

- THE SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS PRESENTS -

— 2023 —

# SPJ AWARDS

OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM





**CINCINNATI**  
PUBLIC RADIO

91.7 WVXU  
NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD  
WINNERS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT  
TO JOURNALISTIC EXCELLENCE!

## RADIO

**1st Place, Best General Assignment Reporting** - Tana Weingartner - *"Blood Centers Look to Rejuvenate High School Donor Drives"*

**1st Place, Best Investigative Reporting** - Becca Costello - *"Affordable housing trust is about to get another \$5M. But how affordable will that housing be?"*

**2nd Place, Best Minority Issues** - Becca Costello - *"Sewage-contaminated water seeping into an African American cemetery. Who is responsible remains a mystery."*

**2nd Place, Best Sports Coverage** - Tana Weingartner - *"Cincinnati's Super Bowl and World Cup dreams."*

**2nd Place, Best Business/Consumer Reporting** - Tana Weingartner - *"Kroger confirms it is buying rival Albertsons."*

## BEST OF SHOW

**Winner, Best Public Affairs Program** - *Cincinnati Edition*

**Winner, Best Reporter** - Becca Costello

**Runner-Up, Best Newscast** - 91.7 WVXU News Team



# WELL DONE

Congratulations to *Columbus Business First's* news team for their well-deserved honors and to all the winners of this year's Ohio SPJ Awards. We are inspired by your excellence and achievements.



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**The Kiplinger Program in Public  
Affairs Journalism**  
salutes this year's winners of the

## Ohio SPJ Contest

and celebrates 50 years of providing quality journalism training here in Ohio and around the globe via its fellowship and educational outreach



# **Emil Dansker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism**



## **Duane Pohlman, WKRC-TV, 2023 Recipient**

In 2023, the Ohio SPJ Contest created the Emil Dansker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism in honor of Emil, one of the founders of the Cincinnati SPJ Chapter and a longtime SPJ member, journalist, professor and mentor to countless journalists and students. We're excited to announce that the inaugural winner of this award is Duane Pohlman, award-winning broadcast journalist at WKRC-TV in Cincinnati and former student and friend of Emil's.

The Emil Dansker Award will be presented to one individual annually for their hard work, achievements, leadership and contributions to the journalism profession. Journalism professors, publishers, broadcast general managers and editors and reporters, as well as other journalism business professionals from all media segments, are invited to apply. Entries will be judged by the SPJ chapter/contest participating the annual SPJ judging swap. This year's entries were judged by judges from the Top of the Rockies contest.

Congratulations, Duane!



**Congrats to all of  
Ohio's journalists!**



**The Central Ohio, Cincinnati and Cleveland Pro Chapters  
of the Society of Professional Journalists**

**Congratulate all of 2023 Ohio's Best Journalism contest winners!**

To learn more about contest, visit [ohiospjawards.org](https://ohiospjawards.org)

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Congratulations to winners of Ohio's Best Journalism awards for 2023, coordinated by the Central Ohio, Cincinnati, and Cleveland Professional Chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists. All winners are listed in this program and are also available for viewing at our competition website – [www.ohiospjawards.org](http://www.ohiospjawards.org). Many thanks to Studio Pence for contest digital work and data administration.

Contest categories included large circulation print (60,000 or greater), small circulation print (fewer than 60,000), radio, television, digital media/freelance, trade publications and college. Best of Show distinctions were awarded in all categories except college. Entries were for work done in 2022.

A special thank you to dozens of journalists/judges from the Top of the Rockies' contest, which 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 Top of the Rockies' contest earlier this year. Many thanks to all of our SPJ members and journalists throughout the Buckeye state for judging.

Finally, we would like to extend a special thank you to all journalists and their media outlets for their continued support of our contest. Each year judges acknowledge and praise the high quality of work submitted by Ohio journalists. We have much to celebrate!

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

We're already making plans for our 2024 contest. Watch your inbox and visit [ohiospjawards.org](http://ohiospjawards.org) for details about the 2024 contest soon.

