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*Best College Feature Writing*

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*Best College Newspaper: Non-Daily*

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## FIRST PLACE

**Maryanne Zeleznik** – Best Anchor

**Tana Weingartner** – Best Criminal Justice Reporting, Best Minority Issues Coverage, Best Spot News, Best Education Issues Reporting

**Ann Thompson** – Best Business Reporting

**Howard Wilkinson** – Best Blog

**WVXU News Team** – Best Newscast, Best Website

## SECOND PLACE

**Tana Weingartner** – Best Enterprise Reporting, Best Reporter

**Ambriehl Crutchfield** – Best Education Issues Reporting

**Cincinnati Edition** – Best Public Affairs Program



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Contest categories included large circulation print (60,000 or greater), small circulation print (fewer than 60,000), radio, television, digital media, trade publications, freelance and college. *Best of Show* distinctions were awarded in all categories except college. Entries were for work done in 2019.

A special thank you to dozens of journalists/judges from the Northwest Excellence in Journalism Contest (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho), who judged entries from newspapers, digital publications, magazines, websites, radio and television stations, and colleges from throughout the state. The Central Ohio, Cincinnati and Cleveland chapters reciprocated by judging the NEIJ contest earlier this year. 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. Judges from Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho acknowledged and praised the high quality of work submitted by Ohio journalists this year. We have much to celebrate!

Your participation advances our profession, and supports scholarship programs administered by the Ohio SPJ chapters, as well as programming for journalists throughout our state.

We're already making plans for our 2021 contest. Watch your inbox and visit [ohiospjawards.org](http://ohiospjawards.org) for details about the 2021 contest soon.

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BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Holly Zachariah, *The Columbus Dispatch*

## LARGE PRINT WINNERS (CIRCULATION OVER 60,000)

### Best Arts Reporting

**FIRST:** Ken Gordon, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Business Reporting

**FIRST:** Janet H. Cho, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Jackie Borchardt, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

### Best Children's Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Mark Curnutte, Albert Cesare, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**SECOND:** Rachel Dissell, *The Plain Dealer*

### Best Consumer Reporting

**FIRST:** Liz Dufour, James Pilcher, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**SECOND:** Mark Williams, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Criminal Justice Reporting

**FIRST:** John Caniglia, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Allison Dunn, *The Blade*

### Best Deadline Reporting

**FIRST:** Jeremy P. Kelley, Staff, *Dayton Daily News*

**SECOND:** Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Education Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Patrick O'Donnell, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Alissa Widman Neese, *The Columbus Dispatch*



BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – *Dayton Daily News*

### Best Explanatory Journalism

**FIRST:** Rita Price, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Feature Reporting

**FIRST:** Michael McIntyre, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Michael Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Government Reporting**

**FIRST:** Jessie Balmert, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**SECOND:** Laura Bischoff, *Dayton Daily News*

**Best Headline Writing**

**FIRST:** William “Skip” Hall, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** Rachel Dissell, Andrea Simakis, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Liz Dufour, Robert Strickley Jr., Kate Murphy, James Pilcher, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**Best Medical/Science Reporting**

**FIRST:** Anne Saker, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**SECOND:** Megan Henry, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Minority Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Julie Carr Smyth, Rhonda Shafner, *Associated Press*

