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ALBANY, NY – The New York News Publishers Association has announced the winners of its 2021 Awards for Excellence competition. This year's winners will be officially recognized at the Continuing Excellence Awards Banquet on a date to be determined.

The annual contest recognizes journalistic excellence among the association's member newspapers.

Newspapers competed against one another in five circulation classes:
Under 10,000; 10,000-24,999; 25,000-49,999; 50,000-75,000 and Over 75,000.
Contest judges selected winners from 426 entries submitted by 22 New York State daily newspapers.

The judges were:

- **Ken Tingley**, retired editor of The Post-Star, Glens Falls author of "The Last American Editor" and "The Last American Newspaper" and current publisher of "The Front Page" at kentingly.substack.com
- **Rik Stevens**, former news editor for upstate Associated Press New York and Northern New England, and current editorial team leader for Bloomberg Intelligence.
- **Rob Brill**, retired editor of the Times Union, Albany
- **Teresa Buckley**, retired senior editor of the Times Union, Albany
- **Tom Callinan**, retired news executive of the Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester

Awards were presented in each of twenty-three categories:

1. Distinguished Breaking News Coverage

Winning entries demonstrate effective newspaper response to deadline demands; and clarity, thoroughness, balance, and aggressiveness in the coverage of local spot news.

2. Distinguished Live Sports Coverage

Winning entries demonstrate effective newspaper response to deadline demands as related to live sporting events; and clarity, thoroughness, balance, and aggressiveness in the coverage of local live sports.

3. Distinguished Investigative Reporting

Winning entries demonstrate thorough, thoughtful, fair, and resourceful reporting of local stories that reveal corruption or malfeasance or inherent flaws in the functioning of society's institutions; and effectively measure the performance of those institutions against their stated missions.

4. Distinguished Business Reporting

Winning entries demonstrate effective newspaper coverage of business and the economy, skillful investigative reporting and excellence in writing style, editing, display and other pertinent criteria; and deal primarily with how business and economic events relate to individuals and the newspaper's community.

Diane Kennedy
President

Albany—*Times Union*
Amsterdam—*The Recorder*
Auburn—*The Citizen*
Batavia—*The Daily News*
Binghamton—*Press & Sun-Bulletin*
Buffalo—*The Buffalo News*
Canandaigua—*The Daily Messenger*
Catskill—*The Daily Mail*
Cold Spring/Beacon—*The Highlands Current*
Corning—*The Leader*
Cortland—*Cortland Standard*
Dunkirk—*The Observer*
Elmira—*Star-Gazette*
Geneva—*Finger Lakes Times*
Glens Falls—*The Post-Star*
Gloversville—*The Leader-Herald*
Herkimer—*The Times Telegram*
Highland—Highlands
Hornell—*The Evening Tribune*
Hudson—*Register-Star*
Ithaca—*The Ithaca Journal*
Jamestown—*The Post-Journal*
Kingston—*Daily Freeman*
Lockport—*Union-Sun & Journal*
Long Island—*Newsday*
Malone—*The Malone Telegram*
Massena—*Courier-Observer/The Advance News*
Middletown—*The Times Herald-Record*
New York City—*The New York Times*
New York City—*The Wall Street Journal*
Niagara Falls—*Niagara Gazette*
Norwich—*The Evening Sun*
Ogdensburg—*Ogdensburg Journal*
Olean—*The Times Herald*
Oneida—*Oneida Daily Dispatch*
Oswego—*The Palladium Times*
Plattsburgh—*Press-Republican*
Poughkeepsie—*Poughkeepsie Journal*
Rochester—*Democrat and Chronicle*
Rochester—*The Daily Record*
Rome—*Daily Sentinel*
Salamanca—*Salamanca Press*
Saranac Lake—*Adirondack Daily Enterprise*
Saratoga Springs—*The Saratogian*
Schenectady—*The Daily Gazette*
Staten Island—*Staten Island Advance*
Syracuse—*The Post-Standard*
Troy—*The Record*
Utica—*Observer-Dispatch*
Watertown—*Watertown Daily Times*
Wellsville—*Wellsville Daily Reporter*
White Plains—*The Journal News*

5. Distinguished Beat Reporting

Winning entries demonstrate sustained and knowledgeable coverage of a particular subject or activity of local interest.

6. Distinguished Editorial Writing

Winning entries demonstrate a genuine concern for local community problems; courage in taking a position regardless of the popular view and/or against the newspaper's own self-interest; originality of viewpoint and style; and other pertinent criteria.

7. Distinguished Feature Writing

Winning entries showcase good writing in non-deadline situations, and may include personality profiles, trend stories, narratives and general features; and demonstrate style, originality, and the ability to make readers laugh, cry or feel.

