

DIVISION/ CATEGORY	<small>Place</small>	CREDITS	ORGANIZATION	ENTRY TITLE	JUDGE'S COMMENTS <small>(Judges are asked to comment on first place finishes, but some do not)</small>
BROADCAST					
Breaking/Spot News Reporting	1	Dan Jenkins, Brian Larsen, Tony Ortiz, Jackie Paige, Jon Hewett	WWJ Newsradio 950	Oxford School Shooting	
	2	Mike Campbell, Michael Cohen, Rob Davidek	WWJ Newsradio 950	Flooding in Detroit	
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Rob Green, Greg King, Doug Clevenger, Laura Weber Davis, Jordan Wingrove	Detroit Public TV	Birds vs Buildings	Interesting story from a unique perspective. Good characters.
	2	Amy Brown, Jordan Wingrove, Kari Lydersen, Doug Clevenger	Detroit Public TV	Sustainable Shipping	
	3	Chris Jordan, Bill Kubota	WTVS	Clawson, Michigan: One City Under A Pandemic Part 3	
	4	Will Glover	WTVS	How Expensive It Is To Be Broke	
Consumer/Watchdog/Investigative Reporting	1	Eli Newman	WDET	A Grieving Mother Seeks Answers After Detroit Police Investigation of Daughter's Shooting Death	Excellent Smooth presentation of the three main pillars of investigative reporting. (incident, investigation analysis)
	2	Sarah Lehr	WKAR	Group is backing a string of marijuana proposals in Michigan, but its donors are a mystery	
Education Reporting	1	Sascha Raiyn	WDET	Black Homeschoolers	Bravo to Sascha Raiyn and WDET for a detailed look at how homeschooling has transformed and was transformed for Black families. Raiyn personalized the issue. Looking forward to a followup with the students and parents!

	2	Kevin Lavery	WKAR	Stockbridge High engineers shoot for the moon designing lunar rover	
Environment Reporting	1	Sandy McPhee, Nick Austin, Bill Allesee, Andrew Cutraro	Detroit Public TV	Best Supporting Fish	Nice job following the action and feeling like you're a part of the whole process. The nats and music worked well.
	2	Kathy Johnson, Rob Green, Nick Austin, Jordan Wingrove, Greg Lashbrook	Detroit Public TV	Sturgeon Guarding	
	3	Dan Kraker, Bill Allesee, Derek Montgomery	Detroit Public TV	Superior Blooms	
	4	Laura Herberg	WDET	Hear Brood X Cicadas at Their Peak in Michigan	
General News Reporting	1	Brian Abel	WXYZ	MI National Guard Served Subpar Meals	Well reported, documented and presented. Good results!
	2	Quinn Klinefelter	WDET	Trump Casts Shadow Over Sterling Heights Mayoral Primary Election	
	3	Quinn Klinefelter	WDET	Massive Mail Delays	
	4	Sophia Saliby	WKAR	MSU dining halls juggle with keeping up normal service amid student staffing shortage	
Health Reporting	1	Bill Kubota	WTVS	The Covid Long Haulers	Well written and presented. Good use of expert and victim soundbites to advance the story.
	2	Eli Newman	WDET	How Coronavirus Changed Detroit's Water Shutoff Policy	
	3	Faraz Javed, Jon Austin	WXYZ Detroit ABC	The fight against drugs	
	4	Rob Green, Tom Perkins, Sandra Svoboda, Bill Kubota, Jordan Wingrove	Detroit Public TV	PFAS in the House	
News/Public Affairs (regular scheduled programs)	1	Daphne Hughes, Stephen Henderson, Bill Allesee, Chris Avery	WTVS	American Black Journal	Interesting stories and interviews about stories affecting the black community. Very informative.

	2	Great Lakes Now at Detroit Public TV	Detroit Public TV	Great Lakes Now at Detroit Public TV	
	3	Detroit Today Staff	WDET	Threats to Future Elections Are Real. Here's What's Being Done to Protect Democracy	
	4	Christy McDonald, Zosette Guir, Will Glover, Bill Kubota, Chris Jordan	WTVS	One Detroit	
Newscast	1	Pat Batcheller	WDET	WDET 6am News 120121	
	2	Pat Batcheller	WDET	WDET 5am News 040121	
	3	Pat Batcheller	WDET	WDET 5am News 110321	
Racial Justice Reporting	1	Eli Newman	WDET	How Detroit's Case Against Black Lives Matter Protesters Fell Apart	
	2	Bill Kubota	WTVS	Exiled to Motown	
	3	Nargis Rahman	WDET	For American Muslims, 9/11 Changed Life in America	
Sports reporting	1	Bill Kubota	WTVS	A City of Champions	
	2	Sarah Lehr	WKAR	Tailgater Trash At Michigan State University Is Treasure For Can Collectors	
	3	Lori Pinson	WJBK-TV	Olympic Hopeful	
Videography	1	Al Martin	WKAR	Crown Boxing: A Fighting Chance	
	2	Sarah Smith, Mariellen Chynoweth, Tina Brunn	WTVS	Detroit Performs: Live from Marygrove	
DIGITAL					
Breaking News via Social Media	1	WXYZ Digital Team	WXYZ.com and on social media	Tragedy in Oxford	Great use of all social media channels to break the news of a tragedy and share updates in real time.
	2	Jonathan Oosting	Bridge Michigan	Jan. 6 insurrection Twitter reporting	

