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DINNER & PRESENTATION

6 p.m.

Reception

7 p.m.

Welcome

Election of Press Club officers and vote on bylaw changes

Recognition of sponsors

Dinner

Presentation of 2021 Golden Quill Awards

Presentation of 2021 Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship
and 2021 Press Club of Western Pennsylvania Scholarship

Presentation of 2021 Ed Romano, Ed King, Marie Torre
and Ray Sprigle Best of Show Awards

Presentation of 2021 Service to Journalism Awards

Presentation of 2021 President's Awards

Closing

“Journalism is what we need to make democracy work.”

— Walter Cronkite

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

Dear Friends:

It has been a long 18 months since we first became familiar with a terrible virus that would upend our worlds, both professionally and personally. The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania board decided to move ahead and schedule this 57th annual Golden Quill Awards again in person at the



Rivers Casino. As this program is prepared for print, we are carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation and planning to celebrate and recognize professional and student excellence in print, broadcast, photography, illustration and online journalism in Western Pennsylvania and parts of Ohio and West Virginia.

You all need to be congratulated on persevering, again and again, through virtual meetings, mask requirements and uncertainty that made reporting and conveying important news and updates to audiences difficult, to say the least. Journalism and journalists remain under siege and affected by economic pressures. So it is time to pause and reflect on the significance of your work. The Golden Quills also give us the chance to present special awards to four of our colleagues and professional media. Once you read the bios

in this program, you will see the honors are richly deserved.

Speaking of those honors, the Golden Quill committee decided to rename one of its major awards for the late Marie Torre. Her dedication and steadfast support for journalism is legendary. Her tenure at KDKA-TV and love of the city of Pittsburgh, so much that she requested to be buried here, led us to this decision.

This has been another hallmark year for our contest. We received 905 entries that were judged by other Press Clubs across the country. 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 that lighten the college expense burden for two deserving students and future journalists. Those scholarships are also greatly aided by the Bob Fryer Memorial Golf Outing, which this year was held Aug. 14 at River Forest Country Club in Freeport.

We know that the Press Club has an important role in our region to continue to support you and journalism's future. Two examples: A well-attended virtual statewide journalism summit in March with the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation and other groups proved enlightening and inspiring. The club partnered with five other Pittsburgh-area journalism and media organizations in July for a social event at Southern Tier on Pittsburgh's North Shore. Nearly 100 professionals attended, including many young journalism professionals, from all types of media, traditional and new. These types of events prove to me the value of our organization and give me great hope for the future of journalism in this region and beyond. I hope they inspire all of us, too. We know better days are ahead when we emerge from this pandemic that itself will forever alter our region, state, country and world. Our organization will emerge stronger with help and support from all of you.

Members, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or other board members with suggestions for partnerships and programs. If you're not a member, consider joining us. We hope to see many of you at future Press Club events.

Best always,



Helen Fallon
President, The Press Club of Western Pennsylvania



Master of Ceremonies: Andrew Conte



ANDREW CONTE founded the Center for Media Innovation at Point Park University, which serves as a laboratory for the present and future of local journalism. He previously worked as an investigative journalist, and he has authored several nonfiction books.

Previously, Conte worked at the Tribune-Review in Pittsburgh. He has won numerous local, state and national awards, including four Ray Sprigle Awards from the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. The Scripps Howard Foundation honored him with its William Brewster Styles Award for outstanding national business and economics reporting.

Conte's book "The Color of Sundays" explores the role of race in the National Football League and was recognized by the Independent Book Publishers Association with a Silver Benjamin Franklin Award. He also authored "Breakaway," a bestseller about the Penguins hockey franchise, and "All About Roberto Clemente," a children's book about the Pirates outfielder and Puerto Rican native.

Conte holds degrees from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism and Dickinson College, as well as a Ph.D. in community engagement from Point Park University.

He serves on the board of directors for the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania. For more information, visit AndrewConte.com or CenterforMediaInnovation.org.

2021 GOLDEN QUILL AWARD FINALISTS

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS

SPOT NEWS PHOTO, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Raised in Solidarity” • Jake Myliwczyk • Pittsburgh Current

“Mother’s Day Visit” • Nate Smallwood • Tribune-Review

“Protester Near Damaged Car” • Shane Dunlap • Tribune-Review

“Graduation Day” • Shane Dunlap • Tribune-Review

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

“Preserving Pittsburgh: The Birthplace of the National Negro Opera Company
Could Be the Latest Historical Gem to be Spared the Wrecking Ball”

Mark Houser • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Historic Low Levels of Pollution” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“‘It’s Been Crazy’: Gun Sales Break Records” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Pittsburgh’s April Job Loss Is Worst Ever” • Julia Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