*Ohio's Best Journalism Advisory Committee*

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**AWARDS CEREMONY**  
**SATURDAY, AUG. 19, 2023**  
**Hofbräuhaus Columbus, Stube Hall**  
**Located at 800 Goodale Boulevard**

Presented jointly by

The Central Ohio, Cincinnati and Cleveland Professional  
Chapters of the Society of Professional Journalists

Hosted by

The Central Ohio Pro Chapter

## 6 LARGE PRINT

(More than 60,000 circulation)  
Winners and Best of Show

## 8 SMALL PRINT

(More than 60,000 circulation)  
Winners and Best of Show

## 9 TRADE PUBLICATION

Winners and Best of Show

## 10 TELEVISION

Winners and Best of Show

## 11 RADIO

Winners and Best of Show

## 12 DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE

Winners and Best of Show

## 14 COLLEGE

Winners and Best of Show

### OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Chapter President  
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Board Member/Secretary  
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### COVER IMAGE:

Fred Squillante, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF  
SHOW FIRST, Print Over 60,000

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BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Amelia Robinson, *The Columbus Dispatch*,



BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Sharon Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Fred Squillante, *The Columbus Dispatch*

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

### Best Arts Reporting

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

**SECOND:** Haadiza Ogwude, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

### Best Business/Consumer Reporting

**FIRST:** Lucas Daprile, *Cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer*

**SECOND:** Thomas Gnau, *Dayton Daily News*

### Best Children's/Education Issues Reporting

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

**SECOND:** Madeline Mitchell, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

### Best Criminal Justice Reporting

**FIRST:** Jordan Laird, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**SECOND:** Bethany Bruner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Deadline Reporting

**FIRST:** Quinlan Bentley, Erin Couch, Cameron Knight, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

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

### Best Editorial/Criticism Writing

**FIRST:** Editorial Board, *The Blade*

**SECOND:** Steven Litt, *Cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer*

### Best Explanatory Journalism

**FIRST:** Jolene Almendarez, Patricia Gallagher Newberry, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**SECOND:** Julie Carr Smyth, Casey Smith, *The Associated Press*

### Best Feature Reporting

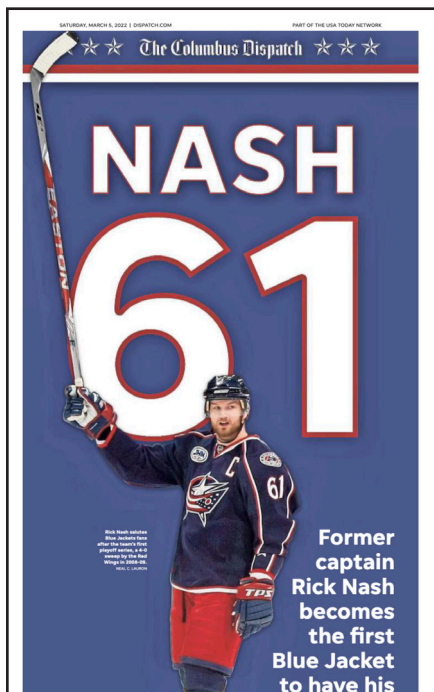
**FIRST:** Keith Pandolfi, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

**SECOND:** Tom Archdeacon, *Dayton Daily News*



BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – *The Columbus Dispatch*





**BEST SPECIAL SECTION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST**, print over 60,000 – *The Columbus Dispatch*



**BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST**, print over 60,000 – Joe Landsberger, *The Toledo Blade*



**BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST**, print over 60,000 – Fred Squillante, *The Columbus Dispatch*



**BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND**, print over 60,000 – Jim Noelker, *Dayton Daily News*

### Best Government/Political Reporting

**FIRST:** Laura Hancock, *Cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer*  
**SECOND:** Julie Carr Smyth, *The Associated Press*

### Best Investigative Reporting

**FIRST:** Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch/The Cincinnati Enquirer*  
**SECOND:** Luke Ramseth, *The Blade*

### Best Minority Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Erica Thompson, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
**SECOND:** Peter Gill, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch/The Cincinnati Enquirer*  
**SECOND:** Kaitlin Durbin, *Cleveland.com/The Plain Dealer*

### Best Religion Reporting

**FIRST:** Sarah Readdean, *The Blade*  
**SECOND:** Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Science/Medical/Health Care Reporting

**FIRST:** Brooks Sutherland, Terry DeMio, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*  
**SECOND:** Max Filby, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Sports Reporting