Collaborative Coverage	1	Lester Graham, Kelly House, Brett Walton, Keith Schneider, Natasha Blakely	Bridge Michigan, Circle of Blue, Detroit Public Television, Michigan Radio	Climate change in the Great Lakes region	This collaboration was a thorough examination of the effects of climate change and the future of the Great Lakes Region. In-depth and informative, it left no stone unturned. Kudos to these media outlets coming together for the greater good of keeping the public well informed.
	2	Nina Ignaczak, Kate Abbey-Lambertz, Serena Daniels, Cybelle Codish	Planet Detroit, Detour Detroit, Tostada Magazine	Filling Our Plates: Detroit food security innovations	
	3	Miriam Marini, Jewel Gopwani	Detroit Free Press	Detroit Free Press collaboration with Outlier Media	
	4	Darcie Moran, Tad Davis, Cary Junior II, Maryann Struman, Anjanette Delgado	Detroit Free Press	"We Lived It"	
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Cary Junior II, Tad Davis, Darcie Moran, Maryann Struman, Anjanette Delgado	Detroit Free Press	The Detroit Free Press weekly podcast "On The Line"	
	2	Annalise Frank	Crain's Detroit Business	On the Cliff's Edge: Detroit's pension system five years after bankruptcy	
	3	Eleanore Catolico	Detour Detroit	In Islandview, older residents living in crumbling homes look for lifeboats	
	4	Sarah Lehr, Kevin Lavery, Karel Vega	WKAR	Former Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero Fallout	
Consumer/Watchdog/Investigative Reporting	1	Kelly House	Bridge Michigan	In flooded Michigan neighborhoods, who should pay for sea walls?	
	2	Jane Simons	Model D	How can Detroit development avoid pushing out older adults?	
	3	David Sands	Model D	As eviction crisis looms, this Detroit group is clamoring for tenants to organize	

	4	Kelly House, Ron French	Bridge Michigan	Bloody drawings, a cry for help, and Oxford's choice before deadly shooting	
Digital-Media Presentation	1	Kimberly Mitchell, Angie Jackson, Darcie Moran, Cary Junior II, Tad Davis	Detroit Free Press	How 6 metro Detroit moms are coping more than a year into COVID-19 pandemic	Excellent multimedia package - Powerful story with strong imagery and audio to compliment and enhance the mix.
	2	Max White, WXYZ Digital Team	WXYZ.com	COVID-19 in Michigan: One year later	Unique approach to an interactive timeline - impressive visual and supportive content.
	3	Jason McGregor	Crain's Detroit Business	Swimming in plastic	Great multimedia mix of visuals (photos and graphs) plus strong copy to tell an important story.
Education Reporting	1	Koby Levin, Gabrielle LaMarr LeMee	Chalkbeat	High teacher turnover is hurting Michigan's most vulnerable students	This topic deserves an in-depth look at the number of factors contributing to teacher turnover, and the team did just that. Not only with anecdotes and research data, but also with interactive charts and even an explanatory piece telling readers how the information was gathered. Bravo!
	2	Ron French	Bridge Michigan	10 years of strict teacher evaluations haven't boosted learning in Michigan	
	3	Ron French, Kelly House	Bridge Michigan	Oxford Michigan school shooting shows limits of heightened security	
Engagement-Driven Coverage	1	Nina Ignaczak, Noah Kincade, Tom Perkins	Planet Detroit	Planet Detroit Climate Guides	Engaging and educational series helping members of the community learn more about their utility companies and what they have planned for dealing with the climate crisis - and how it will impact them directly.
Environment Reporting	1	Sharon Oosthoek	Detroit Public TV	Lake Superior Summer: Blue-green algal blooms come to a lake once believed immune	In depth coverage of the blue-green algal blooms and ability to localize the climate crisis in a way the community can understand and relate. Complimenting video creates a strong multimedia package.
	2	Hannah Northey	E&E News	'Historic floods fuel misery, rage in Detroit'	
	3	Sharon Oosthoek	Detroit Public TV	Lake Superior Winter: Researchers belatedly turn their eyes to the impact of warming winters	

Feature Reporting	1	Annamarie Sysling	WDET	Rooted	
	2	Eleanore Catolico	Bridge Detroit	A mother mourns again, her beloved community mourns with her	
	3	Jonathan Oosting	Bridge Michigan	Extremism in Michigan	
	4	Barb Pert Templeton	Metromode	Staffing shortage solution offers chance for more inclusion in Metro Detroit businesses	
Health Reporting	1	Dustin Walsh	Crain's Detroit Business	Saving the saviors: How Michigan hospitals are supporting their grief-stricken staffs	This was a powerful look at the emotions and challenges facing front-line healthcare workers. It flowed beautifully with really revealing quotes. Mr. Walsh must have exceptional interview skills to pull this level of depth from his subjects. The writing stirred emotion and was an article many readers would likely want to pass on to others.
	2	Tom Perkins	Detroit Public TV	PFAS in the House: Are toxic "forever chemicals" a steady drip in this reporter's home?	
	3	Nina Ignaczak, Patrick Dunn, Rukiya Colvin	Planet Detroit	Solving childhood lead exposure in Detroit	
	4	Sarah Williams	Metromode	As the need for masks rises, so do challenges for deaf and hard of hearing communities	
Newsletter Strategy	1	Elissa Robinson	Detroit Free Press	Your Week in Metro Detroit by the Detroit Free Press	"Your Week in Metro Detroit" is easy to navigate with clean design and access to quick, meaningful news and information.
	2	Biba Adams, Kate Roff, Mike Galbraith, Nina Ignaczak, Dorothy Hernandez	Model D	LATEST NEWS: Model D's Weekly Newsletter and Monthly Round-Up	
	3	WDET News	WDET	WDET Weekly Rundown	

