Jona Ison, *Chillicothe Gazette*

SECOND: Vanessa Enoch, Dan Yount and Liz Brazile, *The Cincinnati Herald*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: Bob Jacob, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: No Award

Best Education Issues Reporting, Higher Ed

FIRST: Rachel Abbey McCafferty, *Crain’s Cleveland Business*

SECOND: Amanda Koehn, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Education Issues Reporting, K-12

FIRST: Amanda Koehn, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: Marla Kuhlman, *ThisWeek Community News*

Best Environment Reporting

FIRST: Daniel Carson, *The News-Messenger*

SECOND: No Award

Best Explanatory Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: Dave Ghose, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Alive*

SECOND: Catie Noyes, *Farm and Dairy*

Best Government Reporting

FIRST: Andrew King, *ThisWeek Community News*

SECOND: No Award

Best Headline Writing

FIRST: Bob Jacob, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: No Award

Best Human Interest Writing

FIRST: Dave Ghose, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Erica Thompson, *Columbus Alive*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Spencer Remoquillo and Trista Thurston, *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette*

SECOND: Jona Ison, *Chillicothe Gazette*

Best Media Criticism

FIRST: Cliff Anthony, *The News-Herald*

SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Science Reporting

FIRST: Chris Gaitten, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Barrett Brunsman, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Elaine Guregian, *Ignite*

SECOND: James Bigley II, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Newsmaker Profile

FIRST: Suzanne Goldsmith, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Andy Downing and Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Alive*

Best Public Service Journalism

FIRST: Amanda Koehn, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: Andy Downing and Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Alive*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*



BEST PAGE ONE DESIGN, print under 75,000 – Kevin Cox, *Cincinnati Business Courier*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print under 75,000 – Rob Hardin, *Columbus Alive*



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – Regina Brett, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: Amanda Koehn, *Jstyle, Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: Alyssa Schmitt, *Bar-Bat Mitzvah, Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Rock and Roll Commentary/Best Music Review

FIRST: Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

SECOND: Ginny McCabe, *Journal-News*

Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing

FIRST: Timothy Magaw, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

SECOND: Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

Best Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Chris Gaitten, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Chris Mosby, *Patch.com*

Best Sports Profile

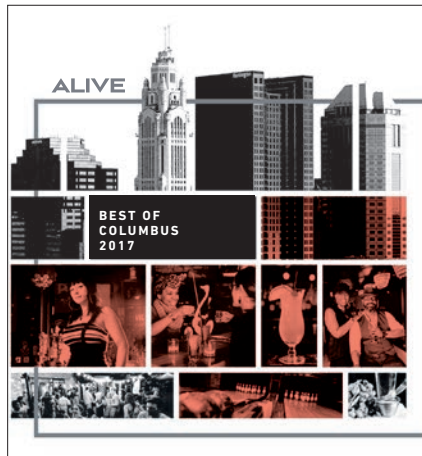
FIRST: Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

SECOND: Kevin Kleps, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Kevin Kleps, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

SECOND: Steve Watkins, *Cincinnati Business Courier*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 75,000 – Matthew Bailey, *Columbus Alive*

Best Website

FIRST: Staff, *Ohiomagazine.com*

SECOND: Sara Welch, Jordan Roberts and Tammy Reese, *Farmanddairy.com*

BEST OF SHOW PRINT

Newspapers (Circulation Under 75,000)

Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Regina Brett, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: Mark Froelich, *The Crescent-News*

Best Critic in Ohio

FIRST: Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

SECOND: Kim Schneider, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: Matthew Bailey, *Columbus Alive*

SECOND: Maria Amador, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Monthly in Ohio

FIRST: *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: *614 Magazine*

Best Page One Design

FIRST: Kevin Cox, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: David Kordalski, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*

SECOND: Rob Hardin, *Columbus Alive*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Sheehan Hannan, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: Michael Cooper, *Springfield News-Sun*

Best Special Publication

FIRST: Travis Hoewischer, Michael Cooper, Jeni Ruisch and Dustin Goebel, *614 Magazine*

SECOND: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Special Section

FIRST: David Kordalski, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

SECOND: Staff, *Columbus CEO*

Best Videographer

FIRST: Molly Corfman, *The News-Messenger*

SECOND: Mark Froelich, *The Crescent-News*

Best Weekly Newspaper

FIRST: *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: *Crain's Cleveland Business*

TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

Best Cover Design

FIRST: Maria Alejandra Zanetta and Branden Vondrak, *Ignite*, Northeast Ohio Medical University

SECOND: David Hartong and Aimee Tenzek, *Farm and Dairy*

Best Department

FIRST: Elaine Guregian, *Ignite*, Northeast Ohio Medical University

SECOND: Michael von Glahn and Monica Doud, *Collegiate Market Watch*, *The College Store*