**SECOND:** Jevonte Anderson, *The Blade*

**Best Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** Liz Skalka, *The Blade*

**SECOND:** Julie Carr Smyth, Joshua Boak, *Associated Press*

**Best Public Service Journalism**

**FIRST:** Jordyn Grzelewski, *The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

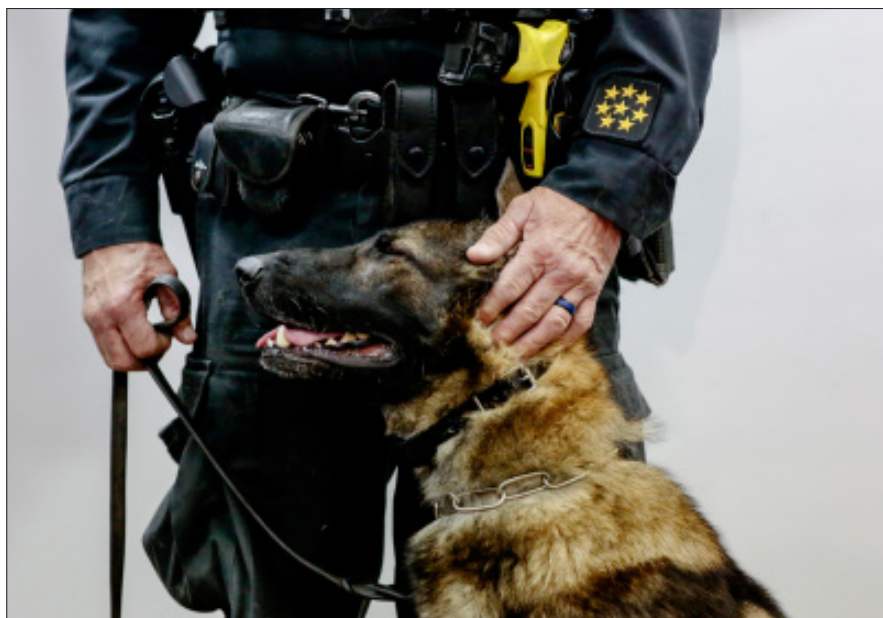
**Best Religion Reporting**

**FIRST:** Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** No Award



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Lisa DeJong, *The Plain Dealer*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print over 60,000 – Joshua A. Bickel, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing/Commentary/Review**

**FIRST:** Dan Sewell, John Minchillo, Angie Wang, *Associated Press*

**SECOND:** Chuck Yarborough, *The Plain Dealer*

**Best Social Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Holly Zachariah, Mike Wagner, Bethany Bruner, Jim Woods, Doug Caruso, Rebecca Reis, Doral Chenoweth, Kyle Robertson, Patrick Cooley, Scot Kirk, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** Josh Sweigart, Chris Stewart, *Dayton Daily News*







## Best Feature Reporting

**FIRST:** Jacqueline Mitchell, *ScriptType Publishing*  
**SECOND:** Katy Smith, *Columbus CEO*

## Best Government Reporting

**FIRST:** Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*  
**SECOND:** Jacqueline Mitchell, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, *ScriptType Publishing*

## Best Investigative Reporting

**FIRST:** Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*  
**SECOND:** Staff, *The Press*

## Best Medical / Science Reporting

**FIRST:** Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*  
**SECOND:** Daniel Carson, *The News-Messenger (Fremont)*

## Best Minority Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Chris Gaitten, *Columbus Monthly*  
**SECOND:** Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

## Best Religion Reporting

**FIRST:** Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*  
**SECOND:** Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*

## Best Rock and Roll Feature Writing/Commentary/Music Review

**FIRST:** Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*  
**SECOND:** No Award

## Best Social Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Andy Downing, Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Alive*  
**SECOND:** Tristan Navera, *Columbus Business First*

## Best Website

**FIRST:** Staff, *www.springfieldnewssun.com*  
**SECOND:** Andy Downing, Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Alive*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Betsy Becker, *Columbus Monthly*



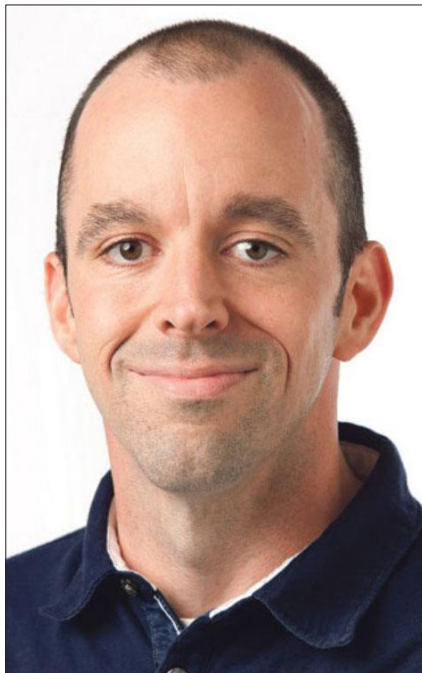
BEST MONTHLY, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Brad Mitchell, Angela Gartner, Denise Koeth, Sherry Lundberg, Staff, *Northeast Ohio Parent*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Nick Graham, *(Hamilton) Journal News*



BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Doug Buchanan, *Columbus Business First*



BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Rini Jeffers



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print under 60,000 – Bill Lackey, *Springfield News-Sun*

### **BEST OF SHOW SMALL PRINT WINNERS** (CIRCULATION UNDER 60,000)

#### **Best Columnist**

**FIRST:** Rini Jeffers

**SECOND:** Masha Kisel, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*

#### **Best Graphic Designer**

**FIRST:** Betsy Becker, *Columbus Monthly*

**SECOND:** Alyse Pasternak, *Dispatch Magazines*

#### **Best Monthly**

**FIRST:** Brad Mitchell, Angela Gartner, Denise Koeth, Sherry Lundberg, Designers and Editorial Freelance Staff, *Northeast Ohio Parent*