“Covid Breaking News” • Paul J. Gough • Pittsburgh Business Times

“Police Escalate Protest Outside Peduto’s House With Pepper Spray, Projectiles and
Apparent Kettling” • Hannah Lynn • Pittsburgh City Paper

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“ ‘This Is Not a Riot!’ Hundreds March Through East End, Beechview; Doctors Protest in
Oakland” • Kiley Koscinski, Liz Reid, Katie Blackley • WESA

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

“Tyrone Man Thankful for ‘Miracle’ Sentence” • Kay Stephens • Altoona Mirror

“Western PA Child Care to Close Next Month” • Steve Ferris • Butler Eagle

“Allegheny County Jail’s Treatment of Incarcerated People During COVID-19”

Charlie Deitch • Pittsburgh Current

“Trump Rallies in Johnstown” • Dave Sutor, John Rucosky, Staff • Tribune-Democrat

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“BLM: Unrest in Downtown Pittsburgh” • KDKA Staff • KDKA-TV

“May 30th Protest” • WTAE Staff • WTAE-TV

SPOT/BREAKING NEWS — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“Protesters March From Downtown Through South Side; Stage Lay-in at County Jail”

Dan Gigler, Nick Trombola • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Complaint: Reassigned Allegheny County Judge Referred to Black Juror as ‘Aunt Jemima’ ”

Torsten Ove • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Protests in Downtown Pittsburgh” • Staff • Tribune-Review

“Turnpike Bus Accident” • Staff • Tribune-Review

ILLUSTRATION & DESIGN

ILLUSTRATION — NEWS OR FEATURE, DIVISION 7

“The Helpers” • Jim Prokell • Pitt Magazine

ILLUSTRATION — NEWS OR FEATURE, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Home Run or Strikeout: Baseball’s Return-to-Play Negotiations
Could Have Long-Term Effect on the Game”

Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Is the System Geared to Assist 17 Million Newly Unemployed?”

Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Virtual Three Rivers Art Festival” • Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“War of the World: A Salute to Health Care Workers on the Front Lines”

Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

PAGE DESIGN — PRINT, DIVISION 7

“In the Lead” • Gary Cravener • Pitt Magazine

PAGE DESIGN — PRINT, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Preservation Project” • Steve Ziants • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Referee Shortage” • Melanie Wass, Marje Horvath • Tribune-Review

“Buccos & Bucks” • Melanie Wass • Tribune-Review

“Look to the Light” • Staff • Tribune-Review

EDITORIAL CARTOON, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Vote for Your Life” • Rob Rogers • www.gocomics.com

“What It Is” • Rob Rogers • www.gocomics.com

“Masked Heroes” • Rob Rogers • www.gocomics.com

“Anti-Virus Handsoap” • John Kichi • Pittsburgh Quarterly

COVER DESIGN — PRINT, DIVISIONS 1-6

“December 2020” • Judy Macoskey, Mark Bender • Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Top Work Places, Stranger Things. Much Stranger. Working in the Upside Down”
Daniel Marsula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Summer 2020” • Anita DuFalla • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Standing Tall” • sarah huny young • Postindustrial

ANIMATION/MOTION GRAPHICS, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Kent State Tragedy: 50 years” • Ed Yozwick • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Brighton’s Plight: What Led to One of the Deadliest Nursing Home Outbreaks in America”
Ed Yozwick • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Pittsburgh Pirates Home Run Leaders” • Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

“The ’70s at 50” • Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

FEATURE

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISION 7

“2020 Visions” • Mike Drazdzinski • University of Pittsburgh

“Clara Wang” • Tom Altany • University of Pittsburgh

FEATURE PHOTO, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Dancing With Myself” • Steph Chambers • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“BLM in Pittsburgh” • Nick Childers • PublicSource

“Live Well” • Nate Smallwood • Tribune-Review

“Swae Lee” • Kristina Serafini • Tribune-Review

NEWS FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 7

“Priests in Pandemic” • Mary Solberg • Faith Erie

“Serving Those Who Served” • Mark Kramer • Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“A Tale of 2 Pandemics” • Deborah Todd • Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“‘There’s Just No Voice for Us’: Pandemic Creates More Difficulties for Caregivers”
Amerigo Allegretto • University of Pittsburgh

NEWS FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

“Legacy of Racism: Brown Mamas, a Collective of African-American Women,
Gives Voice to the Persistent Inequality that Burdens Black Women in Pittsburgh”
Ervin Dyer • Pittsburgh Magazine

“Harm Reduction: As the Pandemic Grips the Region, Prevention Point Pittsburgh
Faces a Huge Increase in Demand for Its Needle Access Program”
Cristina Rouvalis • Pittsburgh Magazine

NEWS FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

“Ghost Light Still Shines” • Nate Doughty • Pittsburgh Business Times

“The Displacement of Anthony Hardison From His Lawrenceville Apartment
Is a Microcosm of a Neighborhood Epidemic” • Ryan Deto • Pittsburgh City Paper

