



# NW Excellence in Journalism Awards 2019

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## ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CONTEST

The Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest is one of the largest of its kind in the nation and honors journalists across SPJ Region 10, which covers Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon.

All proceeds from this contest support the efforts of [SPJ Western Washington](#) and [SPJ Oregon](#) territory chapters. In Washington, contest proceeds fund scholarships for student journalists. In Oregon, proceeds help pay for our lobbyist, who works on our behalf in Salem to improve public records law.

This year's entries were due by February 28, 2020. We've [updated our categories](#) and [updated the contest rules](#) this year and added new eligibility guidelines based on feedback from our members. A summary of changes and category descriptions is [here](#).

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# WRITING, PHOTO & DESIGN

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## LARGE NEWSROOMS

### **ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLES**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“Art Space”](#)

Amy Wang — The Oregonian/OregonLive

#### **Runner Up**

[“Billy Rancher”](#)

Doug Perry — The Oregonian/OregonLive

### **BREAKING NEWS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

["South Lake Union crane collapse kills 4"](#)

Staff — The Seattle Times

#### **Runner Up**

[“Spokane climber Jess Roskelley missing and presumed killed by avalanche in Canadian Rockies; David Lama, Hansjorg Auer also presumed dead”](#)

Eli Francovich — The Spokesman-Review

### **BUSINESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“Polluted By Money”](#)

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/OregonLive

#### **Runner Up**

[“Amazon Squeezes Merchants”](#)

Spencer Soper, Ben Brody — Bloomberg News

### **COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[Column 1](#), [Column 2](#), [Column 3](#)

Shawn Vestal — The Spokesman-Review

## **Runner Up**

[Column 1](#), [Column 2](#), [Column 3](#)

Naomi Ishisaka — The Seattle Times

## **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“No Mercy”](#)

Noelle Crombie, Kale Williams, Beth Nakamura, Dave Killen— The Oregonian/OregonLive

### **Runner Up**

[“Homelessness”](#)

Molly Harbarger — The Oregonian/OregonLive

## **CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Fleeing Justice”](#)

Shane Dixon Kavanaugh — The Oregonian/OregonLive

### **Runner Up**

[“Prison Doctor and Deaths”](#)

Jim Brunner — The Seattle Times

## **DIVERSITY REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Leaving her mark: Native high schooler uses state track meet to raise awareness for missing and murdered women”](#)

Megan Rowe — The Spokesman-Review

### **Runner Up**

[“Immigration policy”](#)

Naomi Ishisaka — The Seattle Times

## **EDUCATION REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“UW finds star athlete’s sexual assault allegation credible, but athletic executive quietly moved on”](#)

Asia Fields — The Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“Reading Instruction in Washington State”](#)

Katherine Long — The Seattle Times

## **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Polluted By Money”](#)

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/OregonLive

### **Runner Up**

[“A Western Alaska village, long threatened by erosion and flooding, begins to relocate”](#)

Mark Lester — Seattle Times

## **FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“A Tiger With a Toothache”](#)

Alan Berner — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“On Parade”](#)

Kathy Plonka — Spokesman Review

## **FEATURE, HARD NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“No Return: the Final Voyage of the Destination”](#)

Hal Bernton — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“Multiple Women Recall Sexual Misconduct and Perceived Retaliation by Gordon Sondland”](#)

Julia Silverman, Fiona McCann, Portland Monthly staff — ProPublica staff

## **FEATURE, SOFT NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“30 years after the Paddle to Seattle, Tribal Canoe Journeys represent healing and revival”](#)

Crystal Paul — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“Seattle’s last buffalo soldier, 98, doesn’t want black regiments’ history to ‘fade out’”](#)

Crystal Paul — Seattle Times

## **GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Boeing 737 Max”](#)

Lindsey Wasson — Reuters

**Runner Up**

“Bridge Bandit”

Greg Gilbert — Seattle Times

**GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

**First Place**

“The Moon Landing: 50 Years Later

Mark Nowlin, Jennifer Luxton — Seattle Times

**Runner Up**

“Gabriel Campanario illustration portfolio”

Gabriel Campanario — Seattle Times

**HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

**First Place**

“[Homeless with HIV](#)”

