56th Annual Golden Quill Awards

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Honoring the BEST
in JOURNALISM and COMMUNICATIONS
in Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio
and Northern West Virginia
Dear Friends:

This was not the message I thought I would write to welcome you all to the 56th annual Golden Quill Awards presented by The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. The Board all wanted to celebrate with you in person and recognize excellence in print, broadcast, photography, illustration and online journalism and communications in Western Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio and West Virginia. But COVID-19 interfered and continues to play havoc with our lives. It forced us to switch an event I have enjoyed attending for years to a virtual one.

You all need to be congratulated on persevering through lockdowns, virtual meetings, mask requirements and incredible uncertainty to bring important news and updates to audiences. If a pandemic wasn’t enough, reporting on racial justice protests and a historic economic crisis have had to be covered, too, and continue. Plus, we have a contentious presidential election looming.

Our Board decided to move forward with a virtual event because it was important in this environment. With journalism and journalists constantly under siege and incredibly affected by even more economic pressures this year, it is just time to pause and reflect on the significance of your work. We also have the chance to present special awards to five of our colleagues and professional organizations. Yes, this expands what the Press Club has done in the past, but read the bios in this program. They are all richly deserved.

This has been a hallmark year for this contest. Again we received 900 entries that were judged by other Press Clubs and Society of Professional Journalists chapters. The work presented by all the finalists and winners is just amazing.

We appreciate your support of this contest, and it is important for you all to know that its proceeds help fund our annual scholarships to lighten the college expense burden for two deserving students and future journalists. The Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship is also greatly aided by an annual golf outing, which this year was held Aug. 15 at the River Forest Country Club.

We know that the Press Club has an important role in our region to continue to support you and journalism’s future. We still will plan partnerships and events – professional and social – throughout the coming year, and we hope you take advantage of them and offer suggestions as to what we can do for you. If you’re not a member, join us. Our board is dedicated to supporting and advocating for journalism, and we need everyone’s help to do just that.

Finally, please join me in remembering Ginny Frizzi, who died on June 1. For decades she put her heart and soul into the Golden Quills, the Press Club, Women’s Press Club of Pittsburgh, the Society of Professional Journalists Pittsburgh Chapter and SPJ regional and national. We miss her tremendously, yet we know she’d be urging us onward to celebrate your excellent work. And Ginny would be thrilled that we could pull off this virtual event.

Helen Fallon
President, The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania
Master of Ceremonies: Susan Brozek Scott

SUSAN BROZEK SCOTT, a native of Springdale, Pa., and a 1980 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Arts degree in rhetoric and communication, has extensive experience in front of and behind the camera. Her 28-year television career spanned four states and five stations – WPXI, WTAE, WRAL, WTRF and WTOV – where she amassed vast experience and critical acclaim as an award-winning anchor/reporter/talk show host and senior local programming producer.

Susan founded and is president and CEO of Afterschool Buddy Inc., a Pittsburgh-based multimedia production company, now celebrating its 11th year. Afterschool Buddy Inc. produces educational and entertainment programming for children ranging from live shows and videos to in-school assemblies and summer camp programs. The company also produces a wide variety of video content for clients, including full-length documentaries, short video and educational series for web and DVD distribution.

Susan served from 2016 to 2020 as director of nonprofit Luminari’s “I Want to Be an Ambassador!” program, a seven-day summer camp in Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C., designed to help teens master the skill sets and character traits of a successful ambassador, especially the vital art of diplomacy. Susan coordinated diplomatic trips to the U.S. State Department, plus the embassies of Germany, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, Russia, Thailand, Turkey, South Africa and Vietnam as well as the Korean Cultural Center in Washington, D.C.

Susan remains active as a volunteer in the nonprofit community. In 2020, she joined the board of directors of both Pittsburgh Community Television and NASH Knowledge, an organization that raises awareness of nonalcohol fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and nonalcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH). Susan was inducted into the Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame in 2011 and was a founder of the Dynamo Education Foundation, located in Cheswick. She has hosted panels for multiple media outlets and associations and has been a featured speaker at local high schools, elementary schools and community events.

Susan is a strong proponent of investigative journalism and an advocate of increased transparency in government at all levels.
Somewhere, written within this quotation, the author must have been thinking of someone like Ginny Frizzi. Not Virginia Frizzi. Just Ginny, as all of us came to know her throughout the years. Whether she was taking on the role as the president of Women in Communications or having the distinction of leading freedom of information projects for the national Society of Professional Journalists or as the spokeswoman and director of public relations and communications for more than 35 years at Point Park College and then University, Ginny found a way to intersect with the lives of many, many journalists.

The Golden Quill Awards – They have grown for the past 25 years as a result of her commitment to local journalism and her leadership. Ginny Frizzi was synonymous with integrity, writing excellence, communications prowess and ethics. From her first just-out-of-college job at the Coraopolis Record to Point Park, her alma mater, and later in her career working at the University of Pittsburgh with roles in marketing and communications, Ginny was never far from her journalistic roots and The Fourth Estate.

Until her untimely passing this summer, Ginny was leading the regional SPJ chapter, actively supporting local journalism and journalists through the Women’s Press Club of Pittsburgh and Press Club of Western Pennsylvania board while also co-chairing tonight’s awards. Frankly (a word Ginny often used), she served on nearly every volunteer committee and leadership role in high-profile journalism or communications professional associations in Pittsburgh, the region and the nation.

Five years ago, at these awards, she received the Service to Journalism Award for her untiring dedication and support to all things journalism and communications. Even as the industry changed, as the curation of news and information continued to morph around us and engage us in new ways, Ginny continued to uphold the banner of local news and information, ethical communications and our obligation to always bring it to readers and viewers in clear, concise and factual means.

That shared vision is what brings all of us together tonight.

If local journalism is the watchdog of society, then Ginny Frizzi would strive in her own way and through her own work to make sure that continued. Her professionalism in cultivating respectful and ethical working relationships among journalists and public relations professionals was second to none.

Thank you, Ginny, for your tireless work on behalf of all of us and what we try to do every day. We will continue to carry on that vision for you.

Tribute: Ginny Frizzi

“Leadership is not a person or a position. It is a complex moral relationship between people based on trust, obligation, commitment, emotion, and a shared vision of the good.”