“Two Years Later, Wounded Victims of Synagogue Shooting Staying Strong”
Toby Tabachnick • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“South Oakland Corner Dedicated to Late Holocaust Survivor”
Adam Reinherz • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

NEWS FEATURE — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Local Governments Plan for Climate Change With the Help From a State Program”
Kara Holsopple • The Allegheny Front

“Wolf Hesitates to Take More Aggressive Action Despite Accelerating Spread of COVID-19”
Sarah Boden • WESA

“‘Just Scraping By’: Families in PA Waiting on Additional Food Stamps as Court Fight
Continues” • Kate Giammarise • WESA

“Flour Is Having a Moment. Will Local Wheat Farmers Benefit?”
Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front

NEWS FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

“Agents of Change” • Karen Mansfield • Observer-Reporter

“Despite Widespread Efforts, the Pittsburgh Area Faces Hurdles to Address Food Insecurity Amid Pandemic” • Oliver Morrison • PublicSource

“Socialism Unpacked” • Dave Sutor, Russell O’Reilly • Tribune-Democrat

“Iwo Jima 75th Anniversary”

Dave Sutor, Thomas Slusser, Caroline Feightner • Tribune-Democrat

NEWS FEATURE — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Cherrie Mahan: 35 Years of Mystery & Misery”

John Shumway, Ian Smith, Steve Willing • KDKA-TV

“Letters to Mom” • Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki • WPXI-TV

“Life After Hate” • Beth Dolinar, Amy Grove, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV

“Tragedy at Brighton” • Sean Stipp, Chris Benson, Natasha Lindstrom • Tribune-Review

NEWS FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“ ‘Pretty infuriating’: William Penn Hotel Owner Hasn’t Used PPP Loans to Keep Workers Employed, Union Charges” • Mark Belko • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“The Mystery Girl of Oakmont: Neighbors Say They Didn’t Know She Was There Until She Died” • Jonathan D. Silver • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“ ‘Still Like It Was Yesterday’: People Pay Respects at Tree of Life”
Peter Smith • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Prohibition and Pittsburgh”

Paul Guggenheimer, Jeff Himler, Joe Napsha • Tribune-Review

PHOTO ESSAY, DIVISION 7

“Meet the Cleaning Staff on the Job, Day and Night”

Aimee Obidzinski, Tom Altany, Kimberly Barlow • University of Pittsburgh

PHOTO ESSAY, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Through a Joyful Lens” • George Lange • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Nature’s Bounty” • Joshua Troup • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“2020: The Year in Photos” • Staff • PublicSource

“Frzy: A Rapper’s Life” • Kristina Serafini • Tribune-Review

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

- “Lifting With Love” • Katie Wagner • Mt. Lebanon Magazine
- “Annie’s Field of Dreams” • Anne Reynolds Trabant • Shady Ave
- “Shining Bright” • Sarah Tuthill • Shady Ave

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

- “Getting to the Finish Line” • Julia Mericle • Pittsburgh Business Times
- “How Pittsburgh’s Muslim Community Is Celebrating Ramadan During Coronavirus”
Alex Gordon • Pittsburgh City Paper
- “Tuesdays With Jon and Helen” • David Rullo • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle
- “Late Checkout: Rabbi and Family Wait Out Pandemic 2,400 Miles From Home”
David Rullo • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

- “Racist Birding Incident Sparks Joyful Online Event #BlackBirdersWeek”
Julie Grant • The Allegheny Front
- “Here’s Something to Do During the Pandemic: Become a Citizen Scientist”
Andrea Kubis • The Allegheny Front
- “From the Source: Season 1 Episodes” • Jourdan Hicks, Andy Kubis • PublicSource
- “Pittsburgh’s Performance Students, Teachers Adjust to Virtual Lessons”
Bill O’Driscoll • WESA

FEATURE VIDEOGRAPHY, DIVISIONS 1-6

- “Dear Coronavirus: Watch Pittsburgh’s Open Letter on Life in Quarantine”
Ryan Loew • PublicSource
- “Pittsburgh Circus” • Aidan McGarvey, Anne Casper, Amy Grove • WQED-TV
- “The Riverkeeper” • Sean Stipp, Chris Benson • Tribune-Review
- “Princess Lilli’s Surprise Birthday Party” • Sean Stipp, Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

- “Faith in Survival (St. Pat’s School Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary)”
Ike Fredregill • Altoona Mirror
- “A Love for the Game” • Karen Mansfield • Observer-Reporter

“Gender-Affirming Parenting Is Allowing Kids to Explore Their Own Identities”

Brittany Hailer • Pittsburgh Current

“Obama Trump Towns” • Staff • PublicSource

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“A Daughter’s Promise” • Sean Stipp • Tribune-Review

“The Return of the Clark Bar”

Paul Guggenheimer, Sean Stipp, Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

“The Riverkeeper” • Sean Stipp, Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

“The Talk” • Chandi Chapman • WTAE-TV

TRADITIONAL FEATURE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“Women In Pennsylvania Are Being Courted for Their Votes.