Racial Justice Reporting	1	Martina Guzman	Slate	Turn On the Water For years, Detroit and Johannesburg have withheld water from Black residents who can't pay.	Detroit's water shutoffs for poor black and brown residents who couldn't afford to pay their bills sparked national headlines in 2014. But when the city paused the shutoffs, Martina Guzman kept reporting, holding the mayor accountable to his promise to end the shutoffs permanently. "Turn on the Water" is a powerful indictment of a racist water policy that Guzman likens to that of Johannesburg, South Africa. The parallel is vividly drawn, evoking "lines of Zulu women walking along a dirt road, balancing colorful buckets filled with water on their heads," and credible, thanks to deep research showing how the cities thousands of miles apart use similar tactics to deprive Black residents of their most essential resource. Detroit's moratorium on shutoffs is set to end in 2022, and the city still has no permanent alternative to them. Hopefully the mayor's ears are still burning.
	2	Sergio Martinez-Beltran, Mike Wilkinson	Bridge Michigan	Michigan is more integrated than ever. Some fear white flight will follow	
	3	Ted Roelofs	Bridge Michigan	In booming Grand Rapids, many black residents left out of comeback	
	4	Kelly House	Bridge Michigan	New push to make Michigan's outdoors more inviting to people of color	
Social Media Strategy	1	Mike Galbraith	Model D	Model D Explorer Series	Engaging strategy that did much more than simply post news to social, but integrate social media back into your reporting and features.

	2	Colleen O'Donnell, Daphne Hughes, Orlando Bailey, Stephen Henderson, Kenita Harris	WTVS	The Black Church in Detroit Watch Parties	
	3	Great Lakes Now at Detroit Public TV	Detroit Public TV	The Great Lakes Now First Friday Watch Party Series	
	4	Brian Manzullo	Detroit Free Press	Free Press engagement on Instagram	
PRINT CLASS A					
Breaking/Spot News Reporting	1	The Detroit News	The Detroit News	Tragedy in Oxford: Michigan's Deadliest School Shooting	
	2	Melissa Burke	The Detroit News	Inside House chamber: Gas masks, barricades, an 'I love you' text	
	3	Detroit Free Press Staff Detroit Free Press Staff	Detroit Free Press	Parents of alleged Oxford teen gunman charged, flee court appearance and are arrested.	
	4	Detroit Free Press Staff Detroit Free Press Staff	Detroit Free Press	Detroit Free Press coverage of the deadly school shootings in Oxford, Mich.	
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Jeff Seidel	Detroit Free Press	The flowers had to be perfect for the Oxford funerals. They made it happen.	such a hard subject to cover but what an interesting angle.
	2	Neal Rubin	The Detroit News	Signs of recovery build in Sanford one year after Edenville dam collapse	
	3	Darcie Moran	Detroit Free Press	Sexual assaults at Eastern Michigan University	
	4	Breana Noble, Candice Williams	The Detroit News	Blue Light Special to bust: Michigan's last Kmart about to end era	
Consumer/Watchdog Reporting	1	Keith Matheny	Detroit Free Press	Neglect, mismanagement, dangerous mistakes doomed Benton Harbor's water	
	2	Susan Tompor	Detroit Free Press	Customers never want to deal with online car seller Vroom again	
	3	Arielle Kass	Crain's Detroit Business	Metro Detroit landlords struggle with extension of eviction moratorium	

Editorial Writing	1	Ingrid Jacques	The Detroit New	Ingrid Jacques: Three samples of Editorial Writing	Plain-spoken Detroit News editorials. And while the themes are slightly different - university president salaries, checking on fact-checkers and government business conducted in secret - the underlying theme is the public's right to their government and knowledge about how it runs. Well done!
	2	Nancy Kaffer	Detroit Free Press	Racism in the criminal justice system requires our attention Editorial	
	3	Nolan Finley	The Detroit News	Nolan Finley: Three entries of editorial writing	
	4	Kelley Root, Michael Lee, Chad Livengood	Crain's Detroit Business	Crain's Editorials	
Education Reporting	1	David Jesse	Detroit Free Press	Michigan's small liberal arts colleges are in fight for survival	Fantastic series. Interesting. Easy to read. The reporter spent extensive time covering a higher education story often overlooked.
	2	Kim Kozlowski	The Detroit News	Detroit's college aid program falls short, but hopes remain	
	3	David Jesse	Detroit Free Press	Tensions between U-M regents, President Mark Schlissel may have reached a boiling point	
	4	Chad Livengood	Crain's Detroit Business	'COVID has tipped the scales': Teacher retirements in Michigan up 44% since August	
Environment Reporting	1	Keith Matheny	Detroit Free Press	Environmental reporting by Keith Matheny	Compelling reports on the environment with a clear voice and presentation of the environment as a living habitat which people must respect
	2	Garret Ellison	The Grand Rapids Press/MLive.com	Kalamazoo River sediment crisis	
	3	Leonard N. Fleming	The Detroit News	Benton Harbor doesn't want to be the next Flint. It's already worse	
	4	Carol Thompson	The Detroit News	Nuclear nightmare and beyond	

