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SPJ AWARDS

OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM





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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 new Kiplinger Forum 2026
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Emil Dansker Award For Outstanding Achievement In Journalism



Darrel Rowland

Longtime Revered and Highly Respected Ohio Journalist

WSYX-TV, The Columbus Dispatch,

Warren Tribune Chronicle, Mansfield News Journal

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 Green Eyeshades Awards journalism contest.

Congratulations, Darrel!



Congratulations to winners of Ohio's Best Journalism awards for 2025, 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 print, small print, 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 2024. Our categories have evolved with the changes in our profession, especially recognizing free-lance journalists with the flexibility to compete in their own free-lance category or with journalists in other categories. Unlike other contests, which only have one print category for small, large and trade publications, we offer categories for each. Recent category additions included newsletters and podcasts in Digital Media/Freelance. If you see category changes we should make, please contact us at contact@ohiospjawards.org.

A special thank you to dozens of journalists/judges from the Green Eyeshades Awards contest, which includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and West Virginia, 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 Green Eyeshades' 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* – 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. This year was no exception as you can tell from the judges' comments, which can be found on our website. 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 2026 contest. Watch your inbox and visit ohiospjawards.org for details about the 2026 contest soon.

Ohio's Best Journalism Advisory Committee

2025 SPJ AWARDS OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM

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SHOW, Runner-Up, Large Print

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OHIO'S BEST JOURNALISM



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Ray Marciano, *Dayton Daily News*



BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Patricia Gallagher Newberry, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Jeremy Wadsworth, *The Blade*

LARGE PRINT WINNERS

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: Cedric Rose, *Cincinnati Magazine*

SECOND: David Wysong, Haadiza Ogwude, Grace Tucker, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Alexander Coolidge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: James Trumm, *The Blade*

Best Children's/Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Eileen McClory, Nick Blizzard, London Bishop, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Eileen McClory, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Jordan Laird, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Eric Schwartzberg, Josh Sweigart, Thomas Gnau, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: Brian Hedger, Michael Arace, Cole Behrens, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Kristen Spicker, Jen Balduf, Sydney Dawes, *Dayton Daily News*

Best Editorial/Criticism Writing

FIRST: Nick Hrkman, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Kevin Aldridge, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: Jessie Balmert, *USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau*

SECOND: Dan Horn, Victoria Moorwood, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

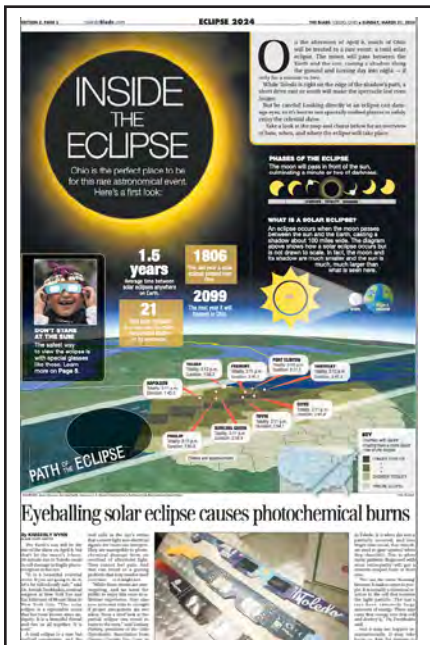


BEST DAILY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – *The Columbus Dispatch*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Tom Archdeacon, *Dayton Daily News*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Joe Landsberger, *The Blade*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Jeremy Wadsworth, *The Blade*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: Julie Carr Smyth, *The Associated Press*

SECOND: James Trumm, Debbie Rogers, *The Blade*

Best Investigative Reporting

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

SECOND: Amber Hunt, Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Erin Glynn, Amber Hunt, Scott Wartman, Liz Dufour, Victoria Moorwood, Dan Horn, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Elizabeth Kim, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*



BEST SPECIAL SECTION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Large Print – Staff, *The Blade*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, Large Print – Sam Greene, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Elizabeth Kim, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Cornelius Frolik, *Dayton Daily News*

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: Kimberly Wynn, *The Blade*