What Has Changed Since the Last Presidential Election?”

Anya Sostek • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Daughter’s Promise”

JoAnne Klimovich Harrop, Sue McFarland, Sean Stipp • Tribune-Review

“Hope and Determination: Retired Western Pa. Attorney Living With Rare Form of Muscular Dystrophy on a Mission to Generate Awareness” • Natasha Lindstrom • Tribune-Review

“Salk’s Legacy: How Pittsburgh’s Polio Vaccine Triumph Could Shape Race to End Coronavirus Pandemic” • Paul Guggenheimer, Natasha Lindstrom • Tribune-Review

PROFILE & DOCUMENTARY

PERSONALITY PROFILE PHOTO, DIVISION 7

“Dr. Elayne Arrington” • Aimee Obidzinski • Pitt Magazine

“Our Current Reality” • Elan Mizrahi • Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Mr. Pitt” • Mike Drazdzinski • University of Pittsburgh

“Jeff Waddell” • Aimee Obidzinski • University of Pittsburgh

PERSONALITY PROFILE PHOTO, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Intensive Care” • Tom O’Connor • Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Nisha Blackwell, Knotzland Bowtie Co.” • Jim Harris • Pittsburgh Business Times

“Tom Friday, Tom Friday’s Market” • Jim Harris • Pittsburgh Business Times

“Faith Through It All” • John Beale • Pittsburgh Quarterly

PROFILE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 7

“Going the Distance” • Ervin Dyer • Pitt Magazine

“Still in the Fight: Pitt’s Rory Cooper Recovers From Crash to Complete Marathon”
Amerigo Allegretto • University of Pittsburgh

PROFILE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

“Intensive Care” • Anne Caffee • Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Delivering Goodwill” • Deborah Weisberg • Shady Ave

“Building the Cabin” • Douglas Heuck • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Finding Jackie Lerner” • David S. Rotenstein • Pittsburgh Quarterly

PROFILE — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“A Grieving Mom Is on a Hunger Strike at Freedom Corner. The Hill District Has Embraced Her” • Ariel Worthy • WESA

PROFILE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

“Jim Nied Steps Back” • Tim Schooley • Pittsburgh Business Times

“Pittsburgh Stylist Chi Ilochi Uses Her Company to Heal, Help, and Inspire Through Clothing”
Jordan Snowden • Pittsburgh City Paper

“COVID Nurse Shares Observations From New York City”
Adam Reinherz • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Downtown Rabbi Weathers Pandemic With a Little Help From His Friends”
Toby Tabachnick • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

PROFILE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

“Blair County’s Queen” • Michael Boytim • Altoona Mirror

“I Was a Sailor Who Didn’t Do Much Sailing” • Ike Fredregill • Altoona Mirror

“My Neighbor’s Sole Business Is ‘Closed Until Further Notice’ ”
Francesca Dabeco • PublicSource

PROFILE — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Praying for a Miracle for Mary” • Meghan Schiller, Ian Smith • KDKA-TV

“In the Shadow of Salk” • Sean Stipp, Chris Benson • Tribune-Review

“Happy Birthday George!” • Lisa Sylvester, Chris Johnston • WPXI-TV

“Jean Bryant: A Crowning Achievement” • Annette Banks, Ash Warren • WQED-TV

PROFILE — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“Dancing Beekeeper: Caitlyn Mendicino Is a PBT Ballerina Who Loves Bees”

Sara Bauknecht • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Dairy Farmer and His Wife Share a Happy Long Love Story”

Gretchen McKay • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Salk’s Legacy: How Pittsburgh’s Polio Vaccine Triumph Could Shape Race to End Coronavirus Pandemic” • Paul Guggenheimer, Natasha Lindstrom • Tribune-Review

“Hope and Determination: Retired Western Pa. Attorney Living With Rare Form of Muscular Dystrophy on a Mission to Generate Awareness” • Natasha Lindstrom • Tribune-Review

VIDEO ESSAY, DIVISION 7

“Jonas Salk: Ending Polio’s Reign of Terror”

Christin Bongiorno • University of Pittsburgh

“For Future Comeback Stories” • Christin Bongiorno • University of Pittsburgh

VIDEO ESSAY, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Pittsburgh Artists on Keeping Art and Their Livelihoods Going During COVID”

Jay Manning • PublicSource

“Lasting Impressions” • Paul Ruggieri • WQED-TV

DOCUMENTARY — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Tree of Life Community Still Grieving, Healing Two Years After Attack”