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“Port Authority Bus Falls Into Downtown Sinkhole”
Andrew Rush • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Michelle Kenney, Mother of Antwon Rose II”
Stephanie Strasburg • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Patrolman Calvin Hall Remembered”
Kristina Serafini • Tribune-Review

“Flag Presented to Patrolman’s Family”
Nate Smallwood • Tribune-Review

“The Pittsburgh Flip” • Julia Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“StatelImpact Pennsylvania, WESA and The Allegheny Front’s Coverage of the Fire at the Clairton Coke Works”
Reid Frazier, Amy Sisk • The Allegheny Front

“Students Walk Out of Class, Demand Justice for Antwon Rose”
Sarah Schneider, Virginia Alvino Young • WESA

“Aliquippa Council Chaos — Meeting Gets Heated as Mayor & Manager Flash Grand Jury Subpoenas”
Lori Boone, Matthew LaComb, John Paul Vranesevich • BeaverCountian.com

“Key Figure in DelTondo Case Revived by Medics After Being ‘Thrown From a Vehicle’”
John Paul Vranesevich, Lori Boone • BeaverCountian.com

“One of Region’s Largest Banks Commits to Putting HQ at Former Civic Arena Site”
Patty Tascarella, Tim Schooley • Pittsburgh Business Times
SPOT/BREAKING NEWS – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“McKnight Road Shooting”
Rick Earle, Chris Majewski, Chris Johnston • WPXI-TV

“Sinkhole Swallows Bus” • Staff • WTAE-TV

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Jury Finds Ellis Guilty on All Charges”
Kay Stephens • Altoona Mirror

“In the Death of Antwon Rose”
Death of Antwon Rose Team • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Deal Is Done’: UPMC and Highmark Reach 10-Year Pact”
Kris B. Mamula, Liz Navratil • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Greatest of All American Values”
David Hurst, Mark Pesto, Staff • Tribune-Democrat

ILLUSTRATION & DESIGN

ILLUSTRATION: NEWS OR FEATURE

“Jared’s Narrowed Life” • Stacy Innerst • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Special Misogyny Reserved for Mothers”
Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Blue Skies, Yellow Bridges” • Maura Losch • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Steak Night” • George Schill • Pittsburgh Quarterly

PAGE DESIGN – PRINT

“A PG Guide to Living (More) Green”
Maura Losch • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Special Misogyny Reserved for Mothers”
Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The NFL’s New Age” • Steve Ziants • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Road to Ruin” • Melanie Wass • Tribune-Review
EDITORIAL CARTOON

“American Exceptionalism” • Rob Rogers • Andrews McMeel Syndication

“Emergency” • Rob Rogers • Andrews McMeel Syndication

“King Friday” • Rob Rogers • Pittsburgh Current

“Express Lane” • Tim Menees • Pittsburgh Quarterly

COVER DESIGN – PRINT

“Mt. Lebanon Magazine, December”
Judy Macoskey, Dave Klug • Mt. Lebanon

“Pittsburgh Magazine HOME”
Tyler McFadden, Elan Mizrahi • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Jeff Goldblum Jazzes to be Coming Home”
Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Fall 2019” • Anita Dufalla • Pittsburgh Quarterly

ANIMATION/MOTION GRAPHICS

“The Curtain Rises: Kennywood’s Record-Setting Roller Coaster Ready for Riders”
Ed Yozwick, Sam Underwood, Chance Brinkman-Sull
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

FEATURE

FEATURE PHOTO

“Clocking In” • Christopher Millette • Erie Times-News

“Senior Citizen Prom” • Alexandra Wimley • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Veronica Siaba Is Leaving College Because the Program She Traveled Hundreds of Miles for Is Gone” • Alexandra Wimley
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Blood Moon on the Rise” • Chaz Palla • Tribune-Review
NEWS FEATURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“More Than Distant Relatives” • Deborah Todd
The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“High Times for Cannabis” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Population Series” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Heartache & Hope” • Vincent Corso • Town & Gown

NEWS FEATURE – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Pa. Prosecutors Eye Potential ‘Environmental Crimes’ of Oil and Gas Companies”
Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“‘Razorblades and Feathers in My Throat’: The Impacts of Air Pollution From U.S. Steel’s Clairton Coke Works”
Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“As Political Tides Shift, Chances at Commutation Rise for Pennsylvania Lifers”
An-Li Herring • WESA

“The Shot Heard ‘Round the State: City Gun Rules Could Have Impact Even If Not Enforced”
Ariel Worthy • WESA

NEWS FEATURE – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Dairy Farming on the Decline in Beaver County: ‘You Have to Have It in Your Blood’” • April Johnston • BeaverCountian.com

“Charleston Survivor Comforts Congregants”
Adam Reinherz • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“A Crossroads of Languages: How Pittsburgh Schools Respond to a Growing Immigrant Population” • Mary Niederberger • PublicSource

NEWS FEATURE – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Trip of Healing” • Lynne Hayes-Freeland, Rob Hopson, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV

“Former Police Officer Forges New Life With His Incredible Dog After Tragedy”
Meghan Schiller, Dave Colabine • KDKA-TV

“Light in My City” • Anne Casper, Ash Warren • WQED-TV

“25 Years Later: Local Family Celebrates the Lives of Flight 427 Victims”
Lindsey Watson • WYTV
NEWS FEATURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Killing The Strip: What Will The Development Boom Mean for the Merchants That Keep The Strip District Funky?”
Mark Belko, Jessie Wardarski • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“90-Year-Old Homicide Victim Was Once Linked to Contract Killing”
Jonathan D. Silver • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Deb Erdley, Jamie Martines • Tribune-Review

“The Horror and the Healing:
A Year After Oct. 27, 2018, Pittsburghers Still Grieve — and Remain Resolute”
Megan Guza • Tribune-Review

PHOTO ESSAY

“Justice for Antwon” • Jake Myliczyk • Pittsburgh Current

“High School Football Personifies Western Pennsylvania”
Steph Chambers • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Best Stadium in Baseball” • Scott Goldsmith • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Flavors of Pittsburgh” • Teake Zuidema • Pittsburgh Quarterly

TRADITIONAL FEATURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“Trying to Save a Horse” • Daryln Brewer Hoffstot • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Migrations of Hunting” • Douglas Heuck • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Lost Pulitzer” • Marino Parascenzo • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Chin Music” • Evan Pattak • Pittsburgh Quarterly

TRADITIONAL FEATURE – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“How Fixing Pittsburgh’s Crumbling Sidewalks Fits Into the City’s Transportation Future”
Margaret J. Krauss • WESA

“Being ‘Stronger Than Hate’ Means Addressing the Trauma That Can Lead to Violence”
Liz Reid • WESA
FEATURE VIDEO

“Cobbler Chuck Carlson of Fox Chapel Shoe Service”
Steph Chambers • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Diagnosed With AFM in October, Bryson Ackermann, 6, Is on the Road to Recovery”
Steph Chambers • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Families of Three Slain Officers Remember ‘Good Men’ Lost in Stanton Heights”
Steph Chambers • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Collecting, Making History on the Ohio River”
Andrew Rush • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

TRADITIONAL FEATURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Cleaning up, After the Unimaginable”
Adam Reinherz • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Reporting Through Trauma: Investigating the Opioid Crisis While My Father Was Homeless”
Brittany Hailer • PublicSource

TRADITIONAL FEATURE – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Heart & Hope: Alexa’s Story” • Kym Gable, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“Cam Meets Cam” • Kristine Sorensen, Bryan Orr, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV

“Paddling 300 Miles to Protect the Waters of Ohí:yo’, the ‘Good River’”
Ryan Loew • PublicSource

“Tyrion’s Tale” • Nathalie Berry, Amy Grove, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV

“Body of Work” • Gina Catanzarite, Amy Grove, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV

TRADITIONAL FEATURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Port in a Storm” • Hannah Lynn • Pittsburgh City Paper

“The Horror and the Healing” • Megan Guza • Tribune-Review
FEATURE – CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“That Week in May: An Open Letter to My Students”  
Rosemary Martinelli  
*Absence: The Literary Journal of Penn State Greater Allegheny*