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Joey Kaufman, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Gordon Wittenmeyer, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Website:

FIRST: Staff, *daytondailynews.com*

SECOND: No Award

Best of Show Large Print Winners

Best Columnist in Ohio:

FIRST: Ray Marcano, *Dayton Daily News*

SECOND: Amelia Robinson, *Gannett*

Best Daily Newspaper in Ohio:

FIRST: *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: Joe Landsberger, *The Blade*

SECOND: Michael Nyerges, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Jeremy Wadsworth, *The Blade*

SECOND: Sam Greene, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Patricia Gallagher Newberry, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

SECOND: Bethany Bruner, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Max Filby, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Danae King, *The Columbus Dispatch*

SECOND: Haley BeMiller, *USA TODAY Network Ohio Bureau*

Best Special Section in Ohio:

FIRST: Staff, *The Blade*

SECOND: Jeremy DeLuca,

Morgan Ringel, Jason

Bredehoeft, Michael Nyerges,

Crista Brasloff, *The Cincinnati Enquirer*

Enquirer

SMALL PRINT WINNERS

Best Arts Reporting

FIRST: Aiesha Little, Brandon Wuske, *Cincinnati Magazine*
SECOND: Katy Smith, Peter Tonguette, Dan Williamson, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Jeremy Nobile, *Crain's Cleveland Business*
SECOND: Dan Eaton, *Columbus Business First*

Best Children's/Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Jennifer Pignolet, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby News Reporter*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Nancy Molnar, *Canton Repository*
SECOND: Marie Thomas-Baird, *Sentinel-Tribune*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby News Reporter*

Best Deadline Reporting

FIRST: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*
SECOND: David Jacobs, *Shelby News Reporter*

Best Explanatory Journalism

FIRST: Jessica Orozco, Avery Kreemer, Josh Sweigart, Stephen Starr, Aimee Hancock, Lynn Hulsey, *Springfield News-Sun*
SECOND: Sean Scott, Stella Powers, *Oxford Free Press*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Katy Smith, *Columbus Monthly*
SECOND: Sean Scott, *Oxford Free Press*

Best Government/Political Reporting

FIRST: David Knox, Carissa Woytach, *The Chronicle-Telegram*
SECOND: Grace Springer, *Canton Repository*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Jennifer Pignolet, *Akron Beacon Journal*
SECOND: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Carrie Ghose, *Columbus Business First*
SECOND: No Award

Best Public Service/Social Issues Reporting

FIRST: Sean Scott, *Oxford Free Press*
SECOND: Ally Marotti, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Religion Reporting

FIRST: Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*
SECOND: Charita Goshay, *Canton Repository*
SECOND: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Science/Medical/Health Care Reporting

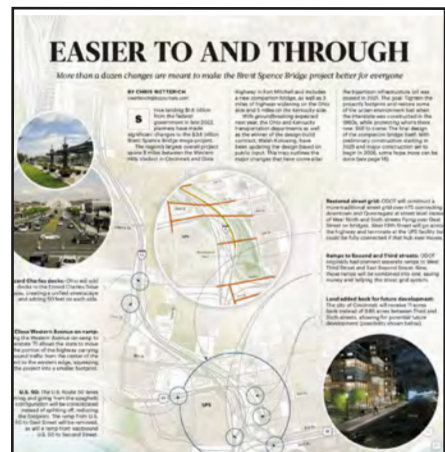
FIRST: Paige Bennett, *Crain's Cleveland Business*
SECOND: Joel Oliphint, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Sports Reporting

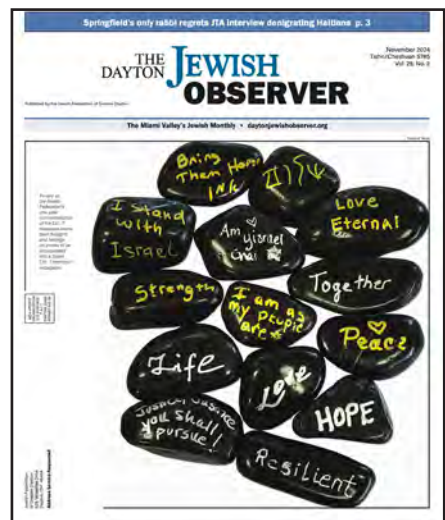
FIRST: Chris DeVille, *Columbus Monthly*
SECOND: Joe Scalzo, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Website