Kevin Gavin, Marylee Williams, Julia Zenkevich • WESA

“Land & Power” • Margaret J. Krauss, Liz Reid • WESA

DOCUMENTARY — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“ ‘Black Mothers Were Already Scared’: Coronavirus Home Births”

Nick Childers, Tom Silverstone, Alex Healey • The Guardian

“In a Summer of Protest, Members of the Skateboard Community Join the Push for Racial Justice” • Nick Childers, Ryan Loew, PublicSource Staff • PublicSource

“Everything in Hardware” • James Wright Jr., Jonathan Bindley • Division Street Films

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 7

“Preserving Our Democracy”

Jeffery Fraser, Donovan Harrell • Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Think Before You Share” • Will Entrekin • University of Pittsburgh

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

“The Velvet Hammer” • Anne Caffee • Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Pittsburgh Tomorrow”

Bill O’Toole, Jeffery Fraser, Douglas Heuck • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Reset Button” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“The Day Pohla Smith Voted” • Evan Pattak • Pittsburgh Quarterly

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

“Does the Allegheny County Democratic Committee Have a Trump Supporter Problem?”

Ryan Deto • Pittsburgh City Paper

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Democrats Could Field an Anti-Fracking Candidate in 2020. Can They Win in Pennsylvania?”

Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“Wolf’s Support for Petrochemicals Raises Climate Worries as Pennsylvania Tries to Cut Carbon Emissions” • Reid Frazier • The Allegheny Front

“Can Biden Win Back Support From Catholic Democrats in PA?” • Lucy Perkins • WESA

“Referendum on Ballot Could Give Police Review Board More Power, But Police Could Challenge” • Ariel Worthy • WESA

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

“Candidate With History of Right-Wing Social Media Posts Wins Dem Nominee”

Charlie Deitch • Pittsburgh Current

“Daryl Metcalfe’s Secret Office” • Charlie Deitch • Pittsburgh Current

“Population Decline: Can We Stop the Slide?” • Dave Sutor • Tribune-Democrat

“Exposing Previously Unknown Uses of Facial Recognition Technologies”

Juliette Rihl • PublicSource

**PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM,
DIVISIONS 1-6**

“Race in Pittsburgh” • Lynne Hayes-Freeland, Olga George, Mike Mason • KDKA-TV

“VOICES: The Most Livable City for Who?”

Anne Casper, Ryne DeCaprio, Alisyn Blackwell • WQED-TV

“Mail-In Ballots & Pre-canvassing” • David Kaplan • WTAE-TV

PUBLIC AFFAIRS/POLITICS/GOVERNMENT — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“The Wooing of a Would-Be Petrochemical Plant”

Anya Litvak, Laura Legere • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Experts Say Stock Buy May Be Ethics Issue; Years of Political Pressure in Washington to Bolster the Butler Works” • Daniel Moore • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Logistics, Not Partisan Tampering, Stand Best Chance at Influencing Election”

Julian Routh • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“A Call for Help: Union Claims 911 Call Center Workers Need More COVID-19 Protections”

Patricia Sabatini • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

EDUCATION

EDUCATION — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 7

“Living in a Global Pandemic: Education”

Donovan Harrell, TyLisa Johnson • Heinz Endowments (h magazine)

“Into the Woods” • Ervin Dyer • Pitt Magazine

EDUCATION — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 4

“Building a Bio Balloon” • Katie Wagner • Mt. Lebanon Magazine

“Back to School?” • Julia Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

“Gauging K-12 Education Quality” • Jeffery Fraser • Pittsburgh Quarterly

EDUCATION — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 3

“Learning 2.0” • Julia Mericle • Pittsburgh Business Times

“Leslie Frischman’s Sidewalk Math Equals Neighborhood Fun”

Adam Reinherz • Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle

“Building Tomorrow’s Citizens” • Melissa Rayworth • Remake Learning

“Hammering a Nail, Threading a Needle, Learning a New Skill: Is a New Era of ‘Home Ec’ and ‘Shop’ on the Horizon?” • Melissa Rayworth • Remake Learning

“Math Quiz: Could Grassroots Innovation + Pandemic-Fueled Change = True Transformation?” • Melissa Rayworth • Remake Learning

EDUCATION — AUDIO JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Teachers Are Tackling the Impeachment Trial in a Politically Divisive Climate”

Sarah Schneider • WESA

“Advocates Say Remote Teaching Puts English Language Learners in an Impossible Situation”

Sarah Schneider • WESA

EDUCATION — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 2

“Pandemic Takes a Swipe at Fine Arts Education, But Might Just Prove How Much It’s Worth” • Jennie Geisler • Erie Times-News

“COVID-19 Spotlights the Harsh Inequities in Public Education”

Mary Niederberger • Pittsburgh Current

“After Four Years of Restrictions and Fear, International Students Seek Stability From the New Administration” • Naomi Harris • PublicSource

“Ready to Reopen?”