PHOTOGRAPHY – CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Love and Marriage: ICU”  
Mike Drazdzinski  
University of Pittsburgh

“Center for Neuroscience Undergraduate Research Program”  
Aimee Obidzinski  
University of Pittsburgh

“Falcon Chick Banding”  
Aimee Obidzinski  
University of Pittsburgh

PROFILE & DOCUMENTARY

PERSONALITY PROFILE PHOTO

“Managing His Emotions”  
John Beale  
Penn State University — *The Lion’s Roar*

“Summer Lee”  
Jared Wickerham  
*Pittsburgh City Paper*

“Preserving His Dream”  
John Beale  
*Pittsburgh Quarterly*

“Irrepressible Spirit”  
Renee Rosensteel  
*Pittsburgh Quarterly*

PROFILE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“The Man Behind the Baton”  
Mary Solberg  
*FaithErie*

“Family Values”  
Vincent Corso  
*Town & Gown*

PROFILE - AUDIO JOURNALISM

“The Confluence: Retired Officer Therese Rocco Says Those in Need Can Still Knock on Her Door”  
Kevin Gavin, Megan Harris, Kiley Koscinski  
WESA

“Damon Young’s Memoir Tackles ‘Living While Black’ in Pittsburgh”  
Bill O’Driscoll  
WESA

“#YaJagoffPodcast/ Longevity at Lidia’s (A Pittsburgh-aversary)”  
John Chamberlin, Rachael Rennebeck  
YaJagoff Podcast

“YaJagoffPodcast / Special Edition: Frzy Goes to Gus and YiaYas”  
John Chamberlin, Rachael Rennebeck  
YaJagoff Podcast
PROFILE – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“It’s 420! Here’s a Stoner Holiday Story About an Iconic Picture From Beaver County’s Past”
Lori Boone • BeaverCountian.com

“The Last of a 10-Man Aircrew — A Beaver County Veterans Day Story”
Sandra Donovan • BeaverCountian.com

PROFILE – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Lyle Odelein: Miracle off the Ice”
Susan Koeppen, Chris Kunicki, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“My Interview With Fred”
Rick Sebak, Anne Casper, Kevin Conrad • WQED-TV

PROFILE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“It Was Fun, But It Was Sad and Sometimes Nerve-Wracking,’ Sheriff Says of 50 Years in Police Work”
Michael A. Fuoco • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Red Sauce Redemption: Chef Overcomes Opiate Addiction to Live a Dream”
Dan Gigler • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Dreams of a Dreamer” • Gretchen McKay • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Outsourced Sacrifice” • Bill Zlatos • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PROFILE – CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Bioengineer Receives Special Honor for Life-Changing Inventions”
Amerigo Allegretto • University of Pittsburgh

“Trust and Training Are Priorities of Pitt Police Chief James Loftus”
Sharon Blake • University of Pittsburgh

VIDEO ESSAY

“Celebrating Cornbread” • Dave Forstate • WQED-TV
DOCUMENTARY – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Who’s Listening?” • Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front

“The Confluence: Experts Consider the Future of Cannabis in Pennsylvania”
Kevin Gavin, Megan Harris, Kiley Koscinski • WESA

“What’s at Stake When There’s a Language Barrier Between Families and Schools?”
Sarah Schneider, Virginia Alvino Young • WESA

DOCUMENTARY – VIDEO JOURNALISM

“Pitt Men’s Study” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“Tree of Life: One Year Later” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“The Great Ride: Landmarks Along the Trail”
WQED Production Team • WQED-TV

“Silent Epidemic: The Liver Disease NASH”
Susan Brozek Scott, Don Gawryla, Ron Bruno • The Video House

“CHRONICLE: Project CommUNITY” • Staff • WTAE-TV

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC AFFAIRS//POLITICS/GOVERNMENT - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“The Face of Force/Policing Relations”
Rob Taylor Jr. • The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Women in Power” • Cristina Rouvalis • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Rattling Cages” • Tony Norman • The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“To Bail or Not to Bail” • Jennifer Rignani • Pittsburgh Quarterly

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Trump Delivers on Promise to Help Presque Isle’s Beaches,
but Other Environmental Threats Remain”
Lucy Perkins • WESA

“Pittsburgh Wants to Hire More Black Officers,
Some Say It Has to Change From Within”
Ariel Worthy • WESA
PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Who Will Save Us?” • Lori Boone • BeaverCountian.com

“County Controller’s Office Was Contacted By State Police After Amadio & Camp Fired Financial Admin Last Year”
John Paul Vranesevich • BeaverCountian.com

“State Investigators Inquiring Into Company Owned By County Controller and Staff”
John Paul Vranesevich • BeaverCountian.com

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Pitt Men’s Study” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“Tree of Life: One Year Later” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“Our Compelling Interests: Out of Many Faiths”
Jill Neely, Rebecca Jean Born, Lisa Washington • WQED-TV

“Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Community Forum”
David Solomon, Rebecca Jean Born, Lisa Washington • WQED-TV

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“A Grave Burden” • Tim Grant • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Tearing Down History” • Sean D. Hamill • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Evolving State of Medical Marijuana”
John Finnerty, David Hurst, CNHI Pennsylvania Staff • Tribune-Democrat

Deb Erdley • Tribune-Review

EDUCATION

EDUCATION - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

Making the Grade” • Eleanor Chute • The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Suspension Bridging” • Bill O’Toole • The Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Another Way: Parkway” • Annette Bassett • Mt. Lebanon
EDUCATION – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“A Crossroads of Languages: How Pittsburgh Schools Respond to a Growing Immigrant Population”
Mary Niederberger • PublicSource

EDUCATION – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Why Can’t Our Kids Read?”
Andy Sheehan, Fred Williams, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV

“From Classroom to Fortress” • Amy Wadas, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“Time Out: Talking With Students About Opioids”
Beth Dolinar, Frank Caloiero, Aidan McGarvey • WQED-TV

“Future Jobs: Growing Our Region’s Workforce”
Iris Samson, Frank Caloiero, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV

EDUCATION - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“In Leechburg, an Elementary School Stands Against a Tide of Poverty”
Matt McKinney • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“In Pa., Drunken Driving and Other Crimes Don’t Mean You Can’t Teach”
Matt McKinney • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“As a Storied Program Ends, Students With Physical Disabilities at Edinboro U. Face a Painful Choice; What Happens to Them Now?”
Bill Schackner • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Small Private Colleges Struggling to Succeed”
Bill Schackner • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

EDUCATION - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Pitt Dean Builds Community, Works to Change Narrative of Equity in Education”
Margo Shear Fischgrund • University of Pittsburgh

STUDENT COMPETITION

NEWS — WRITTEN

“Former Coach Files Lawsuit” • Dara Collins • The Globe

“Track and Field Coach Fired” • Allison Schubert • The Globe
“Downtown Protests Against Rosfeld Verdict Focus on Change, Solidarity”
Neena Hagen • The Pitt News

“Pitt Removes Administrators, Retirees From Faculty Union Eligibility”
Neena Hagen • The Pitt News

