

54th Annual
Golden Quill
Awards

May 24, 2018

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in Western Pennsylvania JOURNALISM



Congratulations

to

Francesca Dabeco winner of the
Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship

and

Victoria Bails winner of the
**Press Club of
Western Pennsylvania Scholarship!**

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 54th annual Golden Quill Awards presented by The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. We are pleased you are joining us this evening as we recognize excellence in print, broadcast, photography, illustration and online journalism in Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. This year we received more than 700 entries.



And because we believe in supporting aspiring journalists, we're proud this year to recognize for the first time the work of college students as part of the Golden Quill Awards. We also continue to award \$7,500 to two college students through the Press Club Scholarship and the Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship.

While the Golden Quill Awards are an annual highlight, the Press Club is active throughout the year, with programs, social events and the Bob Fryer Memorial Golf Outing. We hope you will consider getting involved by becoming a member.

Congratulations to all of this year's finalists and winners. The Press Club thanks you for your participation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly M. Palmiero".

Kimberly M. Palmiero

President, The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania



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**6 p.m.
Reception**

**7 p.m.
Welcome
Recognition of Sponsors and “Photos of the Year”**

Dinner

Presentation of 2018 Golden Quill Awards

**Presentation of 2018 Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship
and 2018 Press Club Scholarship**

**Presentation of 2018
Ed Romano, Ed King and Ray Sprigle Memorial
Best of Show Awards**

**Presentation of 2018
Service to Journalism Award**

**Presentation of 2018
President’s Award**

Closing

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 & communication, has extensive experience in front of and behind the camera. Her 28-year television career spanned four states and five stations where she amassed vast experience and critical acclaim as an award-winning anchor/reporter/talk show host and senior local programming producer.

Based on needs she saw in society and an entrepreneurial spirit, Susan founded and is president and CEO of Afterschool Buddy, Inc., a Pittsburgh-based multimedia production company, now in its eighth 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, ranging from full-length documentaries to short videos and educational series for web and DVD distribution.

Susan also stays active in the community. This is her third year as director of nonprofit Luminari's "I Want to Be an Ambassador!" Camp. The seven-day summer camp, to be held June 12-20 in Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C., is designed to help teens master the skill sets and character traits of a successful ambassador, especially the vital art of diplomacy. Camps have included diplomatic trips to the U.S. State Department, as well as the Embassies of Germany, Japan, Russia and Thailand in Washington, D.C.

Susan received the first Media Excellence Award from Mental Health America of Westmoreland County in 2012 and the 2014 Media Service Award from Mental Health America of Allegheny County.

Susan was inducted into the Allegheny Valley School District Alumni Hall of Fame in 2011. She is a founder and current board member of the AVSD Dynamo Education Foundation. She is trained and certified by NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland to teach its Afterschool Universe program to students. Susan has hosted panels for multiple media outlets and associations, and has been a featured speaker at local high schools, elementary schools and community events.

2018 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD FINALISTS

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS

SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY

Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “A Good Call”

Pam Panchak • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Our Hearts Are Heavy Today”

Celeste Van Kirk • *Observer-Reporter*
“They Didn’t Have to Shoot Him”

NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY

Brian Caldwell • WTAE-TV • “Face of Addiction”

L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Lost Everything but Each Other”

Thalia Juarez • *The Herald-Standard*
“‘Looking for Peace’: Reported Discrimination
Sends Syrian Refugees From Scottsdale”

Andrew Russell • *Tribune-Review* • “‘He Is the Strongest Man We Know’”

SPOT NEWS, RADIO

Katie Blackley • WESA
“Anti-Abortion Congressman Reportedly
Asks Woman to Get an Abortion”

Kathleen Davis • WESA
“In Memory of Murdered Pitt Student,
‘Alina’s Law’ Would Further Protect Domestic Abuse Victims”

Kathleen Davis • WESA
“Last PA Judicial Election Saw Record Amounts
of Money Spent. What About This Year?”

SPOT NEWS, DIGITAL

Katie Blackley • WESA
“Westboro Protests in Pittsburgh Met
By Hundreds of Counter-Protesters”

Stephen J. Nesbitt, Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“MLB Umpire Saves Woman From Edge of
Roberto Clemente Bridge in Pittsburgh”

Liz Reid • WESA
"Homeowner Close to Washington County
Gas Well Pad Fire Says 'We're Stuck'"

Staff • *Observer-Reporter* • "Uptown Terror"

SPOT NEWS, TELEVISION

Amy Wadas • KDKA-TV • "Troopers Shot"

Staff • WPXI • "Fire & Flooding: Severe Weather in Pittsburgh"

Staff • WTAE-TV • "Officer Brian Shaw & The Search for a Killer"

ILLUSTRATION & PAGE DESIGN

NEWS ILLUSTRATION

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Dangerously Dependent"

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "What Makes Kim Jong Un Tick?"