Best Feature Design

FIRST: Monica Doud, *The College Store*
SECOND: Guy Kelly and Corinne Minard, *Cincy Magazine*

Best General Story

FIRST: RJ Smith and Beth Taylor, *Super Lawyers Magazine*
SECOND: Elaine Guregian, *Ignite*, Northeast Ohio Medical University

Best Personality Profile

FIRST: Jenny Burman and Beth Taylor, *Super Lawyers Magazine*
SECOND: Bruce Meyer, *Rubber & Plastics News*

Best Trade Publication Website

FIRST: Staff, *Canvas*, *Cleveland Jewish News*, *Canvascle.com*
SECOND: Erin Pustay Beaven, *Rubber & Plastics News*, *Rubbernews.com*

Best Trade Report

FIRST: Susan Crowell, Chris Kick, Catie Noyes, Katy Mumaw, Aimee Tenzek and David Hartong, *Farm and Dairy*
SECOND: Dan Angelo, Daniel J. Pender and Alison Stern-Dunyak, *The College Store*

BEST OF SHOW TRADE PUBLICATIONS WINNERS

Best Trade Columnist in Ohio
FIRST: Susan Crowell, *Farm and Dairy*
SECOND: Michael von Glahn, *The College Store*

Best Trade Publication in Ohio
FIRST: Staff, *The College Store*
SECOND: Staff, *Canvas*, *Cleveland Jewish News*

FARM and DAIRY
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

Community supports Pa. auctioneer

Obamacare overhaul is a failure

Teach children important life lessons

Read It Again

Get Social With Us!

BEST TRADE COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – Susan Crowell, *Farm and Dairy*

TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Consumer Reporting
FIRST: Brooks Jarosz, *ABC 6 On Your Side*
SECOND: Rachel Murray and Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

Best Continuing Coverage
FIRST: Kelly Frank and Staff, *WBNS-10TV*
SECOND: Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting
FIRST: Bennett Haeberle, Joel Chow, Chris Kettler, Dorian DiBartolomeo and Shawn Hoder, *WBNS-10TV*
SECOND: Caryn Golden and Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

Best Documentary
FIRST: Lance Shultz, *WVIZ/PBS ideastream*
SECOND: No Award

Best Education Issues Reporting, K-12
FIRST: Mark Urycki, *WVIZ/PBS ideastream*
SECOND: No Award

The College Store
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

12th Annual STORE DESIGN SHOWCASE
The Art of Collegiate Retail, p. 20.

PLUS
The ROI of a Redo
Pitching Your Project Up the Ladder
NEXT IN RETAIL TECH
CAMEX Preview
Pullout No. 1

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – Staff, *The College Store*

Best Enterprise Reporting
FIRST: Duane Pohlman, Tim Geraghty, Andy Adams, and Nick Pantazi, *WKRC-TV*
SECOND: Katie Ferrell and Jason Dille, *WCMH-NBC4*

Best Environment Reporting
FIRST: Duane Pohlman, Tim Geraghty and Eric Frisbee, *WKRC-TV*
SECOND: Mark Urycki, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*

Best Feature Reporting
FIRST: Bryant Somerville and Chris Blake, *WBNS-10TV*
SECOND: Evan Millward, *WCPO-TV*

Best General Assignment Reporting
FIRST: Maia Belay *WJW-TV / Fox 8 News*
SECOND: Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

Best Government Reporting
FIRST: Duane Pohlman, Tim Geraghty and Nick Pantazi, *WKRC-TV*
SECOND: Jo Ingles, Andy Chow and Daniel Konik, *Ideastream/statenews.org/Ohio PBS stations*

Best Health Care Feature Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*

SECOND: Kevin Landers and Ryan Hitchcock, *WBNS-10TV*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Jerry Revish, Joel Chow and Bennett Haeberle, *WBNS-10TV*

SECOND: Brooks Jarosz, Matthew Spurrier and Ben Frecker, *ABC 6 / Fox 28*

Best Medical/Health Reporting

FIRST: Bennett Haeberle, Joel Chow and Chris Kettler, *WBNS-10TV*

SECOND: Evan Millward, *WCPO*

Best Minority Issues Coverage

FIRST: Robert Busby, Courtis Fuller and Jeff Moran, *WLWT-TV*

SECOND: Dennis Knowles, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Robert Busby, Vanessa Richardson and Bill Hager, *WLWT-TV*