“An ‘Unwanting’ Feeling: Investigation Ongoing Into Two Slurs Against Black First-Year Student”
Jon Moss • The Pitt News

NEWS — PHOTOGRAPHY

“Officer Calvin Hall Ceremony” • Nick Koehler • The Globe

“Rosfeld Trial Demonstrations” • Jared Murphy • The Globe

“Tree of Life Memorial” • Jared Murphy • The Globe

“Photo Series: Hundreds March Through Pittsburgh, Participate in Global Climate Strike”
Laine Foxworthy • Point Park News Service

FEATURE — WRITTEN

“Punxsy 364” • Maddie Aiken
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“Pitt Included Retirees, Administrators in Faculty Union Bargaining Unit” Series
Neena Hagen • The Pitt News

“Pitt Faculty See Future in Union” • Neena Hagen • The Pitt News

“The Person Behind the Artist” • Jordyn Hronec • Point Park News Service

FEATURE — PHOTOGRAPHY

“Far Afield” • Noah Riffe, Allison Rambler, Korrin Harris
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“Windber Hospice: A Documentary of Love and Compassion”
Gracey Evans • Point Park News Service

FEATURE — VIDEOGRAPHY

“Laurel” • Claire Going
Commedia / Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“Windber Hospice: A Documentary of Love and Compassion”
Gracey Evans • Point Park News Service
SPORTS — WRITTEN

“Pioneering Esports” • Jordyn Hronec • The Globe

“Men’s Soccer Breaks School Record” • Rachael Kriger • The Globe

“The Pitcher’s Life” • Tyler King
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

SPORTS — PHOTOGRAPHY

“Little League World Champions” • James Leavy
Commedia / Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“Quarterback Leap” • Noah Riffe
Commedia / Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“Upended” • Caitlin Lee
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

SPORTS — VIDEOGRAPHY

“Miracle on the Court” • Sebastian Kraft
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

“The Comeback” • Brandon Pelter, Sarah Perlowitz, Jack Hirsh
The Lion’s Roar — Penn State Bellisario College of Communications

OPINION — WRITTEN

“Self-Care ... We Care!” • Troy Ferguson, Katarina Shields
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

“My Holiday Apocalypse” • Riley Perciavalle, Katarina Shields
Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“On Jamison Farm” • Hal B. Klein • Pittsburgh Magazine

“From Pittsburgh to the Moon” • Ryan Rydzewski • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Survival of the Fittest” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“To Bail or Not to Bail” • Jennifer Rignani • Pittsburgh Quarterly
BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“How Much Plastic Waste Is Ending up in Rivers? This Penn State Researcher Wants to Know” • Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front

“Field Study Podcast: Artificial Intelligence in the NFL” Courtney Linder, Matt Moret • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Dairy Farming on the Decline in Beaver County: ‘You Have to Have It in Your Blood’” April Johnston • BeaverCountian.com

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“My Tech: Spies Among Us?” • David Highfield, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“Future Jobs: The Digital Series” • Richard Capaldi, Ryne DeCaprio • WQED-TV

“How Much Does Health Care Cost? It Depends, and That’s the Problem” • Steve Twedt • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Can an Indian Conglomerate Bring Back American Steel?” Daniel Moore • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Disgruntled Customers Say They Were Taken for a Ride by Limo Booking Business” • Patricia Sabatini • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Experts Weigh in on Instagram Hiding Likes” • Micaela Fox Corn • University of Pittsburgh

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER VIDEO - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Pull Up a Chair National Marketing Campaign” Tom Loftus, VisitPITTSBURGH Marketing Department • VisitPITTSBURGH
MEDICAL/HEALTH

MEDICAL/HEALTH - MAGAZINES

“Phage Hunters” • Jason Bittel • Pitt Magazine

Gavin Jenkins • Pitt Med

“Love Thy Neighbor” • Cristina Rouvalis • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Lyme: Pittsburgh’s Growing Epidemic” • Kelly Casey • Pittsburgh Quarterly

MEDICAL/HEALTH – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Popular Backyard Fires Aren’t Fun for Everyone. Wood Smoke Is Bad for Your Health”
Kara Holsopple • The Allegheny Front

“Fentanyl Test Strips Could Save Lives, But They’re Illegal in Pennsylvania”
Sarah Boden • WESA

MEDICAL/HEALTH – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“LGBTQ Community Gains Unprecedented Support in Beaver County”
April Johnston • BeaverCountian.com

MEDICAL/HEALTH – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“The High Price of Insulin”
Peggy Finnegan, Ward Hobbs, Kellie Burkett • WPXI-TV

“VA Hospital Deaths” • Lisa Sylvester, Chris Johnston • WPXI-TV

“The Long Shadow of Childhood Trauma”
Beth Dolinar, Amy Grove, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV

“Silent Epidemic: the Liver Disease NASH”
Susan Brozek Scott, Don Gawryla, Ron Bruno • The Video House

MEDICAL/HEALTH - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Boy’s Lead Poisoning Pushes Grandmother to Assert Tenant Rights”
Jill Daly • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Blood Money: Selling Plasma Spackles Holes in Fraying Personal Budgets”
Kris B. Mamula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Lower Burrell Woman’s Story Personifies Failures in Medicaid Waiver Program”
Deb Erdley • Tribune-Review
MEDICAL/HEALTH - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Surviving Survival” • Gavin Jenkins • Pitt Med

“Coming to Light: Ophthalmology Reenvisioned” • Elaine Vitone • Pitt Med

“Librarian Helps Families of Mentally Ill Access Support, Resources With New Guide”
Sharon Blake • University of Pittsburgh

MEDICAL/HEALTH AUDIO - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Polio Pioneers” • Elaine Vitone, Janine Faust, Margaret Palko, Erica Lloyd • Pitt Med

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“From Pittsburgh to the Moon” • Ryan Rydzewski • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Pittsburgh’s Tomorrow” • Ryan Rydzewski • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Lyme: Pittsburgh’s Growing Epidemic” • Kelly Casey • Pittsburgh Quarterly

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Wild Pennsylvania” Series • Staff of The Allegheny Front • The Allegheny Front

“Field Study Podcast: Humidors and the Environmental Impact on Baseball”
Matt Moret • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Natural Gas Drilling Can Fracture Political Alliances on Both Sides of the Aisle”
Chris Potter • WESA

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Prescription for Prevention: Cutting Pollution and Cancer Risk in Pittsburgh”
Kristina Marusic • Environmental Health News

“Mission to the Moon” • Julia Mericle • Pittsburgh Business Times

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Erie Bird Observatory Conducts Bird Banding at Presque Isle”
Jack Hanrahan • Erie Times-News
“Aliquippa’s Toxic Tap?” • Meghan Schiller, Fred Williams, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV

“Straw Forward” • Annette Banks, Ash Warren • WQED-TV

“STREAM Girls” • Gina Catanzarite, Amy Grove, Glenn Syska • WQED-TV

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Will Two Fires in Six Months and a Lawsuit Finally Force Clairton Coke Works to Clean Up Its Act?”
Rebecca Addison • Pittsburgh Current