**FIRST:** Rob Oller, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
**SECOND:** Joey Kaufman, *The Columbus Dispatch*

### Best Website

**FIRST:** Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer/Cincinnati.com*  
**FIRST:** Staff, *The Columbus Dispatch/Dispatch.com*  
**SECOND:** No Award

### BEST OF SHOW LARGE PRINT WINNERS (CIRCULATION OVER 60,000)

#### Best Columnist in Ohio

**FIRST:** Amelia Robinson, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
**SECOND:** Kevin Aldridge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

#### Best Daily Newspaper:

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

#### Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

**FIRST:** Joe Landsberger, *The Blade*  
**SECOND:** No Award

#### Best Photographer in Ohio

**FIRST:** Fred Squillante, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
**SECOND:** Jim Noelker, *Dayton Daily News*



**Best Reporter in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Sharon Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*  
**SECOND:** Bethany Bruner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

**Best Special Section**

**FIRST:** Lori Schmidt, Brian Hedger, Bailey Johnson, Michael Arace, Rob Oller, Kyle Robertson, Doral Chenoweth III, *The Columbus Dispatch*  
**SECOND:** No Award

**SMALL PRINT WINNERS**  
 (CIRCULATION UNDER 60,000)
**Best Arts Reporting**

**FIRST:** Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Monthly*  
**SECOND:** Amanda Koehn, *CJN/Canvas*

**Best Business/Consumer Reporting**

**FIRST:** Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*  
**SECOND:** Sophie D. LeMay, *The Reporting Project/The Jeffersonian/Denison University*

**Best Children's/Education Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Jennifer Pignolet, *Akron Beacon Journal*  
**SECOND:** Rachel Abbey McCafferty, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

**Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

**FIRST:** David Jacobs, *Shelby Daily Globe*  
**SECOND:** No award

**Best Deadline Reporting**

**FIRST:** Sydney Dawes, Hasan Karim, Eileen McClory, *Springfield News-Sun*  
**SECOND:** David Jacobs, *Shelby Daily Globe*

**Best Explanatory Journalism**

**FIRST:** Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*  
**SECOND:** Jess Deyo, Jim Weiker, *Columbus CEO*

**Best Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Monthly*  
**SECOND:** Dave Ghose, *Columbus Monthly*

**Best Government/Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** Jay Miller, *Crain's Cleveland Business*  
**SECOND:** Chris Wetterich, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

**Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** Luke Macy, Sean Scott, *The Miami Student*  
**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Minority Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Bonnie Meibers, Owen Milnes, *Columbus Business First*  
**SECOND:** No Award

**Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Staff, *Crain's Cleveland Business*  
**SECOND:** Sydney Dawes, *Springfield News-Sun*

**Best Religion Reporting**

**FIRST:** Amanda Koehn, *CJN/Canvas/JStyle*  
**SECOND:** Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*

**Best Science/Medical/Health Care Reporting**

**FIRST:** Betty Lin-Fisher, *Akron Beacon Journal*  
**SECOND:** Lydia Coutr , *Crain's Cleveland Business*

**Best Sports Reporting**

**FIRST:** Mark Hazelwood, *Norwalk Reflector*  
**SECOND:** Hayleigh Colombo, *Columbus Business First*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Emi Villavicencio, *Cincinnati Magazine*



BEST MONTHLY IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Staff, *Columbus Monthly*



BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Staff, *Cincinnati Business Courier*



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



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print under 60,000 – Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Scott Woods, *Columbus Monthly*

#### **Best Website**

**FIRST:** Staff, *614Now.com*  
**SECOND:** Sam Rosenstiel, Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*



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

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

##### **Best Columnist in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Scott Woods, *Columbus Monthly*  
**SECOND:** Regina Brett, *Cleveland Jewish News*

##### **Best Graphic Designer in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Emi Villavicencio, *Cincinnati Magazine*  
**SECOND:** Betsy Becker, *Columbus Monthly*

##### **Best Monthly in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Staff, *Columbus Monthly Magazine*  
**SECOND:** Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*

##### **Best Photographer in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Bill Lackey, *Springfield News-Sun*  
**SECOND:** Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*