Molly Harbarger — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live

**Runner Up**

“It’s Alive”

Sandi Doughton — Seattle Times

**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

**First Place**

“[Cancer Cloud](#)”

Brad Schmidt — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live

**Runner Up**

“[Project Homeless](#)”

Vianna Davila, Sydney Brownstone, Scott Greenstone, Jonathan Martin — Seattle Times

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

**First Place**

“[Lawless](#)”

Kyle Hopkins — Anchorage Daily News

**Runner Up**

“[No Mercy](#)”

Noelle Crombie, Kale Williams, Beth Nakamura, Dave Killen — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

## **MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Beyond the Border”](#)

Corinne Chin, Erika Schultz, Nina Shapiro, Tyrone Beason — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“Her Story: Our Story”](#)

Seattle Times staff — Seattle Times

## **PHOTO ESSAY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Life After a Hate Crime: the Recovery of DaShawn Horne”](#)

Megan Farmer — KUOW

### **Runner Up**

[“The Highline Bears”](#)

Alan Berner — Seattle Times

## **PHOTO PORTFOLIO**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Beyond the Border”](#)

Erika Schultz — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

Megan Farmer — KUOW

## **POLITICS & GOVERNMENT REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Polluted By Money”](#)

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

### **Runner Up**

[“Fight for Legislative Records”](#)

Rachel La Corte — Associated Press

## **PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Armed and Ready”](#)

Dan Pelle — The Spokesman-Review

### **Runner Up**

“Curator of Birds”

Alan Berner — Seattle Times

## **PRINT PAGE DESIGN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Hostile Waters: Orcas in Perile”

Frank Mina — Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

“The Shot”

Ralph Water — The Spokesman-Review

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Polluted By Money”](#)

Rob Davis — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

### **Runner Up**

[“How Cost Cutting Brought Boeing to the Brink and Cost 346 Lives”](#)

Peter Robinson, Julie Johnson — Bloomberg/Bloomberg Businessweek

## **SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Gobbled Up”

Tyler Tjomsland — The Spokesman-Review

### **Runner Up**

“Bouncing Back”

Dan Pelle — The Spokesman Review

## **SPORTS COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[Column 1](#), [Column 2](#), [Column 3](#)

John Canzano — The Oregonian/Oregon Live

### **Runner Up**

[Column 1](#), [Column 2](#), [Column 3](#)

John Blanchette — The Spokesman-Review

## **SPORTS FEATURE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*



## **First Place**

[“Faatui Tuitele Left Home But It Never Left Him”](#)

Mike Vorel

## **Runner Up**

[“The Shot”](#)

John Blanchette — The Spokesman-Review

## **SPORT FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Eyes of a Swimmer”](#)

Greg Gilbert — The Seattle Times

### **Runner Up**

[“Joshua Bessex -sports feature”](#)

Joshua Bessex — The News Tribune

## **SPORTS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Adidas”](#)

Brad Schmidt, Jeff Manning — The Oregonian/ Oregon Live

### **Runner Up**

[“The Rise and Fall of a King \(The Complicated Legacy of Felix Hernandez\)”](#)

Corey Brock — The Athletic

## **SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Crane Collapse”](#)

Lindsey Wasson — Reuters

### **Runner Up**

[“Standing in Honor”](#)

Kathy Plonka — The Spokesman-Review

## **TECHNOLOGY REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Convoy, the ‘Uber’ for Trucking Tries to Navigate Some Uber-Scale Problems”](#)

Dina Bass — Bloomberg News

### **Runner Up**

[“Amazon Squeezes Merchants”](#)

## MEDIUM NEWSROOMS

### **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

The Daily Herald of Everett

#### **Runner Up**

The Columbian

### **ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT & LIFESTYLES REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

“Life for Dead Poets: Bend Painter Addresses Suicide in New Exhibit”

David Jasper — The Bulletin

#### **Runner Up**

“Revolution is a Marathon”

Shannon Gormely — Willamette Week

### **BREAKING NEWS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

“1 dead, 2 wounded in shooting: Trauma specialists’ training put to test; Shooting timeline”

Jessica Prokop, Calley Hair, Kaitlin Gillespie, Jack Heffernan — The Columbian

#### **Runner Up**

[“WA Rep. Matt Shea engaged in ‘domestic terrorism,’ helped plan Matheus standoff, investigation finds”](#)