“Air Quality Issues at the Clairton Coke Works”
Don Hopey • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Years After Record Marcellus Shale Fine Was Dropped, Gas Leak Continues in Lycoming County”
Laura Legere • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Clairton Air Quality Remains an Ongoing Concern”
Jamie Martines • Tribune-Review

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Bee Friendly Pitt Sets Campus Abuzz”
Kimberly K. Barlow • University of Pittsburgh

SCIENCE/ENVIRONMENT VIDEO - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“How Pitt Researchers Saved a Dying Teen With Unprecedented Phage Therapy”
Christin Bongiorni, Dan Camarda • University of Pittsburgh

HISTORY/CULTURE

HISTORY/CULTURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“God, Family & Beer” • Mary Solberg • FaithErie

“Golden Anniversaries” • Mark Houser • Pittsburgh Magazine

“How 50 Greatest Pittsburghers of All Time”
Pittsburgh Magazine Staff • Pittsburgh Magazine

“From Pittsburgh to Vietnam” • Samuel Black, Liz Simpson, Brian Butko
Western Pennsylvania History Magazine
HISTORY/CULTURE – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“The Slaw: Civil War Pittsburgh”
Stephanie Brea, Lindsay Patross, Aadam Soorma
Very Local Pittsburgh

“Bruno Island Once Hosted Explorers, Automobile Races and Now, Lots of Wildlife”
Katie Blackley • WESA

HISTORY/CULTURE – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Neglected Jewish Cemetery in White Oak Restored by Non-Jewish Volunteers”
Toby Tabachnick • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Pittsburgh’s First Torah by Female Scribe Commissioned by Temple Sinai”
Dave Rullo • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Rediscovering the Jews of Amiens”
Dave Rullo • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Temple Beth Am shuts Its Doors, Buries Prayer Books”
Dave Rullo • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

HISTORY/CULTURE – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Hotel Terrace Hall” • Brenda Waters, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV

“Here Lies …” • Nathalie Berry, Amy Grove, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV

“Homecoming: Sgt. Hamilton’s Long Journey”
David Solomon, Paul Ruggieri, Paula Zetter • WQED-TV

HISTORY/CULTURE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“D-Day: The Beginning of the End | 75th Anniversary”
Torsten Ove, Nate Guidry • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“From Bondage to Freedom”
Dave Sutor, John Finnerty, CNHI Pennsylvania Staff • Tribune-Democrat

“40 years Ago, Three Mile Island Had the Nation on Edge”
Paul Guggenheimer • Tribune-Review

“Killings of UMWA Leader Jock Yablonski, His Family Shocked Western Pa. 50 Years Ago”
Paul Guggenheimer • Tribune-Review
“Living History” • Margo Shear Fischgrund • University of Pittsburgh

“Lest We Forget, Long Version”
Margo Shear Fischgrund, Christin Bongiorni, Dan Camarda
University of Pittsburgh

“Andy Warhol Returns to Pittsburgh”
Gordon Nelson • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Self-Taught Pittsburgh Artist Gets First Solo Exhibit at Age 89”
Bill O’Driscoll • WESA

“First Person: Pittsburgh’s Museums Have a Diversity Problem”
Sean Beauford • PublicSource

“Q&A With Pittsburgh Artist Cue Perry”
Stephanie Brea • Very Local Pittsburgh

“Building the Festival of Trees”
Annette Banks, Ash Warren, Amy Grove • WQED-TV

“Visible” • Anne Casper, Andrew Holman • WQED-TV

“There Are Black People in the Future”
There Are Black People in the Future Team • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Extra, Extra, Read All About It” • Bill Zlatos • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Woodstock: 3 Days of Peace and Music That Defined an Era Turns 50”
Jason Cato • Tribune-Review
“Rock on: WDVE’s Sean McDowell Has Been Spinning the Classics for 4 Decades”
JoAnne Harrop • Tribune-Review

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“’Lest We Forget’ Brings Holocaust History to Life in Heart of Pitt’s Campus”
Margo Shear Fischgrund • University of Pittsburgh

ARTS/ENTERTAINMENT VIDEO - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“Lest We Forget Brings Holocaust History to Life”
Margo Shear Fischgrund, Christin Bongiorni, Dan Camarda • University of Pittsburgh

LIFESTYLE

LIFESTYLE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“Turkey Devonshire: Our Once Famous Sandwich Now Is Largely Forgotten. Is It Time for a Revival?”
Hal B. Klein • Pittsburgh Magazine

“The Migrations of Hunting” • Douglas Heuck • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Trying to Save a Horse” • Daryln Brewer Hoffstot • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Memoirs of a Quehanna Chief” • Ben Moyer • Pittsburgh Quarterly

LIFESTYLE – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“The Broadcast Podcast: Amplifying Women’s Voices in Pittsburgh”
Kim Lyons, Natalie Bencivenga, Mike Sorg • The Broadcast Podcast

“The Slaw 06: Lauren Hughes, Assistant Head Brewer @ Penn Brewery”
Lindsay Patross, Stephanie Brea, Aadam Soorma
Very Local Pittsburgh

“Does Pittsburgh Have Its Own Style of Pizza? An Exploration of the City’s Pies”
Sarah Kovash • WESA
“LGBTQ Community Gains Unprecedented Support in Beaver County”
April Johnston • BeaverCountian.com

“Drop By Drop” • Annette Banks, Anne Casper, Aidan McGarvey • WQED-TV

“Pittsburgh Eats” • WQED Digital Production Team • WQED-TV

“My Seven Weeks in Magee”
Rick Sebak, Frank Caloiero, Aidan McGarvey • WQED-TV

“I Took Pittsburgh Tap Water to the Academy Awards of Water. Here’s How It Fared.”
Rossilynne Culgan • The Incline

“Wedding Soup Is Marriage Made in Heaven”
Gretchen McKay • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pitt Researchers Tackle the ‘Baby Penalty’”
Sharon Blake • University of Pittsburgh

“Barron’s Entrance” • Jared Wickerham • Pittsburgh City Paper

“JuJu” • Jared Wickerham • Pittsburgh City Paper

“Pirates Scuffle With Reds” • Matt Freed • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Jonny Gammage; Always There” • Lee Wolverton • Pittsburgh Magazine

“The Last World Series” • Lee Wolverton • Pittsburgh Magazine

“The Urban Deerhunter” • Mark Kramer • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Lost Pulitzer” • Marino Parascenzo • Pittsburgh Quarterly
SPORTS – AUDIO JOURNALISM

“Field Study Podcast: It’s Not Just a Bad Dream”
Matt Moret, Stephen J. Nesbitt • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“32-Year-Old Mom Launches Comeback to Elite Gymnastics”
Amy Sisk • WESA

SPORTS – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Ben Roethlisberger: The Interview” • Bob Pompeani, Ian Smith, Dan Vojtko • KDKA-TV

“eSports Explosion” • John Shumway, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“USS Cunningham: The Biggest Fight of My Life”
Brian Cook, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV

“All the Marbles” • Beth Dolinar, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV

“Black and Gold Primetime” • Staff • WTAE-TV

SPORTS – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“His Own Tune” • Tom Reisenweber • Erie Times-News