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
"We Didn't Lose the War on Drugs, We Surrendered"

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • "Developing Young Minds"

FEATURE ILLUSTRATION

Mark Bender • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • Winter Cover

Em DeMarco • *Pitt Magazine* • "Lives of a Poet"

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Steelers vs Evil Empire"

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Billy's Back in Town"

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Rob Rogers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Faceoff"

Rob Rogers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Surrounded by Water"

Rob Rogers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • "Vegas"

ANIMATION

Ed Yozwick, James Hilston • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
"Ethane's Journey From the Ground to Plastic
From the Wellhead to the Cracker"

Ed Yozwick, James Hilston • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“How to Build a Highway: Southern Beltway Soil Management”

Ed Yozwick, James Hilston • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“The Land Alcoa Dammed: From Bauxite to Refinery”

PAGE DESIGN, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Rod Doss, Kathy Yocum, Rob Taylor • *New Pittsburgh Courier*
New Pittsburgh Courier -- Front Page Dec. 27, 2017

COVER DESIGN, MAGAZINES

Chuck Beard • *Pittsburgh Magazine*
Pittsburgh Magazine April 2017: Take a Hike

Anita Dufalla • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • Fall Cover

Jennifer McNulty • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • Spring Cover

Shannon Venditti • *Mt. Lebanon* • Nov. 1, 2017, Cover

PAGE DESIGN, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Life and Death on Santron Avenue”

Daniel Marsula • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Steelers vs Evil Empire”

Staff • *Tribune-Review* • “Dulce de Leche Delights”

Staff • *Tribune-Review* • “Officer Down”

FEATURE

GENERAL FEATURE, MAGAZINES

Jeffery Fraser, Mike Wereschagin, Julia Fraser • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Up in the Air”

Douglas Heuck • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “The Lure of Fishing”

Lori Jakiela • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “The Union Project”

Evan Pattak • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Silver Tsunami” Series

GENERAL FEATURE, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Erica Cebzanov • *Shaler Journal*
“Duckpin Bowling Still Reigns Supreme in Etna”

Meg Fair • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
"12-year-old Drag Artist E! The Dragnificent
Wants People to Change the Way They View Gender"

Jacob Meyer • *The Almanac* • "Honoring a Son"

Victoria Stevans • *The Northside Chronicle*
"Spring Hill, Mixing Past and Present for Future"

FEATURE, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
"Would This Bleeding Veggie Burger Get You to Skip the Meat?"

Megan Harris • WESA
"Carnegie Libraries as Literary Preppers:
How Your Favorite Sleuths Predict Demand"

Kara Holsopple • The Allegheny Front • "City Wins in Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics"

Virginia Alvino Young • WESA
"You Can Go Through Horrible Things,
But You Can Shine, Too: Wilkinsburg One Year Later"

PROFILE, MAGAZINES

Hilary Daninhirsch • *Shady Ave* • "A Ballpark Figure"

Christine O'Toole • *Pittsburgh Magazine*
"Julie Sokolow: Rising Through the Ranks of Documentarians"

Cristina Rouvalis • *Pittsburgh Magazine*
"Betty Esper: Homestead's First and Only Woman Mayor"

PHOTO ESSAY

Chaz Palla • *Tribune-Review*
"Behind the Scenes of Robert Morris Women's Hockey's Championship Run"

Steve Mellon, Stephanie Strasburg
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • "Life and Death on Santron Avenue"

FASHION/STYLE, MAGAZINES

Vicky A. Clark • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • "Serious Threads"

Matthew Milligan • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • "What Lies Beneath"

FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Big Hug”

Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Reign on Parade”

Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Window Dressing”

HOMES, MAGAZINES

Nancy Polinsky Johnson • *Shady Ave* • “Great Expectations”

Nancy Polinsky Johnson • *Shady Ave* • “Squarely Tucked Away”

Susan Fleming Morgans • *Mt. Lebanon* • “Tudor Transformation”

Marylynn Uricchio • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Homefront”

GENERAL FEATURE, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION UNDER 45,000)

Scott Beveridge • *Observer-Reporter* • “Dropping Duckpins in Donora”

Pat Bywater • *Erie Times-News*

“Roar Performer Tom Keifer Beats Career-Ending Condition”

William Kibler • *Altoona Mirror* • “Centered on Care”

Natalie Miller • *Observer-Reporter*

“This Kid Should Have Everything”

FEATURE VIDEOGRAPHY

Andy Kelemen, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV • “Forgotten/Found”

Lou Ruediger • *Tribune-Review* • “Underwater Pumpkin Carving”

Nate Smallwood • *Tribune-Review*

“Jessica Lee Making a Life as a Pittsburgh Jazz Singer”

WQED Digital Production Team • WQED-TV • “WQED Sessions”

FEATURE, DIGITAL

Elizabeth Bloom • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Mr. Smith’s Funhouse”

Colin Deppen • The Incline

“Life After Deportation: How a Pre-dawn Visit From ICE
in Beechview Upended Martin Esquivel-Hernandez’s Family”

Beth Dolinar, Zak Boyle, Frank Caloiero • WQED-TV • “Our Silent Giant”

Mary Niederberger • PublicSource
“She Lost Her Mom and Her Home.
How Monet Is Finding a Promising Future in Pittsburgh”

FEATURE, TELEVISION

Bob Allen, Rob Hopson, Martin Rodgers
KDKA-TV • “Carlton’s Comeback”

David Highfield, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Hoop Dreams”