Explanatory Story	1	Riley Beggin	The Detroit News	In the U.P., nation's only nickel mine models the tensions of electric vehicle future	Relevant to the community, information the average person couldn't get themselves, extremely well balanced, well explained, and does well to cover other aspects like native and environmental
	2	Craig Mauger	The Detroit News	How mistakes in rural Michigan county led to big election disinformation	
	3	Neal Rubin	The Detroit News	Proposed I-375 project will elevate a Detroit roadway above its racist past	
	4	David Jesse, Emma Stein	Detroit Free Press	A Michigan university spent \$88 on a women's basketball team dinner. Men got \$397 in snacks.	
Feature Page Design- Newspapers Only	1	Antone Amye	The Detroit News	Celebrating Juneteenth	Strong impact through the use of the dominant photograph, color and type of the page. Good uses of sizes and shapes to pull the reader into the page.
	2	Antone Amye	The Detroit News	Food for your love	
	3	Karen Freese Zane	Crain's Detroit Business	Swimming in plastic	
	4	Branden Barker	Detroit Free Press	Days of rage, days of change	
Feature Photography	1	Andy Morrison	The Detroit News	Airborne Sledgers	The happiness sparked in the people sledding transmits to the viewer and has the ability to create a sense of joy and fun within them.
	2	Kimberly P. Mitchell	Detroit Free Press	Free at last	
	3	Ryan Garza	Detroit Free Press	Mariachi Magic	
Feature Reporting	1	John Carlisle	Detroit Free Press	In Oxford, tragedy forever changes small-town life	
	2	Rod Beard	The Detroit News	Pistons' superstar mother beats cancer, builds amazing family, career	
	3	Imani Mixon	Detroit Metro Times	Remembering and releasing Aaliyah, 20 years later	
	4	John Carlisle	Detroit Free Press	Detroit neighborhood's only store struggles to stay open	
General Column Writing	1	Nancy Kaffer	Detroit Free Press	Columns by Nancy Kaffer, Detroit Free Press	Sheds a necessary light on institutions and public processes while elevating the voices of those calling for help

	2	Kirk Pinho	Crain's Detroit Business	Real Estate Insider, Kirk Pinho	
	3	Susan Tompor	Detroit Free Press	Personal finance columns by Susan Tompor	
	4	Chad Livengood	Crain's Detroit Business	Chad Livengood politics and policy column	
General News Reporting	1	Tresa Baldas	Detroit Free Press	Rookie Detroit police officer killed ex-boyfriend on I-75 and didn't even know it	This is such an impressive story. Overall strongest reporting and story telling in this category. I read this a few times and showed it to a few of my coworkers.
	2	Paul Egan	Detroit Free Press	Law firm used X-ray scanners on Flint residents for 6 months with no state oversight	
	3	Craig Mauger	The Detroit News	Michigan Republicans replace local election officials in 'unprecedented' trend	
	4	Dustin Walsh	Crain's Detroit Business	DMC shuts kidney transplant program; at least 146 patients left seeking alternative care	
Headline Writing	1	Bill Cain	Detroit Free Press	Headlines by Bill Cain, Detroit Free Press	These print headlines strike a balance between using puns and informing the reader. It's a balance that remains respectful of the subjects while enticing the readers who pick up on the double entendres. It would have been adequate, for example, to write "Ford will add hard tops to Bronco SUV." But this headline writer displayed their mastery of the craft.
	2	Andreas Supanich		The best of Andreas Supanich	
	3	Ryan Ford	Detroit Free Press	Headlines by Ryan Ford	
Health Reporting	1	Detroit Free Press Staff Detroit Free Press Staff	Detroit Free Press	Free Press Special Report: The truth about COVID-19 vaccines	Well done. A great community resource with good attempts at social engagement. The section was well-researched and documented with nice use of personal stories. Writing and editing were very consistent and easy to understand. Nice presentation and layout with sub-heads and the way topics were defined. The follow-up reader survey was an excellent next step.

	2	Kristen Jordan Shamus	Detroit Free Press	Pandemic enterprise reporting by Kristen Jordan Shamus	
	3	Karen Bouffard	The Detroit News	Karen Bouffard: Three entries for health reporting	
	4	Dustin Walsh, Sherri Welch	Crain's Detroit Business	Staffing woes leave those in dire need waiting	
Inside Page Design- Newspapers Only	1	Ryan Ford	Detroit Free Press	Conference calls	Well organized spread with multi-entry points for the reader. Good presentation of the research that make the page reader friendly.
Investigative Reporting	1	Danielle Salisbury, Gus Burns, Taylor DesOrmeau	The Grand Rapids Press/MLive.com	'A sexual predator's paradise.' Investigation of Faster Horses music festival uncovers 30 reported sexual assaults	Sometimes, a story seems to be too difficult to pursue -- too many hoops to jump through, too much time to spend on it. Not in this case. The team waited months to sift through police reports to compile its own database of assaults and deaths at Faster Horses, putting hard facts on how deadly the festival is.
	2	Beth LeBlanc	The Detroit News	Michigan's broken unemployment system exposed	
	3	Emily Lawler, Lauren Gibbons	The Grand Rapids Press/MLive.com	Butt pinches, threesome requests and a glass ceiling: sexism is systemic in Michigan's political culture	
	4	Gina Kaufman, Kristi Tanner, Brian Kaufman	Detroit Free Press	Resisting and race: Black residents are disproportionately accused of obstructing police	
News Photography	1	Ryan Garza	Detroit Free Press	A community mourns	The emotion in the photo really resonates with a viewer. The framing of the two embracing with the school sign over the taller woman's shoulder gives context to someone and adds to the overall power of the image.
	2	David Guralnick	The Detroit News	Flooding disbelief	
	3	Eric Seals	Detroit Free Press	Reunited after shooting	
	4	Todd McInturf	The Detroit News	School shooting	