**SECOND:** *Cleveland Magazine*  
**SECOND:** *Columbus Monthly*

#### **Best Page One Design**

**FIRST:** John Lauer, *Columbus Business First*

**SECOND:** No Award

#### **Best Photographer**

**FIRST:** Nick Graham, (*Hamilton*) *Journal News*

**SECOND:** Bill Lackey, *Springfield News-Sun*

#### **Best Reporter in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Andy Downing, *Columbus Alive*

**SECOND:** Suzanne Goldsmith, *Columbus Monthly*

#### **Best Special Publication**

**FIRST:** Ellen J. Kleinerman, Maureen Bole, Julie Hullett, Samantha Cottrill, Tim Tedeschi, Geoff Powers, Tanner Mondok, Sue Reid, *Chagrin Valley Times*

**SECOND:** Staff, *Cincy Magazine*

#### **Best Weekly Newspaper**

**FIRST:** Doug Buchanan, *Columbus Business First*

**SECOND:** Andy Downing, Joel Oliphint, Erica Thompson, Jim Fischer, *Columbus Alive*

### **TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS**

#### **Best Department**

**FIRST:** Lois A. Bowers, *McKnight's Senior Living*

**SECOND:** No Award

#### **Best Feature Design**

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

**SECOND:** No Award



## Best General Story

**FIRST:** Stefanie Valentic, *EHS Today*

**SECOND:** No Award

## Best Personality Profile

**FIRST:** Rachel Wagoner, *Farm and Dairy*

**SECOND:** Sarah Donaldson (Donkin), *Farm and Dairy*

## Best Trade Publication Website

**FIRST:** Lois A. Bowers, John O'Connor, Mark Speakman, *McKnight's Senior Living*

**SECOND:** No Award

## Best Trade Report

**FIRST:** Sarah Donaldson (Donkin), *Farm and Dairy*

**SECOND:** Sarah Donaldson (Donkin), *Farm and Dairy*

## BEST OF SHOW TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

### Best Trade Columnist in Ohio

**FIRST:** Rebecca Miller, *Farm and Dairy*

**SECOND:** Stefanie Valentic, *EHS Today*

### Best Trade Publication in Ohio

**FIRST:** Staff, *Cincy Magazine*

**SECOND:** Roderick L. Ingram Sr., Elaine Guregian, Scott J. Rutan, Samantha Hickey, Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED)

## TELEVISION WINNERS

### Best Business Reporting

**FIRST:** Jeff Haynes, Jean-Marie Papoi, Gabriel Kramer, *ideastream*

**SECOND:** No Award

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## OPINION

### Find the opportunity in meatless trend

By Rebecca Miller  
editor@farmanddairy.com

The other night, my youngest livestock guardian dog and I stood together, quietly listening to a coyote chortle in the distance.

Later that night, the coyotes sang. The guardian dogs answered, but stuck close to the flock.

In the past, when I heard that song, a ball of dread formed in my stomach. It didn't happen all the time, but when a coyote got a taste for sheep, carnage was inevitable. I'm all for coexisting with nature, but not when the balance is out of whack.

Now, as the livestock guardian dog pack grows, the coyotes are keeping their distance.

**Crossroads.** Predators and parasites are why we have used an intensive, partial-housing system. Ewes are on pasture, but are housed, depending on the time of year, for lambing. Market lambs have been finished inside.

It has been part of our parasite management — and it limited the buffet options for our local coyotes.

But we, like our broader industry, are at a crossroads. We need to be open-minded. There are more marketing opportunities centered around pasture-based systems.

We have adaptable sheep. We have grazing land that could be improved and used better. We've got wooded

— including a hamburger slider and apple pie. The restaurant survived the Great Depression, said Shannon Tolliver, White Castle's social responsibility and environmental sustainability manager. Now, White Castle offers several meat alternatives, which they say have been well received.

Jamie Richardson, the company's vice president of corporate relations, calls this time the "omnivore's delight."

**Choices.** But you never thought you'd see job titles with the phrases "alternative proteins" or "social responsibility" in them.

Or that you'd read about this: On Sept. 12, *The Washington Post* published an article headlined, "Shut thou eat an impossible burger?" Religious doctrine scrambles to catch up to new food technology.

The gist? With things like plant-based shrimp on the horizon, plant-based and cell-cultured options could open a new frontier for anyone with religious dietary restrictions.

One rabbit told *The Washington Post*: "A person today knows that being kosher does not mean you have to go to the back of the store and look for something like a second-class citizen. Having those products commonly available is achieving a great milestone."

That's the crux of it. Things are changing.

Author and cultural anthropologist, Urvashi Vaid, had this to say about the discussion with *The New York Times*:



Rebecca Miller

be in Africa, between now and 2035. India, China and Nigeria alone are expected to account for 38% of the world's fastest urban growth by 2050. Meat isn't going anywhere.

