

The **PRESS** Club of Western Pennsylvania

2016 Golden Quills Winners and Finalists

Spot/Breaking News, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: David Singer, The Almanac, “Bethel Park, Police Communities Support Fabus Family”

Finalist: Gideon Bradshaw, Times Express, “Police Probe Death of Penn Hills Men in Monroeville”

Spot News Photo

Winner: Andy Colwell, Erie Times-News, “Shooting Aftermath”

Finalists:

Jasmine Goldband, Tribune-Review, “Vigil”

Stephanie Strasburg, Tribune-Review, “Mother Loses Son”

Stephanie Strasburg, Tribune-Review, “Shooting Chaos”

Online News Videography

Winner: Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Heartbreaking, Heroic Stories Told at Flight 93 Memorial”

Finalists:

Brian Henry, Tribune-Review, “Closing the Donora-Webster Bridge”

Julia Rendleman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Eight Years Old & Waiting for a Transplant”

Guy Wathen, Tribune-Review, “Police Officer Lloyd Reed Jr.’s Funeral Service”

Spot/Breaking News, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Beaver County Times Staff, Beaver County Times, “Center Township Police Chase”

Finalists:

Scott Beveridge and Linda Ritzer, Observer-Reporter, “Century Inn Guttled by Fire”

Staff, Observer-Reporter, “Estranged Husband Kills Self; Standoff Ends”

Tom Yerace, Valley News Dispatch, “Eatery Footage Leads to Suspect”

TV News Videography

Winner: Andy Cunningham, WTAE-TV, “Glassport Fire”

Finalist: L. David Colabine, KDKA-TV, “McKees Rocks Fire”

Spot/Breaking News, Online

Winner: WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, “Mall Shooting”

Finalists:

WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, “Officer Death”

Ryan Deto and Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Arrests at Wood Street T Station”

Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Crash Claims Bicyclist in Oakland”

Spot/Breaking News, Television

Winner: Heather Abraham, KDKA-TV Staff and Anne Linaberger, News Director, KDKA-TV, “Homestead on Fire”

Finalists:

Dave Clark and Cara Sapida, WPXI-TV, “Overdose Caught on Camera”

Shannon Perrine, Mike Clark and Bob Hazen, WTAE-TV, “Active Shooter in Monroeville Mall”

John Shumway, Dennis Lane and Anne Linaberger, News Director, KDKA-TV, “Bear Caught on Live TV”

Spot/Breaking News, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Staff, Erie Times-News, “Huge Loss”

Finalists:

Jason Cato, Tribune-Review, “Historic Century Inn in Washington County Burns; Rare Flag Saved”

Andrew Conte and Mike Wereschagin, Tribune-Review, “Hacker Haven Upended”/ “CMU Student Arrested”

Dan Majors and James O’Toole, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Elsie Hillman, Philanthropist” et al.

News Illustration

Winner: Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “The World War on Fish”

Finalists:

Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “The New Heroin Entrepreneurs”

Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “The Muslims of Early America”

Feature Illustration

Winner: Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Strong Sexy Women of Sci-Fi”

Finalists:

Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Fall Arts Preview

Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Summer Movie Invasion”

Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Quarterly, STEM illustration

Editorial Cartoon

Winner: Rob Rogers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Hot Air”

Finalists:

Randy Bish, Tribune-Review, "Trump"
Rob Rogers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Religious Crusade"
Rob Rogers, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "USA Guns"

Best Cover Design, Magazines

Winner: Michael Fornataro, Jason Solak and Andrea Bosco Stehle, Edible Allegheny Magazine, "The Feast of the Seven Fishes"

Finalists:

Chuck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine, "Hikes and Bikes"
Chuck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine, "Jamie Dixon for the Win"
Harry Giglio and Gary Kohr-Cravener, Pitt Magazine, "Bright Passage"

Page Design, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Mary Beth Eastman, Beaver County Times, "Talking Turkey"

Finalists:

Jon Hodge, Altoona Mirror, "Twisting Time"
Eric Hall, Beaver County Times, "Beware the Ides of March"

Page Design, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review, "Feathered, Fascinating"

Finalists:

Holly Artz, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Oh Christmas Treats"
Ben Howard, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Nevermore"
Daniel Marsula, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Summer Movie Invasion"

Feature, Magazines

Winner: Nick Keppler, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Clouds Gathering Over Pittsburgh"

Finalists:

Katie Booth, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Beyond Difference"
Pamela Goldsmith, Pitt Magazine, "The Hope Maker"

Online Feature Videography

Winner: Guy Wathen, Tribune-Review, "A World of Color and Sound"

Finalists:

Andrew Rush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Just Like Everyone Else"
Guy Wathen, Tribune-Review, "Snapshots of Poverty: Linda Davis"

Feature Article or Series, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Toby Tabachnick, Jewish Chronicle, "Boundless Commitment Keeps Pittsburgh's Eruv Boundary in Check"

Finalists:

Gary Horvath, Sewickley Herald, "A Lifetime of Commitment"
Mary Solberg, FaithLife, "Hope Behind the Razor Wire"

Magazine Photo

Winner: Scott Goldsmith and Gary Kohr-Cravener, Pitt Magazine, "The Hope Maker"

Finalists:

John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Life on the Monongahela"
Chuck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine, "Up Close: Revolutions"
Roy Engelbrecht, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "The Other Frank Lloyd Wright"

Feature, Radio

Winner: Lou Blouin, The Allegheny Front, "Gettysburg Battlefield Gets an Extreme Makeover"

Finalists:

Lou Blouin, The Allegheny Front, "This Guy Isn't Shy about Swimming in Pittsburgh's Three Rivers"
Deanna Garcia, WESA, "One Family's Holocaust History"
Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front, "Hitting the Trail With a New Breed of Musher"
Larkin Page-Jacobs, WESA, "Combating the Opioid Crisis Is a Multi-Front Effort"

Personality Portrait Photo

Winner: Andrew Russell, Tribune-Review, "Hanifa"

Finalists:

Steph Chambers, Tribune-Review, "Wrestler Light"
Steph Chambers, Tribune-Review, "Sweat"
Michael Henninger, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Jim Fogle Freed By the Innocence Project"

Profile Feature, Magazines

Winner: Matt Stroud, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Living With Amnesia"

Finalists:

Patrick Doyle, Pittsburgh Magazine, "Searching for Wins"
Ervin Dyer and Gary Kohr-Cravener, Pitt Magazine, "Rubbed by Light"
Sean Hamill, Pittsburgh Magazine, "A Hill of a Ride"
Liz Petoniak, Michael Fornataro and Jason Solak, Whirl Magazine, "Portrait of an Artist: Baron Batch"

Photo Essay/Special Photo

Winner: John Beale, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Life on the Monongahela"

Finalists:

Kevin Lorenzi, Beaver County Times, "Papal Visit"
Justin Merriman, Tribune-Review, "American Coyotes"
Sean Stipp, Tribune-Review, "Feathered, Fascinating"

Feature Photography

Winner: Andrew Rush, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Double Rainbow"

Finalists:

Steph Chambers, Tribune-Review, "Clouding Skies"

Michael Henninger, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "New Year's Day Jump"

Darrell Sapp, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "A Clear View"

Fashion/Style/Home Feature, Magazines

Winner: Lauri Grotstein, SHADY AVE, "Porch Fans"

Finalists:

LaMont Jones Jr., Pittsburgh Magazine, "Audacious Autumn"

Nancy Polinsky Johnson, SHADY AVE, "An Unexpected Retreat"

Marilynn Uricchio, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Home Front"

Feature Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Natalie Miller and David Singer, Observer-Reporter, "Under the Label"

Finalists:

Kayleen Cubbal, New Castle News, "The Gift of Life"

Cherie Hicks, Altoona Mirror, "Newton's Nose Knows"

Paige Minemyer, Altoona Mirror, "Queens of the Stage"

TV Feature Videography

Winner: Brian Caldwell, WTAE-TV, "Rebuilding Pittsburgh"

Finalists:

L. David Colabine, KDKA-TV, "Mary Anne's Breakfast 'N Lunch"

Pierina Morelli, WQED-TV, "Has the Smoke Cleared?"