Joshua Byers, John Finnerty, CNHI PA News Team • Tribune-Democrat

EDUCATION — VIDEO/BROADCAST JOURNALISM, DIVISIONS 1-6

“Is Pandemic Education Making the Grade?”

Kristine Sorensen, Amy Philips-Haller, Martin Rodgers • KDKA-TV

“Montour High School COVID Crisis” • Angie Moreschi, Chris Kunicki • WPXI-TV

“The Hunger Lesson” • Beth Dolinar, Paul Ruggieri, Dave Forstate • WQED-TV

“Reopening Schools: McKeesport Area School District” • Marcie Cipriani • WTAE-TV

EDUCATION — WRITTEN JOURNALISM, DIVISION 1

“Lessons on the Radio, in the Parking Lot” • Kris B. Mamula • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“How 65 Student COVID-19 Cases at WVU Became One Overnight”

Bill Schackner • Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“Branch Off: Penn State, Other College Satellite Campuses Hope Pandemic Will Help Reverse Declining Enrollment Numbers” • Deb Erdley • Tribune-Review

STUDENT COMPETITION

NEWS — WRITTEN JOURNALISM

“Instruction Moves Online Due to Coronavirus Concerns”

Dara Collins, Jordyn Hronec • The Globe

“Adapt or Die: Political Organizations, Campaigns Utilize Different Strategies Ahead of the Election” • Amanda Andrews • The Globe

“Point Park Partners With Minding the Gap to Improve Dancers’ Mental Health”

Amanda Andrews • The Globe

“Penn State Greater Allegheny — COVID-19 Coverage, 2020”

The Staff of The GA-Zette • Penn State Greater Allegheny GA-Zette

“Analysis: Comparing Pitt’s Current Ballard Spahr Spending With Pre-Unionization”

Neena Hagen • The Pitt News

NEWS PHOTO

“Dannielle Brown Places Flowers on a Symbolic Empty Casket During Her Living Funeral Procession On Aug. 6” • Colleen Hammond • The Duquesne Duke

“White Supremacist, Fascist Group Holds Rally Downtown”

Griffin Sendek • The Duquesne Duke

“Black Lives Matter Protestor Arrested, Tensions Rise With Police”

Jared Murphy • The Globe

NEWS VIDEOGRAPHY

“Downtown Pittsburgh Election Day Interviews”

Griffin Sendek • The Duquesne Duke

NEWS OR FEATURE ILLUSTRATION

Cal Times covers, Valentine’s Day and the Cal U Master Plan

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SERVICE TO JOURNALISM AWARD STAFF OF THE NEW PITTSBURGH COURIER



Seated, from left, Stephan A. Broadus, assistant to editor and publisher; Rod Doss, editor and publisher; and Allison “Penny” Palm, office manager. Standing, from left: Warren King, graphic artist; Ashley Johnson, advertising coordinator; and Rob Taylor Jr., managing editor.

THE NEW PITTSBURGH COURIER has had a front-row seat to the Black experience for more than 110 years.

Established in 1907 by Edwin Harleston, a guard in an H.J. Heinz food-packing plant, the Pittsburgh Courier gained national prominence after attorney Robert Lee Vann became the newspaper’s editor and publisher, treasurer and legal counsel in 1910. In his lifetime, Vann saw the Courier grow to become the largest, most influential Black newspaper in the nation with a circulation of 250,000 and more than 400 employees in 14 cities.

By 1928, its four editions were distributed in all 48 states and internationally, and by 1938, the paper was the largest American Black weekly.

Following Vann’s death in late 1940, close associate Ira Lewis filled his role as president and executive editor. The Courier reached an all-time circulation high of 357,000 in 1947. When Lewis died in 1948, Vann’s widow, Jessie Mathews Vann, assumed the role of president-treasurer.

When the U.S. entered World War II, the editors of the Pittsburgh Courier nominated African American journalist Frank E. Bolden to be an accredited war correspondent. He was one of only two African American war correspondents accepted and became a nationally recognized journalist, in addition to being city editor of the Courier from 1956-62.

In 1953, the Courier published 16 regional editions, totaling 250,000 copies.

In 1966, John H. Sengstacke purchased the newspaper and renamed it the New Pittsburgh Courier. It became part of Sengstacke Newspapers (now Real Times Media), which also includes the Chicago Defender, Michigan Chronicle, Atlanta Tribune and Atlanta Daily World.

Today, the New Pittsburgh Courier continues to serve as a trusted vehicle for Black expression, publishing an award-winning edition every Wednesday.

Among its many honors, the paper has won at least five John Russwurm trophies as the top African American newspaper in the country as well as several Pittsburgh Black Media Federation Vann Media Awards, Keystone Media Awards and Golden Quill Awards.