FIRST: Claire Lefton, Emma Balcom, Brianna Connock, John Fox, Aiesha Little, Amanda Boyd Walters, *Cincinnati Magazine*, *cincinnatiimagazine.com*
SECOND: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*, *cjn.org*



BEST GRAPHIC DESIGNER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – John Lauer, *Cincinnati Business Courier*



BEST MONTHLY IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*



BEST WEEKLY NEWSPAPER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Nick Graham, *Journal-News*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Nick Graham, *Journal-News*



BEST PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, Small Print – Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*



BEST COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Rini Jeffers, *The Chronicle-Telegram/The Medina Gazette*



BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Small Print – Kelli Weir, *Canton Repository*

BEST OF SHOW SMALL PRINT WINNERS

Best Columnist in Ohio

FIRST: Rini Jeffers, *The Chronicle-Telegram/The Medina Gazette*

SECOND: Regina Brett, *Cleveland Jewish News*

Best Newspaper in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Springfield News-Sun*

SECOND: Staff, *Journal-News*

Graphic Designer in Ohio

FIRST: John Lauer, *Cincinnati Business Courier*

SECOND: Stefanie Hadiwidjaja, *Cincinnati Magazine*

Best Monthly in Ohio

FIRST: Marshall Weiss, *The Dayton Jewish Observer*

SECOND: Staff, *Cincinnati Magazine*

Best Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Nick Graham, *Journal-News*

SECOND: Tim Johnson, *Columbus Monthly*

Best Reporter in Ohio

FIRST: Kelli Weir, *Canton Repository*

SECOND: Tim Botos, *Canton Repository*

Best Special Section in Ohio

FIRST: Aiesha Little, Emi Villavicencio, *Cincinnati Magazine*

SECOND: Staff, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

Best Weekly Newspaper in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Cleveland Jewish News*

SECOND: Staff, *Crain's Cleveland Business*

TRADE PUBLICATION WINNERS

Best Cover Design

FIRST: Michael McCrady, *Rubber News*

SECOND: No Award

Best General News Story

FIRST: Andrew Schunk, *Rubber News*

SECOND: Kimberly Bonvissuto, *McKnight's Senior Living*

Best Personality Profile

FIRST: Jim DeBrosse, *Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine*

SECOND: Andrew Schunk, *Rubber News*



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

Best Trade Publication Website

FIRST: Lois A. Bowers, Kimberly Bonvissuto, John O'Connor, Aminah Beg, Monica Pizzi, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, Foster Stubbs, *McKnight's Senior Living*
SECOND: Sam Cottrill, *Rubber News*

Best Trade Report

FIRST: Andrew Schunk, *Rubber News*
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: Staff, *Cincy Magazine*
SECOND: Staff, *Rubber News*
SECOND: Lois A. Bowers, Kimberly Bonvissuto, John O'Connor, Aminah Beg, Monica Pizzi, Kathleen Steele Gaivin, Foster Stubbs, John Hall, *McKnight's Senior Living*

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Senior Living



How best to tap Medicare: get a partner

BY LOIS A. BOWERS
 Even though senior living providers, by law, are unable to directly bill the Medicare program for the services they provide to residents, they are able to partner with other organizations focused on value-based care.



Investors and operators should be "jumping up and down" about the study results, one expert says.