Feature, Online

Winner: Elizabeth Bloom and Zack Tanner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Pirates Classical Walk-Up"

Finalists:

Jay Brown, Carnegie Museum of Art, "Pittsburgh to Cleveland: Four Decades of Rock 'n' Roll Anarchy"

Merle Jantz and Katelynn Metz, Mt. Lebanon, "Burning Down the House"

Tracie Mauriello, Rebecca Droke and Zack Tanner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "The Long Journey Home -- Charles Johnston"

Kelly Mills, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Star Wars"

Feature, Television

Winner: Sarah Arbogast, Lori Sperling and Ian Smith, KDKA-TV, "Pets for Vets"

Finalists:

Michael Bartley, Paul Ruggieri and Walt Francis, WQED-TV, "Judson's Final Gift"

L. David Colabine and Susan Koeppen, KDKA-TV, "The Snowmaker"

Kristine Sorensen, Jim Cahala and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV, “A Day in the Life of Mary Poppins”

Feature Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review, “Facing the Unthinkable”

Finalists:

Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “In Hot Pursuit of John Wilkes Booth”

Chris Potter, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Yet Another Roadblock”

Chris Togneri, Tribune-Review, “Our Stories” series

Public Affairs/Community Service, Magazines

Winner: Jeffery Fraser and Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Diversity Series”

Finalists:

Sean Collier, Patrick Doyle and Debra Smit, Pittsburgh Magazine, “POWER: Pittsburgh’s 50 Most Influential People”

Jeffery Fraser and Julia Fraser, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Pittsburgh Today & Tomorrow”

Staff, Pittsburgh Magazine, “City Guide 2015-2016: Our Communities/Great Main Streets/Newcomers Guide to Pittsburgh”

Public Affairs/Community Service, Radio

Winner: Paul Guggenheimer, Marcus Charleston and Heather McClain, WESA, “After Charlie Hebdo, Local Editorial Cartoonists Defend Their Right to Satire”

Finalists:

Paul Guggenheimer, Marcus Charleston and Katie Blackley, WESA, “Essential Pittsburgh: Heroin’s Deadly Impact Hits Home in Southwestern Pennsylvania”

Paul Guggenheimer, Marcus Charleston and Katie Blackley, WESA, “Essential Pittsburgh: Activist and Councilman Sala Udin Seeks Presidential Pardon”

Margaret J. Krauss, WESA, “Still Working” series

Community Engagement News, Online

Winner: Sarah Stemen and Matt Martin, Erie Times-News, “Our Fight: Erie in WWII”

Finalists:

WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, “Save Lucas”

Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Pittsblogh”

Public Affairs/Community Service, Television

Winner: Sally Wiggin, Paul Van Osdol and Michael Lazorko, WTAE-TV, “Chronicle: Burning Questions”

Finalists:

Nathalie Berry, Paul Ruggieri and Walt Francis, WQED-TV, “Renewal & Reality: Rebuilding Braddock”

Pierina Morelli and Zak Boyle, WQED-TV, “Renewal & Reality: Has the Smoke Cleared?”

Minette Seate, Amy Grove and Frank Caloiero, WQED-TV, “Renewal & Realty: Why Not Wilkinsburg”

Lisa Sylvester and Scott Dobson, WPXI-TV, “The Gift of Life”

Education Feature, Magazines

Winner: Cara Masset, Pitt Med, “Inside the World of OCD”

Education, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Rebecca Nuttall, Pittsburgh City Paper, “The Pittsburgh Promise Was Supposed to Get More City Youths Into College. So Why Are So Many Black Males Left Out of the Equation?”

Finalists:

Gideon Bradshaw and Kelsey Shea, Times Express, “Districts Wrestle With Charter School Drain”

Kelsey Shea, Penn Hills Progress, “Education — Penn Hills Progress”

Education, Radio

Winner: Deanna Garcia, WESA, “This We Believe: Eighth Grade Class’s Take on Iconic Radio Essay Series”

Finalists:

Liz Reid, WESA, “Will Switching From a Neighborhood to a Magnet School Bring Students Back to Woolslair?”

Sarah Schneider, WESA, “As Schools Try More Progressive Forms of Discipline, Focus Is on Discussion”

Sarah Schneider, WESA, “Teaching the History of Race through 100 Objects”

Education Story, Online

Winner: Clarece Polke, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “CULTURAL CROSSROADS: High School Students’ Perspectives on Historically Black Colleges”

Finalists:

Iris Samson, Amy Grove and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, “Remake Learning”

Dawn Smoot, Antoinette Antonacci and Alan Buehler, Robert Morris University, “RMU Alumni Website”

Education, Television

Winner: Gina Catanzarite, Rebecca Born and Patricia Kievlan, WQED-TV, “iQ smartparent: The Maker Movement”

Finalist: Pierina Morelli and Zak Boyle, WQED-TV, “A City of Learning”

Education, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Mary Niederberger, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “AIU Board Continues Spending as Reserve Fades” et al.