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KEVIN GAVIN

A self-described “public radio lifer,” **KEVIN GAVIN** has worked in public radio news for nearly 45 years. Born in Etna, he attended Duquesne University, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism. After graduating, the then-general



manager of WDUQ-FM, the university’s radio station, asked Gavin to start the station’s news department, where he served as news director for nearly 35 years.

When Duquesne University sold its broadcast license to Pittsburgh Essential Public Media Inc. (now Pittsburgh Community Broadcasting Corp.) in 2011 and formed WESA, the multiple-Golden Quill winner was on board. At WESA, he has served

as director of special news projects and program host and has overseen the internship program.

In 2016, colleagues Megan Harris, Kiley Koscinski and Gavin created the daily news program “The Confluence,” which he continues to host. “The Confluence” features one-on-one interviews and roundtable conversations with community leaders, experts, activists and interesting personalities about issues important to the region.

Gavin has been married for 37 years to longtime broadcast journalist Alexandria Chaklos, and they have a daughter, Laura. Gavin and Chaklos live with Murphy, a precocious golden retriever-Lab mix who adopted them nine years ago.



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Paul Martino
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PRESIDENT'S AWARD

SUE MCFARLAND

SUE MCFARLAND began her career at the Tribune-Review as an intern while still a student at the University of Pittsburgh, rising from a reporter through various editing positions before becoming executive editor in 2016.



She is a Western Pennsylvania native, born and raised in Mt. Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

As a reporter, she received numerous reporting and design awards, as well as international journalism fellowships in Japan and Brazil.

In her current role, McFarland ushered in a transformation of the Trib's news operations that elevated its core print publications — the Westmoreland and Valley News Dispatch editions — and propelled TribLIVE.com to market dominance by breaking records in the number of unique users and page views.

In addition, the Trib has been recognized three years in a row as “Best Overall Newspaper” in Pennsylvania by the Keystone Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

In McFarland's time at the helm, Trib journalists have won hundreds of local, state, national and international awards. Most recently, her staff won top state, national and international recognition for its documentary about the one-year anniversary of the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue and an investigation into one of the nation's most deadly outbreaks of COVID-19 when 73 people died and more than 300 were sickened at Beaver County's Brighton Rehabilitation and Wellness Center.

After officially retiring Sept. 15, McFarland has assumed a part-time advisory role with the Trib that will include coaching writers and editors and working on special projects.

She resides in Washington County with her husband, Dr. Bernard Bandini.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD

PAUL MARTINO

PAUL MARTINO, veteran KDKA-TV reporter and anchor, retired from the station in June.

A native of Chicago, Martino earned his bachelor of science degree in radio/television at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. He worked as an anchor, a reporter and news director for the university's WSIU-TV/FM. Also while a student, he was a disc jockey and a news anchor and did sports play-by-play at WCIL-AM/FM in Carbondale.



After graduation, Martino worked as a reporter and anchor for WOC-TV in Davenport, Iowa, WGEM-TV in Quincy, Ill., and WKRK-TV in Mobile, Ala., where he won Associated Press Awards for coverage of an execution and of George Wallace's last run for governor. He won a Mobile Press Club award for bravery after talking down a man who held the mayor of Mobile at gunpoint.

He arrived in Pittsburgh to work for KDKA-TV in 1984, where he became known as the "Sam Donaldson of Pittsburgh" for his coverage of Pittsburgh politics. During his time at the station, he won numerous Associated Press Awards, Golden Quills and an Emmy nomination. Most notable was the award-winning "You Paid For It" series on government waste and abuse in Harrisburg in the 1990s.

Other big stories included the 1985 cocaine scandal involving a number of Pittsburgh Pirates and other Major League Baseball players; the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland; and reporting from the ice in Minnesota when the Pittsburgh Penguins won their first Stanley Cup in 1991. He was also part of the team that covered the 1985 tornadoes that brought severe damage to Western Pennsylvania.

For 20 years, Martino was the president of the local chapter of SAG-AFTRA, the union for broadcasters, and still serves on its board of directors.

An avid golfer, he also plays keyboard and sings in his own oldies group, Paul Martino's All Star Band. He is currently seeking voiceover work.

The father of three children — Danielle, Jonathan and Emily — Martino lives with his wife, Joy Balatine, in Bloomfield.

TO THOSE WHO HAVE MOVED ON TO THEIR NEXT CHAPTER AND TO THOSE WE HAVE LOST

This year, the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania is starting a new tradition for the Golden Quills: recognizing our journalism colleagues who have retired from the industry and honoring those who have passed away. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to this tribute.