Melissa Santos — Crosscut

### **BUSINESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

“Coffee roasters ‘piece of history’ in Yacolt”

Will Campbell — The Columbian

#### **Runner Up**

“Vigor Selects Vancouver/ Series

Alan Brettman — The Columbian

## **COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Race & Place”](#)

Glenn Nelson, Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

“Working in Clark County column”

Lyndsey Hewitt — The Columbian

## **COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“On the Margins”](#)

David Kroman — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

[“Love and rage”](#)

Christian Hill — The Register-Guard

## **CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“The trial of William Talbot II”](#)

Caleb Hutton — The Daily Herald of Everett

### **Runner Up**

[“Living with a label”](#)

Chelsea Deffenbacher — The Register-Guard

## **DIVERSITY REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Historic Black Panther newspapers find a home in the Central District”](#)

Margo Vansynghel — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

“VPS Student Discipline Series”

Kaitlin Gillespie — The Columbian

## **EDITORIAL & COMMENTARY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Race and Equity”](#)

Glenn Nelson — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

“Editorials”

Gary Nelson — Medford Mail Tribune

## **EDUCATION REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Face cuts, Seattle school librarians fight to save their budget”](#)

Liz Brazile, Matt M. McKnight — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

[“It gives us hope: Why Yakima County families choose homeschooling — and what it looks like”](#)

Janelle Retka — Yakima Herald-Republic

## **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Chronicling the last years of a North Cascades glacier”](#)

Zachariah Bryan — The Daily Herald of Everett

### **Runner Up**

[“Challenging the ‘new normal’ in the wildfire-ravaged Methow Valley”](#)

Manola Secaira — Crosscut

## **FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Razor Clamming”

Dorothy Edwards — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

“A family in costume”

Olivia Vanni — The Daily Herald of Everett

## **FEATURE WRITING, HARD NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“For Vancouver man, every day is a chance to make a difference”](#)

Wyatt Stayner — The Columbian

## **Runner Up**

[“The Road to Ruin”](#)

Kaylee Tornay — Medford Mail Tribune

## **FEATURE WRITING, SOFT NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“The monks of white salmon”

Patty Hastings — The Columbian

### **Runner Up**

[“The Unlikely Style Icon Teaching Older Women to be Fashion Rebels”](#)

Celeste Hamilton Dennis — Narratively

## **GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“River Walk”](#)

Amanda Ray — Yakima Herald-Republic

### **Runner Up**

“Delivering in the Snow”

Matt McKnight — Crosscut

## **GRAPHICS & ILLUSTRATION**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

Romana Wood — The Columbian

### **Runner Up**

Rick Vodicka — Willamette Week

## **HEADLINE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Headline Writing Brandon Sawyer”

Brandon Sawyer — Portland Business Journal

### **Runner Up**

“Top Headlines”

Robert Galvin — Medford Mail Tribune

## **HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“There are effective HIV Treatments: Why are people still dying of AIDS?”](#)

Markian Hawryluk — Bend Bulletin

**Runner Up**

[“Alt-Vaxx”](#)

Rachel Monahan — Willamette Week

**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“‘Heartbreaking’: Seattle’s homeless are getting sicker and shelters are struggling to keep up”](#)

David Kroman — Crosscut

**Runner Up**

[“Recent evictions, police activity could end decades of homeless camps in Wallace Marine Park”](#)

Connor Radnovich, Jonathan Bach — Statesman Journal

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Troubled kids, troubled system”](#)

Lucy Thompkins, Seaborn Larson, Cameron Evans, Gwen Florio — Missoulian

**Runner Up**

[“Serial rapists targeted women on Aurora, this woman got justice”](#)

Kate Walters, Isolde Rafferty — KUOW

**MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Running with the dogs”](#)

Mark Freeman, Ryan Pfeil — Medford Mail Tribune

**Runner Up**

[“WA farmers and laborers are struggling under the H-2A guest worker program — and it may get worse”](#)

Lilly Fowler, Jen Dev — Crosscut

**PHOTO ESSAY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Still Fighting”](#)

Tommy Martino — Missoulian

**Runner Up**

[“A day in the life of Maya Reddy, 16-year-old competitive archer”](#)