Finalists:

Mark Kanny, Tribune-Review, “Dilworth Principal Sets the Tone”

Bill Schackner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Proudly Blazing a Trail”

Business/Technology/Consumer Feature, Magazines

Winner: Jeffery Fraser and Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Diversity Series”

Finalists:

Cindy Gill, Pamela Goldsmith and Gary Kohr-Cravener, Pitt Magazine, “The Hope Maker”
Seamus McGraw, Pittsburgh Quarterly, Marcellus Shale Coverage
Staff, Pittsburgh Magazine, “Made in Pittsburgh 2.0: The Family Business”

Business/Technology/Consumer Story, Radio

Winner: Kara Holsopple, The Allegheny Front, “Better Energy Storage Gives Renewables a Boost”

**Business/Technology/Consumer Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services
(Circulation Under 45,000)**

Winner: Kecia Bal, The Tribune-Democrat, “Worker Expectations”

Finalists:

William Kibler, Altoona Mirror, “Plenty of Room(s)”
Jessica Shelenberger, New Castle News, “Hospital Closes Maternity Ward”
Tom Yerace, Valley News Dispatch, “Allegheny Technology Lockout”

Business/Technology/Consumer, Online

Winner: Teresa Lindeman and Lake Fong, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Pittsburghers Say Goodbye to Macy’s”

Finalists:

Gina Catanzarite, Rebecca Born and Lisa Washington, WQED-TV, “Closing the Gap: Workplace Mentors”
Cody McDevitt, Pop City Media, “Pool Halls Struggle to Attract Next Generation”

Business/Technology/Consumer Story, Television

Winner: John Shumway and Ian Smith, KDKA-TV, “Drive Alert Now”

Finalists:

Tonia Caruso, Frank Caloiero and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, “Building Hollywood East”
Susan Koeppen, Dave Forstate and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV, “Shattered Showers”

**Business/Technology/Consumer Article or Series, Daily Newspapers And Wire Services
(Circulation 45,000 and Over)**

Winner: David Conti, Tribune-Review, “US Steel: Lost Empire”

Finalists:

Jason Cato, Tribune-Review, “ ‘Tomato King’ Procacci Picks Lawrence County Racino as Next Venture”
Natasha Lindstrom, Tribune-Review, “Unwitting Security Breach Among Nonprofits”
Patricia Sabatini, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Not a Spare to Spare”

Health/Science/Environment Feature, Magazines

Winner: Tom Imerito, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Transhumanism”

Finalists:

Cindy Gill, Jill King Greenwood and Gary Kohr-Cravener, Pitt Magazine, “Mobile Master”
Nick Keppler, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Heroin Hits Home”

Health/Science/Environment Article or Series, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Jessica Hardin and Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh City Paper, “The Fight for Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania”

Finalists:

Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh City Paper, “At 78 and With Myriad Health Issues, Surf-Rock Legend Dick Dale Plays Through the Pain”
Tom McGee, Penn-Trafford Star, “Woman’s ‘Son’ Steps Up to Donate Kidney”

Health/Science/Technology Story, Radio

Winner: Lou Blouin, The Allegheny Front, “Building a Better Honeybee”

Finalists:

Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front, “Cleaning the Air One School Bus at a Time”
Julie Grant, The Allegheny Front, “What’s Driving the Drop in Monarch Butterfly Numbers?”

Health/Science/Environment Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: William Kibler, Altoona Mirror, “Blair Addressing Water Runoff”

Finalists:

William Kibler, Altoona Mirror, “Looking for Trout”
Nancy Lowry, New Castle News, “Infant’s Liver Transplant”
Mary Ann Thomas, Valley News Dispatch, “River Water Quality”

Health/Science/Environment Story, Online

Winner: Maria Kakay, Amy Grove and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, “Living With Mental Illness”

Finalists:

WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, “Teen With Crohn’s”
Ashley Murray, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Lawsuit Over Fracking Near Schools in Mars School District Could Have Statewide Legal Impact”
Elaine Vitone and Cami Mesa, Pitt Med, “Second Lives”

Health/Science/Environment Story, Television

Winner: Joe Arena, WPXI-TV, “Concussions”

Finalists:

Tonia Caruso, Paul Ruggieri and Walt Francis, WQED-TV, “Inspiring Change”
Chris Moore, Frank Caloiero and Walt Francis, WQED-TV, “Warriors: A Semper Fi Odyssey”
Dr. Maria Simbra, Jeff Roupe and Martin Rodgers, KDKA-TV, “The Truth About Antibacterial Wipes”

