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— 2024 —

SPJ AWARDS

OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM





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**91.7 WVXU
NEWS**

Best General Assignment

SECOND: Tana Weingartner, WVXU

Best Sports Reporting

SECOND: Zack Carreon, WVXU

Best Newscast:

FIRST: Staff, WVXU

Best Public Affairs Program

FIRST: Lucy May, Selena Reder, Derrick Smith, WVXU

SECOND: Lucy May, Selena Reder, Assia Johnson, WVXU

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Salutes this year's winners of the

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Kiplinger's 2025 Fellowship will be March 16-21
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<https://www.ohio.edu/scripps-college/journalism/kiplinger>

Emil Dansker Award for Outstanding Achievement in Journalism



Dr. Huixin Deng, Journalism Professor, Baldwin Wallace University, 2024 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. The Emil Dansker Award is presented annually to a journalist 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. This year's entries were judged by judges from the Region 10 Excellence in Journalism contest.

Congratulations, Dr. Deng!



Congratulations to winners of Ohio's Best Journalism awards for 2024, 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. 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 2023.

A special thank you to dozens of journalists/judges from the Region 10, SPJ Northwest Excellence for Journalism Contest, which includes Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Idaho and Montana, 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 Region 10's contest earlier this year. Many thanks to all of our SPJ members and journalists throughout the Buckeye state for judging.

Many thanks also to our longtime contest sponsors for the coming year – E.W. Scripps School of Journalism, Kiplinger Program, *Columbus Business First* and Cincinnati Public Radio, 91.7 WVXU – whose support each year makes the contest possible. 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 2025 contest. Watch your inbox and visit ohiospjawards.org for details about the 2025 contest soon.

Ohio's Best Journalism Advisory Committee

2024 SPJ AWARDS OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Winners and Best of Show

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Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF
SHOW FIRST, Print over 60,000

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



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

LARGE PRINT WINNERS (CIRCULATION OVER 60,000)

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: Michael Grossberg, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Maddie Coppel, *The Blade*

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Randy Tucker, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Jim Weiker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Children's/Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Terry DeMio, Madeline Mitchell, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Sheridan Hendrix, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Josh Sweigart, Sydney Dawes, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Jessie Balmert, Laura Bischoff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Columbus*

Dispatch, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *USA Today Network Ohio*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: Newsroom, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Cole Behrens, Bethany Bruner, Doral Chenoweth, Maria Devito, Max Filby, Pam James, Kent Mallet, Shahid Meighan, Nancy Molnar, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *The Newark Advocate*, *Canton Repository*, *Coshocton Tribune*, *The Daily Jeffersonian*, *Times Recorder*, *USA Today Network Ohio*

Best Editorial/Criticism Writing

FIRST: Amelia Robinson, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Richard M. Perloff, Anup Kumar, *Cleveland.com*/*The Plain Dealer*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: Mark Ferenchik, Jim Weiker, Nathaniel Shuda, *The Columbus Dispatch*



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

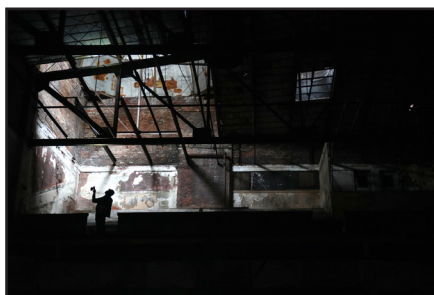
SECOND: Sydney Dawes, Eileen McClory, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Feature Reporting
FIRST: Mike Wagner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Keith Pandolfi, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