Retirees, Jan. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

Bob Allen (KDKA-TV)	Daniel Marsula (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Ruby Ashby (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Paul Martino (KDKA-TV)
Lou Baxter (JET 24/FOX 66, Erie)	Sue McFarland (Tribune-Review)
Keith Burris (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Bill Moushey (Point Park University)
Jim Cahalan (KDKA-TV)	Jill Neely (KDKA-TV)
Kayleen Cubbal (New Castle News)	Brian O'Neill (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Jill Daly (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Rose Ryan Douglas (KDKA-AM)
Joe DeStio (KDKA-AM, WTAE-AM)	Marylyne Pitz (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Peter Diana (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Alice Rowley (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Sharon Eberson (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Darrell Sapp (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
David Fabilli (Point Park University)	Maria Sciuлло (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
David Fink (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Maria Simbra (KDKA-TV)
Peggy Finnegan (WPXI-TV)	Jim Smith (Butler Eagle)
Mike Fuoco (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Stacy Smith (KDKA-TV)
Joyce Gannon (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Steve Sybert (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
David Hastings (Butler Eagle)	David Templeton (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Pat Howard (Erie Times-News)	Mary Thomas (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Don Hopey (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Steve Twedt (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)
Diana Nelson Jones (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Brenda Waters (KDKA-TV)
Diane Juravich (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette)	Paul Wagner (WICU-TV)
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Mark Mann (Butler Eagle)	Jerry Zufelt (The Catholic Accent, Greensburg)
Amy Marcinkiewicz (WPXI-TV)	

Deaths, Jan. 1, 2020-Aug. 31, 2021

Nancy Anderson (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette); Jan. 20, 1941-Nov. 29, 2020
Kevin Begos (The Associated Press); April 24, 1958-June 19, 2021
Jim "the Chief" Berry (WTAE-TV); Dec. 8, 1935-July 25, 2020
Jean Wykoff Connelly (KDKA-TV, WTAE-TV); June 5, 1923-Jan. 11, 2021
Ginny Frizzi (SPJ and Press Club of Western Pennsylvania); Nov. 25, 1953-June 1, 2020
Alex Waters Gordon (Pittsburgh City Paper); died Oct. 15, 2020
Estelle Gould (WTAE-TV); died Jan. 21, 2020
Arthur C. Greenwald (KDKA-TV); March 16, 1953-April 30, 2021
Pat Howard (Erie Times-News); June 25, 1961-April 12, 2021
Cory Isenberg (The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown); June 7, 1956-April 28, 2021
Ron Jaye (WPXI-TV, WTAE-TV, WTAE-AM); Oct. 5, 1934-March 12, 2021
Guan Keguang (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette); died Feb. 23, 2020
Raymond P. Kienzl (The Pittsburgh Press); Nov. 16, 1927-Aug. 29, 2021
Bob Kudzma (KDKA-TV); April 15, 1939-Feb. 25, 2021
Joe Lamping Sr. (The Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette); Sept. 25, 1921-Jan. 28, 2020
Loran E. Mann (WPXI-TV); Aug. 8, 1946-May 2, 2021
Bill Mausteller (The Pittsburgh Press, Tribune-Review); 1935-April 10, 2020
Hugh Moore (The Pittsburgh Press, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette); July 16, 1937-Aug. 25, 2021
Charlie Perkins (The Pittsburgh Press); Dec. 11, 1931-Aug. 12, 2021
Ardelle Vivienne Robinson (New Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Community Television); June 20, 1949-May 15, 2021
Eleanor Schano (KDKA-TV, WTAE-TV, WPXI-TV, KQV-AM); July 31, 1932-Nov. 9, 2020
Isadore Shrensky (The Pittsburgh Press); died Feb. 21, 2020
Harry Tkach (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette); Aug. 24, 1941-Feb. 27, 2020
Robert L. Wolke (The Washington Post); April 2, 1928-Aug. 29, 2021

BOB FRYER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



GABRIELLA HORNACK is a senior at Penn State University pursuing a bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism with a double minor in sports studies and digital media trends & analytics, and a certificate in sports journalism from the John Curley Center.

She has completed internships with Penn State Athletics, Penn State Football's "Unrivaled Pregame Show" and the Pittsburgh Riverhounds SC while also serving as the vice president of Penn State's Society of Professional Journalists chapter.

Gabriella will graduate in spring 2022 and hopes to be an on-air host/reporter for a professional sports team or major news network.

PRESS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP



COLTON DEBIASE is a senior at Point Park University, where he is finishing his bachelor of arts degree in broadcast reporting with a minor in broadcast production and is a member of the Honors Program. He became involved in student media at Point Park right away by being a play-by-play announcer for the Point Park Sports Network and a reporter for Point Park's U-View Television, positions he still holds.

He has advanced his career with internships at Jennerstown Speedway and the University of Pittsburgh's Athletics Department. He is also on the Student Advisory Board at the Pittsburgh Center for Sports Media and Marketing. In his personal time, he runs a social media initiative called Live Like Fred, based on the kindness and spirit of Fred Rogers.

Colton is currently living in Charlotte, N.C., for a two-month internship with Fox Sports.

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