Dana Sparks — The Register-Guard

## **PHOTO PORTFOLIO**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

Nathan Howard — The Columbian

### **Runner Up**

Joshua Bessex — The News Tribune

## **POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“WA foster kids sent to out-of-state group homes with checkered records”](#)

Allegra Abramo — InvestigateWest

### **Runner Up**

[“County's public records policy ‘invites potential abuse,’ state advocate says”](#)

Shaun Hall — Grants Pass Daily Courier

## **PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Miss Montana Pilot”](#)

Sara Diggins — Missoulian

### **Runner Up**

[“Tom Hansen”](#)

Dorothy Edwards — Crosscut

## **PRINT PAGE DESIGN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

Jacie Landeros — The Daily Herald of Everett

### **Runner Up**

Jessica Abell — Missoulian

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Education and the path to prosperity”](#)

Keila Szpaller, Cameron Evans — Missoulian

### **Runner Up**

“Flores Family Series”

Jessica Prokop — The Columbian

## **SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Seahawks vs. Rams”](#)

Evan Abell — Yakima Herald-Republic

### **Runner Up**

[“Zillah-Granger”](#)

Evan Abell — Yakima Herald-Republic

## **SPORTS COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Sports & Culture”](#)

Glenn Nelson — Crosscut

### **Runner Up**

[“Bill Speltz's sports columns”](#)

Bill Speltz — Missoulian

## **SPORTS FEATURE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Rally from Despair”](#)

Meg Wochnick — The Columbian

### **Runner Up**

[“South Salem runner helps special needs teammate finish his first cross country race”](#)

Pete Martini, Anna Reed — Statesman Journal

## **SPORTS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“The growing trend of sport specialization: Is it worth it?”](#)

Cameron Van Til — The Daily Herald of Everett

### **Runner Up**

[“An 18-year-old's path to announcing pro baseball”](#)

Cameron Van Til — The Daily Herald of Everett

## **SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Medium Newsroom*



**First Place**

“Scene of a Shooting”

Matt McKnight — Crosscut

**Runner Up**

“Fire line”

Jamie Lusch — Medford Mail Tribune

**TECHNOLOGY REPORTING****First Place**

[“Inside Portland's Use of Controversial Mobile Location Tech from Google Sibling”](#)

Kate Kaye — Geekwire and RedTail

**Runner Up**

[“The world's first commercial electric aircraft could take off in the PNW”](#)

Beatriz Costa Lima, Jen Dev, Sarah Hoffman — Crosscut

**SMALL NEWSROOMS****GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“The B-Town \(Burien\) Blog”](#)

Scott Schaefer, Michael Brunk, Shane Griffiths, Theresa Schaefer — South King Media

**Runner Up**

News-Times

**ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND LIFESTYLES REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Don't Fear the Reaper”](#)

Rick Levin — Eugene Weekly

**Runner Up**

[“Women in Music section”](#)

Samantha Wohlfeil, Nathan Weinbender, Dan Nailen — The Inlander

**BREAKING NEWS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

"Sunnyland principal murdered, remembered"

Denver Pratt — The Bellingham Herald

**Runner Up**

["Salem's economy takes a jolt as 1,000 jobs disappear with NORPAC collapse"](#)

Staff — Salem Reporter

**BUSINESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

["Nike's Global Tax Paradise"](#)

Matthew Kish — Portland Business Journal

**Runner Up**

["Unions: Growing gap between 'haves' and 'have nots' driving strike activity"](#)

Mallory Gruben — The Daily News

**COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

["Director's Desk"](#)

Kaia Sand — Street Roots

**Runner Up**

["Racial Justice Collection"](#)

[Entry 1](#), [Entry 2](#), [Entry 3](#)

Zenobia Jeffries Warfield — YES! Media

**COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

["Port of Astoria reboots"](#)

Edward Stratton — The Astorian

**Runner Up**

["Oregon Foster Care Crisis Coverage"](#)

Libby Dowsett-Freelance, Joanne Zuhl - Street Roots

**CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

["Driving While Indian"](#)

Jason Buch, Joy Borkholder — InvestigateWest

**Runner Up**

["The Broken System"](#)