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

**FIRST:** Sydney Dawes, *Springfield News-Sun*  
**SECOND:** Jennifer Pignolet, *Akron Beacon Journal*

##### **Best Special Section in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Aiesha Little, Emi Villavicencio, Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*  
**SECOND:** Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

##### **Best Weekly Newspaper in Ohio**

**FIRST:** Staff, *Cincinnati Business Courier*  
**SECOND:** Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

#### **TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS**

##### **Best Cover Design**

**FIRST:** Staff, *Canvas*  
**SECOND:** Michael McCrady, *Rubber News*

##### **Best General News Story**

**FIRST:** Sam Cottrill, *Rubber News*  
**SECOND:** Meghan Walsh, *Canvas*

##### **Best Personality Profile**

**FIRST:** Amanda Koehn, *Canvas*  
**SECOND:** Andrew Schunk, *Rubber News*

##### **Best Trade Publication Website**

**FIRST:** Staff, *Canvas*  
**SECOND:** Lois A. Bowers, Kimberly Bonvissuto, John O'Connor, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, Foster Stubbs, Aminah Beg, Mark Speakman, Monica Pizzi, *McKnight's Senior Living.com*

##### **Best Trade Report**

**FIRST:** Erin Pustay Beaven, *Rubber News*  
**SECOND:** Lois A. Bowers, *McKnight's Senior Living*



## BEST OF SHOW TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

### Best Trade Columnist in Ohio

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

**SECOND:** Bruce Meyer, *Rubber News*

### Best Trade Publication in Ohio

**FIRST:** Lois A. Bowers, John O'Connor, Kimberly Bonvissuto, Mark Speakman, Monica Pizzi, Aminah Beg, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, John Hall, Lynne Moore, *McKnight's Senior Living*

**FIRST:** Bruce Meyer, Erin Pustay Beaven, Andrew Schunk, Sam Cottrill, Michael McCrady, Robin Clark, *Rubber News*

**SECOND:** No Award

## TELEVISION WINNERS

### Best Business/Consumer Reporting

**FIRST:** Sophia Constantine, Bryan Levin, Alison Momeyer, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

**SECOND:** Payton Marshall, Holland Rains, *WXIX, FOX 19*

### Best Continuing Coverage

**FIRST:** Chelsea Sick, Mamie Bah, Rebecca Gulden, *WKEF/WRGT*

**SECOND:** No Award

### Best Criminal Justice Reporting

**FIRST:** Sophia Constantine, Bryan Levin, Alison Momeyer, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

**SECOND:** Micaela Marshall, Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

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# McKnight's

## Senior Living

mcknightsseniorliving.com  
DECEMBER 2022  
VOL. 20, NO. 6

### 'Super cycle' gets credit by Brookdale

BY LOIS A. BOWERS  
Brookdale Senior Living's third quarter saw record move-ins and positive trends in occupancy growth and net hires, President and CEO Cindy Baier said during the company's latest earnings call.  
*"We do think that we are at the beginning"*



Senior living occupancy making recovery

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – *McKnight's Senior Living*

# Rubber News

The Rubber Industry's International Newspaper

September 5, 2022 | \$109 per year, \$4.50 per copy

2022 Global Tire Company Rankings  
**TOP 75**  
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## Imagining an industry left BREATHLESS



Nonpneumatic tire development may look different for each of the three largest tire makers, but the goal of achieving more sustainable, safer and maintenance-free mobility remains the same.

### Technology setting the stage for airless tire emergence

By Erin Pustay Beaven  
Rubber News Staff  
There is something about this moment.

### Sustainability a selling point for airless tires

By Erin Pustay Beaven  
Rubber News Staff  
the future of the tire industry. It's a philosophy shaping their approach to innovation.