“How Randy Bates Beat Cancer and Kept It ‘Within the Family’”
John McGonigal • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Comeback Kid: MP’s Giallonardo Inspires With Return to Baseball”
Bill Beckner • Tribune-Review

“Blass Takes Final Bow as Pirates Broadcaster”
Paul Guggenheimer • Tribune-Review

SPORTS VIDEO – CORPORATE, MARKETING
AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“PIAA Championships on PCN” • Felicia Duger, Jonathan Whaley • PCN

EDITORIALS & COLUMNS/BLOGS

EDITORIALS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“From the Editor” • Douglas Heuck • Pittsburgh Quarterly

EDITORIALS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

Pittsburgh Business Times Editorials • Jennifer Beahm • Pittsburgh Business Times
EDITORIALS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Pass Public Worker Safety Bill”
“Open Doors of Courtroom to Victims”
“Students Must Learn Evil’s History”
Lisa Thompson • Erie Times-News

Karen Kane Editorials • Karen Kane • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Lori Falce Editorials • Lori Falce • Tribune-Review

COLUMNS/BLOGS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES

“Columns and Blogs” • Merle Jantz • Mt. Lebanon
“Faces of Lebo” • Nichola Moretti • Mt. Lebanon
“A Farm Life” • Daryln Brewer Hoffstot • Pittsburgh Quarterly
“The Hamlet Machine” • Stuart Sheppard • Pittsburgh Quarterly

COLUMNS/BLOGS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

“Water Under the Bridge” • John Oyler • Bridgeville Area News
Columns/Opinion • David Ficarri • Gazette 2.0

“ABV, Very Local’s Weekly Beer Column” • Aadam Soorma • Very Local Pittsburgh

COLUMNS/BLOGS - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Restore Pennsylvania Proposal Could Heal a Host of Ills”
“Pennsylvania Is Failing Victims of Abuse in Biblical Fashion”
“A Community College Would at Last Lift Up All of Erie’s Residents”
Lisa Thompson • Erie Times-News

“Voices” • Tereneh Idia • Pittsburgh City Paper

Tony Norman: “Sweat Equity” Column • Tony Norman • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Columns by Brian O’Neill • Brian O’Neill • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

COLUMNS/BLOGS - CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

“KSWA Digest Covers The Entertaining World of Professional Wrestling in Pittsburgh”
Thomas Leturgey, Howard Kernats, Tim Steiner
KSWA Digest
**DIGITAL AND MULTIMEDIA**

**DIGITAL PRESENTATION**

“Growing up Through the Cracks: Rankin”  
Ben Howard, Sam Underwood, Zachary Tanner  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Tearing Down Pittsburgh”  
Laura Malt Schneiderman, Daniel Marsula, Andrew Rush  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Blood Money: Selling Plasma Spackles Holes in Fraying Personal Budgets”  
Daniel Marsula, Laura Malt Schneiderman  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Coverings: Sexual Abuse Among Mennonites and Amish”  
Zachary Tanner, Stephanie Strasburg  
*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

**MULTI-PLATFORM PROJECT**

Serving Time, Too”  
Beth Dolinar, David Solomon, Paul Ruggieri  
WQED-TV

“Tree of Life Anniversary”  
Staff  
*Tribune-Review*

**DIGITAL – CORPORATE, MARKETING AND PROMOTIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

“Pull Up a Chair National Marketing Campaign”  
Tom Loftus, VisitPITTSBURGH Marketing Department  
VisitPITTSBURGH

**ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE**

**ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, MAGAZINES**

“The Case for Reform”  
h magazine Criminal Justice Reform Enterprise Team  
The Heinz Endowments (*h magazine*)

“Ranking Suburbia”  
Mark Houser  
*Pittsburgh Magazine*

**ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE – AUDIO JOURNALISM**

“Following Pennsylvania Shale Gas to Scotland” Series  
by The Allegheny Front and Statelmpact Pennsylvania  
Reid Frazier  
The Allegheny Front
“How Did Fracking Contaminants End Up in the Mon River? A Loophole in the Law Might Be to Blame”
Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“How Did Fracking Contaminants End Up in the Mon River? A Loophole in the Law Might Be to Blame”
Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“Some Ohio Residents Who Complained About Oil and Gas Feel ‘Abandoned’ by the State”
Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front

ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE – WRITTEN JOURNALISM, NON-DAILY

Who Will Save Us?” • Lori Boone • BeaverCountian.com

“Putting the Pieces Together”
Ethan Lott, Julia Mericle, Staff • Pittsburgh Business Times

ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE – VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM

“Tree of Life: One Year Later” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“Serving Time, Too” • Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV

“Recalled Cars for Sale”
Paul Van Osdol, Kendall Cross, Michael Lazorko • WTAE-TV

“Polk Center Closing”
Paul Van Osdol, Kendall Cross, Michael Lazorko • WTAE-TV

ENTERPRISE/INVESTIGATIVE - WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DAILY

“Growing up Through the Cracks”
Growing up Through the Cracks Team
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Human Toll” • David Templeton, Don Hopey • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
PRESIDENT’S AWARD WINNERS

1982 — Fred Remington, Editorial Director of WTAE-TV, since 1964
1983 — Hi Howard, *American Metal Market*
1984 — John Troan, Retired *Pittsburgh Press* editor
1985 — Joseph Shuman, Retired *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* managing editor
1986 — Marian Leslie, former *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* society editor
1987 — Edward L. Schaughency, former KDKA radio newscaster
1988 — The late Vincent J. LaBarbera, chairman of Point Park College’s Dept. of Journalism and Communications
1989 — Alvin Rosensweet, Retired *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* writer
1990 — Sherley Uhl, Retired *Pittsburgh Press* political editor
1991 — Herb Stein, WQED
1992 — William Block Sr., *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* publisher
1993 — *The Pittsburgh Press*
1994 — Adam Lynch, Veteran broadcaster
1995 — Frank E. Bolden, Retired *Pittsburgh Courier* editor
1996 — Myron Cope, Veteran sportscaster
1997 — Clarke M. Thomas, Retired *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* senior editor
1998 — Ray Tannehill, KDKA
2000 — Eleanor Schano, WQED
2001 — George Esper, Associated Press
2002 — Teenie Harris, Documentary photographer
2003 — John Craig, Retired *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* editor
2004 — John L.S. Northrop & William B. Northrop, Retired publishers, of the *Observer-Reporter*
2005 — Bob James, Retired KQV-AM reporter
2006 — Edith Hughes, Executive Editor of Gateway Newspaper Group
2007 — Madelyn Ross, Former managing editor of *The Pittsburgh Press* & *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
2008 — Aviva Radbord, KDKA public affairs producer/weekend assignment editor
2009 — Fred Young, Retired senior vice president, Hearst-Argyle Television Inc., and 25 years at WTAE-TV as vice president and general manager, news director and other news management positions
2010 — Robert Fryer, managing editor, *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
2011 — Marilyn Brooks, Retired WTAE-TV health reporter
2012 — Frank Gottlieb, KQV news director
2013 — Rick Sebak, WQED producer/writer/narrator
2014 — H. Yale Gutnick, Strassberger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky
2015 — Peggy Finnegan and David Johnson, WPXI-TV news anchor team
2016 — Harold Hayes, KDKA-TV
2017 — Mary Robb Jackson and Michael Challik, KDKA-TV
2018 — Jim Cuddy, Trib Total Media
2019 — David Shribman, editor emeritus, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AWARD WINNERS