BEST TRADE PUBLICATION IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, Trade Publications – *McKnight's Senior Living*

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BEST TRADE COLUMNIST IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, Trade Publications – Bruce Meyer, *Rubber News*

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BEST ANCHOR IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Television – Rob Powers, *WEWS-TV*



BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Television – Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV*

TELEVISION WINNERS

Best Business/Consumer Reporting

FIRST: Steve Oldfield, *Spectrum News Ohio*

SECOND: No Award

Best Continuing Coverage

FIRST: Scott Noll, *News 5 Cleveland*

SECOND: Amber Jayanth, Jordan Vilines, Payton Marshall, Stefano Dipietrantonio, Mike Schell, Kevin Brown, Jessica Schmidt, Megan O'Rourke, Damon Huff, Jacob Murray, Carter Walsh, David Lewis, Linda

Avery, David Palmer, Dianna Newman, Doug Cartwright, Dale Rhoton, Nile Ross, Alyssa White, *WXIX*

Best Criminal Justice Reporting

FIRST: Jessica Schmidt, Tom Dewees, *FOX 19 WXIX*

SECOND: Peggy Gallek, Ed Gallek, *WJW-TV FOX 8 News*

Best Documentary

FIRST: Andy Fishman, Chris Gibilisco, Chris Reece, *WJW-TV FOX 8 News*

SECOND: Elyse Coulter, Ryan Segda, *WKEF/WRGT*

Best Enterprise Reporting

FIRST: Jessica Schmidt, Tom Dewees, David Palmer, *FOX 19 WXIX*

SECOND: Kelley King, *WDTN*

Best Feature Reporting

FIRST: Duane Pohlman, Kevin Barnett, Holden Robinson, Austin Tanner, Tim Geraghty, *WKRC-TV*

SECOND: Jenna Jordan, *Spectrum News*

Best General Assignment Reporting

FIRST: Steve Oldfield, *Spectrum News Ohio*

SECOND: Jenna Jordan, *Spectrum News*

Best Government/Political Reporting

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

SECOND: Peggy Gallek, Ed Gallek, *WJW-TV FOX 8 News*

Best Health Care/Medical/Science Reporting

FIRST: Kelley King, *WDTN*

SECOND: Duane Pohlman, Andrea Nejman, Holden Robinson, Nathan Trump, *WKRC-TV*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Silas Tsang, Brian Dugger, Eric Rerucha, *WTOL 11*

SECOND: Scott Noll, *News 5 Cleveland*

Best Investigative Series

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

SECOND: No Award

Best Minority Issues Reporting

FIRST: Sophia Constantine, Bryan Levin, *Spectrum News 1*

SECOND: No Award

Best Sports Reporting

FIRST: Marshall Kramsky, *WCPO-TV*

SECOND: Steve Oldfield, *Spectrum News Ohio*

Best Website

FIRST: Staff, *FOX 8 News, fox8.com*

SECOND: Jen Baker, Jared Goffinet, Mary Lebus, *fox19.com*

Best of Show Television Winners

Best Anchor in Ohio

FIRST: Rob Powers, *WEWS-TV*

SECOND: Payton Marshall, *WXIX*

Best Newscast in Ohio

FIRST: Silas Tsang, *WTOL 11*

SECOND: Matthew Schroeder, Tricia Macke, Rob Williams, Joe Danneman, Courtney King, Brady Williams, Chancellor Winn, Chris Waldmann, Savannah Tirey, Jared Darwish, Josh Thomas, *FOX 19 NOW at 10*