Amy Wadas • KDKA-TV • “Soldier Comes Home”

Andy Kelemen, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV • “Forgotten/Found”

GENERAL FEATURE, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)

Megan Guza • *Tribune-Review*
“Pulled Back From the Edge:
Inside One Woman’s Struggle With Addiction”

Amy Philips-Haller • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Findlay Sergeant’s Single Act of Kindness
Launches Effort to Help Military Families”

Ben Schmitt • *Tribune-Review*
“Transgender Woman Suing Allegheny County
Opens up About Struggles”

Staff • *Tribune-Review*
“ ‘Heart and Soul’: Dynasty-Maker, Diplomat Touched Region, Nation, World”

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Staff, The Allegheny Front, WESA, PublicSource and Keystone Crossroads
The Allegheny Front • “Hidden Poison”

Erin Gannon • Unabridged Press
“She Set Them Free: Retiring Exec’s Role in Improving Life for Disabled”

An-Li Herring • WESA • “As Children Are Left Behind By Opioid Crisis,
Foster System Increasingly Turns to Family for Care”

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

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/COMMUNITY SERVICE, TELEVISION

Susan Koeppen, L. David Colabine
KDKA-TV • “It’s Hard to Get There Safe”

Minette Seate, Rebecca Jean Born, Christopher T. Moore
WQED-TV • “The State of Black Pittsburgh”

Amy Wadas, Jeff Roupe, Fletcher Rumbaugh • KDKA-TV • “Pittverse”

Amy Wadas, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV
“A Safe Place for Transgender Teens”

EDUCATION

EDUCATION, MAGAZINES

Ervin Dyer, Adam Reger • *Pitt Magazine* • “Higher Ground”

Nick Keppler • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Creepy Mill Town”

Jennifer Rignani • *Mt. Lebanon* • “Finn’s Bow”

Meredith Soeder, Liz Simpson, Brian Butko
Western Pennsylvania History Magazine
“Instruments in Every Classroom:
Pittsburgh’s African American Jazz Musicians”

EDUCATION, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Kim Lyons • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“Girls Write Pittsburgh Is Helping Local Girls
Explore Their Creativity and Themselves”

Mary Solberg • *FaithLife*
“Autistic Students Get ‘Safety Net’ at ‘Hurst;
Autistic Students and Parents Take ‘Leap of Faith’”

Toby Tabachnick • *Jewish Chronicle*
“Accidental Activist Lenore Blum Changes Formula for Women in Math”

Rob Taylor • *New Pittsburgh Courier*
“‘Expect Great Things’ in Pittsburgh Public Schools”

EDUCATION, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Sarah Schneider • WESA
“How Do Pittsburgh-Area Schools Incorporate
Maker Spaces? It Depends on the Money”

Sarah Schneider • WESA
“How a Lottery Determines the Path for Many Pittsburgh Students”

Sarah Schneider • WESA
“Parents and Administrators Grapple
With Racially Charged Incidents In High School Sports”

EDUCATION, DIGITAL

Elizabeth Behrman, Liz Navratil • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Two Decades of Choice”

Jeffrey Benzing • PublicSource
“From School to Jail: How Hundreds of Kids
Get Arrested in Pittsburgh Schools Every Year”

Mary Niederberger • PublicSource • “Segregation in Steel Valley”

Bill Schackner • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Who Thrives and Who Doesn’t
as Pa.’s State University System Nears the Edge”

EDUCATION, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)

Deb Erdley • *Tribune-Review* • “GI Bill Means Big Business for Colleges in Pa.”

James Martines • *Tribune-Review* • “Hungry for Answers”

Bill Schackner, Adam Smeltz • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“PSU Fraternity Members Charged in Pledge’s Heartbreaking Death”

Anya Sostek • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Allderdice Senior is a U.S. Math Whiz”

STUDENT COMPETITION

NEWS: TEXT/PRINT

Nikole Kost • Point Park University
“That’s an Image That Will Always Be in My Head”

Iain Oldman • Point Park University • “Gambling on Pennsylvania’s Future”

Emalee Sekely, Maggie Patterson, The Duquesne Investigative Reporting Class
WDUQ-TV/JMA/Duquesne University • “Juvenile Justice”

**NEWS: PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY/
ILLUSTRATION & ANIMATION**

Gracey Evans • *Point Park Globe* • “Inauguration Day Protest”

Gracey Evans • *Point Park Globe* • “Church, State, and Assembly”

Gage Goulding • Robert Morris University Student Media
“Pitt Student Death”

Nicole Pampena • Point Park University
“As it Happened: Point Park Media Covers the 58th Inauguration”

FEATURE: TEXT/PRINT

Andrew Henderson • Point Park University
“Once Blue-Collar Bar, Blue Moon Launches Drag Queens to Stardom”

Iain Oldman • Point Park University • “‘The Death Show’ Displays Joys of Life”

FEATURE: AUDIO AND PODCASTS

Mark Steidl • Unabridged Press
“Look Who’s Here! Mark Steidl Interviews Ann Talman”

**FEATURE: PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY/
ILLUSTRATION & ANIMATION**

Gracey Evans • Point Park News Service • “Young and Single Mothers”