Shifts. Arkalgud believes alternative protein projections needed to be dialed back.

"Every time there's a shift, the pendulum always swings to the extreme end," he said.

He urged farmers and ranchers to be patient. Soon, alternative protein companies will face similar questions — namely, how is this impacting the environment?

And that is loaded. While a list of

BEST TRADE COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST — Rebecca Miller, *Farm and Dairy*

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### Best Consumer Reporting

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, *WKRC-TV*

**SECOND:** Jim Otte, James Brown, Rachel Murray, Michael Burianek, Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*

### Best Continuing Coverage

**FIRST:** Scott Noll, Rob Klein, Mark Ackerman, Jim Duncan, *WEWS-TV*

**SECOND:** Kevin Roach, Rebecca Gulden, Reba Chenoweth, Megan O'Rourke, Adam Aaro, Nathan Edwards, Elyse Coulter, Allen Henry, Danielle Malagarie, Bryn Caswell, Molly Reed, Courtney Wheaton, Colleen Peregrin, Chelsea Sick, *WKEF/WRGT*





BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Cheryl McHenry, *WHIO-TV*



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

### **Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

**FIRST:** Mike Campbell, Michael Burianek, Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, *WKRC-TV*

### **Best Documentary**

**FIRST:** Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, Michael Burianek, Emily Gay, Bob Garlock, Carole Hepp-Benson, Paul Morel, Todd Carter, Trey Back, Scott Tipton, Patrick Johnson, Javon Pippins, Steve Maguire, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Gina Catanzarite, Anne Glausser, *ideastream*

### **Best Education Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Matthew Simon, Michael Burianek, Sean Cudahy, Gabrielle Enright, Cheryl McHenry, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Jessica Schmidt, Payton Del Bradley, *WXIX*

### **Best Enterprise Reporting**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Jessica Schmidt, Robyn Tyndall, *WXIX*

### **Best Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** John Bedell, James Brown, Michael Burianek, Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Andy Chow, Mary Fecteau, Karen Kasler, Dan Konik, Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television

### **Best General Assignment Reporting**

**FIRST:** Amani Abraham, *WKYC-TV*  
**SECOND:** No Award

### **Best Government Reporting**

**FIRST:** Jim Otte, Michael Burianek, Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Bennett Haeberle, Joel Chow, Chris Kettler, *WBNS-TV*

### **Best Health Care Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Marlene Harris-Taylor, *ideastream*

### **Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** Scott Noll, *WEWS-TV*  
**SECOND:** Matthew Simon, Michael Burianek, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*

### **Best Minority Issues Coverage**

**FIRST:** Hagit Limor, Michael Benedic, Lindsay Raleigh, *WCPO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Courtis Fuller, Austin Maynard, Adrienne Williams, Jan-Michele Lemon Kearney, *WLWT-TV*

### **Best Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Dan Konik, Karen Kasler, Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television  
**SECOND:** No Award

### **Best Spot News**

**FIRST:** Kevin Roach, Rebecca Gulden, Donna Lavoie, Reba Chenoweth, Chelsea Sick, Elyse Coulter, Nathan Edwards, Megan O'Rourke, Molly Reed, Eric Onyechefule, Danielle Malagari, Holden Robinson, Tyler Gee, Courtney Wheaton, Lee Furry, Blake Sutherland, *WKEF/WRGT*  
**SECOND:** Caryn Golden, Quincy Wallace, Matthew Simon, Emily Gay, Cheryl McHenry, *WHIO Team, WHIO-TV*

## **BEST OF SHOW TELEVISION WINNERS**

### **Best Anchor**

**FIRST:** Cheryl McHenry, *WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** Rick Jackson, *ideastream*

### **Best News Operation**

**FIRST:** Rob Rohr, Caryn Golden, Quincy Wallace, Matthew Simon, Alex King, Kimberly Garrett, Kelsey Cano, Bob Garlock, Frazier Smith, *WHIO Team, WHIO-TV*  
**SECOND:** No Award

### **Best Newscast**

**FIRST:** Kevin Roach, Rebecca Gulden, Megan O'Rourke, Adam Aaro, Nathan Edwards, Bryn Caswell, Molly Reed *WKEF/WRGT*  
**SECOND:** Emily Gay, Quincy Wallace, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*