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST – *Rubber News*

### Best Documentary

**FIRST:** Michelle Alfini, Stephen Colwell, Colleen McKown, Sean Dahlberg, Brianne Barry, Lee Weisenfeld, Shanel Dawson, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

**SECOND:** Jatara McGee, Amanda Levenson, Austin Maynard, Michael Carnevale, Kristin Kay, *WLWT News Five*

### Best Education Issues Reporting

**FIRST:** Brian Calfano, Ph.D., *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

**SECOND:** No Award



BEST TRADE COLUMNIST IN OHIO,  
BEST OF SHOW FIRST – Lois A. Bowers,  
*McKnight's Senior Living*





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



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Steven Albritton, *WLWT News 5*

#### **Best Enterprise Reporting**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, Tim Geraghty, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Scott Noll, *WEWS-TV*

#### **Best Feature Reporting**

**FIRST:** Adam Aaro, Holden Robinson, *WRGT/WKEF*  
**SECOND:** Sophia Constantine, Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

#### **Best General Assignment Reporting**

**FIRST:** Cassy Arsenault, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Kelley King, *WDTN-TV*

#### **Best Government/Political Reporting**

**FIRST:** Karen Kasler, Dan Konik, Jo Ingles, Andy Chow, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television*  
**SECOND:** Micaela Marshall, Brian Calfano, Ph.D., *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

#### **Best Health Care/Medical/ Science Reporting**

**FIRST:** Erin Billups, Colleen McKown, Sean Dahlberg, Shanel Dawson, Lee Weisenfeld, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*  
**SECOND:** Sophia Constantine, Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*

#### **Best Investigative Reporting**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, Tim Geraghty, *WKRC-TV*  
**FIRST:** Bennett Haeberle, Chris Kettler, *WBNS-TV*  
**SECOND:** No Award

#### **Best Investigative Series**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, Eric Frisbee, Tim Geraghty, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Jatarra McGee, Austin Maynard, *WLWT News Five*

#### **Best Minority Issues Reporting**

**FIRST:** Michelle Alfini, Stephen Colwell, Colleen McKown, Sean Dahlberg, Brianne Barry, Lee Weisenfeld, Shanel Dawson, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*  
**SECOND:** Gabriel Kramer, Natalia Garcia, *Ideastream Public Media*

#### **Best Sports Reporting**

**FIRST:** Payton Marshall, Holland Rains, *WXIX, FOX 19*  
**SECOND:** Marshall Kramsky, *WCPO*

### **BEST OF SHOW TELEVISION WINNERS**

#### **Best Anchor**

**FIRST:** Steven Albritton, *WLWT News 5*  
**SECOND:** Bob Kendrick, *WSYX/ WTTE*

#### **Best Newscast**

**FIRST:** Nina Pieri, Megan O'Rourke, Adam Aaro, Tyler Gee, Mamie Bah, Lee Furry, Ryan Segda, Rebecca Gulden, Erika Kabbes, *WKEF/WRGT*  
**SECOND:** No Award

#### **Best Public Affairs Program**

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

#### **Best Reporter**

**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV*  
**SECOND:** Jatarra McGee, *WLWT*

#### **Best Videographer**

**FIRST:** Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1 Ohio*  
**SECOND:** Jean-Marie Papoi, *Ideastream Public Media*

### **RADIO WINNERS**

#### **Best Business/Consumer Reporting**

**FIRST:** Alejandro Figueora, *WYSO*  
**SECOND:** Tana Weingartner, *WVXU*

#### **Best Continuing Coverage**

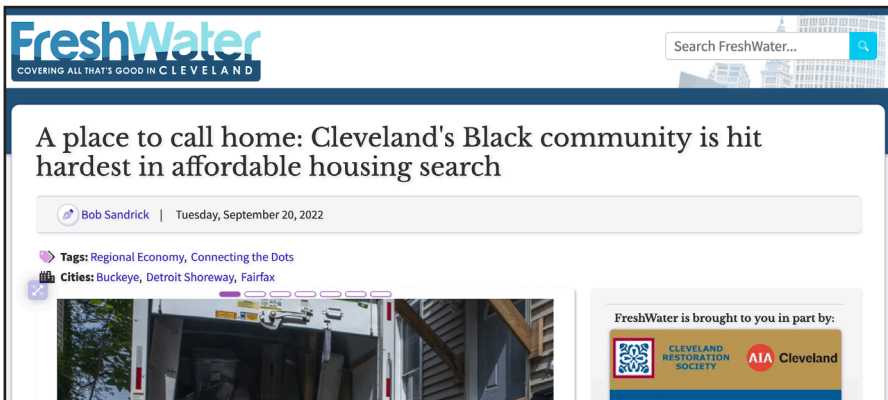
**FIRST:** Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler, Andy Chow, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Radio and Television*  
**SECOND:** Matthew Rand, *WOSU 89.7 NPR News*