Andrew Henderson • Point Park University
“Once Blue-Collar Bar, Blue Moon Launches Drag Queens to Stardom”

SPORTS: TEXT/PRINT

Nicole Pampena • Point Park University
“Centerfolds and Center Court: The Danny McGibbeny Story”

**SPORTS: PHOTOGRAPHY & VIDEOGRAPHY/
ILLUSTRATION & ANIMATION**

Sam Anthony, Alec Balenciaga • Robert Morris University Student Media
“The Story of Anna Niki Stamolamprou”

Sydney Bauer • Duquesne University • “Duquesne Athletics: Behind the Scenes”

Colonial Sports Network Staff
Robert Morris University Student Media • “Hockey at Heinz”

Katey Ladika • Robert Morris University • “RMU vs VMI”

OPINION: TEXT/PRINT

Victoria Davis • *The Rocket* at Slippery Rock University
“Students Have Been Forgotten, Ignored in the Search for SRU’s President”

Septima Simpkins

The HawkEye, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
“On Being Black at Indiana University of Pennsylvania”

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, MAGAZINES

Lauri Gravina • *Shady Ave* • “The Coworking Revolution”

Jeffery Fraser, Mike Wereschagin, Julia Fraser
Pittsburgh Quarterly • “Up in the Air”

Nick Keppler • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Creepy Mill Town”

Mark Peyko • *Metro Monthly*
“Arby’s Founder Discusses Legacy of Fast-Food Chain
That Began in Youngstown”

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Ryan Deto • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“Effects of Property Speculation on Pittsburgh’s Housing Market”

Paul Gough • *Pittsburgh Business Times* • “UPMC’s Big Bold Ambitious Goals”

Paul Gough • *Pittsburgh Business Times* • “When Turbulence Occurs”

Patty Tascarella • *Pittsburgh Business Times* • “Cozen’s Path to Pittsburgh”

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front • “From Coal Town to Trail Town”

Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
“The Emerging Demand for ‘Greener’ Aluminum”

Margaret J. Krauss • WESA
“Snagging Amazon HQ2: Who Wins
When Tax Subsidies Lure Big Business to PA?”

Margaret J. Krauss • WESA
“Bikes May Have to Talk to Self-Driving Cars for Safety’s Sake”

**BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER
(CIRCULATION UNDER 45,000)**

William Kibler • *Altoona Mirror*
“Barred Worker’s Fall Poses Trouble for Firm, AHA”

William Kibler • *Altoona Mirror* • “Changes Afoot After 87 Years”

Liz Rogers • *Observer-Reporter* • “Taking the Cake”

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, DIGITAL

Anya Litvak • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Pushing Risk off a Cliff: How Westinghouse Ended up in Bankruptcy”

Anya Litvak, Andrew Rush, Zack Tanner • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Preparing for Chemical Valley -- Life Between Two Shell Plants”

Daniel Moore, Rebecca Droke, Laura Malt Schneiderman
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • “Power Struggle: Herman’s Last Stand”

MJ Slaby, Alexander C. Kaufman • *The Incline*
“What the Driverless Vehicles of Tomorrow
Mean for Today’s Pittsburgh Workers”

BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, TELEVISION

Rick Dayton, Jeff Roupe, Paul Spradley • KDKA-TV • “Mobile Free for 48 Hours”

Susan Koeppen, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV
“The Danger of Old Cell Phones”

Susan Koeppen, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Fire Extinguisher 101”

Susan Koeppen, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV • “Sunscreen: More Than SPF”

**BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY/CONSUMER, DAILY NEWSPAPERS
(CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)**

Mark Belko, Antonella Crescimbeni • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Seattle Prime -- Amazon Brings Its Home City Jobs,
Investment and Some Headaches”

Brian Bowling • *Tribune-Review*
“Rallying Point: New Mines Bank on Industry’s
Need for Metallurgical Coal”

Brian Bowling • *Tribune-Review* • “Banking on Local Banks”

Daniel Moore, Steve Mellon • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“The Night Shift -- At 4 a.m., a Struggle to Keep Going”

HEALTH/SCIENCE

HEALTH/SCIENCE, MAGAZINES

Kenneth J. Weiss, M.D.
Western Pennsylvania History Magazine
“The Deluge and the Doctress:
A Psychiatrist Responds to the 1889 Johnstown Flood”

Kelly Casey • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Health Series”

Jeffery Fraser, Mike Wereschagin, Julia Fraser • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Up in the Air”

Tawnya Panizzi • *Shady Ave* • “A Sudsy Solution”

HEALTH/SCIENCE, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Rebecca Addison • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“While Pittsburgh Has Seen Recent Victories on Abortion Access,
Activists Say a Persistent Piece of Legislation
Could Roll Back a Woman’s Right to Choose”

Kim Lyons • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“Pittsburgh’s Center for Women’s Behavioral Health
at West Penn Helps Women With Postpartum Depression”

Adam Reinherz • *Jewish Chronicle* • “Snowballs Make Cool Science”

HEALTH/SCIENCE, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front
“On Health Effects, Blame the Trucks, not Fracking?”

Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
“Can a Town Prove That Its Health Problems Are Caused by Pollution?”