Health/Science/Environment Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Ben Schmitt, Tribune-Review, "Healing Little Man"

Finalists:

David Conti, Tribune-Review, "Ultimate Fix for Wastewater Eludes Gas Industry"

Anya Sostek, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "A Depression That Knows No Bounds"

Anya Sostek, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Allergic Reaction"

History Feature, Magazines

Winner: Nick Keppler, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "Heroin Hits Home"

Finalists:

Brian Butko, Liz Simpson and Bryan Vorp, Western Pennsylvania History Magazine, "An Old Strong Law and Custom, Indians, Colonists & Captivity on the Frontier"

Mark Houser and Chuck Beard, Pittsburgh Magazine, "Steel City Beautiful"

History Article or Series, Nondailies

Winner: Mary Solberg, FaithLife, "Saints & Witches: Ancestors of Oil City Couple Ministered to Lepers, Hanged for Witchcraft"

History Story, Radio

Winner: Margaret J. Krauss, WESA, "WESA Celebrates Inventing of Pittsburgh"

Finalists:

James Garrity, KDKA Radio, "KDKA -- 95th Anniversary"

Mike Sauter, WYEP, "WYEP: History of Music on Saturday Night Live"

History Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Phil Ray, Altoona Mirror, "No Closure"

Finalists:

Marsha Keefer, Beaver County Times, "Building Blocks: Clay Bricks Were Part of the Foundation of Beaver County"

William Kibler, Altoona Mirror, "Local Author Laments Events"

Mary Ann Thomas, Valley News Dispatch, "Selma March"

History Story, Online

Winner: WQED Production Team, WQED-TV, "The Italian Americans"

Finalists:

George Heidekat, Carnegie Museum of Art, "How Westinghouse Brought 'Midcentury Modern' to the Pittsburgher on the Street"

Sarah Stemen, Matt Martin and Rob Frank, Erie Times-News, "Our Fight: Erie in WWII"

History Story, Television

Winner: Nathalie Berry, Michael Bartley and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, "45 Years of Dance"

Finalist: Damany Lewis, WPXI-TV, "WWII Veteran Memories"

History Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 And Over)

Winner: Marylynne Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “The Brothers Kaufmann” series

Finalists:

Jason Cato, Tribune-Review, “Historic Century Inn Burns in Washington County; A Look at Time & Fire Impact on Other W. Pa. Landmarks”

Bill Schackner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Putting Names to Faces”

Craig Smith, Tribune-Review, “Can Donora Bounce Back?”

Arts & Entertainment Feature, Magazines

Winner: Christine H. O’Toole, Pittsburgh Magazine, “The Fred Rogers Company”

Finalists:

Lauren Davidson, Pittsburgh Magazine, “Preserving a Voice”

Susan Fleming Morgans, Mt. Lebanon, “Come to the Center and Be Yourself”

Arts & Entertainment Article, Series or Criticism, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Toby Tabachnick, Jewish Chronicle, “Exhibition Highlights Friendship, Art of Pearlstein, Warhol, Cantor”

Finalists:

Caralyn Green, Pittsburgh City Paper, “What to Do When Chatting Up Alt-Country Provocateur Lydia Loveless”

Adam Reinherz, Jewish Chronicle, “Kirtan Rabbi Offers Old Words in New Beats”

Margaret Welsh, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Music Isn’t the Only Lesson Students Learn at Rock Camp”

Arts & Entertainment Story, Radio

Winner: Paul Guggenheimer, Marcus Charleston and Katie Blackley, WESA, “Essential Pittsburgh: Rock Musician Peter Frampton Goes Acoustic”

Finalist: Paul Guggenheimer, Marcus Charleston and Katie Blackley, WESA, “Essential Pittsburgh: Songwriter Randy Newman Embraces the Orchestral Sound”

Arts & Entertainment Article, Series or Criticism, Daily Newspapers (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter, “Bang on the Drum!”