Best Public Affairs Program in Ohio

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

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

Best Reporter in Ohio**FIRST:** Duane Pohlman, *WKRC-TV***SECOND:** Scott Noll, *News 5 Cleveland***Best Videographer in Ohio****FIRST:** Jean-Marie Papoi, *Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** No Award**RADIO WINNERS****Best Business/Consumer Reporting****FIRST:** George Shillcock, *WOSU 89.7 FM***SECOND:** Renee Fox, *WOSU 89.7 FM***Best Continuing Coverage****FIRST:** George Shillcock, Debbie Holmes, Anna Staver, Mark Ferencsik, Jared Clayton Brown, Katie Geniusz, Allie Vugrincic, *WOSU 89.7 FM***SECOND:** Sarah Donaldson, *Statehouse News Bureau, Ohio Public Media***Best Criminal Justice Reporting****FIRST:** Matt Richmond, *Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Julio Mateo, Lewis Raven Wallace, *WYSO***Best Documentary****FIRST:** Julio Mateo, Lewis Raven Wallace, *WYSO***SECOND:** Neenah Ellis, Chris Welter, Tana Weingartner, Susan Brynes, *WYSO***Best Education Issues Reporting****FIRST:** Kendall Crawford, Karen Kasler, Zack Carreon, *The Ohio Newsroom***SECOND:** Erin Gottsacker, Conor Morris, *The Ohio Newsroom, Ideastream Public Media***Best Enterprise Reporting****FIRST:** Shay Frank, *WYSO***SECOND:** Theo Peck-Suzuki, *WOUB Public Media***Best Feature Reporting****FIRST:** Kendall Crawford, *The Ohio Newsroom***SECOND:** Matthew Rand, *WOSU Public Media***Best General Assignment Reporting****FIRST:** Erin Gottsacker, *The Ohio Newsroom***SECOND:** Nick Swartsell, *WVXU***Best Government/Political Reporting****FIRST:** George Shillcock, Mark Ferencsik, *WOSU 89.7 FM***SECOND:** Renee Fox, *WOSU 89.7 FM***Best Health Care/Medical/Science Reporting****FIRST:** Erin Gottsacker, *The Ohio Newsroom***SECOND:** Taylor Wizner, *Ideastream Public Media***Best Investigative Reporting****FIRST:** Adriana Martinez-Smiley, *WYSO***SECOND:** No Award**Best Minority Issues Coverage****FIRST:** Kendall Crawford, *The Ohio Newsroom***SECOND:** Renee Fox, *WOSU 89.7 FM***Best Sports Reporting****FIRST:** Gabriel Kramer, *Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Tana Weingartner, *WVXU***Best Website****FIRST:** Staff, *Ideastream Public Media, ideastream.org***SECOND:** Jared Brown, Nicholas Houser, Michael De Bonis, *WOSU 89.7 FM, wosu.org***BEST ANCHOR IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Radio – Jerry Kenney, WYSO****BEST REPORTER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Radio – George Shillcock, WOSU 89.7 FM****Best of Show Radio Winners****Best Anchor in Ohio****FIRST:** Jerry Kenney, *WYSO***SECOND:** Maryanne Zeleznik, *WVXU***Best Newscast in Ohio****FIRST:** Tana Weingartner, News Staff, *WVXU***SECOND:** Matthew Rand, *WOSU Public Media***Best Public Affairs Program in Ohio****FIRST:** Leigh Barr, Aya Cathey, Jenny Hamel, Drew Maziasz, Rachel Rood, *Ideastream Public Media***SECOND:** Lucy May, Selena Reder, Marshall Verbsky, *WVXU***Best Reporter in Ohio****FIRST:** George Shillcock, *WOSU 89.7 FM***SECOND:** Theo Peck-Suzuki, *WOUB Public Media*



BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Digital Media/Freelance – Alan Miller, *The Reporting Project*



BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW SECOND, Digital Media/Freelance – David DeWitt, *Ohio Capital Journal*

DIGITAL MEDIA/ FREELANCE WINNERS WINNERS

Best Arts/Entertainment Reporting

FIRST: Nick Swartsell, *WVXU*
SECOND: Andy Downing, *Matter News*

Best Business/Tech Reporting

FIRST: Tyler Thompson, Torria Catrone, Sarah Wuellner, *The Reporting Project*
SECOND: Morgan Trau, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Editorial/Criticism Writing

FIRST: David DeWitt, *Ohio Capital Journal*
SECOND: Shane Tilton, *The Columbus Dispatch*, *Northern Review*

Best Education Issues Reporting

FIRST: Sarah Sollinger, Ella Diehl, Ellie Owen, *The Reporting Project*
SECOND: Alissa Widman Neese, *Axios Columbus*