Kara Holsopple • The Allegheny Front
“Lead-Tainted Water is a Big Problem in Pittsburgh.
So Is Lead in the City’s Soil”

Liz Reid • WESA
“Meet Two Women Who Had Abortions After 20 Weeks”

HEALTH/SCIENCE, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION UNDER 45,000)

Randy Griffith, David Hurst, Jocelyn Brumbaugh
Tribune-Democrat • “Protecting Our Children”

William Kibler • *Altoona Mirror* • “Empower3 Looks to Alter Health Care”

HEALTH/SCIENCE, DIGITAL

Nathalie Berry, Paul Ruggieri, Frank Caloiero
WQED-TV • “Caregivers for Our Aging Population”

Shelly Bradbury • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Young Trauma”

Beth Dolinar, David Solomon, Antonio Corona
WQED-TV • “Women & Opioids”

Maria Kakay, David Solomon, Paul Ruggieri • WQED-TV
“Living With Mental Illness”

HEALTH/SCIENCE, TELEVISION

Lynne Hayes-Freeland, Rob Hopson, Martin Rodgers
KDKA-TV • “Cancer Connection”

Susan Koeppen, L. David Colabine, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV • “PANDAS”

Dr. Maria Simbra, Lori Sperling, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV
“Fighting Back Against Parkinson’s”

David Solomon, Paul Ruggieri, Zak Boyle • WQED-TV
“Before Stage Four: Confronting Early Psychosis”

**HEALTH/SCIENCE, DAILY NEWSPAPERS
(CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)**

Gretchen McKay • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “A Different Kind of Runner’s High”

Ben Schmitt • *Tribune-Review*
“Bed Linens Filled With Mold Blamed for Deadly Crisis”

Anya Sostek • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Her Story Is Remarkable”

Steve Twedt • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Tier System Making Some Generic Drugs Expensive”

ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENT, MAGAZINES

Jeffery Fraser, Mike Wereschagin, Julia Fraser • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Up in the Air”

Ben Moyer • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “High Wild and Here”

Claire Schuchman • *Mt. Lebanon* • “Habitat Gardens”

ENVIRONMENT, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
“Pipelines Fuel Concern for Waterways in Coal Country”

Kara Holsopple • The Allegheny Front
“Please Don’t Buy Japanese Barberry. Forests Will Thank You”

Staff • The Allegheny Front
“Trump on Earth Podcast: Episode 1: What Trump Can (and Can’t) Do”

Staff • The Allegheny Front
“Trump on Earth Podcast, Episode 26:
Roads, Bridges and the Future of Civilization”

ENVIRONMENT, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION UNDER 45,000)

Scott Beveridge • *Observer-Reporter*
“Marianna Dam Removal Project Outlined”

Sean Sauro • *Altoona Mirror* • “Sunoco Already Sourcing Water”

Sean Sauro • *Altoona Mirror* • “Groups Take Dig at Quarry Proposal”

ENVIRONMENT, DIGITAL

Micaela Corn • Pittwire

“Geologists Uncover Lasting Effects of Historical Industries
in Southwestern Pennsylvania”

Don Hopey • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Manganese Can Stunt Intelligence in Children”

ENVIRONMENT, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)

Don Hopey • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Sealing a Rich Deal for Mineral Rights”

Brian Rittmeyer • *Tribune-Review*

“Recycling Revisited: As Recycling Mandate
Nears Expiration, State Eyes Overhaul”

HISTORY

HISTORY, MAGAZINES

Brian Butko, Liz Simpson, Noretta Willig

Western Pennsylvania History Magazine • “Finding Carl”

Sean Collier, Hal Klein, Mark Houser and Staff

Pittsburgh Magazine • “Pittsburgh History in 50 Artifacts”

Jeffery Fraser • *Pittsburgh Quarterly*

“Taming Air Pollution, the Region’s Century-old Challenge”

Charlie Stewart • *Shady Ave* • “‘Dirty Girty’ Gets His Due”

HISTORY, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Melanie Linn Gutowski • *Sewickley Herald*

“Old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Clock
From Station Square Keeps Time in Aleppo”

Cody McDevitt • *Our Town Johnstown* • “The Rosedale Oral History Project”

Toby Tabachnick • *Jewish Chronicle*

“Stumbling Stones Connect Families,
Memorialize Those Murdered by Nazis”

HISTORY, RADIO AND PODCASTS

Katie Blackley • WESA

“Those Strange Structures Along Route 51?
They’re Mementos to a Bygone Trade”

Sarah Kovash • WESA

“Documenting the Pittsburgh Potty:
An Architectural Mystery in Our Basements”

Margaret J. Krauss • WESA

“Rebuilding New Kensington, The City Alcoa Made”

WYEP Staff • WYEP

“WYEP Celebrates Women’s History Month”

HISTORY, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION UNDER 45,000)

Park Burroughs • *Observer-Reporter* • “Pay or Die: A Story of the Black Hand”

David Hurst, Randy Griffith, Todd Berkey
Tribune-Democrat • “’77 Flood Revisited”

Sean Sauro • *Altoona Mirror* • ““Everyone’s Lives Were Impacted by This””

Kay Stephens • *Altoona Mirror* • “Healthy Start”