SECOND: Tom McKee, *WCPO-TV*

Best Spot News

FIRST: Adam Marshall and Nathan Davis, *WHIO-TV*

SECOND: Kelly Frank and Staff, *WBNS-10-TV*

Best Website

FIRST: Michael King, Andy Long, Joe Clark, Michelle Rotuno-Johnson and Rachel Gribble, *Nbc4i.com, WCMH-NBC4*

SECOND: Dan Gialluca and Brad Bader, *10tv.com, WBNS-10TV*

BEST OF SHOW TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Anchor

FIRST: Rick Jackson, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*

SECOND: No Award

Best Editor

FIRST: Robert Busby, *WLWT-TV*

SECOND: Mary Fecteau, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*



BEST REPORTER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV*



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Rick Jackson, *WVIZ / PBS ideastream*

Best News Operation

FIRST: Dave Ciliberti, *WCMH-NBC4*

SECOND: Dave Bennallack, *WHIO-TV*

Best Newscast

FIRST: Nick Petrellow, *WCMH-NBC4*

SECOND: Quincy Wallace and Kristi Derocher, *WHIO-TV*

Best Producer

FIRST: Allison Hammond, *WDTN-TV*

SECOND: Amy Frederick,

WHIO-TV

Best Public Affairs Program

FIRST: Robert Busby, Alexis Rogers, Jeff Moran and Courtis Fuller, *WLWT-TV*

SECOND: Karen Kasler, Andy Chow, Jo Ingles and Daniel Konik, *Ideastream/statenews.org/Ohio PBS stations*

Best Reporter

FIRST: Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV*

SECOND: Amani Abraham, *WKYC-TV*

Best Videographer

FIRST: Ali Ghanbari, *WJW-TV*

SECOND: Byron Stirsman, *WHIO-TV*

RADIO WINNERS

Best Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Kabir Bhatia, *WKSU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: Jeff St. Clair, M.L. Schultze and Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*

SECOND: Ann Thompson, *WVXU*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Matt Richmond, *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

Best Documentary

FIRST: Tony Ganzer and Nick Castele, *WKSU*

SECOND: M.L. Schultze, *WKSU*

Best Education Issues Reporting: K-12

FIRST: Ashton Marra, *WCPN ideastream*

SECOND: No Award

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: Tana Weingartner, *WXVU*

SECOND: No Award

Best Environment Reporting
FIRST: Elizabeth Miller, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: Andy Chow, *Ideastream/statenews.org/Ohio NPR stations*

Best Feature Reporting
FIRST: Adrian Ma, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: Adora Namigadde, *WOSU*

Best General Assignment Reporting
FIRST: M.L. Schultze, Kabir Bhatia and Tim Rudell, *WKSU*
SECOND: Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

Best Government Reporting
FIRST: M.L. Schultze, Mark Arehart, Kabir Bhatia, *WVXU*
SECOND: Karen Kasler, Jo Ingles and Andy Chow, *Ideastream/statenews.org/Ohio NPR stations*

Best Health Care Feature Reporting
FIRST: Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*
SECOND: Karen Kasler, Jo Ingles and Andy Chow, *Ideastream/statenews.org/Ohio NPR stations*

Best Investigative Reporting
FIRST: Bill Rinehart, *WVXU*
SECOND: No Award

Best Medical/Health Reporting
FIRST: Lecia Bushak, Nick Castele and Marlene Harris-Taylor, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU*

Best Minority Issues Reporting
FIRST: Mike McIntyre and Rachel Rood, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: Adora Namigadde, *WOSU*

Best Sports Reporting
FIRST: Terry Pluto and Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*
SECOND: No Award

Best Spot News
FIRST: Ann Thompson, *WVXU*
SECOND: Bill Rinehart, *WVXU*

Best Website
FIRST: Gabriel Rosenberg, *WOSU, radio.wosu.org*
SECOND: Chuck Poulton, Andrew Meyer and M.L. Schultze, *WKSU, wksu.org*

BEST OF SHOW RADIO WINNERS

Best Anchor
FIRST: Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU*
SECOND: Maryanne Zeleznik, *WVXU*

Best News Operation
FIRST: Amanda Rabinowitz, M.L. Schultze, Kabir Bhatia, Jeff St. Clair, Tim Rudell, Mark Arehart and News Staff, *WKSU*
SECOND: News Team, *WVXU*

Best Newscast
FIRST: Amanda Rabinowitz and Kabir Bhatia, *WKSU*
SECOND: Maryanne Zeleznik, *WVXU*

Best Public Affairs Program
FIRST: Leigh Barr, *WCPN ideastream*
SECOND: Pete Rightmire, Mark Heyne and Selena Reder, *WVXU*

Best Reporter
FIRST: M.L. Schultze, *WKSU*
SECOND: Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*



BEST REPORTER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, RADIO – Amanda Rabinowitz, WKSU