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



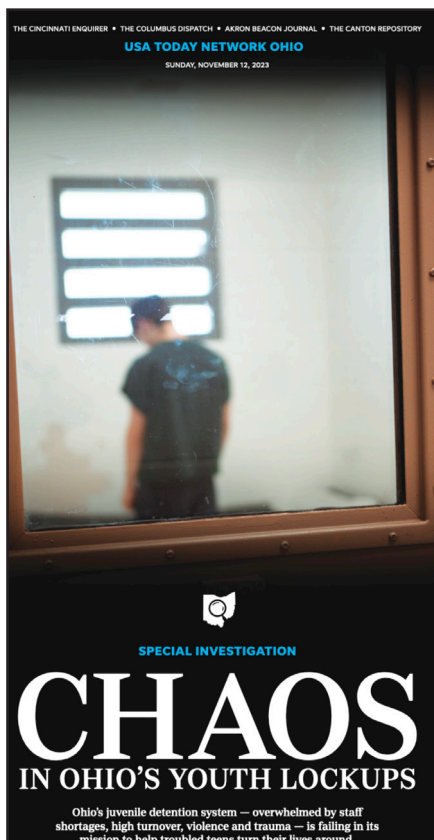
BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: Haley BeMiller, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Canton Repository*, *USA Today Network Ohio*
SECOND: Scott Wartman, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Max Filby, Mike Wagner, Jennifer Smola Shaffer, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Canton Repository*, *USA Today Network Ohio*



BEST SPECIAL SECTION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print over 60,000 – Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Canton Repository*, *USA Today Network Ohio*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, print over 60,000 – Adam Cairns, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Jolene Almendarez, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Peter Gill, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Lynn Hulsey, Jessica Orozco, *Springfield News-Sun*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Sarah Readdean, *The Blade*

Best Science/Medical/Health Care Reporting

FIRST: Samantha Wildow, *Dayton Daily News*
SECOND: Terry DeMio, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Joey Kaufman, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Charlie Goldsmith, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Website:

FIRST: Staff, *toledoblade.com*
SECOND: Staff, *Dispatch.com*

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

Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Amelia Robinson, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Ray Marciano, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Daily Newspaper

FIRST: *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
SECOND: No Award

Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: Joe Landsberger, *The Blade*
SECOND: Alexis Larsen, *Dayton Daily News*
SECOND: Michael Nyerges, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Kareem Elgazzar, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*
SECOND: Adam Cairns, *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Max Filby, *The Columbus Dispatch*
SECOND: Cornelius Frolik, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Special Section:

FIRST: Staff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Canton Repository*, *USA Today Network Ohio*
SECOND: No Award

SMALL PRINT WINNERS (CIRCULATION UNDER 60,000)

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: John Fox, Greg Hand, Mackenzie Manley, Kane Mitten, Patrick Murphy, Sam Rosenstiel, Justin Wiese, *Cincinnati Magazine*
SECOND: Annie Nickoloff, *Cleveland Magazine*

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Betty Lin-Fisher, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: Brittany Moseley, Laura Newpoff, Tatyana Tandanpolie, *Columbus CEO*

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: Staff, *The Exponent*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby Daily Globe*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby Daily Globe*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Annie Nickoloff, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*

Best Government/Political Reporting

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

Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Doug Livingston, Anthony Thompson, Jennifer Pignolet, Betty Lin-Fisher, Amanda Garrett, Phil Masturzo, Mike Cardew, Jeff Lange, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: Staff, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby Daily Globe*

Best Science/Medical/Health Care Reporting

FIRST: Betty Lin-Fisher, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: Paige Bennett, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Steve Watkins, *Cincinnati Business Courier*
SECOND: Mark Hazelwood, *Norwalk Reflector*

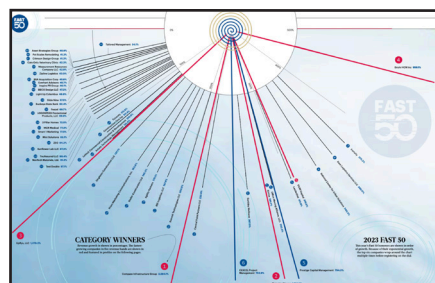
Best Website

FIRST: Staff, *CincinnatiMagazine.com*
SECOND: David Jacobs, Mindy McKenzie, *Shelby Daily Globe*

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

Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Rini Jeffers, *The Chronicle-Telegram/The Medina Gazette*
SECOND: No Award