Open-Government Reporting	1	Craig Mauger	The Detroit News	Michigan's secret separation deals	This series is a shining example of dogged reporting that has a tangible impact. The writing is clear and the reporting is persistent. I especially appreciate how the reporter noted when questions or record requests went unanswered, and how they explained what the revelations meant in terms of transparency and the handling of public dollars.
	2	Paul Egan	Detroit Free Press	Top Michigan State Police officials using encryption messaging apps that can evade FOIA	
	3	Clara Hendrickson, And the Detroit Free Press Staff	Detroit Free Press	Free Press takes legal action to open proceedings of Michigan Redistricting Commission	
Page One Design-Newspapers Only	1	Karen Freese Zane	Crain's Detroit Business	Crain's Detroit Business, Sept. 20	Here is a clever, exceptionally well-executed illo that in itself tells the story. That's what news design is about. Sometimes we sacrifice legibility working with intricate illustrations, especially with thin fonts. These words might have been lost, but instead, the drop shadows are just right and lend a subtle three-dimensional effect. Michael's illo plays well with the words. Bonus points always go to a designer who comes up with both - nice synergy.
	2	Diana McNary	The Detroit News	Rampage shatters Oxford	
	3	David Kordalski	Crain's Detroit Business	Crain's Detroit Business Jan. 11	
Portrait Photography	1	Max Ortiz	The Detroit News	Dorothy Zehnder celebrates 100	It's an engaging portrait that shows her interacting with the environment and captures her life.
	2	Kimberly P. Mitchell	Detroit Free Press	20 years after 9/11	
	3	Nic Antaya	Crain's Detroit Business	Rod Parnell photo by Nic Antaya	

	4	Max Ortiz	The Detroit News	Respect	
Racial Justice Reporting	1	Tresa Baldas	Detroit Free Press	Officer says racism at Port Huron-Canada border happens daily: 'It needs to be exposed'	Tresa Baldas takes no prisoners in this report of institutionalized racism within Customs and Border Protection. Not content to rehash a whistleblower's case that crossed her radar, Baldas interviewed the whistleblower who gave her the killer lede, "Don't shoot my daddy," and the material to do some first-rate storytelling that brings the Black Border Patrol officer and his allegations of racial profiling to life. She interviewed experts rather than just quoting their reports, chased public records and mustered numerous other Border Patrol cases that give the story even more teeth. The result is a big fat spotlight on a secretive agency that gave the Washington Post fodder to carry it to a national audience.
	2	Darcie Moran, Cary Junior II	Detroit Free Press	COVID-19 shined a light on racial health disparities. What comes next?	
	3	Francis X. Donnelly	The Detroit News	Black teen's death threatens relations between two Michigan towns decades later	
Sports Column Writing	1	Bob Wojnowski	The Detroit News	Bob Wojnowski: Three sports column entries	The distance between first and fourth place is razor thin. Each of these columnist is a powerful writer with unique analysis. But Wojnowski is the cream of the crop.
	2	John Niyo	The Detroit News	John Niyo: Three sports column entries	
	3	Shawn Windsor	Detroit Free Press	Sports columns by Shawn Windsor	
	4	Jeff Seidel	Detroit Free Press	Sports columns by Jeff Seidel	
Sports Page Design- Newspapers Only	1	Richard Epps	The Detroit News	End of an era	Strong center of visual impact that help lead the reader through the page. Clean, simple and easy to follow typographic devices for strong readability.

	2	Ian Young	Detroit Free Press	The schedule is out! The 2021 Detroit Lions will go 5-12!	
	3	James Hollar, Richard Epps	The Detroit News	500	
	4	James Hollar, Richard Epps	The Detroit News	Mig-nificent! Cabrera's march to 500 was grind that showed his greatness	
Sports Photography- Newspapers Only	1	David Guralnick	The Detroit News	Touchdown catch	This image captures peak action with full bodies and faces to really draw in the viewer. The frame is well executed by including enough of the background to get a sense of the environment.
	2	David Guralnick	The Detroit News	Hockey fight	
	3	David Guralnick	The Detroit News	Gatorade shower	
	4	Junfu Han	Detroit Free Press	Football freeze	
Sports reporting	1	Jeff Seidel	Detroit Free Press	Ex-MLB player from Michigan's family shares emotions, embarrassing details of his death	He can write columns, straight news, and -- if this is any indication -- anything he wants. A tragic story well told, without hyperbole or melodrama.
	2	Carol Thompson	The Detroit News	Southeast Michigan kayakers died in 'absolute worst' Lake Superior conditions	
	3	Dave Birkett	Detroit Free Press	Inside the Penei Sewell pick and Brad Holmes' tone-setting first draft as Detroit Lions GM	
PRINT CLASS B					
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Gina Joseph	Macomb Daily	Buy Nothing groups give all year long	fun read, well reported
	2	Aileen Wingblad	The Oakland Press	'Terrifying Display of Violence' Oxford High School Shooting	
	3	Alex Szwarc	C&G Newspapers	Mount Clemens community rallies in support of fire victims	