#### **Best Criminal Justice Reporting**

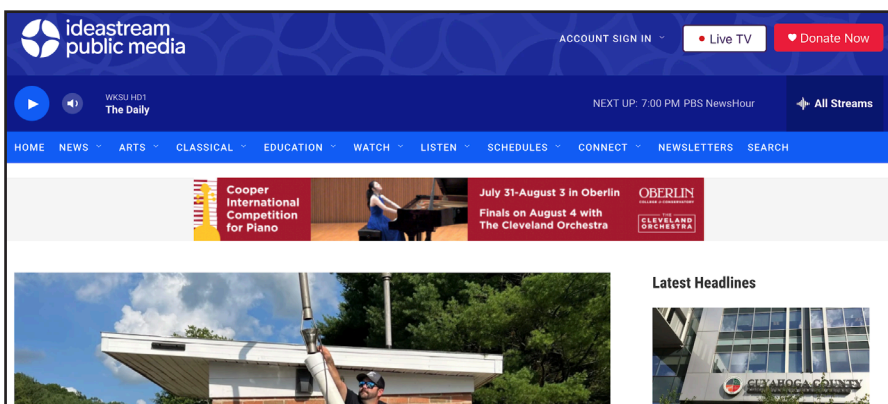
**FIRST:** Matthew Richmond, *Ideastream Public Media*  
**SECOND:** Matthew Rand, *WOSU 89.7 NPR News*

**Best Documentary****FIRST:** Neenah Ellis, *WYSO***SECOND:** No Award**Best Enterprise Reporting****FIRST:** Anna Huntsman,  
*Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Karen Kasler,  
*Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio  
Public Radio and Television***Best Feature Reporting****FIRST:** Basim Blunt, *WYSO***SECOND:** Jason Reynolds,  
*WYSO***Best General Assignment****FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, *WVXU***SECOND:** No Award**Best Government/Political  
Reporting****FIRST:** Leila Goldstein, *WYSO***SECOND:** Kathryn Mobley,  
*WYSO***Best Health Care/Medical/  
Science Reporting****FIRST:** Stephanie Czekalinski,  
*Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Chris Welter, *WYSO***Best Investigative Reporting****FIRST:** Becca Costello, *WVXU***SECOND:** Renee Fox,  
*news.wosu.org***Best Minority Issues Coverage****FIRST:** Basim Blunt, *WYSO***SECOND:** Becca Costello,  
*WVXU***Best Sports Reporting****FIRST:** Amanda Rabinowitz,  
Terry Pluto, *Ideastream Public  
Media***SECOND:** Tana Weingartner,  
*WVXU***Best Website****FIRST:** Staff, *Ideastream Public  
Media***SECOND:** Staff, *WYSO***BEST OF SHOW  
RADIO WINNERS****Best Anchor****FIRST:** Amy Eddings, *Ideastream  
Public Media***SECOND:** Steve Brown, *WOSU  
89.7 NPR News***Best Newscast****FIRST:** Steve Brown, *WOSU  
89.7 NPR News***SECOND:** Becca Costello, Bill  
Rinehart, Cory Sharber, Ann  
Thompson, Tana Weingartner,  
Maryanne Zeleznik, *WVXU***Best Public Affairs Program****FIRST:** Nick Swartsell, Lucy May,  
Selena Reder, *WVXU***SECOND:** Rick Jackson, Rachel  
Rood, Leigh Barr, Drew Maziasz,  
*Ideastream Public Media***Best Reporter****FIRST:** Becca Costello, *WVXU***SECOND:** Anna Huntsman,  
*Ideastream Public Media***DIGITAL MEDIA/  
FREELANCE WINNERS  
WINNERS****Best Arts/Entertainment  
Reporting****FIRST:** Khabir Bhatia, Ryan  
Loew, *Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Kris Sproles, Erica  
Harrah, Chris Snyder, *Wright.  
edu/news***Best Business/Tech Reporting****FIRST:** Susan Post, *Columbus  
Underground***SECOND:** Susan Post,  
*Columbus Underground***Best Editorial/Criticism Writing****FIRST:** David DeWitt, *Ohio  
Capital Journal***SECOND:** Walker Evans,  
*Columbus Underground*BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST,  
RADIO – Amy Eddings, *Ideastream Public Media*BEST REPORTER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST,  
RADIO – Becca Costello, *WVXU***Best Education Issues  
Reporting****FIRST:** Morgan Trau, *Ohio  
Capital Journal***SECOND:** Susan Tebben, *Ohio  
Capital Journal***Best Feature****FIRST:** Bob Sandrick,  
*Cleveland.com***SECOND:** Zack Meisel, *The Athletic***Best Government/Political  
Reporting****FIRST:** Morgan Trau, *Ohio  
Capital Journal***SECOND:** Kathiann M. Kowalski,  
*Energy News Network Eye on Ohio***Best Investigative Reporting****FIRST:** Lucia Walinchus, *Ohio  
Center for Investigative Journalism***SECOND:** Stephanie Czekalinski,  
*Ideastream Public Media*





BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – Bob Sandrick, *Issue Media Group/Fresh Water Cleveland/Cleveland.com*



BEST GENERAL NEWS SITE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – Ideastream Public Media



BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – Bob Sandrick, *Issue Media Group/Fresh Water Cleveland/Cleveland.com*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – Ryan Loew, *Ideastream Public Media*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA – Amy Elisabeth Spasoff, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

## Best Medical/Science/Health Care Reporting

**FIRST:** Conor Morris, H.L.

*Comeriatto, Ideastream Public Media*

**SECOND:** Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Science News Explores*

## Best News Story

**FIRST:** Marty Schladen, *Ohio*

*Capital Journal*

**SECOND:** Susan Tebben, *Ohio Capital Journal*

## Best Overall Blog (independent)

**FIRST:** Jack Greiner, *Graydon.law*

**SECOND:** No Award

## Best Overall Blog (news organization)

**FIRST:** David DeWitt, Marilou

Johanek, *Ohio Capital Journal*

**SECOND:** Rebecca Gulden, Nathan Edwards, Bryn Caswell, Holden Robinson, *WKEF/WRGT*

## Best Sports Coverage

**FIRST:** Jeff Gilbert,

*Dayton Daily News*

**SECOND:** Robert Weintraub, *Cincinnati Magazine*

## Best Videographer

**FIRST:** Patrick Orsagos, *The Associated Press*

**SECOND:** No Award

## BEST OF SHOW DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE WINNERS

### Best Digital/Freelance Writer

**FIRST:** Bob Sandrick, *Issue*

*Media Group/Fresh Water*

*Cleveland/Cleveland.com*

**SECOND:** Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Energy News Network Eye on Ohio*

### Best General News Site

**FIRST:** Staff, *ideastream.org/*

*Ideastream Public Media*

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



## Best Online Still Photographer in Ohio

**FIRST:** Amy Elisabeth Spasoff, *Cincinnati Business Courier*  
**SECOND:** Ryan Loew, *Ideastream Public Media*

## COLLEGE WINNERS

### Best College Feature Writing

**FIRST:** Tess Wells, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University  
**SECOND:** Jessica Langer, Molly Goheen, Phoebe Helms, Brett Price, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University

### Best College News Writing

**FIRST:** Sarah Szilagyi, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University  
**SECOND:** Anthony Scilla, Cassidy Grentz, Jacob Brooks, Sophie Young, *Kent Stater/TV2/KentWired*

### Best College Newspaper

**FIRST:** Cosette Gunter-Stratton, Abby Bammerlin, *The Miami Student*  
**SECOND:** Marcy Paredes, Gabe Burggraf, Athena Markowski, Abby Fricke, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University

### Best College Opinion Writing

**FIRST:** Staff, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University  
**SECOND:** Devin Ankeney, *The Miami Student*

### Best College Sports Writing

**FIRST:** Jacob Bengé, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University  
**SECOND:** Michael Vestey, *The Miami Student*

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## Title IX turns 50:

### How the law has changed Miami's sports



SENIOR MIAMI GOALIE ISABELLE FERRELL BLOCKS A SHOT AGAINST OHIO STATE. PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY MIAMI ATHLETICS

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When Jennie Gilbert played volleyball for Miami University in 1982, the women's team played at Withrow Court — a building so old it no longer exists — because Millett was reserved for men's sports.