HISTORY, DIGITAL

Sharon Blake • Pittwire

“Historian’s Work Celebrates Unsung Heroes”

Rossilynne Culgan • The Incline

“The Barmaid Bill, Forbidding Pittsburgh Women From Bartending,
Was Overturned 50 Years Ago This Month”

Kevin Kirkland, Marylynne Pitz, Post-Gazette Bridges Team
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • “The Bridges of Pittsburgh: Ohio River”

Matthew Newton, Pete Marovich • Carnegie Museum of Art

“American Dream Sequence:
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Iris Samson, Anne Casper, Antonio Corona
WQED-TV • “Vietnam Through Freddy’s Eyes”

HISTORY, TELEVISION

Beth Dolinar, Iris Samson, Paul Ruggieri
WQED-TV • “Come By Here: A History of Five Churches”

Rick Sebak, Kevin Conrad, Frank Caloiero
WQED-TV • “A Short History of Route 88”

HISTORY, DAILY NEWSPAPERS (CIRCULATION 45,000 AND OVER)

Gary Rotstein • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Many Blacks Flock Back to the South”

Maria Sciullo • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Sorrow of 1977 Evansville Plane Crash Felt in Pittsburgh”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, MAGAZINES

John Allison • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Reading Room”

Lori Jakiela • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Union Project”

Barbara Klein • *Carnegie Magazine* • “The People Are the Light”

Cristina Rouvalis • *Pitt Magazine* • “Pitt Tonight and Tomorrow”

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT, NONDAILY NEWSPAPERS

Meg Fair • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“Julien Baker on DIY, Faith and Where to Get Good Coffee”

Alex Gordon • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
“At Pittsburgh’s Accessible Recording in Oakland,
Owner Madeleine Campbell Takes the Name to Heart”

Adam Reinherz • *Jewish Chronicle*
“Silverman’s New Special Is a Delightfully Coarse Colloquy”

Toby Tabachnick • *Jewish Chronicle*
“Kinky Friedman ‘On the Road Again’ With Stop in Pittsburgh”

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Katie Blackley • WESA

“From Mound to Mainstage:

‘Summer King’ Captures Life of Pittsburgh Baseball Player Josh Gibson”

John Chamberlin, Rachael Rennebeck

Yajagoff.com and Yajagoff Podcast • “Pittsburgh Irish Festival”

Rosemary Welsch • WYEP • “Live & Direct With Michael Kiwanuka”

Virginia Alvino Young • WESA

“From Ireland to the Hill District, One Drummer Hopes

You Haven’t Forgotten Pittsburgh’s Jazz Greats”

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Brian Siewiorek, Mike Sauter • WYEP

“Warhol & Music: Album Art Interactive”

David Solomon, Amy Grove, Dave Forstate

WQED-TV • “Lost & Found: The Elizabeth Black Murals”

Staff • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Break Thru: A Half-Decade After Mac and Wiz,

the Pittsburgh Hip-Hop Scene Is Still Waiting for its Moment”

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Bob Allen, Rob Hopson, Greg Benedict • KDKA-TV • “Funky Fly Project”

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Sharon Ebersson • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Legacy of August Wilson Soars From Broadway to Hollywood”

Joyce Gannon • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Forging an Artisan Economy”

Scott Mervis • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

“Nick Cave Hits Oakland With a ‘Skeleton Tree’ Show We’ll Never Forget”

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Douglas Heuck • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “From the Editor”

Hal B. Klein • *Pittsburgh Magazine* • “Think Globally Eat Locally”

Hal B. Klein • *Pittsburgh Magazine*

“412 Food Rescue Blends Outreach and Technology”

Evan Pattak • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “The Silver Tsunami” Series

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Cody McDevitt • *Our Town Johnstown* • “Coney Island Lunch: A Johnstown Story”

Adam Reinherz • *Jewish Chronicle*

“Needlepointing Is a Stitch in Time, Past and Present”

Celine Roberts • *Pittsburgh City Paper*

“Pittsburgh City Paper Bar Crawl:

You Can’t Drink All Day if You Don’t Start in the Morning”

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An Architectural Mystery in our Basements”

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“Coney Island Lunch: A Johnstown Story”

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“Eat, Drink and Thank Your Lucky Stars”

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Ken Rice, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Of Shores and Swings”

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“The Truth About Pet Food”

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Jason Cato • *Tribune-Review*
“Historic Century Inn Rebuilding After Devastating Fire”

Arthi Subramaniam • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Master of the Flame: At Tessaro’s, Courtney McFarlane
Has Learned to Perfect Grilling Burgers From a Lot of Practice and Mistakes”

Bill Zlatos • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“The Next Page: Great White Hype With Black Eyes and Sharp Teeth”

Bill Zlatos • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“The Next Page: How I Conquered Fear
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Mary Gilbert • *Shady Ave* • “The Great Race: Fit and Fabulous at 40”

Douglas Heuck • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “The Lure of Fishing”

Tawnya Panizzi • *Shady Ave* • “A Grand Event”

Marino Parascenzo • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Hard Hitter”

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Eleanor Bailey • *The Almanac*
“Happ’s Homecoming a Memorable Experience”