8. Distinguished Sports Writing

Winning entries demonstrate effective coverage of the people, institutions or trends in the local sports community employing thorough, thoughtful, fair, and resourceful reporting as well as quality writing.

9. Distinguished Column Writing

Winning entries demonstrate originality, insight, wit, the capacity to illuminate character, and the capacity to enhance the reader's understanding of persons and events in the community served by the newspaper.

10. Distinguished Sports Column Writing

Winning entries demonstrate originality, insight, wit, the capacity to illuminate character, and the capacity to enhance the reader's understanding of persons and events in local or national sports.

11. Distinguished Headline Writing

Winning entries demonstrate clarity, creativity, and the capacity to distill and capture the essence of the story.

12. Distinguished Community Service

Winning entries demonstrate effort and effect on the part of the local newspaper toward the improvement of the community served, as well as an effort on the newspaper's part to engage the community through both traditional and new media.

13. Distinguished State Government Coverage

Winning entries demonstrate effective newspaper coverage of state government as manifested in service to the community; skillful investigative reporting and excellence in writing style, editing, display, and other pertinent criteria; and deal primarily with an aspect of state government - the legislature, executive branch, a specific state agency, etc. - and how it relates to the community.

14. Distinguished Page Design/Presentation

Winning entries demonstrate strong visual appeal, style and originality; and should enhance the written content, making it easy to understand or navigate.

15. Distinguished News Photography

Winning entries demonstrate news value, timeliness, communicative effectiveness, and skill as shown in composition and technical quality.

16. Distinguished Feature Photography

Winning entries demonstrate imagination in the handling of feature subjects; communicative effectiveness; appeal to reader interest; and skill in composition, technical quality, and cropping.

17. Distinguished Sports Photography

Winning entries sharply capture the drama inherent in human athletic competition and draw the reader's eye to peak action, capturing the moment and communicating it on an emotional level with a high degree of technical skill, composition and quality.

18. Distinguished Online Photo Gallery

Winning entries consist of a series of photographs which appeared on a newspaper's website in a single gallery; and enhance the story to which the gallery is attached, while demonstrating the highest standards of photojournalism.

19. Distinguished Online Blog

Winning entries demonstrate timeliness, originality, insight, reader interaction and the capacity to enhance the reader's understanding of persons and events in the community served by the newspaper.

20. Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation

Winning entries demonstrate work that incorporates distinguished journalistic storytelling via media other than the print format; and may consist of web-based interactive graphics and displays, videos, photo galleries and audio slideshows, or any combination of all of these elements.

21. Distinguished News Supplement

Winning entries demonstrate imaginative layout and design; creative use of headlines; solid, staff-written articles; and high-quality photos relating to a breaking news event; and show knowledge of and connection with the newspaper's community and must contain primarily locally produced content.

22. Distinguished Sports Supplement

Winning entries demonstrate imaginative layout and design; creative use of headlines; solid, staff-written articles; and high-quality photos relating to a local or national sporting event; and show knowledge of and connection with the newspaper's community and must contain primarily locally produced content.

23. Distinguished Feature Supplement

Winning entries demonstrate imaginative layout and design; creative use of headlines; solid, staff-written articles; and high-quality photos relating to a common feature; and show knowledge of and connection with the newspaper's community and must contain primarily locally produced content.

Following is the list of winners:

Adirondack Daily Enterprise		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Column Writing	Bob Seidenstein
Cortland Standard		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Editorial Writing	Todd R. McAdam
The Citizen, Auburn		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Sports Column Writing	Justin Ritzel
Under 10,000	Distinguished State Government Coverage	Robert Harding
Under 10,000	Distinguished Sports Photography	Kevin Rivoli
Under 10,000	Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation	Kevin Rivoli, Robert Harding

The Daily News, Batavia		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Sports Writing	Nate Rider
Under 10,000	Distinguished News Photography	Mark Gutman
Highlands Current		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Headline Writing	Michael Turton
Under 10,000	Distinguished Beat Reporting	Brian PJ Cronin
Under 10,000	Distinguished Business Reporting	Chip Rowe, Leonard Sparks, Jeff Simms, Brian PJ Cronin, Michael Turton
Under 10,000	Distinguished Community Service	Brian PJ Cronin
Under 10,000	Distinguished Page Design/Presentation	Pierce Strudler
Finger Lakes Times, Geneva		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished News Supplement	Mike Cutillo, Louise Hoffman Broach, Mike Hibbard, Steve Buchiere, Davis Shaw, Abbey Sitterly, Susan Clark Porter, Spencer Tulis, Alan Brignall, Desiree Jacot
Under 10,000	Distinguished Live Sports Coverage	Pete Lambos
Under 10,000	Distinguished Sports Supplement	Pete Lambos, Nick Felice, Mary Beth Thorpe, Alan Brignall, Spencer Tulis
Under 10,000	Distinguished Online Photo Gallery	Spencer Tulis
Under 10,000	Distinguished Feature Photography	Spencer Tulis
Under 10,000	Distinguished Investigative Reporting	Spencer Tulis
Under 10,000	Distinguished Feature Supplement	Staff
The Red Hook Daily Catch		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Feature Writing	Patrick Grego
Star Gazette, Elmira		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished Breaking News Coverage	Jeff Murray, Anthony Borrelli
Press-Republican, Plattsburgh		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
Under 10,000	Distinguished State Government Coverage	Cara Chapman
Under 10,000	Distinguished Page Design/Presentation	Ben Rowe