Finalists:

Cory Giger, Altoona Mirror, “Mister Rogers Night at Altoona Curve”

Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter, “Songs Sung in Every Household”

Arts & Entertainment, Online

Winner: WQED Sessions Production Team, WQED-TV, “WQED Sessions”

Finalists:

WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, “Marley’s Last Concert”

Melanie Linn Gutowski, NEXTPittsburgh.com, “Husband and Wife Team Behind STAK Ceramics Making a Splash Nationwide”

Matthew Newton and Bryan Conley, Carnegie Museum of Art, “Inside the Illustrated World of Cartoonist Frank Santoro”

Arts & Entertainment Story, Television

Winner: Minette Seate and Frank Caloiero, WQED-TV, “The Making of ‘August Wilson: The Ground on Which I Stand’”

Finalists:

Tonia Caruso, Amy Grove and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, “Braddock: Coming Home”

Slim Forsythe, Dino DiStefano and Mark Knobil, WQED-TV, “Live From Neid’s Hotel”

Lauren Sonkin, Lisa Sylvester and Ward Hobbs, WPXI-TV, “The Nutcracker”

Arts & Entertainment Article, Series or Criticism, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Kari Andren, Tribune-Review, “Little Bands, Big Resolve”

Finalists:

Elizabeth Bloom, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Blessed Be the Reed Makers”

JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Tribune-Review, “Beauty Kings”

Scott Mervis, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Lightnin’ Striking Again”

Food Feature, Magazines

Winner: Cristina Rouvalis, Pittsburgh Magazine, “A Superior Strategy”

Finalists:

Sherrie Flick, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Still Life”

Hal B. Klein, Pittsburgh Magazine, “Best Restaurants 2015/Killer Kitchens/Chefs’ Choice” Package

Quelcy Kogel, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “The Greening of Hazelwood”

Food, Radio

Winner: Cindy Howes, WYEP, “WYEP’s Pairings With Cindy Howes and Chef Bill Fuller”

Food Article or Series, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Celine Roberts, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Documentary Goes Behind the Kitchen Doors of the Local Restaurant Scene”

Finalist: Kate Green, The Almanac, “Paleo Paradise”

Food Feature, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Liz Rogers, Observer-Reporter, “A Vine Tradition”

Finalist: Cherie Hicks, Altoona Mirror, Feature Beat Reporting -- Food, by Cherie Hicks

Food Feature, Online

Winner: Melissa McCart and Laura Schneiderman, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Mapping Hunger: Where Are Pittsburgh’s Food Deserts?”

Food Feature, Television

Winner: Sally Wiggin, Michelle Wright and Brian Caldwell, WTAE-TV, “Chronicle: Taste of the ‘Burgh”

Finalist: Pierina Morelli and Zak Boyle, WQED-TV, “Hopping to Brew”

Food Feature, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Jonathan Silver and Melissa McCart, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “A Visionary Chef, Issues on His Plate”

Finalists:

Michael Machosky, Tribune-Review, “Made From Scratch: Smallman Galley Food Hall an Incubator of 4 Restaurants”

Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Explore the Science of Home Cooking”

Gretchen McKay, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Stunning, Reliable Cranberries Are Steeped in Thanksgiving’s Heritage”

Sports Feature, Magazines

Winner: Marino Parascenzo, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “In a Class of Her Own”

Finalists:

Joe Bendel, Pittsburgh Magazine, “Jamie Dixon His Way”

Cristina Rouvalis, Pittsburgh Magazine, “Raise It!”

Charlie Stewart, SHADY AVE, “Cathedral of Burning”

Online Sports Videography

Winner: Stephanie Strasburg, Tribune-Review, “Pittsburgh Marathon”

Finalists:

Tom Reisenweber and Matt Mead, Erie Times-News, “Conneaut Eagles Football: From Consolidation to CHAMPIONS”

Guy Wathen, Tribune-Review, “Pirates Home Opener”

Marina Weis, Beaver County Times, “Athlete of the Year Candidate: Stephon McGinnis -- Aliquippa”

Sports Article or Series, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Pittsburgh Pirates Preview”

Finalists:

Eleanor Bailey, The Almanac, “Behind the Stripes”

Mary Solberg, FaithLife, “Baseball Heaven: MLB Draft Pick, Priest/Coach Find Faith on Baseball Diamond”

Sports Reporting, Radio

Winner: Liz Reid, WESA, “Pittsburgh Disc Golfer Ready to Compete”

Finalist: Jeff Hathhorn, KDKA Radio, KDKA Sports

Sports Photography

Winner: Andrew Russell, Tribune-Review, "Horse Race"

Finalists:

Matt Freed, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Hartline Comes up Short"

Sally Maxson, Beaver County Times, "Central Valley Slide"

Katie Roupe, Observer-Reporter, "Reign Delayed"