**Best Public Affairs Program**

**FIRST:** Hagit Limor, Michael Benedic, Lindsay Raleigh, *WCPO-TV*

**SECOND:** Jim Otte, Alex King, Matthew Simon, Caryn Golden, *WHIO-TV*

**Best Reporter**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV*

**SECOND:** Scott Noll, *WEWS-TV*

**Best Videographer**

**FIRST:** Mary Fecteau, *ideastream*

**SECOND:** Robert Busby, Jr., *WLWT-TV*

**RADIO WINNERS****Best Business Reporting**

**FIRST:** Ann Thompson, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** No award

**Best Continuing Coverage**

**FIRST:** Andy Chow and Karen Kasler, Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television

**SECOND:** Nick Castele, *ideastream*

**Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

**FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** Nick Castele, *ideastream*

**Best Documentary**

**FIRST:** Mike Martini, *89.3 FM WMKV Radio*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Education Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** Ambriehl Crutchfield, *91.7 WVXU*

**Best Enterprise Reporting**

**FIRST:** Nick Castele, *ideastream*

**SECOND:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

**Best Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** Justin Glanville, *ideastream*

**SECOND:** Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU-FM*

**Best Government Reporting**

**FIRST:** Karen Kasler, Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Health Care Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** Marlene Harris-Taylor, *ideastream*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Minority Issues Coverage**

**FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** Mike McIntyre, Rachel Rood, *ideastream*

**Best Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** Karen Kasler, Andy Chow, Jo Ingles, Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Science/Medical Reporting**

**FIRST:** Jeff St. Clair, *WKSU-FM*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Sports Reporting**

**FIRST:** Terry Pluto, Amanda Rabinowitz, *WKSU-FM*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Spot News**

**FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** No Award



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, RADIO – Maryanne Zeleznik, *91.7 WVXU*

**Best Website**

**FIRST:** News Team, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** Mark Arehart, Kabir Bhatia, Jennifer Conn, Andrew Meyer, Chuck Poulton, Amanda Rabinowitz, Jeff St. Clair, Lydia Taylor, Sarah Taylor, *WKSU*

**BEST OF SHOW RADIO WINNERS****Best Anchor**

**FIRST:** Maryanne Zeleznik, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Newscast**

**FIRST:** News Team, *91.7 WVXU*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best News Operation**

**FIRST:** Ella Abbott, Carter Adams, Mark Arehart, Kabir Bhatia, Jennifer Conn, Andrew Meyer, Amanda Rabinowitz, Jeff St. Clair, Sarah Taylor, *WKSU-FM*

**SECOND:** *WCPN/ideastream*

**Best Public Affairs Program**

**FIRST:** Mike McIntyre, Leigh Barr, *ideastream*

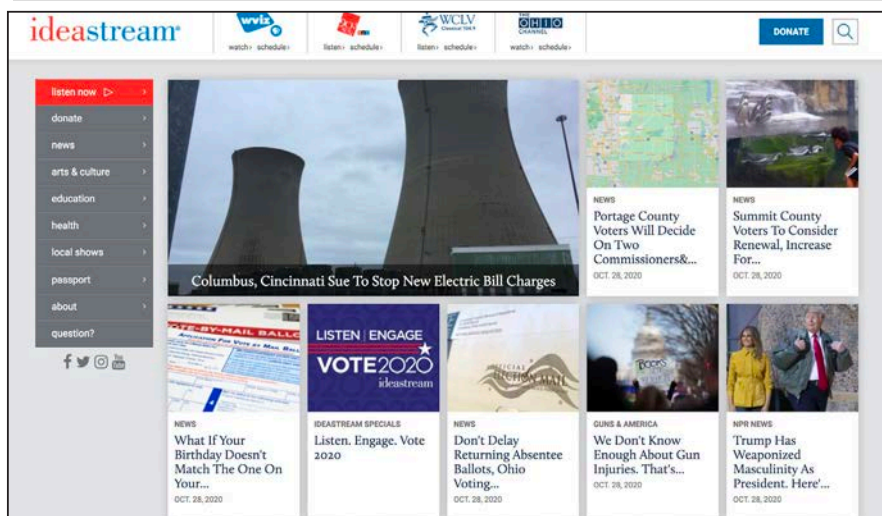
**SECOND:** Michael Monks, Pete Rightmire, Selena Reder, Josh Elstro, *91.7 WVXU*