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – John Lauer, *Columbus Business First*



BEST MONTHLY IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*



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

Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: John Lauer, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: No Award



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Corrie Schaffeld, *Cincinnati Business Courier*



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Rini Jeffers, *The Chronicle-Telegram/The Medina Gazette*



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

Best Monthly in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*

SECOND: Staff, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Corrie Schaffeld, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Annie Nickoloff, *Cleveland Magazine*

SECOND: Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Special Section in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine, Cincinnati Chamber*

SECOND: Mark Hazelwood, *Norwalk Reflector*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, print under 60,000 – Corrie Schaffeld, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

Best Weekly Newspaper in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Columbus Business First*

SECOND: Caleb Stephens, Hannah Poturalski, Nicole Mistretta, Kristina Walser, *Dayton Business Journal*

TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

Best Cover Design

FIRST: Michael McCrady, *Rubber News*

SECOND: No Award

Best General News Story

FIRST: Sam Cottrill, *Rubber News*

SECOND: Erin Pustay Beaven, *Rubber News*

Best Personality Profile

FIRST: Andrew Schunk, *Rubber News*

SECOND: Bruce Meyer, *Rubber News*



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

Best Trade Publication Website

FIRST: Lois A. Bowers, Kimberly Bonvissuto, John O'Connor, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, Aaron Dorman, Foster Stubbs, *McKnight's Senior Living*

SECOND: Sam Cottrill, Erin Pustay Beaven, *Rubber News*

Best Trade Report

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

SECOND: Lois A. Bowers, Kimberly Bonvissuto, *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, Kimberly Bonvissuto, John O'Connor, Monica Pizzi, Aminah Beg, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, Aaron Dorman, Foster Stubbs, John Hall, *McKnight's Senior Living*

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

TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Cassy Arsenault, Bryan Dykes, *WKRC*

SECOND: No Award

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: Jessica Schmidt, Robyn Tyndall, *WXIX Fox19*

SECOND: Rebecca Gulden, Lydia Bice, Gwyneth Falloon, Lee Furry, Ryan Segda, Jarod Thrush, Trent Devine, *WKEF/WRGT*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Payton Marshall, Holden Robinson, *WXIX Fox19*

SECOND: Jessica Schmidt, Payton Del Bradley, *WXIX Fox19*

Best Documentary

FIRST: Donny Sobnosky, Stacia Naquin, *WSYX/WTTE*

SECOND: TR Gormley, Paula Toti, *WKRC-TV*

Best Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Payton Marshall, Holden Robinson, *WXIX Fox19*

SECOND: Lydia Bice, Gwyneth Falloon, Elyse Coulter, Ryan Segda, Trent Devine, Jarod Thrush, Rebecca Gulden, *WKEF/WRGT*

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Salaries up across all CCRC posts

BY JAMES M. BERKLAN
Employees at continuing care retirement communities once again enjoyed healthy salary increases, but the fury of their rise tapered in 2023. At the same time, the rise of turnover

The senior living industry is in the midst of the longest period of occupancy rate gains NIC has observed.



Recovery strides appearing for industry

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

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The 'Forever Chemicals' Dilemma

EU proposed ban lumps all PFAS together

By Bruce Meyer
Rubber News Staff

HELSINKI, Finland—The family of chemicals known collectively as PFAS is getting a lot of attention these days, and right now the main focus is pointed squarely on Europe.

That's because the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) is halfway through its six-month consultation—or comment—period on its restriction proposal that calls for the eventual banning of roughly 10,000 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

And while the ECHA argues that all PFAS materials in the scope of the proposal are "very persistent in the environment"—hence the term "forever chemicals"—producers and users of fluoropolymers and fluoropolymers argue that the materials and goods they produce have no business being part of the process.

They say that while it's true certain products containing PFAS do need to be scrutinized for potential harm to humans and the environment, the industrial goods they deal with are inert, don't degrade into water or air, and long have been designated as "polymers of low concern" by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Applications for these PFAs and fluoropolymers include automotive, hose and tubing, aerospace, the chemical industry, semiconductor production, industrial machinery and batteries in electric vehicles.