Sports Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Lauren Kirschman, Beaver County Times, "Born Without Lower Legs, Congolese Soccer Player Finds a Home at Blackhawk"

Finalists:

Pat Bywater, Meadville Tribune, "Wrestling With Retirement"

Kayleen Cubbal, New Castle News, "The Game of Life"

Cory Giger and Neil Rudel, Altoona Mirror, "Penn State's Regular Season End Disastrously"

TV Sports Videography

Winner: L. David Colabine, KDKA-TV, "Professor MMA"

Finalist: Michael Challik, KDKA-TV, "Steelers Monday"

Sports Reporting, Online

Winner: Staff, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Jerome Bettis: A Hall of Fame Ride"

Finalists:

WPXI Staff, WPXI-TV, "Local Nascar"

Guy Junker, Chris Twomey and Amanda Jupena, WTAE-TV, "Pirates Spring Training Camp 2015"

Sports Reporting, Television

Winner: Lisa Sylvester and Ward Hobbs, WPXI-TV, "The Bus to Canton"

Finalists:

Tonia Caruso, Frank Caloiero and Walt Francis, WQED-TV, "The Pens' Other Team"

Rich Walsh and L. David Colabine, KDKA-TV, "Hometown Wrestling"

Rich Walsh, Steve Willing and Ian Smith, KDKA-TV, "Lemieux Part Deux"

Sports Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Bob Cohn, Jerry DiPaola and Travis Sawchik, Tribune-Review, "Crisis on the Court"

Finalists:

Brady McCollough, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Army Past Puts Football in Perspective"

Tom Reisenweber, Erie Times-News, "From Rivalry ... To Revelry"

Sam Werner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, "Son of a Coach"

Editorials, Magazines

Winner: Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly, "From the Editor"

Editorial/Commentary, Radio

Winner: Michael Young and Barbara Boylan, KDKA Radio, “College Frats”

Finalist: Brian Siewiorek, The Allegheny Front, “Even on the Trail, the Music Never Stops”

Editorials, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Tom Bickert, Beaver County Times

Finalists:

Brad Hundt, Observer-Reporter

Kay Stephens, Altoona Mirror

Editorials, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Tom Waseleski, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Finalists:

Susan Mannella, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bob Pellegrino, Tribune-Review

Documentary, Radio

Winner: Kara Holsopple, Julie Grant and Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front, “The Allegheny Front’s Earth Day Special”

Finalists:

Reid Frazier, Clay Scott and Catherine Moore, The Allegheny Front, “The Future of Coal”

Mike Sauter, WYEP, “WYEP Documentary: 30th Anniversary of Live Aid”

Documentary, Television

Winner: Sally Wiggin, Wendy Bell and Brian Caldwell, WTAE-TV, “Chronicle: After War”

Finalists:

David Solomon, Pierina Morelli and Paul Ruggieri, WQED-TV, “Finding Elizabeth’s Soldiers”

Lauren Sonkin and Katherine Amenta, WPXI-TV, “Heroin Hits Home”

Columns, Magazines

Winner: Joe Mistick, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Neighborhood Joints”

Finalists:

Douglas Heuck, Pittsburgh Quarterly

Virginia Montanez, Pittsburgh Magazine, “PittGirl’s Last Laugh”

Graham Shearing, Pittsburgh Quarterly, “Art Thoughts”

Columns, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Charlie Deitch, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Pittsburgh Left”

Finalist: Celine Roberts, Pittsburgh City Paper, “On the Rocks”

Columns, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Ron Musselman, The Tribune-Democrat

Finalist: Tom Bickert, Beaver County Times

Continuing Blog

Winner: Steve Mellon, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “The Digs”: Steve Mellon selections

Finalists:

Donald Gilliland, Tribune-Review, “Off-Road” politics blog: Donald Gilliland compilation
Virginia Montanez, Pittsburgh Magazine, “PittGirl”

Salena Zito, Tribune-Review, “Off-Road” politics blog: Saleno Zito compilation

Columns, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Rob Rossi, Tribune-Review, Rob Rossi Columns

Finalists:

Gene Collier, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Luis Fabregas, Tribune-Review

Eric Heyl, Tribune-Review

Best Newscast, Radio

Winner: KDKA Staff, KDKA Radio, “KDKA 8:30 a.m. Cast -- Frigid February Morning”