2001 — Urban Journalism Workshop

2002 — Wally Gordon, *Beaver County Times*

2003 — Rod Doss, *New Pittsburgh Courier*

2004 — Dorie Bower, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania

2005 — Helen Fallon, Point Park University

2006 — Bill Moushey, Director, Innocence Institute, Point Park University

2007 — Bob Mayo, WTAE-TV reporter

2008 — Toni Locy, Schott Chair of Journalism, West Virginia University

2010 — The late John Christian, WPXI-TV

2011 — WDUQ-FM

2012 — Woodene Merriman, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

2013 — Dr. Nancy Jones, Retired professor, Point Park University and Duquesne University

2014 — Gary Rotstein and Christopher Rawson, co-founders, Off the Record

2015 — Ginny Frizzi, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania and Society of Professional Journalists

2016 — *The McKeesport Daily News* and *The Valley Independent*

2017 — Chris Moore, WQED Multimedia and Frank Bolden Urban Journalism Workshop

2018 — KQV News Radio

2019 — Sally Wiggin, WTAE-TV
SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE
PITTSBURGH BLACK MEDIA FEDERATION
AND BRIAN COOK SR., PRESIDENT

The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania is giving special recognition to the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation and its president, Brian Cook, this year for the organization’s advocacy for Black journalists and media coverage of minority communities.

Founded in 1973, PBMF was developed to advocate for Blacks in the media in two ways: It seeks fair representation of the African American community in the news and an increased presence of minorities in newsrooms. PBMF also was designed to create a social network for Black media professionals in Pittsburgh and surrounding areas. In the early 1990s, PBMF became an affiliate of the National Association of Black Journalists. The PBMF won National Professional Chapter of the Year honors in 2015 and 2017.

PBMF members include journalists, communications specialists and students. It supports Black journalists, hosts programs that recognize excellent media coverage of minority communities and trains young people to enter the media industry.

Cook has been PBMF president since 2018. He is an Emmy-nominated international journalist and filmmaker and the owner of Golden Sky Media LLC, a full-service multimedia company. Cook is also a freelance multimedia journalist whose work has been broadcast on or published in 90.5 WESA, The New Pittsburgh Courier, WQED, NBCNews.com, The Soul Pitt, Huffington Post, Columbia Journalism Review, Blue Sky News (Pittsburgh International Airport), TheIncline.com, Urban Media Today, PublicSource and more.

He is the former web content manager and national correspondent for Sheridan Broadcasting Networks and the American Urban Radio Networks. Cook has reported on a number of national and international events, including Super Bowls XL through XLVII. He has also worked as a television sports analyst and has been covering the National Football League since the 2005 season.

Cook grew up watching longtime CBS “60 Minutes” anchor Ed Bradley, who became the catalyst for his career in the media.
KDKA Radio is the “Pioneer Broadcasting Station of the World,” and it traces its beginnings to its 1920 Harding-Cox presidential election results broadcast on Nov. 2, 1920. “It all started here” … Frank Conrad of Wilkinsburg was assistant chief engineer of Westinghouse Electric at the time. An inventor who was fascinated by technology, Conrad built a transmitter, which he housed on the second floor of his Wilkinsburg garage. This experimental station was licensed 8XK and was the forerunner of KDKA Radio. The U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Navigation, which served as a radio licensing agency, issued the first radio license ever to KDKA on Oct. 27, 1920. Leo Rosenberg broadcast the Harding-Cox presidential election returns, marking the first broadcast by a licensed radio station.

Over the past 100 years, the station has delivered live entertainment and has become a trusted news source in the region. It has transformed over the century, beginning with big band and jazz music in the 1930s, farm reports, and musical and comedy teams in the 1940s. The 1950s saw a shift to more local programming, and in 1954 the station introduced the “Cordic & Company” morning show, featuring a team of bright and innovative personalities – a pioneer of today’s “Morning Team” radio format.

By the early 1970s, KDKA adopted more of an adult contemporary format, consisting of rock ‘n’ roll hits of the 1960s plus soft rock. The decade welcomed the bombastic John Cigna and newsman Fred Honsberger, each delivering top-rated programming.

On April 10, 1992, KDKA made the decision to switch from a full-service format that included music to one that was exclusively news/talk, and it continues to this day to provide an abundance of news and information to the region. Larry Richert was the last DJ on KDKA, and he played “American Pie” to end that era.

Over these 100 years, KDKA Radio has become part of its audiences’ lives, part of the region, with memories of the talents of Cordic, Jack Bogut and Cigna, and tuning in for school closings and “where was I” when this or that news story broke.

KDKA Radio is part of Entercom Communications and can be found at 1020 on the AM dial, HD2 of 93.7 the Fan on the FM dial and at Radio.com.

Accepting the Service to Journalism Award on KDKA’s behalf is Michael Spacciapolli. He is the senior vice president and market manager for Entercom Pittsburgh, which includes KDKA Radio, 93.7 the Fan, Y108 and 100.7 Star. Spacciapolli has been with the radio group since 2008. Prior to coming to Pittsburgh, Spacciapolli was sales manager and director of sports sales for the Bonneville Radio Group in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Ithaca College, he began his career as a national representative for Katz Radio Group in New York City.

Spacciapolli lives in the Pine-Richland area, and he and his wife, Natalie, have two children, Ava and Grant.
The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania is presenting a Service to Journalism Award to The Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh and its president, Michael A. Fuoco, for their commitment to professional journalism and advocacy for journalists at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. As this program was being prepared, the union was locked in a labor dispute with Block Communications Inc., which declared an impasse in contract negotiations and on July 27 unilaterally imposed new working conditions on union members in lieu of a negotiated contract. The Guild, which considers BCI’s actions unlawful, is seeking relief from the National Labor Relations Board. The two sides had been negotiating a new contract for 3½ years.

The Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh was chartered in April 1934. At that time, its members belonged to The American Newspaper Guild, which changed to The Newspaper Guild in the early 1970s with the addition of members from Canada and Puerto Rico. It is now called the NewsGuild. In July 1997, The Newspaper Guild became a sector of the Communications Workers of America, which has more than 650,000 members in the telecommunications industry.

Pittsburgh Local 38061 has bargained and enforced contracts for newsroom reporters, photographers, copy editors and artists at the *Post-Gazette* since its founding. Its newest unit comprises full-time professors at Point Park University, who voted overwhelmingly in June 2004 to join the Pittsburgh Guild, making it the first Guild local to represent faculty at a major university.

Michael A. Fuoco has served as president of the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh since 2010, but since the late 1980s has served as a local officer, contract negotiator and grievance committee member. He was nominated for the Service to Journalism Award by several Press Club members and was singled out for “fighting tirelessly for integrity in journalism and for fair remuneration for union employees of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.”

He is an enterprise reporter for the *Post-Gazette*. Since joining the paper in 1984, he has written spot news stories, features, enterprise pieces and investigative stories, including two major true crime podcasts for which he also was the host. For more than a decade, he was the Pittsburgh police beat reporter. He has won national, state and regional awards for his writing, including Golden Quills.