**Best Reporter**

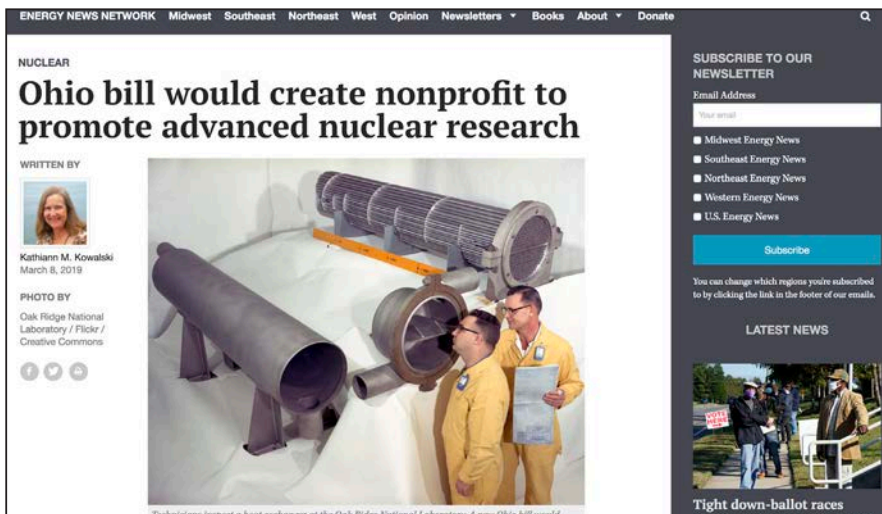
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**SECOND:** Tana Weingartner, *91.7 WVXU*

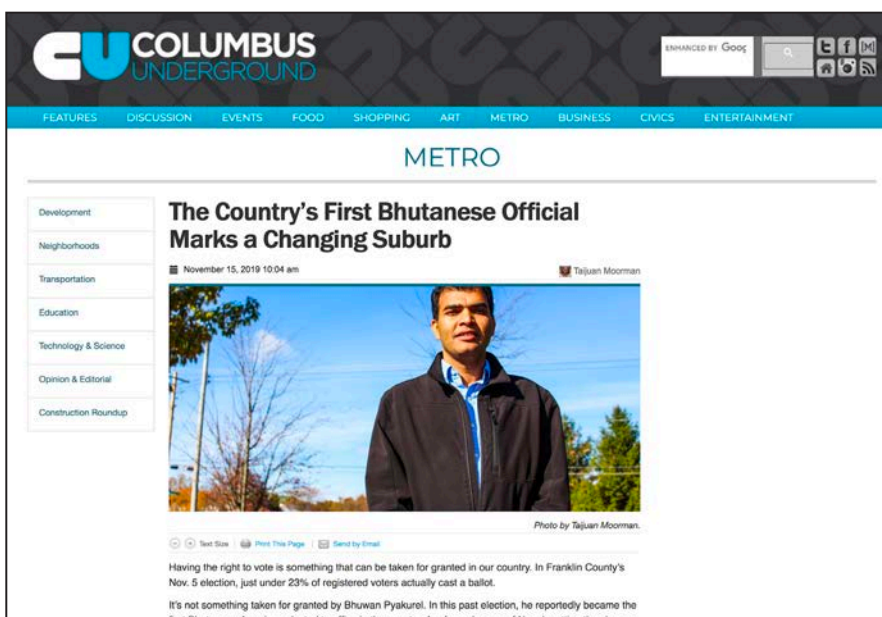




BEST GENERAL NEWS SITE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA – [ideastream.org](http://ideastream.org)



BEST GOVERNMENT REPORTING, DIGITAL MEDIA – Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Energy News Network* – *Midwest Energy News*



BEST POLITICAL REPORTING, DIGITAL MEDIA – Taijuan Moorman, *Columbus Underground*

## DIGITAL MEDIA WINNERS

**Best Arts/Entertainment Story**  
**FIRST:** Jaelani Turner-Williams, *Bitch Media*, *ZORA*, *Vinyl Me*, *Please, Pigeons & Planes*, *Billboard*, *VICE*

**SECOND:** Carrie Wise, Dave DeOreo, Dan Polletta, *ideastream*

**Best Business/Tech Story**

**FIRST:** Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Energy News Network* – *Midwest Energy News*

**SECOND:** Alexander Coolidge, *Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*

**Best Editorial Writing**

**FIRST:** Ken Schneck, *Prizm Magazine*

**SECOND:** Walker Evans, *Columbus Underground*

**Best Education Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Grant Walters, *Columbus Underground*

**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Feature**

**FIRST:** Margo Kissell, Donna Boen, Omari Matlock, Jeff Sabo, Jason Walters, Alicia Auhagen, Kelly Bennett, Miami University  
**SECOND:** Lauren Segal, *Columbus Underground*