But all people seem to hear about is PFAS usage in such things as pizza boxes and ski wax, among a myriad of other products that may be linked to adverse outcomes, according to Frank

It must take a really large umbrella to provide cover for 10,000 chemicals. At least that's what some in the rubber industry think the European Chemical Agency (ECHA) is trying to do with its proposed outright ban on the per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances commonly known as PFAS.

But many argue that lumping all PFAS together in proposing this blanket ban within the European Union is unfair, and will harm the industry if adopted as currently constructed.

What would they like to see as a cure, you ask?

Nothing short of a new definition, one that doesn't lump the PFAS polymers in the fluoropolymers and fluoropolymer world—which they contend are known to be safe.

Taking it down to its base, PFAS is a "diverse group of chemistries characterized by the strong bond between fluorine and carbon," according to the American Chemistry Council. Because of this strong bond—characterized as the strongest bond in organic chemistry—PFAS provides products with "strength, durability, stability and resilience."

These are properties that have made them highly sought after in a broad range of critical uses. PFAs and fluoropolymers are used in high-end applications across automotive, aerospace, electronics, chemical processing, semiconductor manufacturing and medical uses, among many others.

And because these materials have long been found to be safe in these uses, separating them from PFAS ma-



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

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: Jenna Jordan, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: Payton Marshall, Holden Robinson, *WXIX Fox19*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: Karen Kasler, Daniel Konik, Jo Ingles, Sarah Donaldson, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Media*

SECOND: Robert Rosenberg, Rodney Dunigan, Darrel Rowland, Robert Kendrick, Teresa Riley, *WSYX*

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: Jessica Schmidt, Payton Del Bradley, *WXIX Fox19*

SECOND: Jessica Schmidt, Payton Del Bradley, *WXIX Fox19*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Jenna Jordan, Cierra Campbell, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: Jean-Marie Papoi, Carrie Wise, *Ideastream Public Media*



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Sophia Constantine, *Spectrum News 1*



BEST REPORTER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, TELEVISION – Jenna Jordan, *Spectrum News 1*

Best Health Care/Medical/ Science Reporting

FIRST: Sophia Constantine, Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: Sheena Elzie, *Spectrum News 1*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Lydia Bice, Rebecca Gulden, Lee Furry, *WKEF/ WRGT*

SECOND: Patrick Aftoora-Orsagos, *The Associated Press*

Best Investigative Series

FIRST: Duane Pohlman, News Staff, *WKRC*

SECOND: Morgan Ward, Brad Underwood, *WKRC*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Jessica Ralston, G. Edwin Wilson, Chrissy Morton, *WSYX*

SECOND: Dave DeOreo, Jean-Marie Papoi, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Marshall Kramsky, *WCPO*

SECOND: Sophia Constantine, Brandon Coello Amaya, *Spectrum News 1*

Best Website

FIRST: Audra Levy, Jared Goffinet, Jennifer Baker, *Fox19.com*

SECOND: No Award

BEST OF SHOW TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Anchor

FIRST: Sophia Constantine, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: No Award

Best Newscast

FIRST: Megan O'Rourke, Rob Williams, Chancellor Winn, Candice Hare, Courtney King, Steve Horstmeyer, Jeremy Rauch, Josh Thomas, Nick Gieske, Steve Hyvonen, Keera Frye, Isabella Jansen, Tricia Macke, *Fox19 Now*

SECOND: No Award

Best Public Affairs Program

FIRST: Leigh Barr, Mike McIntyre, J. Nungesser, Ygal Kaufman, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Karen Kasler, Daniel Konik, Jo Ingles, Sarah Donaldson, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Media*

Best Reporter

FIRST: Jenna Jordan, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: Steve Oldfield, *Spectrum News 1*

Best Videographer

FIRST: Jean-Marie Papoi, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Patrick Aftoora-Orsagos, *The Associated Press*