Fuoco holds a bachelor’s degree in English from John Carroll University, a master’s degree in journalism from Penn State University and served as a fellow of the former Knight Center for Specialized Journalism at the University of Maryland. He has taught at the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State University and Point Park University.
Maxwell King’s four-decade career includes the presidencies of two of the country’s largest philanthropies, the editorship of one of its most influential daily newspapers and authorship of a New York Times bestselling biography of children’s educational television pioneer Fred Rogers.

King joined The Pittsburgh Foundation in 2014 as president and CEO and retired last year.

His strong advocacy for including vulnerable groups in the benefit streams of a resurgent Pittsburgh anchored a signature organizing principle he developed, 100 Percent Pittsburgh. About half of the foundation’s discretionary grantmaking was dedicated to organizations serving the at least 30% of residents left behind in the city’s economic growth, particularly single women raising children and youth ages 12 to 24.

In addition, King expanded the Foundation’s investment in its Center for Philanthropy, which combines the charitable passions of donors with expert Program staff and grantees to improve lives in the Pittsburgh region.

Before that, King served for two years as director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children’s Media at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Westmoreland County.

As president of the Pittsburgh-based Heinz Endowments from 1999 to 2008, he led the disbursement of about $500 million in grants to projects, organizations and initiatives primarily in Western Pennsylvania.

From 1990 to 1998, King was editor of the Philadelphia Inquirer. During that period, the Inquirer was recognized by Time magazine as one of the five best newspapers in America.

King has served on boards and committees for many national and regional organizations, including the national Council on Foundations, which he led as the first chair of its Ethics and Practices Committee and then as chair of the full board from 2006 to 2008.

King wrote the first full-length biography of Rogers, “The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers,” published in 2018. It was the national winner that year in the History & Biography category of Goodreads, the largest website for readers and book recommendations.

King and his wife, Peggy, live in Pittsburgh where they are cared for by their dogs, Finn and Cora.
PRESIDENT’S AWARD
CHRISTOPHER T. MOORE

Silver Circle Honor Society 2018 inductee of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Awards and multiple Emmy Award-winning producer and host Christopher T. Moore has been a producer/host at WQED Multimedia in Pittsburgh since 1980, where he now works on special projects. Some of his documentaries include: “For Jeron”; “Fly Boys: Western Pennsylvania Tuskegee Airmen”; “Jim Crow Pennsylvania”; “In Country: A Vietnam Story,” produced after his travels back to Vietnam in 2006 with soldiers with whom he served; “Hip Hop Pittsburgh,” an hourlong documentary focusing on hip-hop culture; “Wylie Avenue Days,” a show about Pittsburgh’s Historic Hill District featured on his popular “Black Horizons” series; and “Barbershop: PA Stylin’.”

In April 2013 at the Art Rooney Dinner, he was awarded The Bill Burns Award for journalistic excellence in the community. Moore’s Emmy Awards include his co-production and narration of “Wylie Avenue Days,” for one of his series in “It Takes a Whole Village,” “Prescription RX for a Healthy Pittsburgh” and “Unity & Healing: The Tree of Life Tragedy.” He was nominated for an Emmy for his co-production and narration of “The House,” a one-hour documentary on Westinghouse High School; “The Torch Bearers,” a fight for civil rights in Pittsburgh; and “In Country: A Vietnam Story.” He was nominated for four Emmys in 2014 for a variety of programs. He has been nominated for two 2020 National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Mid-Atlantic Regional Emmy Awards, which will be announced in September: WQED Multimedia’s “The State of Black Pittsburgh 2019” (as host) and WQED Multimedia’s “The Good Fight” (as co-producer with Minette Seate).

Moore has been responsible for many shows that deal with a variety of issues of public importance, ranging from mentoring African-American youngsters to improving American literacy. A Vietnam War veteran, he has produced veteran specials at WQED and documentaries of significance about African-American culture and history. He is also an experienced producer of gospel and jazz music programs. Moore was the regular host of “Horizons,” which aired on WQED-TV, formerly the Emmy-nominated “Black Horizons,” the longest running minority affairs program on public television at that time; co-host of “onQ,” a live daily magazine; and the last host of “offQ,” later changed to “4802,” a weekly roundtable discussion. He can be heard on 36 states on the weekends on KDKA Radio and seen at 10 a.m. daily on PCNC-TV on “Pittsburgh Now.” Since January 1996, Moore has worked as a freelance host on a variety of national and regional teleconferences, public television programs and other documentaries on wide-ranging subjects. Moore has been working in broadcasting since 1972 when he was first employed by KETS-TV in his hometown of Little Rock, Ark. Before coming to WQED, he worked at KETC-TV in St. Louis for five years as a producer/journalist and at KWMU Radio as a street reporter. He is a graduate of Grambling State University, where he was inducted in the Hall of Fame in 2006. He is the founder and co-chairperson of the Educational Committee of the Frank Bolden Urban Multimedia Workshop of the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation.

An avid reader of history, Chris is the creator and former host of a radio talk show called “Black Talk” that aired on the old WCXJ Radio. He is known for his easy-going but well-versed style.

Moore remains committed to the community, being active in a number of organizations. He is skilled in making his guests feel at home and relaxed in front of the camera, which allows him to delve deeply and thoughtfully into some very interesting and emotional topics of public importance. Moore is CEO of Chris Moore Communications Inc.
SARAH DONALDSON  Sarah Donaldson, 20, of Cranberry, Butler County, won the $5,000 Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship, awarded in honor of the late Bob Fryer, longtime editor of the Tribune-Review. Donaldson is pursuing a B.S. in journalism with a minor in political science and a certificate in social media at Ohio University. She is editor-in-chief of The New Political, an independent and student-run publication that covers campus, city and state politics. Donaldson graduated from Seneca Valley Senior High School in 2018.

“Amid COVID-19, there is a lot of economic uncertainty in the world,” Donaldson said. “This scholarship relieves a huge amount of financial burden and means that I will not have to take out a single loan for my junior year of college. Even more so, to have my work recognized by a talented panel of Pittsburgh journalists is truly an honor.”

Donaldson dreams of working as a reporter at a newspaper or television station, ideally in a state capital covering public affairs.

JORDYN HRONEC  Jordyn Hronec, 20, of Ross, is winner of the $2,500 Press Club Scholarship. Hronec studies multimedia at Point Park University, is in the Honors Program and serves as editor-in-chief of The Globe, Point Park’s student-run newspaper. Hronec graduated from North Hills High School in 2018.

“I decided to pursue a career in the field of journalism and communications because of my journalism classes that I took in high school. My teacher and adviser of our paper, Mrs. [Jenna] Long, was an amazing mentor and helped me discover my passion for writing and newsgathering,” she said.

“Winning The Press Club Scholarship means so much to me, as I’ve been working as hard as I possibly can to develop my skills and try new experiences in college, so to have the support and the assistance to continue that journey is incredible.”

Hronec hopes to pursue a graduate degree in media communication from Point Park University, and then pursue a career in reporting.
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