Best Feature

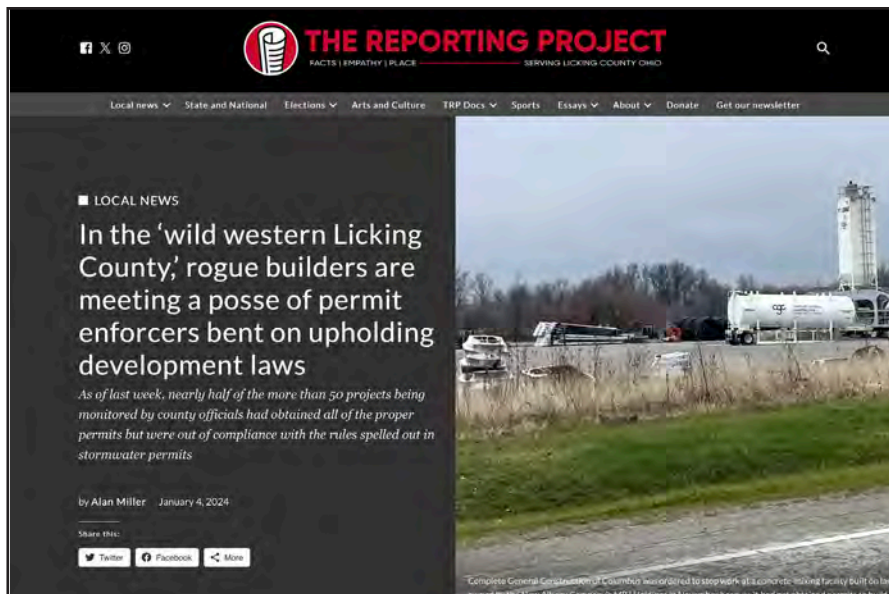
FIRST: Sarah Sollinger, Annie Kennedy, Staff, *The Reporting Project*
SECOND: Susan Tebben, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Government/Political Reporting

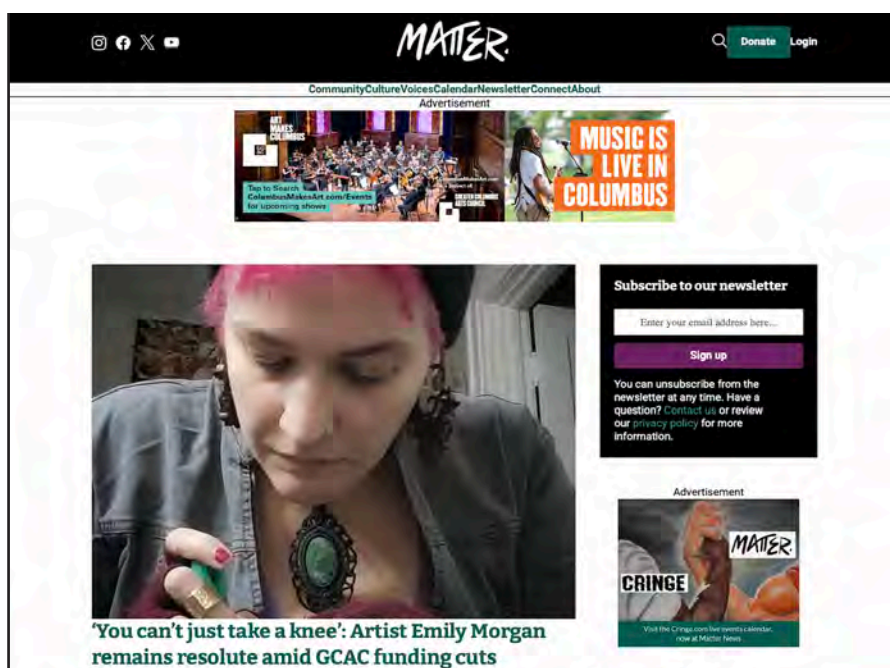
FIRST: Noah Fishman, *The Reporting Project*
SECOND: Shiloh Antonuccio, Keri Johnson, Abigael Miles, *Athens County Independent*

Best Investigative Reporting

FIRST: Morgan Trau, *Ohio Capital Journal*
SECOND: David Forster, Theo Peck-Suzuki, *WOUB Public Media*



BEST DIGITAL/FREELANCE WRITER, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Digital Media/Freelance – Alan Miller, *The Reporting Project*