**Best Government Reporting**

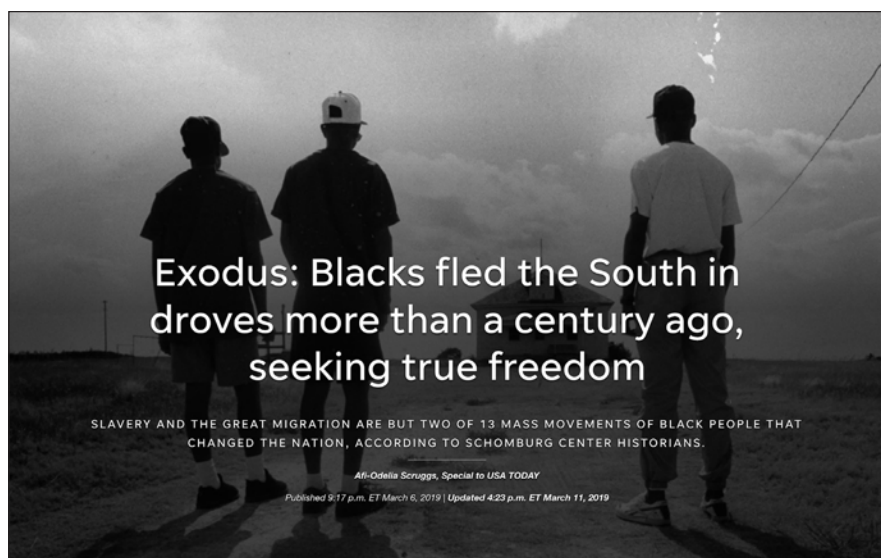
**FIRST:** Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Energy News Network* – *Midwest Energy News*  
**SECOND:** Lauren Segal, *Columbus Underground*

**Best Headline Writing**

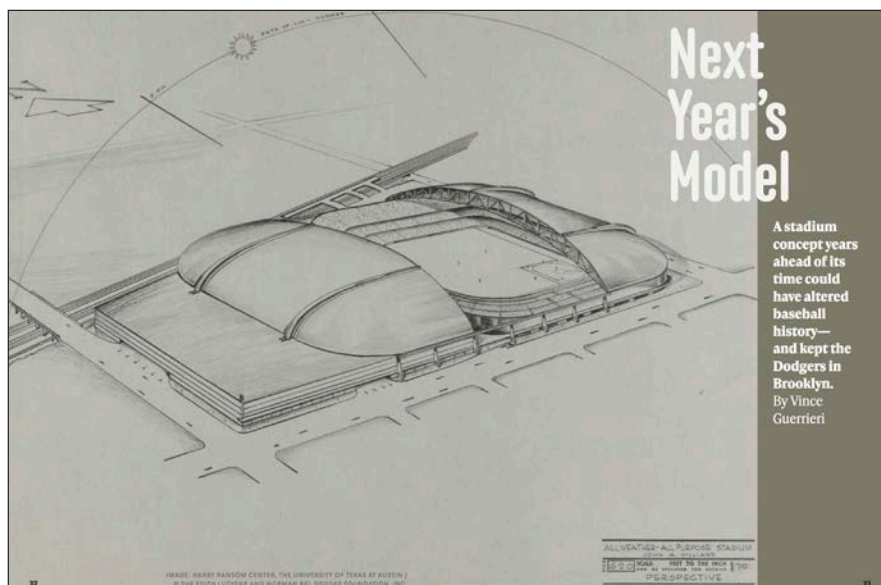
**FIRST:** Jim Hannah, Wright State University  
**SECOND:** Arts and Culture Team, *ideastream*

**Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** Nick Castele, *ideastream*  
**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Medical/Science Story****FIRST:** Health Unit, *ideastream***SECOND:** Kathiann Kowalski, *Science News for Students***Best News Story****FIRST:** Shavon Anderson, Scott Kissell, Miami University**SECOND:** Brent Warren, *Columbus Underground***Best Overall Blog (Independent)****FIRST:** Jack Greiner, *Graydon.law***SECOND:** No Award**Best Overall Blog (News Organization)****FIRST:** Howard Wilkinson, 91.7 WVXU**SECOND:** No Award**Best Political Reporting****FIRST:** Taijuan Moorman, *Columbus Underground***SECOND:** No Award**Best Sports Coverage****FIRST:** Mary Fecteau, Stephanie Jarvis, *ideastream***SECOND:** Jim Hannah, Kris Sproles, Erin Pence, Wright State University**Best Videographer****FIRST:** Doral Chenoweth, *The Columbus Dispatch/dispatch.com***SECOND:** Kris Sproles, Wright State University**Specialized Journalism Site****FIRST:** Amber Hunt and Amanda Rossmann, *Cincinnati.com/The Enquirer***SECOND:** Ken Schneck, *Prizm Magazine***BEST OF SHOW DIGITAL MEDIA WINNERS****Best General News Site****FIRST:** *ideastream.org***SECOND:** No Award