RADIO WINNERS

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Jerry Kenney, *WYSO 91.3*

SECOND: Alejandro Figueroa, *WYSO 91.3*

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: News Team, *WOSU 89.7*

SECOND: Jo Ingles, Karen Kasler, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Media*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Matt Richmond, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Jason Reynolds, *WYSO 91.3*

Best Documentary

FIRST: Amy Eddings, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Renee Fox, Michael De Bonis, *WOSU 89.7*

Best Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Kathryn Mobley, *WYSO 91.3*

SECOND: Allie Vugrincic, *WOSU 89.7*

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: Alejandro Figueroa, *WYSO 91.3*

SECOND: Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Renee Wilde, *WYSO 91.3*

SECOND: Susan Byrnes, *WYSO 91.3*

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: Anna Huntsman, *Ideastream Public Media*
SECOND: Tana Weingartner, *WVXU 91.7*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: Renee Fox, Michael De Bonis, *WOSU 89.7*
SECOND: Karen Kasler, Jo Ingles, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Media*

Best Health Care/Medical/Science Reporting

FIRST: Seth Gordon, *WYSO 91.3*
SECOND: Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media*
SECOND: No Award

Best Minority Issues Coverage

FIRST: Alejandro Figueroa, *WYSO 91.3*
SECOND: Zaria Johnson, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Jason Reynolds, *WYSO 91.3*
SECOND: Zack Carreon, *WVXU 91.7*

Best Website

FIRST: Staff, *Ideastream Public Media*
SECOND: Jared Brown, Michael De Bonis, Nicholas Houser, www.wosu.org

BEST OF SHOW RADIO WINNERS

Best Anchor

FIRST: Amanda Rabinowitz, *Ideastream Public Media*
SECOND: Jerry Kenney, *WYSO 91.3*

Best Newscast

FIRST: Staff, *WVXU 91.7*
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Best Reporter

FIRST: Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media*
SECOND: Alejandro Figueroa, *WYSO 91.3*

DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE WINNERS

Best Arts/Entertainment Reporting

FIRST: Troy Smith, *Axios Cleveland*
SECOND: Brin Glass, *TheReportingProject.org*

Best Business/Tech Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *TheReportingProject.org*
SECOND: Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Energy News Network*

Best Editorial/Criticism Writing

FIRST: Jack Shuler, *Matter News*
SECOND: Walker Evans, *Columbus Underground*

Best Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Megan Henry, *Ohio Capital Journal*
SECOND: Susan Tebben, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Feature

FIRST: Zack Meisel, *The Athletic*
SECOND: Zack Meisel, *The Athletic*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: Marty Schladen, *Ohio Capital Journal*



BEST ANCHOR, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, RADIO – Amanda Rabinowitz, *Ideastream Public Media*



BEST REPORTER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, RADIO – Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Morgan Trau, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Graphic Design/Navigation

FIRST: Patrice Watson, *Soapbox Cincinnati*
SECOND: Alice Feng, Troy Smith, Rahul Mukherjee, Jared Whalen, *Axios Cleveland*