BEST GENERAL NEWS SITE, BEST OF SHOW FIRST, Digital Media/Freelance – Staff, *Matter News*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW, FIRST, Digital Media/Freelance – Ryan Loew, *Ideastream Public Media*



BEST ONLINE STILL PHOTOGRAPHER IN OHIO, BEST OF SHOW, SECOND, Digital Media/Freelance – Andrew Theophilus, *The Reporting Project*

Best Medical/Science/Health Care Reporting

FIRST: David Holthaus, Patrice Watson, Natalie Grilli, *Soapbox Media*

SECOND: Andrew Theophilus, Daniela Gomez Vargas, Alan Miller, Jack Shuler, *The Reporting Project*

Best News Story

FIRST: Theo Peck-Suzuki, *WOUB Public Media*

SECOND: Susan Tebben, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best Newsletter

FIRST: Julia Lerner, *The Reporting Project*

SECOND: Troy Smith, Sam Allard, *Axios Cleveland*

Best Overall Blog (news organization)

FIRST: David DeWitt, *Ohio Capital Journal*

SECOND: No Award

Best Podcast

FIRST: Mark Lammers, Ann Thompson, Hernz Laguerre Jr., Emiko Moore, *CET-ThinkTV-PBS*

SECOND: Becca Costello, Ella Rowen, *WVXU, Cincinnati Public Radio*

Best Sports Coverage

FIRST: Zack Meisel, *The Athletic*

SECOND: Andrew Theophilus, Sarah Sollinger, Emmet Anderson, *The Reporting Project*

Best Videographer

FIRST: Kris Sproles, *Wright State University*

SECOND: Andrew Theophilus, Owen Baker, Anna Jones, *The Reporting Project*

BEST OF SHOW DIGITAL MEDIA/ FREELANCE WINNERS

Best Digital/Freelance Writer in Ohio

FIRST: Alan Miller, *The Reporting Project*

SECOND: David DeWitt, *Ohio Capital Journal*

Best General News Site in Ohio

FIRST: Staff, *Matter News*

SECOND: Staff, *The Reporting Project*

Best Online Still Photographer in Ohio

FIRST: Ryan Loew, *Ideastream Public Media*

SECOND: Andrew Theophilus, *The Reporting Project*

COLLEGE WINNERS

Best College Feature Writing

FIRST: Phoebe Helms, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University

SECOND: Arin Wade, *Northern Review*, Ohio Northern University

Best College News Writing

FIRST: Nathan Mader, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University

SECOND: Taylor Stumbaugh, *The Miami Student*, Miami University

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

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

Best College Opinion Writing

FIRST: Regina Roth, *The Miami Student*, Miami University

SECOND: Raquel Hirsch, *The Miami Student*, Miami University

Best College Sports Writing

FIRST: Noah Weiskopf, *The Lantern*, The Ohio State University

SECOND: Maggie Fipps, *Cedars*, Cedarville University



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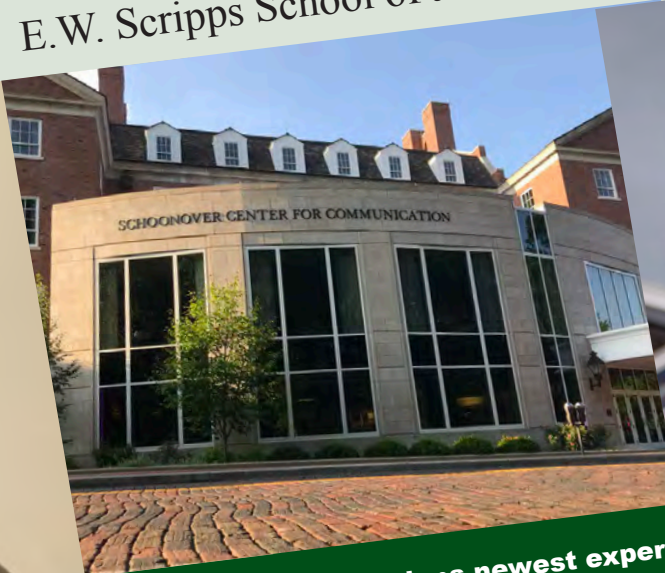


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