BEST OF SHOW, FREELANCE DIGITAL MEDIA, BEST FREELANCE WRITER, Afi-Odelia Scruggs, Various State and National Media



BEST OF SHOW, FREELANCE SMALL PRINT, BEST FREELANCE WRITER, FIRST, print under 60,000 – Vince Guerrieri, Various Publications

**FREELANCE WINNERS****FREELANCE LARGE PRINT (Circulation Over 60,000)****Best Feature Writing****FIRST:** Jenny Wohlfarth, *Cincinnati Magazine***SECOND:** Afi-Odelia Scruggs, *USA Today***Best Criticism/Editorial****FIRST:** Bonnie Jean Feldkamp, *Cincinnati Enquirer***SECOND:** Bonnie Jean Feldkamp, *Cincinnati Enquirer***FREELANCE SMALL PRINT (Circulation Under 60,000)****Best Arts Review****FIRST:** Leyla Shokohe, *CityBeat***SECOND:** No Award**Best Criticism/Editorial****FIRST:** Rini Jeffers**SECOND:** No Award**Best Feature Writing****FIRST:** Leyla Shokohe, Morgan Zumbiel, Maija Summo, Steve Rosen, Bill Furbee, *CityBeat***SECOND:** Stefanie Valentic, Contributing Writer, *Old Brooklyn News*





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## FROZEN IN TIME

Stacey Colbert case now 21 years cold



Stacey Colbert (right) smiles with her mom (left), Ronna Colbert at an event in 1998. Ronna wishes she could see this smile again.



### The game before The Game

MARCUS HORTON  
For The Lantern  
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When No. 8 Penn State comes to Columbus Saturday to face No. 2 Ohio State, it will be the 15th straight year that at least one of the two Big Ten foes is ranked in the top 25. Of the previous 14 games, Penn State has won just four.

Although the Buckeyes (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) have won two straight against Penn State (9-1, 6-1), the combined margin of victory the past three years is just five points. The Nittany Lions last beat Ohio State in 2016, upsetting then-No. 2 Ohio State 24-21.

"This is a talent-equated game," Ohio State head coach Ryan Day said. "We all know we have been in some games that we have had more talent than some of the oth-

BEST COLLEGE NON-DAILY NEWSPAPER FIRST – *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University



BEST COLLEGE DAILY NEWSPAPER  
FIRST – *The Wright State Guardian* Media  
Team, Wright State University

### BEST OF SHOW FREELANCE SMALL PRINT

(Circulation Under 60,000)

#### Best Freelance Writer

FIRST: Vince Guerrieri, Various  
Publications

SECOND: Rini Jeffers

### FREELANCE DIGITAL MEDIA

#### Best Arts Review

FIRST: Jeff Regensburger,  
*Columbus Underground*

SECOND: Richard Sanford,  
*Columbus Underground*

#### Best Criticism/Editorial

FIRST: Ella Ceron, *MTV News*

SECOND: Bonnie Jean  
Feldkamp, *Cincinnati Enquirer*

#### Best Feature Writing

FIRST: Jesse Bethea, *Columbus  
Underground*

SECOND: Beth Mlady,  
*Cleveland.com*

#### Best Government Reporting

FIRST: Bob Sandrick,  
*cleveland.com*

SECOND: No Award

#### Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Lucia Walinchus, Editor,  
*Eye on Ohio*

SECOND: Jesse Bethea,  
*Columbus Underground*

### BEST OF SHOW FREELANCE DIGITAL MEDIA

#### Best Freelance Writer

FIRST: Afi-Odelia Scruggs,  
Various State and National  
Media

SECOND: Bonnie Jean  
Feldkamp, Various Publications

## COLLEGE WINNERS

### Best College Feature Writing

FIRST: Jasmine Hilton, *The  
Lantern*

SECOND: Marissa Couch,  
News Editor, *The Wright State  
Guardian* Media, Wright State  
University

### Best College News Writing

FIRST: Maeve Welsh, *The  
Lantern*

SECOND: Sarah Cavender,  
Editor in Chief, *The Wright  
State Guardian* Media, Wright  
State University

### Best College Newspaper- Daily

FIRST: *The Wright State  
Guardian* Media Team, Wright  
State University

SECOND: No Award

### Best College Newspaper- Non Daily

FIRST: *The Lantern*, The  
Ohio State University

SECOND: *The Collegian*,  
Lorain County Community  
College

### Best College Opinion Writing

FIRST: Seth Shanley, *The  
Lantern*, The Ohio State  
University

SECOND: Wyatt Crosher  
*The Lantern*, The Ohio State  
University

### Best College Sports Writing

FIRST: Andy Anders, *The  
Lantern*, The Ohio State  
University

SECOND: No Award

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