Gina Scalpone, Emily Goodykoontz — Eugene Weekly

## **DIVERSITY REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Finding space in the “whitest city” in America”

Malia Spencer — Portland Business Journal

### **Runner Up**

“[Alaska Native language groups convene to translate census materials](#)”

Tripp Crouse — KNBA

## **EDITORIAL AND COMMENTARY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Editorial Writing”

Street Roots Editorial Board — Street Roots

### **Runner Up**

“3 Stories in Data”

Tracy Matsue Loeffelholz, Lornet Turnbull, Erin Sagen, Miles Schneiderman — YES! Magazine

## **EDUCATION REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“[Salem-Keizer teachers face repeated injuries at the hands of students, documents show](#)”

Rachel Alexander — Salem Reporter

### **Runner Up**

“[20 Feet Away: He wasn't the next school shooter but what if he had been?](#)”

Caitlyn May — Albany Democrat-Herald

## **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“[National Bison Range Investigation](#)”

Patrick Reilly — Missoulian

### **Runner Up**

“[Coming Down the Pipe: Saving Washington’s Salmon May Require Replacing Tens of Thousands of Culverts, and Nobody Knows Where the Money Will Come From](#)”

Alex Brown — The Chronicle

## **FEATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

## **First Place**

[“Dragland Empire”](#)

Young Kwak — The Inlander

## **Runner Up**

[“Fall on the Road to Mount Rainier”](#)

Jared Wenzelburger — The Chronicle

## **FEATURE WRITING, HARD NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Homeless outreach program REACH asks to change its relationship with the city's Navigation Team”](#)

Ashley Archibald — Real Change

### **Runner Up**

[“Family reunites, offers hope for others battling addiction”](#)

Laura Guido — Whidbey News-Times

## **FEATURE WRITING, SOFT NEWS**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“One valley too far: How 110 soldiers survived the Mount St. Helens eruption”](#)

Alex Bruell — The Daily News

### **Runner Up**

[“We're still here: Art exhibit shows creativity flourishes in those living with dementia”](#)

Lisa Edge — Real Change

## **GENERAL NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Hundreds 'Back the Blue' at R.A. Long Park for DeRosier family”](#)

Courtney Talak — The Daily News

### **Runner Up**

[“Welcome Home Daddy”](#)

Meegan M. Reid — Kitsap Sun

## **GRAPHICS AND ILLUSTRATION**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[Entry 1](#), [Entry 2](#)

Enkhbayar Munkh-Erdene — YES! Magazine

**Runner Up**

Jon Williams — Real Change

**HEALTH AND SCIENCE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Century after Spanish flu 'nightmare,' pandemic remains concern”](#)

Kyle Odegard — Albany Democrat-Herald

**Runner Up**

[“The Core Elements”](#)

Chey Scott — The Inlander

**HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Homeless Solutions Series”](#)

Taylor Perse, Morgan Theophil — Eugene Weekly

**Runner Up**

[“Portland Street Response”](#)

Emily Green — Street Roots

**INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Pierce County Medical Examiner”](#)

Kari Plog, Will James — KNKX

**Runner Up**

[“Smith builds moneyed empire”](#)

Les Zaitz, Pat Caldwell, Kristine de Leon — Malheur Enterprise

**MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

**First Place**

[“Making sense of the 2019 Montana Legislature with data visualization and news apps”](#)

Eric Dietrich — Montana Free Press

**Runner Up**

[“I Am a Future Ancestor: An Indigenous Perspective on Healing”](#)

Josue Rivas, Tracy Matsue Loeffelholz — YES! Magazine

## **PHOTO ESSAY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Pearl Harbor U.S. Navy Musician Francis E. Dick returns home, honored with funeral”](#)

Courtney Talak — The Daily News

### **Runner Up**

[“Life, Death and Dignity”](#)

[Entry 1](#), [Entry 2](#), [Entry 3](#)

Wes Sauer — Real Change

## **POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Smith builds moneyed empire”](#)

Les Zaitz, Pat Caldwell, Kristine de Leon — Malheur Enterprise

### **Runner Up**

[“Oregon cannabis tax: Aiming low”](#)