Best Investigative Reporting

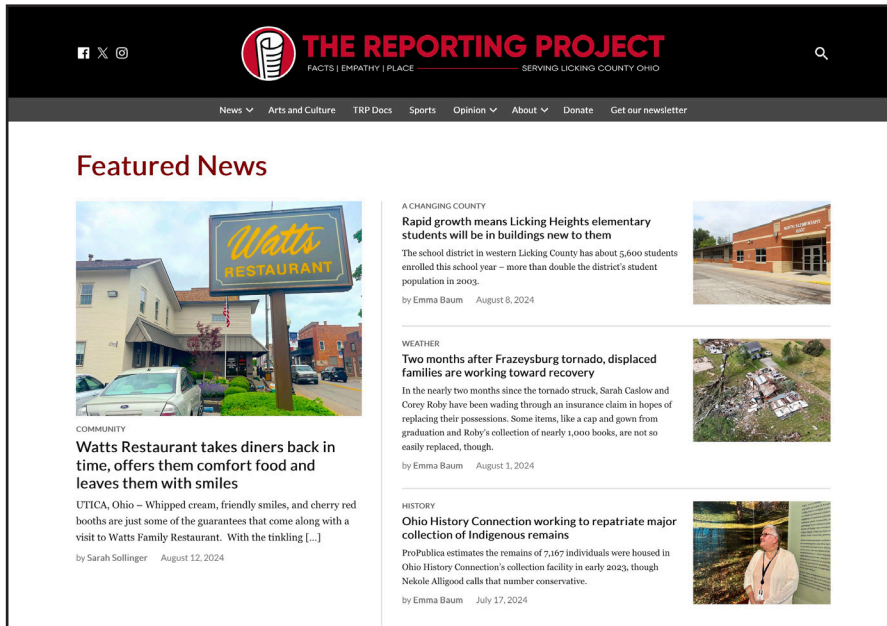
FIRST: Mark Puente, *The Marshall Project-Cleveland*, Tara Morgan, *WEWS News 5*
SECOND: Denison Journalism Students, *TheReportingProject.org*

Best Medical/Science/Health Care Reporting

FIRST: H.L. Comeriato, *The Buckeye Flame*
SECOND: Kathiann M. Kowalski, *Science News Explores*
SECOND: Susan Tebben, *Ohio Capital Journal*



BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – Jack Shuler, *Matter News*



BEST GENERAL NEWS SITE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE – *TheReportingProject.org*



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

Best News Story
FIRST: Jack Wolf,
TheReportingProject.org

SECOND: Dani Kington, *Athens County Independent*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, DIGITAL MEDIA – Susan Post, *Columbus Underground*

Best Newsletter

FIRST: Alissa Widman Neese, Tyler Buchanan, *Axios Columbus*
SECOND: Sam Allard, Troy Smith, *Axios Cleveland*

Best Overall Blog (news organization)

FIRST: David DeWitt, Marilou Johanek, *Ohio Capital Journal*
SECOND: No Award

Best Podcast

FIRST: Haley BeMiller, Anna Staver, *USA Today Network Ohio*
SECOND: Amanda Rabinowitz, Brittany Nader, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Sports Coverage

FIRST: Jeff Gilbert, Dayton Daily News, *PressProsMagazine.com*
SECOND: Ygal Kaufman, *Ideastream Public Media*

Best Videographer

FIRST: Kris Sproles, wright.edu/news, *Wright State University*
SECOND: Andrew Theophilus, *TheReportingProject.org*

BEST OF SHOW DIGITAL MEDIA/FREELANCE WINNERS WINNERS

Best Digital/Freelance Writer

FIRST: Jack Shuler, *Matter News*

SECOND: Jesse Bethea, *Columbus Underground*

Best General News Site

FIRST: Staff,

TheReportingProject.org

SECOND: David DeWitt, Marty Schladen, Susan Tebben, Nick Evans, Megan Henry, Morgan Trau, Marilou Johanek, Graham Stokes, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Online Still Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Ryan Loew, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Susan Post, *Columbus Underground*

COLLEGE WINNERS

Best College Feature Writing

FIRST: Brody Serravalli, *The Lantern, The Ohio State University*

SECOND: Reagan Rude, *The Miami Student, Miami University*

Best College News Writing

FIRST: Austin Smith, *The Miami Student, Miami University*

SECOND: Simon Skoutas, *The Exponent, Baldwin Wallace University*

Best College Newspaper

FIRST: Staff, *The Exponent, Baldwin Wallace University*

SECOND: Staff, *The Miami Student, Miami University*

Best College Opinion Writing

FIRST: Meredith Perkins, *The Miami Student, Miami University*

SECOND: Kate Ferencak, *The Carroll News, John Carroll University*

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Editor's Note: We're back!