Charlie Deitch • *Pittsburgh City Paper* • “Pittsburgh Pirates Preview”

Debbie Norrell, Jim Frazier, Will McBride • *New Pittsburgh Courier*
“The ‘Dice Is Right – Allderdice High School
Wins First City League Football Title in 50 Years”

Adam Reinherz • *Jewish Chronicle*
“Local Little Leaguers Enjoy International Competition”

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Katie Blackley • WESA • “Pickleball Is Becoming a Big Dill in Pittsburgh”

Megan Harris • WESA
“Meet the Mathematical Muscle Behind the Pittsburgh Marathon”

Jeff Hatthorn • KDKA Radio • “KDKA-AM 5:46 Sports”

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Steph Chambers • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “End Zone Dance”

Chaz Palla • *Tribune-Review* • “Robert Morris Hockey Celebration”

Celeste Van Kirk • *Observer-Reporter* • “Cold, Hard Fact”

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Mike Mastovich • *Tribune-Democrat* • “They’re the Founding Fathers”

Tom Reisenweber • *Erie Times-News* • “Passion for the Game”

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SPORTS VIDEOGRAPHY

L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Do the Bonefrog”

Brian Cook • *New Pittsburgh Courier* • “Steelers beat Green Bay Packers,
Nov. 26 -- En Route to 2017 Postseason”

Tom Reisenweber • *Erie Times-News* • “Cochranon Football Holds Midnight Practice”

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Brian Batko • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “For Better, for Worse, Forever”

Jason Mackey • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Meet ‘Normal Matt’ of Thunder Bay”

Stephen J. Nesbitt • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Sudden Impact: Story of Steelers Rookie Marked
by Resilience and Drive to Succeed”

Stephen J. Nesbitt • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “The Wait of a New World”

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“Sudden Impact: Story of Steelers Rookie
Marked by Resilience and Drive to Succeed”

Stephen J. Nesbitt • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Note to Self”

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Joe Smydo • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Out of Order,” “Dr. Starzl, Life-giver,” “Foul, but No Crime”

DOCUMENTARY

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Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front
“Struggling to Stay in Appalachia After Coal Layoffs”

Julie Grant, Kara Holsopple, Reid Frazier
The Allegheny Front • “Hazardous to Your Health”

Robert Mangino, J.R. Randall • KDKA Radio • “Pittsburgh for Puerto Rico”

Brian Siewiorek • WYEP • “Warhol & Music”

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Iris Samson, Amy Grove, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV • “Vietnam: Another View”

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Douglas Heuck • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “From the Editor”

Hal B. Klein • *Pittsburgh Magazine* • Best of Hal B. Klein Restaurant Reviews

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Charlie Deitch • *Pittsburgh City Paper* • “Pittsburgh Left”

John Oyler • *Bridgeville Area News* • “Water Under the Bridge”

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Michael Boytim • *Altoona Mirror* • Michael Boytim Columns

Tom Reisenweber • *Erie Times-News*

“One Part of Special Basketball Career Near End,” “Pullium Is Great Coach, Mentor,”

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Tony Norman • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“The Central Park 5 and History as Replay,”
“She’s Bound for Glory,” “The Life Force of Harry Belafonte”

Joe Starkey • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Villanueva Walked Winding Path to NFL,”
“The Day the World Changed,” “Owner Must Look Beyond the Bans”

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Greg Curtis • *Pittsburgh Quarterly* • “Creative Capital”

Ryan Deto, City Paper Staff • *Pittsburgh City Paper* • “Politicrap”

Heather Lang • *KDKA.com* • “Furry Tails”

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Staff • Pittwire • “Shadow Bandits Ready for Eclipse Day”

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Adam Reinherz • *Jewish Chronicle*
“JCC Tackles Issues of Gender Identity and Inclusion”

Celine Roberts, Charlie Deitch • *Pittsburgh City Paper*
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Michael A. Fuoco, Ashley Murray • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
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Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
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Russ O’Reilly • *Altoona Mirror* • “Family Faults Prison for Death”

Staff • *Observer-Reporter* • “Drugs, Overdoses and Addiction”

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Rich Lord, Len Boselovic, Stephanie Strasburg
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • “The Land Alcoa Dammed”

Rich Lord, Stephanie Strasburg, Steve Mellon
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette • “Riding OD Road”

Peter Smith, Nate Guidry, Laura Malt Schneiderman • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
“Unsettled in America: Pittsburgh’s Latino Community Is Small,
Diverse, Growing -- and Anxious”

Matt Stroud • PublicSource
“Police Commander’s Relationship With Axon Raises Questions
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Susan Koeppen, L. David Colabine • KDKA-TV • “Burning at Play”

Andy Sheehan, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV • “Burn Pits: The New Agent Orange?”