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, RADIO – M.L. Schultze, WKSU

DIGITAL MEDIA WINNERS

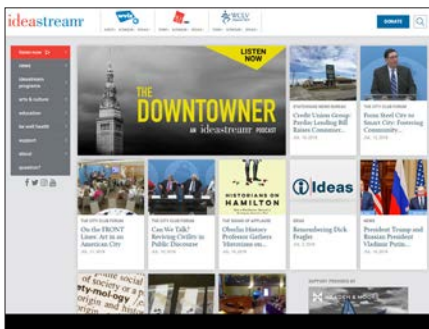
Best Arts/Entertainment Story
FIRST: Kris Sproles, Jim Hannah and Erin Pence, *wright.edu/news*
SECOND: Carrie Wise and Mary Fecteau, *ideastream.org*

Best Blog Post (news organization)
FIRST: Kevin Kleps, *Crain's Cleveland Business*
SECOND: No Award

Best Business/Tech Story
FIRST: Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Midwest Energy News*
SECOND: Susan Post, *TheMetropreneur.com*

Best Editorial Writing
FIRST: Lauren Sega, *ColumbusUnderground.com*
SECOND: No award

Best Feature
FIRST: Gabriel Rosenberg, *WOSU*
SECOND: Zack Meisel, *Cleveland.com*



BEST GENERAL NEWS SITE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA — Staff, *Ideastream.org*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA – Matt Ellis, *ColumbusUnderground.com*

Best Headline Writing

FIRST: Gabriel Rosenberg, *WOSU*
SECOND: Lois Bowers, *McKnightsSeniorLiving.com*

Best Medical/Science Story

FIRST: Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Midwest Energy News*
SECOND: Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Midwest Energy News*

Best News Story

FIRST: Beth A. Mlady, *Cleveland.com*
SECOND: Beth A. Mlady, *Cleveland.com*

Best Overall Blog (independent)

FIRST: Jack Greiner, <https://graydon.law/category/jack-out-of-the-box/>
SECOND: Kevin Smith, *Kiplinger*

Best Overall Blog (news organization)

FIRST: Kevin Kleps, *Crain's Cleveland Business*
SECOND: No Award

Best Photography

FIRST: Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*
SECOND: Lillian Dent, *ColumbusUnderground.com*

Best Videographer

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SECOND: Courtney Hergesheimer, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Specialized Journalism Site

FIRST: Staff, *ideastream.org*
SECOND: Gabriel Rosenberg and Nick Houser, *WOSU*

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Best General News Site

FIRST: Staff, *Ideastream.org*
SECOND: Gabriel Rosenberg, *WOSU, radio.wosu.org*

Best Online Still Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Matt Ellis, *ColumbusUnderground.com*
SECOND: Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

FREELANCE WINNERS

FREELANCE PRINT

(Circulation 75,000+)

Best Arts Review

FIRST: Annie Zaleski, *The Plain Dealer / Cleveland.com*
SECOND: No Award

Best Criticism/Editorial

FIRST: Richard M. Perloff, *Cleveland.com*
SECOND: No Award

Best Investigative Reporting (story or series)

FIRST: Ginny McCabe (with editing by Ben Klayman, Frances Kerry and Dan Grebler), *Reuters*
SECOND: No Award

Best Newswriting

FIRST: Ginny McCabe (with additional reporting, writing and editing by Timothy McLaughlin, Jonathan Oatis and Bernard Orr), *Reuters*
SECOND: No Award

BEST OF SHOW FREELANCE LARGE PRINT WINNER

Best Freelance Writer

FIRST: Ginny McCabe (with additional writing and editing by Timothy McLaughlin, Ben Klayman and Lisa Shumaker), *Reuters*
SECOND: No Award

FREELANCE PRINT

(Circulation Under 75,000)

Best Arts Review

FIRST: James D. Partin, *CincinnatiGazette.com*
SECOND: Ginny McCabe, *Journal-News*

BEST OF SHOW FREELANCE SMALL PRINT WINNER

Best Freelance Writer

FIRST: Mya Frazier, *Body of Work*
SECOND: Vince Guerrieri, *Body of Work*

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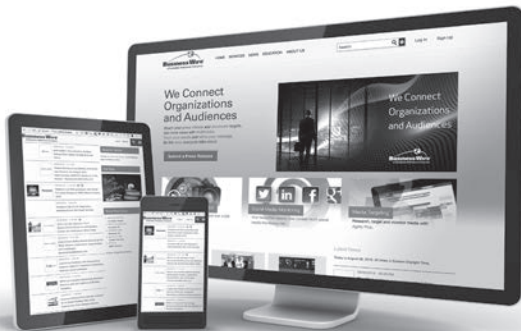
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