By THE EXPONENT EXECUTIVE BOARD AND HUIJIN DENG, PH.D.
Editors and Faculty Advisor

It is a daunting reality that local news in this country is on the decline. With the dire national and international issues we encounter in our interconnected world, it can be easy to overlook what is taking place in our own community in our daily lives.

This is where The Exponent stands—to bring together our neighbors and share information pertinent to the ways we orient ourselves on campus and in Berea.

In the past year, our readers have witnessed how "The Exponent" sprang to new heights to serve our neighbors and communities. Starting as an understaffed team of only five members, we quickly grew to become one of the most prominent student-led organizations on campus.

Through the hard work of our staff within just a few months, we have become an award-winning newspaper, connecting with community members and keeping our readers informed the way we have desired to do since 1913.

At the end of Spring 2023, The Exponent executive board ran The Best of Berea Awards, where our readers voted on their favorite parts of Berea, including coffee shops, restaurants and bars. These awards were given to the community members during our Gala and Awards Ceremony, which brought together over 50 members of BW and local businesses in Berea.

Now, we have the opportunity to enhance what makes "The Exponent" a treasure at BW and beyond campus.

We will continue forging relationships with our beloved community, while keeping our readers updated through web, print and social media. We are

also working to keep up with our generations' demands toward producing multimedia projects in the form of live-streamed shows, Left to right: Sunaina Kabadkar, Simon Skoutas, Hannah Wetmore and Alexis Watkins

As students or faculty, and ultimately, residents of Berea, we are not isolated individuals merely occupying these fields for fun or for career development. We are a part of the community, and the work of "The Exponent" has demonstrated this.

Last year, we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to cover events ranging from the opening of local restaurants on Front Street to the United States Senate debates in Cleveland. This year, we aim to strengthen these efforts. Political issues, the art of the area and BW students'



Huijin Deng, The Exponent Executive Board

everyday concerns are all on our radar. Nonetheless, these realities affect each of us differently and hence "The Exponent" will strive to pursue stories from various angles, combine these perspectives and present them in a comprehensive, unbiased manner.

We hope to continually bring forward an editorial product that will report on local news, highlight prominent issues and entertain you, our dear readers.

If you want to join our award-winning team, email us at exponent@bw.edu.

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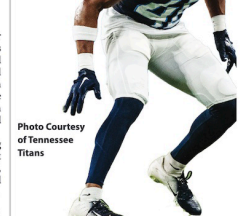


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Read more about Anthony Kendall's journey to the Tennessee Titans on page 8

White nationalism stickers found on campus reveal national issue

By SIMON SKOUTAS
Executive Print Editor

Editor's Note: "The Exponent" strongly condemns all forms of hate speech on our campus. We are committed to fostering an inclusive and diverse environment where every member of our community is treated with respect, dignity and equity. If you see this messaging around campus again, report it to BW's Center for Inclusion and the Safety and Security Department immediately. Report any incidents here: <https://f222.formsite.com/bwesi/f222>

At the beginning of the Fall 2023 semester, Baldwin

political party organization, whose platform includes various hateful initiatives, such as cutting down Jewish representation in the workforce, hateful rhetoric toward members of different sexual orientations along with creating immigration caps in the U.S. to keep a majority of our population of "European" ancestry.

David Hoffman, the senior advisor director of the Anti-Defamation League, a group founded to combat antisemitism and hatred toward all marginalized groups, said that in the last five years, incidents of white supremacist propaganda across the U.S. have increased by nearly five times from 1,214

The Exponent condemns. While it is unclear how many members take part in these efforts, organizations, incidents such as placing stickers with hateful messaging serve the group's purpose by hurting individuals that they see as unwelcome.

"While we can't know the exact 'success,' one thing that we do know is that like other incidents of hate and bias, acts of vandalism that target a community, the impact of these actions is felt widely in the community beyond just those who they may be targeting when recruiting," Hoffman said.

Hoffman said that one reason for the growing influence of white supremacy

said. Matthew Ward, assistant professor of political science, who teaches courses on fascist ideology, said that social media and instances such as the one seen at BW reveal the desire of these groups to move the "Overton Window," a term coined to explain what is acceptable in mainstream politics.