Pete Danko — Portland Business Journal

## **PRINT PAGE DESIGN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

Briana Finney — Portland Business Journal

### **Runner Up**

Derek Harrison — The Inlander

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“NINE INTO SIX: In one place, Salem Reporter's 5-part series on challenges of local schools”](#)

Rachel Alexander — Salem Reporter

### **Runner Up**

[“Life, Death and Dignity”](#)

Ashley Archibald — Real Change

## **SPORTS ACTION PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Carson Littlepage is stripped of the ball by Thackery”](#)

Ellen Morris Bishop — Wallowa County Chieftain

### **Runner Up**

“Max Borghi: Houston, we have lift off”  
Whittney Thornton — Cougfan.com

## **SPORTS COLUMN**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“The Lobster Dives Deep on WSU”

[Entry 1](#), [Entry 2](#), [Entry 3](#)

Marshall Lobbestael — Cougfan.com

### **Runner Up**

“Inside Coug Nation with Barry Bolton”

[Entry 1](#), [Entry 2](#), [Entry 3](#)

Barry Bolton — Cougfan.com

## **SPORTS FEATURE**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Can the People Wanting to Bring Major League Baseball to Portland Succeed Where Others Have Failed?”

Sports Feature — Robert Ham

### **Runner Up**

“Heart and soul: Strength coach Tyson Brown is WSU's secret weapon”

Barry Bolton — Cougfan.com

## **SPORTS REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Participation numbers falling for many schools in Oregon”

Jarrid Denney — Corvallis Gazette-Times

### **Runner Up**

“Emotions flow after monumental SK win”

Jeff Graham — Kitsap Sun

## **SPOT NEWS PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

“Fatal Centralia House Fire”

Jared Wenzelburger — The Chronicle

### **Runner Up**

“Family loses Warrenton home to fire”

Hailey Hoffman — The Astorian

## **TECHNOLOGY REPORTING**

*Writing, Photo & Design, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Beach may be best way to prepare for the worst”](#)

Cindy Yingst, Peggy Yingst - The Columbia Press

### **Runner Up**

[“Drones could help farmers inspect crops from above”](#)

Jacqueline Allison — Skagit Valley Herald

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## MAGAZINES

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## **ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

[“The Secrets of Mount Rainier”](#)

Allison Williams — Seattle Met

### **Runner Up**

[“Winter Fun”](#)

Allison Williams — Seattle Met

## **BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

[“The Battle of Seattle”](#)

Tony Dear & Brian Beaky — Cascade Golfer magazine

### **Runner Up**

[“Checking Out: Amazon, Microsoft, and the Future of Automated Grocery”](#)

Stefan Milne — Seattle Met

## **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

[“Losing Lake Coeur d'Alene”](#)

Emily Benson — High Country News

### **Runner Up**

[“The Octopus from Outer Space”](#)

James Ross Gardner — Seattle Met



## **FOOD AND RESTAURANTS REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

“Chef of the Year”

Andi Prewitt — Willamette Week

### **Runner Up**

[“Seattle's New Restaurant Rush”](#)

Allecia Vermillion, Rosin Saez — Seattle Met

## **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

[“Women Erased”](#)

Hayat Norimine — Seattle Met

### **Runner Up**

[“To Fix Its Housing Crunch, One U.S. City Takes Aim at the Single-Family Home”](#)

Noah Buhayar — Bloomberg Businessweek

## **PERSONAL PROFILE**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

“Women to Watch”

Shelby Rowe Moyer — South Sound Magazine

### **Runner Up**

[“Tell Us Something Storytelling Event: Marc Moss”](#)

Reilly Neill — Montana Press Monthly

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

“Sun's Out, Suds Out”

Brian Breneman, Michael Novak — Portland Monthly

### **Runner Up**

“Krushing It”

Holly Andres, Eden Dawn — Portland Monthly

## **PRINT PAGE DESIGN**

*Magazines*

## **First Place**

“Climate Change in Glacier Park”

Reilly Neill — Montana Press Monthly

## **Runner Up**

“The Secrets of Mount Rainier, Seattle's New Restaurant Rush, Summer by Boat”

Jane Sherman — Seattle Met

## **TECHNOLOGY REPORTING**

*Magazines*

### **First Place**

[“The Most Valuable Company \(for Now\) Is Having a Nadellaissance”](#)