Best Newscast, Television

Winner: Matthew Carlins, Producer; Anne Linaberger, News Director; and KDKA-TV Staff; KDKA-TV, “KDKA News at 6”

Finalists:

Amy Coulter, Kaitlyn Sawyer and Dan Rinkus, WPXI-TV, “Channel 11 News at 5”

News Team, WTAE-TV, “Pittsburgh’s Action News 4 WTAE”

Enterprise/Investigative Article or Series, Nondaily Newspapers

Winner: Rebecca Nuttall and Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Pittsburgh’s Affordable Housing Crisis”

Finalists: Rebecca Nuttall, Pittsburgh City Paper, “In-depth Into a Crime and the Problem With Judicial System”

Toby Tabachnick, Jewish Chronicle, “For Orthodox Artists, Struggles to Fund Projects Are Compounded”

Toby Tabachnick, Jewish Chronicle, “Sea of Change: LGBTQ Inclusion Finds Smooth Sailing in Jewish Pittsburgh”

Enterprise/Investigative Story, Radio

Winner: Natasha Khan and Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front and PublicSource, “Two Men, One Coal-Ash Dump, No Answers”

Finalist: Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front, “Federal Air Rules Bring ‘New Normal’ for Coal”

Enterprise/Investigative Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation Under 45,000)

Winner: Brandy Hadden and Kirstin Kennedy, Beaver County Times, “Animal Matters” Series

Finalists:

Kecia Bal, Patrick Buchnowski and John Finnerty, The Tribune-Democrat, “On the Radar”
Scott Beveridge and Mike Jones, Observer-Reporter, “How Is Act 13 Money Being Spent?”
Kristen Doerschner, Beaver County Times, “No Such Records Exist: What’s Going on at the Public Defender’s Office?”

Enterprise/Investigative Story, Online

Winner: Brady McCollough and Zack Tanner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Cuba: Behind the Facade”

Finalists:

Rich Lord and Larry Roberts, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Israel Series: The Handshake and the Fists”
Alex Marcelewski, Kaitlin Zurawsky and Paul Van Osdol, WTAE-TV, “Chronicle: Burning Questions”
Ashley Murray, Pittsburgh City Paper, “A Pride Divided: Two Groups With Differing Ideas on Inclusiveness Held Pride Celebrations This Weekend, So What Do They Make of Each Other?”
Josh Raulerson, WESA, “Nanograms, Season 1: Borg in the USA”
David Solomon, WQED-TV, “The Portrait Project: Finding Elizabeth’s Soldiers”

Enterprise/Investigative Story, Television

Winner: Paul Van Osdol and Michael Lazorko, WTAE-TV, “Fire Response Investigation”

Finalist: David Highfield and Ian Smith, KDKA-TV, “How to Survive a Plane Crash”

Enterprise/Investigative Article or Series, Daily Newspapers and Wire Services (Circulation 45,000 and Over)

Winner: Carl Prine, Tribune-Review, “American Coyotes”

Finalists:

Andrew Conte and Mike Wereschagin, Tribune-Review, “Cyber Rattling”
Rich Lord, Chris Potter and Zack Tanner, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, “Surveillance Society Series: Students Easy Targets for Data Miners”
Halle Stockton, Alexandra Kanik and Eric Holmberg, PublicSource, “Troubled Kids, Powerful Drugs”

The following Quill Award winners also received best-of-show awards:

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Photography

Andy Colwell, Erie Times-News, “Shooting Aftermath”

Ed Romano Memorial Award: Videography

Brian Caldwell, WTAE-TV, “Rebuilding Pittsburgh”

Ed King Memorial Award: Radio

Natasha Khan and Reid Frazier, The Allegheny Front and PublicSource, “Two Men, One Coal-Ash Dump, No Answers”

Ed King Memorial Award: Television

Sally Wiggin, Paul Van Osdol and Michael Lazorko, WTAE-TV, “Chronicle: Burning Questions”

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Magazines

Cara Masset, Pitt Med, “Inside the World of OCD”

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Nondaily Newspapers

Rebecca Nuttall and Ryan Deto, Pittsburgh City Paper, “Pittsburgh’s Affordable Housing Crisis”

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Daily Newspapers and Wire Services, Circulation Under 45,000

Natalie Miller and David Singer, Observer-Reporter, “Under the Label”

Ray Sprigle Memorial Award: Daily Newspapers and Wire Services, Circulation 45,000 and Over

Staff, Erie Times-News, “Huge Loss”