"The goal is to mainstream [it] before they concentrate on things like policy and politics," Ward said. "So the idea is to change culture through these messaging operations."

Hoffman also said that the groups are now more likely to collaborate than in the past, which reveals how hate group members have become more

white "threats" is an effective narrative pushed by these white supremacist groups.

"There's this victimhood narrative that's really appealing to people because it appeals to emotions and senses of being lost or left behind by the system," Ward said.

According to the A.D.L., college campuses are frequent places for attack, specifically from the same hate group which plagued BW, with nine incidences occurring since the start of 2023. Specifically, colleges become areas of attraction for hateful messaging since they can sense college students' curiosity.

"A lot of these groups are trying to capitalize on University students who are

always report instances.

"We think the best way to counter hate speech is through love speech as 'corny' as it may sound," Hoffman said.

Ward said that it is important for people to educate themselves on these matters and said that one helpful resource is the resources available through the A.D.L.

"They [college students] should familiarize themselves with what to look for, because knowing ahead of time what took to look for in the purpose of rhetoric is one of the most effective ways to inoculate against radicalization," Ward said.

Timothy Washington, Safety and Security Supervisor at BW,

BEST COLLEGE NEWSPAPER FIRST – *The Exponent*, Baldwin Wallace University

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Students react as marijuana comes to Ohio ballot in November

REAGAN RUDE
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Ohioans will have an opportunity to vote on the state legalization of recreational marijuana this November.

If passed, the legislation would permit adults 21 and over to purchase and possess up to 2.5 ounces of the drug and to grow cannabis plants at home. In addition, a 10% tax would be levied on marijuana sales. This revenue would go to administrative costs, job programs, addiction treatment centers and municipalities with dispensaries.

The measure arose from a citizen ballot initiative named the Coalition to Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol, which received 127,772 valid signatures—3,000 more than required.

As the name suggests, the measure would establish similar restrictions as those around alcohol, including prohibiting the consumption of marijuana while driving or while being a passenger in a motor vehicle. Landlords and employers would also have the authority to "prohibit the adult use of cannabis in certain circumstances."

Katie Thompson, a Miami University senior marketing and entrepreneurship major from Dayton, Ohio, said she's not sure which way she'll vote in November, although she's leaning toward voting to legalize it.

"I think people use it regardless, like so many people have tried it at least once," Thompson said. "So if

Marijuana's positive — and negative — health impacts

Anna Radke, an associate professor in Miami's Department of Psychology, teaches Psychopharmacology (PSY 250), a course about the behavioral and psychological effects of drugs. Radke said most of the positive effects of marijuana are felt instantly.

"It gives people an initial feeling of relaxation and reduced anxiety. You hear people using it for all sorts of reasons," Radke said. "It feels good and it's a stress relief."

She said when having conversations about the effects of marijuana, it's important to distinguish between acute and long-term impacts.

"When you're actually using it, it also comes with things like deficits in attention or memory impairments, reduced reaction times and so on," Radke said. "Chronic or heavy use can have some long-term impacts and persistent deficits, which include things like impairments in attention or concentration, executive functions, learning and memory and psychomotor reaction times."

Radke said these longer-term effects tend to occur more with heavy use over time, particularly if people are using it in adolescence. In addition, she said students tend to believe marijuana isn't addictive like other drugs are.

"We have a disorder that's been defined as cannabis use disorder, just like we have for other drugs of abuse," Radke said. "Students are always surprised to hear that it affects all of the same neural systems that

MIAMI MOVES IN: Thousands of students return to campus for classes

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MACCRACKEN HALL, HOME TO A MARKETPLACE AND AT THE HEART OF SOUTHERN CAMPUS, FOUND ITSELF ENGULFED IN ACTIVITY AND DOOR KNOCKING. PHOTO BY SARAH FRONCH



BEST COLLEGE NEWSPAPER SECOND – *The Miami Student*, Miami University

Best College Sports Writing

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