Consumer/Watchdog Reporting	1	Gina Joseph	Macomb Daily	Friends rally to help family fighting for survival	Any reader can sympathize with Steve and his family in this story. Joseph uses every opportunity to give readers details that highlight the tragedy of the situation in a sensitive and mindful way. By using one family, Joseph shows us the devastating impact that insurance -- or lack of -- can have on consumers.
	2	Mark Cavitt	The Oakland Press	Looking For a Place to Call Home	
Environment Reporting	1	Sheri McWhirter, Sierra Clark	Traverse City Record-Eagle	Special projects	
	2	Sheri McWhirter	Traverse City Record-Eagle	PFAS reporting	
	3	Susan Smiley	Macomb Daily	Women Foster Butterflies	
Explanatory Story	1	Mark Cavitt	The Oakland Press	A 'Big Step' Proposed Menthol Ban	This story took a potential ban on menthol and took up a lot of space to explain to their readers why it matters. Cavitt tackles the issue from a number of different perspectives, including age and race. Perhaps the best part of this story is that each number is put into context instead of thrown out there for the reader to assume what they mean.
	2	Gary Graff	The Oakland Press	Entertaining during a Pandemic	
Feature Reporting	1	Paula Pasche	The Oakland Press	Miracle Baby survives mother's severe case of COVID-19	
	2	Gina Joseph	Macomb Daily	Student discovers historic treasure at estate sale	
General Column Writing	1	Jeff Payne	Macomb Daily	Time for pair of officeholders to step down; McClain vote against certification unacceptable; Empathy, caring came out of 9/11 attacks	
General News Reporting	1	Jamie Cook	Macomb Daily	Former prosecutor Eric Smith's criminal case	
	2	Susan Smiley	Macomb Daily	Proposal highlights need for library in city's southeast area	

	3	Gina Joseph	Macomb Daily	Recovery a long and winding road for Oxford and region	
Health Reporting	1	Paula Pasche	The Oakland Press	Michigan's Pandemic - One Year of Dangerous Living	Really great and powerful sources shedding light on both perspectives of the pandemic. Grammar and punctuation a bit off, but didn't detract from the overall piece.
	2	Paula Pasche	The Oakland Press	Vaxiversary - One year ago the first COVID-19 vaccines were administered, and the game was changed	
Inside Page Design	1	JOE PAS	The Oakland Press	Michigan's Pandemic - We Remember	Clean and well organized page. Good use of the mug photos to lead you through the package anchored with a easy to read timeline across the bottom of the page. Good use of color and dark/light contrast on the page.
Investigative Reporting	1	Mark Cavitt	The Oakland Press	Help Needed: Increases in pandemic stresses, violent crime highlight shortage of mental health workers	
Page One Design	1	Emily Ridener	Macomb Daily	'Enough is Enough'	Well organized spread with multi-entry points for the reader. Good presentation of the research that make the page reader friendly.
	2	Joe Pas	The Oakland Press	Page One Design - Grief & Hope - March 10, 2021	
	3	Emily Ridener	The Oakland Press	Page One Design - Dec 2, 2021	
Sports reporting	1	George Pohly	Macomb Daily	Anchor Bay's Markwood carries on despite accident; Romeo mourns 'heartbreaking' death of coach Knight	
	2	Jim Lahde	The Morning Sun	Sports Reporting - SHA's Munley; Instant Classic; Sacred Heart earns first semifinal berth	
	3	Jim Lahde	Morning Sun	Laurenz Sisters; Oilers' Boyd nets more than 1,000 digs; Hailey Ryan wins national titles	
PRINT CLASS C					
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Jackie Headapohl	Detroit Jewish News	9-11:20 Years Later	

	2	Stacy Gittleman	Detroit Jewish News	Journalist Detained, Fenster Faces Charges, Home Free	
	3	Maria Allard	Warren Weekly	'There is a bond that connects all veterans'	
	4	Jackie Headapohl	Detroit Jewish News	Heroes At Your Doorstep	
Consumer/Watchdog Reporting	1	Sarah Wojcik	C & G Newspapers	Outgoing Clawson council appoints Georges, who was 4th in election, to council in 3-1 vote	This reporting helps the community by illustrating the dysfunction of its city council. When voters understand what their representatives care about -- and don't care about -- they can make informed decisions. I think this reporting makes their priorities clear.
Cover Design	1	Christopher Grammer	Downtown Publications	Redistricting cover	Good concept and eye-catching illustrative graphic that showcases the redrawing of districts story. Clean use of type highlights the image.
	2	Mark Phillip, Nicole Lazarus	SEEN Magazine	The Love and Marriage Issue	
	3	Michelle Sheridan	Detroit Jewish News	Freedom Finally	
	4	Boswell Hardwick, Nicole Lazarus	SEEN Magazine	In Living Color	
Education Reporting	1	Lisa Brody	Downtown Publications	Critical Race Theory	
	2	Michael Koury	Woodward Talk	Ferndale, Berkley school districts return to in-person learning	
	3	Mary Beth Almond	C & G Newspapers, The Rochester Post	School cafeterias adapt to food shortages amid supply chain backlog	