While the men's basketball team traveled on charter buses to away games, Gilbert and her teammates drove themselves in vans to their competitions. If she signed up for a course, the professor was allowed to decline her enrollment solely because of her gender.

Title IX, the landmark legislation that outlawed sex-based discrimination in educational programs and activities, was signed into law in 1972, but it took decades of slow yet steady progress to create the more level playing field that exists now.

The successes of Title IX  
Gilbert, now the associate athletic director and Title IX coordinator at Miami, is glad about the improvements that have been made in the bill's 50 years.

"Compare that to where we are now, [there's] significant differences," Gilbert said. "In fact, if you talk to our current women athletes, they have no idea that such inequities even existed."

Gilbert said although great strides have been made, much of the still present inequality stems from differences in market and television value, largely driven by football.

"The top football programs are paying their coaches exorbitant amounts of money because of what success [in football] brings to the university," Gilbert said.

At Miami, the average annual head coach salary for a men's sport is \$2,127,790, while the salary for a women's

en's sport is \$79,282, although the disparity is skewed by football.

Men's sports are still paid more for broadcasting rights, but Gilbert said viewership has been rising for women's, especially for softball and basketball.

"[Sports networks] are really paying attention and starting to pay more for the privilege of broadcasting these sports which now is increasing salaries for those women coaches," Gilbert said.

Where Miami still falls short

Gilbert said the value differences are hard for universities to address, but more efforts can be made to shorten the gap through equal marketing and promotions of men's and women's sports.

"If you're marketing and promoting a football program for 100 men, you should be doing close to that for 100 women and investing that same amount," Gilbert said. "How can we

expect bigger crowds for women's sports if we're not telling people when we play?"

Kari Spaid, a junior on Miami's softball team, also took notice of how men's and women's athletics are promoted unequally at Miami.

"[On the Miami athletic page] I'm always seeing football or basketball or baseball being promoted, and a lot less softball, field hockey, soccer, skating," Spaid said. "We have one of the best skating teams in the country, and they're not shown, and then a football game is promoted 15 times back to back."

Spaid said she's also noticed differences in gear and equipment for male and female athletes.

"I'll see male athletes with cooler shirts, backpacks when we haven't got ours yet, nicer shoes... just pretty much more and better quality gear," Spaid said. "Facilities are the same

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## City Council's dissent against Roe v. Wade overturning draws crowd



THE COURT HOUSE'S SEAT WAS NEARLY FILLED FOR CITY COUNCIL'S SEPT. 20 MEETING. PHOTO BY LUKE MACY.

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Nearly every seat was filled in Oxford's Court House during city council's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

"There's all kinds of an audience," Mayor William Suavey said as he walked in.

Resolution for reproductive freedom sparks controversy

Many people attended to share their opinions about a resolution of dissent against the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade in June.

The resolution was drafted by Councilors Amber Franklin and Alex French. French was absent from the meeting due to a family loss, but Franklin shared her reasoning for drafting the resolution.

"We have had three months to witness the havoc, chaos and harm being inflicted on the lives of people who are pregnant as a result of bans and severe restrictions on access to abortion care across this nation," Franklin said. "A resolution is symbolic. It is not an ordinance or a law and cannot change the current state of affairs regarding access to abortion care in Ohio. However, resolutions can be statements of resistance, which also become historical documents."

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## SPRING BACK TO SCHOOL

### Faculty concerned over potential end of iPads for incoming first-year students, university yet to formally announce plans

The Digital Flagship program, a collaboration between Apple and Ohio State and originally announced in 2017, is rumored to be ending, and many are expressing their concerns over the impact of its loss.

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that the Digital Flagship program will end, department chairs and faculty are expressing their concerns and making plans for the impact of its loss.

The program, which is a collaboration between Apple and Ohio State, was originally announced in 2017. It provided

portal for class materials and grades. While it's unclear why the university would discontinue the program, a 2020 Student Life survey found that 96 percent of students agreed or strongly agreed that the tablets "were useful for academic purposes."

the impact the discontinuation of iPads would have on instruction.

The document, entitled "Impact of discontinuation of the digital flagship project on instruction in Chemistry and Biochemistry," stated the department is concerned that losing the Digital Flagship

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