Austin Carr, Dina Bass — Bloomberg Businessweek

### **Runner Up**

[“Checking Out: Amazon, Microsoft, and the Future of Automated Grocery”](#)

Stefan Milne — Seattle Met

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## AUDIO

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## LARGE NEWSROOMS

### **CRIME AND JUSTICE REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“She called 911 and said she was suicidal. Then she was charged with a crime”](#)

Patricia Murphy, Liz Jones — KUOW

#### **Runner Up**

[“Urge to Kill”](#)

Ashley Korslien, Zachary Carver, Mila Mimica, Destiny Johnson — KGW

### **DIVERSITY REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“Abrupt retirement of African American captain highlights lack of diversity in state patrol”](#)

Austin Jenkins — Northwest News Network

### **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

## **First Place**

[“Got time? You can avoid 'flygskam' \(Swedish for flight shame\)”](#)

John Ryan, Liz Jones — KUOW

## **Runner Up**

[“Seattle is really good at recycling. Maybe a little too good”](#)

Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Gil Aegerter — KUOW

## **FEATURE REPORTING, HARD NEWS**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“The Roots Of An Oregon Farm Bankruptcy”](#)

Kate Davidson — Oregon Public Broadcasting

### **Runner Up**

[“As Amazon Gets Bigger, Sellers Feel the Squeeze”](#)

Spencer Soper, Brad Stone — Bloomberg News

## **FEATURE REPORTING, SOFT NEWS**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Chasing Horses”](#)

Emily Cureton — Oregon Public Broadcasting

### **Runner Up**

[“It’s carpool karaoke \(and free Tylenol\) with this Seattle night driver”](#)

Casey Martin, Liz Jones — KUOW

## **GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“A toilet is your face.’ Seattle ponders the perfect public pissoir”](#)

Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Gil Aegerter — KUOW

### **Runner Up**

[“Pop In Your Headphones, Oregon Lawmakers Have Discovered Podcasting”](#)

Dirk VanderHart — Oregon Public Broadcasting

## **HEATH AND SCIENCE REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Lasting Impact”](#)

Sergio Olmos, Emily Harris, Lee van der Voo, Investigate West, Pamplin Media Group, Reveal from The Center for Investigative Reporting

### **Runner Up**

[“Russian social media fuels vaccine anxiety as measles spreads in Washington state”](#)

David Hyde, Gil Aegerter — KUOW

## **INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Booked And Buried: Pacific Northwest's Mounting Jail Death Toll”](#)

Conrad Wilson, Austin Jenkins, Tony Schick, Ryan Haas — Oregon Public Broadcasting

### **Runner Up**

[“White kids usually get the most recess in Seattle. Black kids, the least”](#)

Ann Dornfeld, Liz Jones — KUOW

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Audio, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Urge to Kill”](#)

Ashley Korslien, Zachary Carver, Mila Mimica, Destiny Johnson — KGW

### **Runner Up**

[“Bundyville: The Remnant”](#)

Leah Sottile, Ryan Haas — Oregon Public Broadcasting

## **SMALL NEWSROOMS**

### **DIVERSITY REPORTING**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“We Out Here: From Chicago to Sumpter, Oregon with Portia Mittons”](#)

Tiara Darnell — Independent Producer

#### **Runner Up**

[“Oppressed By Wildfire”](#)

April Ehrlich — Jefferson Public Radio

### **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL DISASTER REPORTING**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

#### **First Place**

[“In rural Alaska, school districts deal with a legacy of unaddressed contamination”](#)

Rashah McChesney — KTOO

#### **Runner Up**

[“The McKenzie: A Resilient River”](#)

Rachael McDonald — KLCC

## **FEATURE REPORTING, HARD NEWS**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Oregon Lawmakers Consider Expansion of Oregon's Death with Dignity Law”](#)

Chris Lehman — KLCC

### **Runner Up**

[“He just wanted to be remembered.' Friends, family share memories of magnetic local boxer”](#)

Posey Gruener — KNKX

## **FEATURE REPORTING, SOFT NEWS**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“The Northwest's Star Wars Church”](#)