Environment Reporting	1	Jim Kasuba, Jason Alley	The News-Herald	State of emergency declared after mystery substance in city's sewer system	The series shows the reporter's determination to follow the story to it's completion and serve locals through the reporting. Residents were interviewed and gave a human element to the issue, a piece which many environmental stories unfortunately miss.
	2	Stacy Gittleman	Downtown Publications	Microplastics in the air	
	3	Jim Bloch	The Voice Newspapers	Drinking from the River	
Explanatory Story	1	Stacy Gittleman	Downtown Publications	PFAS and the food supply	This is stellar reporting. I love the intro page right off the bat that explains why this matters and why the reader should keep reading.
	2	Mary Beth Almond	C & G Newspapers	Homebuyers, renovators battle 'unprecedented' lumber costs	
Feature Page Design- Newspapers Only	1	Michelle Sheridan	Detroit Jewish News	A Return To Glory	Beautiful use of type to accent the illustration. Less is more works well on this page.
	2	Michelle Sheridan	Detroit Jewish News	Freedom Finally	
	3	Jason Clancy	Novi Note (C & G Newspapers)	When dinosaurs ruled the Earth -- in Novi	
	4	Michelle Sheridan	Detroit Jewish News	Preserving the Legacy of Albert Kahn	
Feature Photography	1	Nick Hagen	Model D	Work of Art: Master craftsman Carlos Nielbock has been developing a low-altitude urban wind turbine for several years, in his workshop at CAN Art Handworks.	The use of shallow depth of field with the chains in the foreground really helps move the viewer's eyes towards the focal point. The bright red of the subject and the green equipment in front of it really make the image pop.

	2	Madison Galloway	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Teal Car	
	3	Kadence Caffee	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Looking Up	
	4	Ayanna Hunt	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Holding Hands	
Feature Reporting	1	Shari Cohen	Detroit Jewish News	Memorial of tears	
	2	Jaclyn Trop	SEEN Magazine	From 'Icon' to Artist	
	3	Jim Bloch	The Voice Newspapers	The Morrell goes down	
	4	Alan Muskovitz	Detroit Jewish News	Sophie's Sorrow	
General Column Writing	1	David Hohendorf	Downtown Publications	Publisher column	I enjoyed reading these columns because they touched on various issues that have led to many heartfelt conversations concerning race and inequality in the U.S. Nice job by the writer who seems to understand how the injustices faced by Blacks ultimately affects all of us. - Mel MelÃ©ndez, editor-in-chief, South Florida Business Journal
	2	Alan Muskovitz	Detroit Jewish News	Here's To memories, Vaccination Day Diary, Laughing Through tears	
General News Reporting	1	Shelli Liebman Dorfman	Detroit Jewish News	Sheltering In One Place	
	2	Barbara Lewis	Detroit Jewish News	Air Force Over-Head	

	3	Maria Allard	Eastsider	"Local fans, musicians remember drummer Charlie Watts"	
Health Reporting	1	Jim Kasuba	The News-Herald	Downriver retirement centers, nursing homes slowly emerge from dark days of coronavirus pandemic	This was such a powerful piece. I think the writer, Jim Kasuba, did a beautiful job of capturing the challenges faced by the industry, while also illustrating the heartbreaking story of seniors forced to hunker down in isolation – deprived of the human interactions that are so necessary for all of us. I'll admit that by the end of the story, I had to reach for a hanky as he closed the story beautifully by highlighting the support shown by the local community for this vulnerable and often disenfranchised population. Kudos to Kasuba for a job well done. - Mel MelÃ©ndez, editor-in-chief, South Florida Business Journal
	2	Lisa Brody	Downtown Publications	Teen suicide	
	3	Suzanne Chessler	Detroit Jewish News	Vaccine Video	
Magazine Spread Design	1	Brett Mountain, Nicole Lazarus, Nicole Frehsee Mazur	SEEN Magazine	True Colors	Absolutely gorgeous prop/decor placement, visuals, lighting. All bold color risks paid off.
	2	Christopher Grammer	Downtown Publications	Rising lake temperatures	
	3	Boswell Hardwick, Nicole Lazarus, Rachel Schostak	SEEN Magazine	On the Bright Side	
	4	Nicole Lazarus	SEEN Magazine	Love and Flexibility	

Open-Government Reporting	1	Jim Kasuba	The News-Herald	Councilman accused of drunken driving, racist remarks	Out of the two entries it is the most revealing of information the general public would not necessarily been able to easily find out itself, and was the most relevant to the general public's day-to-day lives under their local government. Reporting was clear, respectable to the accused city council member, and impressive with it's due diligence and getting the video footage.
	2	Michael Koury	Woodward Talk	Lawsuits delay Berkley marijuana licensing process	
Portrait Photography	1	David Lewinski	Metromode	Afghanistan: Metro Detroit veterans share their perspectives.	Powerful photo that evokes emotion. The setting begs the question: "what is the story behind all these artifacts?"
	2	Joe Powers	Model D	Navigating COVID: Detroit baking entrepreneur Ruth Bell is determined to see her Chugga's Bakery business rise again.	
	3	Nick Hagen	Model D	Wind Power: Master craftsman Carlos Nielbock has been developing a low-altitude urban wind turbine for several years, in his workshop at CAN Art Handworks.	
Portrait Photography	4	David Lewinski	Metromode	After the flood: Heather Bendure and her husband, Matt Martus, are one of many Metro Detroit homeowners faced with difficult decisions about how to protect their basement from future water damage.	
Racial Justice Reporting	1	Stacy Gittleman	Downtown Publications	Environmental justice	Environmental justice By: David Hohen
Sports Page Design- Newspapers Only	1	Joe Pas	The News-Herald	Taylor North wins national Little League World Series title	
Sports reporting	1	Mary Beth Almond	C & G Newspapers, The Rochester Post	Freshman girl scores spot on high school football team	