Lauren Silver, Rick Earle, Kellie Burkett • WPXI-TV • “School Failures: Fire Drills”

Paul Van Osdol, Kendall Cross • WTAE-TV • “Child Death Investigations”

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Theresa Clift • *Tribune-Review* • “Lead Pipes Feed Some Pittsburgh Water”

Rich Lord, Mark Belko • *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* • “Pittsburgh’s Powerful Nonprofits”

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“Bed Linens Filled With Mold Blamed for Deadly Crisis”

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- 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
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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*
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- 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 (posthumously)
- 2003 – John Craig, retired *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* editor
- 2004 – John L.S. Northrop & William B. Northrop, retired publishers,
Observer-Reporter, Washington, Pa.
- 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 WTAE-TV
- 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
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- 2015 – Peggy Finnegan and David Johnson, WPXI-TV news anchor team
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- 2017 – Mary Robb Jackson and Michael Challik, KDKA-TV

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- 2000 – Jerry Vondas, reporter, *The Pittsburgh Press & Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*
2001 – Urban Journalism Workshop
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2005 – Helen Fallon, professor, 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, University of West Virginia
2010 – John Christian, WPXI-TV (posthumously)
2011 – WDUQ-FM
2012 – Woodene Merriman, retired, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*
2013 – Dr. Nancy Jones, retired professor, Point Park University and Duquesne University
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The smooth familiar voices of regulars on KQV brought the news, shows and Top 40 songs to thousands of people each day in Western Pennsylvania for nearly a century until the station went silent on Dec. 31, 2017. The iconic radio station can trace its roots to 1919 but got its designation as KQV in 1921, when companies began to popularize radio to the masses.

Through multiple owners, KQV listeners could count on a full menu of programming: Pirates baseball games, the news, Lawrence Welk, man-on-the-street interviews, children's programming, and, later, a Top 40 format and then an all-news format.

In the late 1950s and with a new owner, the station switched to a Top 40 format, featuring on-air talent Rod Roddy, Fred Winston, Chuck Brinkman, Gary Gears, Hal Murray, Jim Quinn and Jeff Christie (aka Rush Limbaugh). Former news director Frank Gottlieb wrote of the station's history: "KQV began promoting rock concerts, including a Rolling Stones concert during their first American tour. The then-unknown group attracted 300 people."

In 1974, KQV was sold to Taft Broadcasting, which then switched the station to an all-news format. Station general manager Bob W. Dickey Sr. and Tribune-Review publisher Richard Mellon Scaife bought the station in 1982 in part to preserve that format. Dickey Sr. died in 2011 at the age of 85. His family kept the radio station on air through 2017, when broadcast was suspended due to financial reasons.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD
JAMES CUDDY JR.

Jim Cuddy worked as an editor and reporter for almost 40 years for five news organizations in Western Pennsylvania. Throughout his career, he mentored scores of journalists and helped strengthen the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania through his volunteer work.



Jim was managing editor for Trib Total Media when he retired in 2016, the last of several editing assignments for the company. He joined the Trib in 1993, soon after Dick Scaife created and financed the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review. Rare were the dull moments over the next 23 years.

Jim went to the Trib after The Pittsburgh Press expired in 1993. At The Press, he covered the Legislature, politics and the criminal courts.

He joined The Press full time in 1980 after working as a stringer who paid the bills by toiling part time in local steel mills. He became a stringer in 1979 after the News Tribune in Beaver Falls was sold and folded.

His career began in community newspapers. Jim worked for Spenley Newspapers in Homestead and Gateway Publications in Bellevue after graduating in 1977 from Pennsylvania State University.

Jim served two terms as president of the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. He also served on the board of the Pennsylvania Associated Press Managing Editors.

He and his wife, Rose, live in Mt. Lebanon.

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BOB FRYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

FRANCESCA DEBECCO, 21, is a rising senior at Point Park University, where she is studying journalism.

“I have an unending passion for people’s stories. I believe that sharing our personal trials and triumphs is what connects us to one another, either in the community or a half a world away,” she wrote in her scholarship application. “This power of words and the impact of stories that matter is what has always attracted me to journalism.”

In 2013, Francesca was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. She reached out to Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania. Her wish: to be a writer for a fashion magazine.

She documented a week of shows at LA Fashion Week for Glamour magazine’s online blog.

She’s been an intern at Make-A-Wish Greater Pennsylvania and West Virginia since January 2015 – one year after having her wish granted from the organization. As an intern, she interviews Wish families and writes their stories. “I hope that my voice and empathy for others continues to allow me to share stories of trials and triumphs, just like mine,” she wrote in her application.

A native of Robinson, Francesca graduated from Montour High School. Today, she also writes stories for Point Park’s student-run newspaper, *The Globe*.

Her cancer is in remission.

The \$5,000 Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a college student studying journalism or communications.



PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

VICTORIA BAILS, 19, is rising junior majoring in journalism at Point Park University. A graduate of McGuffey High School, she hails from Washington, Pa. She wanted to make Pittsburgh her home for her undergraduate studies because of all the opportunities the city had to offer.

On campus, she’s involved with Strong Women, Strong Girls and The Honors Program. Victoria also periodically writes for *The Globe*, Point Park’s student newspaper.

After completing her first year of college, Victoria was an intern with Pittsburgh Festival Opera in the summer where she worked in the box office. For her second internship, she took an editorial internship with *Pittsburgh Magazine*, primarily working on the magazine’s wedding blog.

In her free time, Victoria enjoys exploring Pittsburgh, traveling, photography and spending lazy days at home with her two cats. She hopes to move to the Washington, D.C., area upon graduation to work for a publication there.

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