Dyer Oxley — NW NERD Podcast

### **Runner Up**

[“Seattle man connects with his homeless neighbors, one toilet at a time”](#)

Gabriel Spitzer — KNKX

## **HEALTH & SCIENCE REPORTING**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Finding Fixes: Preventing Youth Addiction”](#)

Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Nicolle Galteland, Alisa Barba, Finding Fixes and InvestigateWest

### **Runner Up**

[“For Rogue Valley Seniors Needing Mental Health Treatment, Medicare Offers Little Help”](#)

Erik Neumann — Jefferson Public Radio

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Audio, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Finding Fixes: Season Two”](#)

Anna Boiko-Weyrauch, Nicolle Galteland, Alisa Barba, Finding Fixes and InvestigateWest

### **Runner Up**

[“Cruise Town”](#)

Jennifer Pemberton & KTOO News Staff

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# VIDEO

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## LARGE NEWSROOMS

### FEATURE, HARD NEWS

*Video, Large Newsroom*

#### First Place

[“Give me five coffins’: Seeking asylum at the border”](#)

Corinne Chin — The Seattle Times

#### Runner Up

[“Suffering Silently”](#)

Beth Verge — KTUU

### FEATURE, SOFT NEWS

*Video, Large Newsroom*

#### First Place

[“12 brothers they never had”](#)

Beth Verge — KTUU

#### Runner Up

[“Coffin Cruisers”](#)

Samantha Swindler — The Oregonian/OregonLive

### GENERAL ASSIGNMENT

*Video, Large Newsroom*

#### First Place

[“A Distant Refuge: Rohingya Genocide Survivors In Portland”](#)

Arya Surowidjojo, MacGregor Campbell, Stephani Gordon, Jan Boyd — Oregon Public Broadcasting

#### Runner Up

["How much is a life worth?"](#)

Lauren Frohne — The Seattle Times

### GENERAL ASSIGNMENT, WITHIN 24 HOURS

*Video, Large Newsroom*

#### First Place

[“A daughter's disappearance, a father's worst fears”](#)

Jill Burke — KTUU

#### Runner Up

[“Sounders Shake Video”](#)

Megan Murnane, Amy Moreno — KING 5 TV

## **INVESTIGATION**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“29 Hours: A Crash, a 911 call... and the rescuers that never arrived”](#)

Jill Burke, Eric Sowl, Kim Daehnke — KTUU

### **Runner Up**

[“An overburdened staff and Alaska's most vulnerable children”](#)

Jill Burke, Eric Sowl, Leah Schwartz — KTUU

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Inside Woodlawn”](#)

Cristin Severance, Gene Cotton, John Tierney — KGW

### **Runner Up**

[“One Year Later: The Quake, the Aftermath, the Recovery”](#)

Staff — KTUU

## **SPORTS REPORTING**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Culver coach back on sidelines, thanks to transplant”](#)

Max Goldwasser — KTVZ

### **Runner Up**

[“Girls hockey is growing in Washington — and it isn't dependent on boys programs anymore”](#)

Beatriz Costa Lima — Crosscut

## **SMALL NEWSROOM**

## **FEATURE, HARD NEWS**

*Video, Small Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Ending the Backlog”](#)

Andrea Lutz, Paul Humphrey — KTVQ

### **Runner Up**

[“Deer Ridge inmates led beyond walls to forgiveness”](#)

Max Goldwasser — KTVZ

## **FEATURE, SOFT NEWS**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Attack, Decay, Sustain, Release”](#)

Tom Layson — KBTC-TV

### **Runner Up**

[“These searchers have dogged determination”](#)

Max Goldwasser, Tyson Beauchemin — KTVZ

## **GENERAL ASSIGNMENT, NO TIME LIMIT**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Deer Ridge Correctional Institution: Out of Darkness Walk”](#)

Arielle Brumfield — KTVZ NewsChannel 21

### **Runner Up**

["Montana's 'state of freight'"](#)

Andrea Lutz, Brandon Sullivan — KTVQ

## **REPORTING SERIES**

*Video, Large Newsroom*

### **First Place**

[“Urban Climate Change Adaptation Series”](#)

Jesse Nichols — Grist

### **Runner Up**

[“Protecting Montana's Firefighters”](#)

Margaret DeMarco — KRTV