	2	Michael Koury	Woodward Talk	Silver medalist, Berkley native recounts journey that led to Olympic dreams	
PRINT CLASS D					
Community/Local News Reporting	1	Tamjid Islam	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	The Vicious Cycle of Detroit's Burnt Houses	well reported and well written. you have a bright future in journalism.
Cover Design	1	Michelle Sheridan, Stephanie Steinberg	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Perspectives Magazine Summer 2021	Type and color add impact to the photograph was catching the readers attention.
	2	Luke Klein	Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine	Troubled Waters	
	3	Patrick Barber	The Kresge Foundation	A Palette for the People	
Education Reporting	1	Tracie Mauriello	Chalkbeat Detroit	Michigan schools struggle to come back from the pandemic	Tracie Mauriello's in depth reporting on how Michigan schools were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic provided readers with well-sourced insights while still managing to humanize issues.
	2	Lori Higgins		A look inside an all-out effort to get kids back in school	
	3	Emily Zaretsky	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	COVID-19 and Students' Uncertainty and Isolation	
Feature Reporting	1	Anne Brash	Michigan Super Lawyers Magazine	Troubled Waters	
	2	Lori Higgins	Chalkbeat Detroit	How a close-knit school overcame the death of a leader	
	3	Brooke-lynn Willingham	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Lizzo's Effect on Plus-Size Representation	

Health Reporting	1	LayLa Sherman	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Can I Make It?	A very strong writer with a bright future ahead. Excellent storytelling skills with a deep sense of vulnerability in their writing. I was also impressed by their ability to link ideas and draw strong quotes out of subjects.
Magazine Spread Design	1	Patrick Barber	The Kresge Foundation	A Palette for the People	A simple design with a clever illustration that pulls you into a strong type presentation to balance off the artwork.
	2	Michelle Sheridan	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Lizzo's Effect on Plus-Size Representation	
Racial Justice Reporting	1	Krista Jahnke, Rebecca Chamberlain-Creanga , Mark Whitehead., Dana Jensen , Matthew Billingsley Billingsley	Kresge Foundation	Our Common Purpose	Kresge Foundation refreshes its brand with a pivot to racial justice in this beautifully made annual report by its creative team. The all-digital production centers on short video documentaries of grantees and their work disrupting structural racism on the community ground. Starting with an immensely likeable animated opener, the simple, responsive design, typography and video storytelling create an engaging experience. Props to the creative shop for pulling in videographers of color and exceptional talent. Hints of old school non-profit thinking can be heard in one or two Kresge interviews, but the total effect is a laser focus on racial justice made credible by the report's editorial and documentary production values.
	2	Claudia Lin	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Art Against Hate	

	3	Lauren Brensel	The Detroit Writing Room and Coaching Detroit Forward	Representation in the Pages	
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Automotive Reporting	1	Jamie LaReau	Detroit Free Press	Auto reporting by Jamie LaReau, Detroit Free Press	He can write about the auto industry for insiders and hold their interest, and he can explain why the casual reader should care. That's the Holy Grail of specialty beats.
	2	Kurt Nagl	Crain's Detroit Business	Supply chain crisis shifts power balance between automakers and suppliers	
	3	Kalea Hall	The Detroit News	Kalea Hall: Three entries for automotive reporting	
Car Review	1	Henry Payne	The Detroit News	The best of Henry Payne	
	2	Mark Phelan	Detroit Free Press	Car reviews by Mark Phelan, Detroit Free Press	
Criticism	1	Julie Hinds	Detroit Free Press	Cultural commentary by Julie Hinds	This is a set of excellent pieces of cultural commentary. They are relevant and engaging. The writing is clear and concise. Great job!
	2	Melody Baetens	The Detroit News	Melody Baetens: Three criticism writing samples (Restaurant reviews)	
	3	Jim Bloch	Blue Water Healthy Living	Radicalism, Radio & the Stuff of Dreams	
Editorial Cartoon	1	John Auchter	Michigan Radio	John Auchter cartoons	
	2	Dan Saad	Crain's Detroit Business	Dan Saad Editorial Cartoons	
Informational Graphics	1	Ryan Ford	Detroit Free Press	Catching up	This is a set of excellent pieces of cultural commentary. They are relevant and engaging. The writing is clear and concise. Great job!
Videography	1	Nina Ignaczak, Thaad Sabolboro	Planet Detroit	Forty Gallons: A visit to the Detroit sugarbush	
	2	Andy Morrison	The Detroit News	Michigan Marvels: The Soo Locks	
	3	David Guralnick	The Detroit News	Michigan Marvels: Silver Lake Sand Dunes	

Sojourner Truth Award in Topical Reporting	1	Keith Matheny, Kristi Tanner	Detroit Free Press	Michigan's poorer, minority neighborhoods become 'sacrifice zones' for increased pollution	This feature shined a bright light on the intersection of racial justice and environmental justice and the many injustices taking place. The story relied on an extensive use of public records and multiple sources . The writing was clear and concise. The storytelling was captivating.
	2	Oralandar Brand-Williams	The Detroit News	Oralandar Brand-Williams: Three samples of work	
	3	Darren Nichols	Detroit Free Press	White Boy Rick shouldn't forget about Black men when cashing in on marijuana	
	4	Beenish Ahmed	Michigan Radio	A year after George Floyd killing, one metro Detroit family reflects on racial profiling	

SCHOLARSHIPS

	Minnah Arshad	Wayne State University
	Jessica Orlando	Oakland University
	Jenna Prestininzi	Wayne State University

YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Young Journalist of the Year	Evan Petzold	Detroit Free Press		
Finalist	Cary Junior II	Detroit Free Press		
Finalist	Nisa Khan	Michigan Radio		

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Journalist of the Year	Craig Mauger	The Detroit News		
Finalist	David Jesse	Detroit Free Press		
Finalist	Emily Lawler	Grand Rapids Press		