Press & Sun Bulletin, Binghamton		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Feature Writing	Katie Sullivan Borrelli
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Online Photo Gallery	Kate Collins
The Journal News, White Plains		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Breaking News	Steve Lieberman, Peter Kramer, Nancy Cutler, John Meore, Peter Carr
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Live Sports Coverage	Stephen Haynes
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Investigative Reporting	Mark Lungariello, Gary Stern, Tiffany Cusaac-Smith, David McKay Wilson, Jonathan Bandler
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Beat Reporting	Gary Stern
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Sports Writing	Josh Thomson, Peter Carr, Mark Vergari
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Sports Column Writing	Nancy Haggerty
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Column Writing	David McKay Wilson
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Community Service	Diana Dombrowski, Asher Stockler, Katelyn Cordero, Jonathan Bandler, Lana Bellamy, Seth Harrison and Pat Oehler
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished News Photography	Seth Harrison
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Feature Photography	Frank Beccerra Jr.
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Sports Photography	Frank Beccerra Jr.
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation	Journal News and USA TODAY Network New York Staff
The Post Star, Glens Falls		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Online Blog	Greg Brownwell
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Editorial Writing	Will Doolittle
Poughkeepsie Journal		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Business Reporting	Saba Ali
Times Herald-Record, Middletown		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
10,000 – 24,999	Distinguished Headline Writing	Beth Kalet

The Daily Gazette, Schenectady		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Feature Writing	John Cropley
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Sports Column Writing	Mike MacAdam
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Editorial Writing	Mark Mahoney
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Page Design/Presentation	John Thorpe
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Sports Writing	Adam Shinder
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Community Service	Indiana Nash, Shenandoah Briere, Ashley Onyon, Cailin Brown, Lianne Webster-Kim
Staten Island Advance		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Investigative Reporting	Kyle Lawson
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished News Photography	Jason Paderon
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation	Alexandra Salmieri
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Column Writing	Pamela Silvestri
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Feature Photography	Jason Paderon
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Beat Reporting	Annalise Knudson
25,000 – 49,999	Distinguished Breaking News Coverage	Staff
The Post-Standard, Syracuse		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Sports Writing	Nate Mink
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Business Reporting	Rick Moriarty
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished State Government Coverage	Tim Knauss
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Sports Supplement	Jackie Domin, Hank Domin
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Editorial Writing	Marie Morelli
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Community Service	Marnie Eisenstadt
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Feature Writing	Marnie Eisenstadt
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Beat Reporting	James T. Mulder
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Investigative Reporting	James T. Mulder, Michelle Breidenbach
Syracuse.com		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation	Christa Lemczak, N. Scott Trimble

Times Union, Albany		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Headline Writing	Gregory Dayton
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished News Photography	Staff
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Sports Photography	Lori Van Buren
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Feature Photography	Lori Van Buren
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Page Design/Presentation	Gregory Dayton
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Feature Supplement	Staff
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Online Blog	Kristi Barlette
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Breaking News Coverage	Staff
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished News Supplement	Staff
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Column Writing	Chris Churchill
50,000 – 75,000	Distinguished Online Photo Gallery	Will Waldron
Democrat & Chronicle, Rochester		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
75,000 – and over	Distinguished State Government Coverage	David Robinson
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Feature Writing	Marcia Greenwood
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Community Service	Caroline Johnson, Marili Vaca, Mathew Leonard, Maryann Battle
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Multi-Media Presentation	Gary Craig, Ray Soto, William Austin, Alan Davies, Mara Corbett, Stephen Beard, Mathew Leonard, Annette Meade, Tina McIntyre-Yee, Shawn Dowd
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Investigative Reporting	Sarah Taddeo, Georgie Silvarole
Newsday, Long Island		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Sports Photography	J. Conrad Williams Jr.
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Feature Photography	Thomas A. Ferrara
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Online Photo Gallery	Thomas A. Ferrara
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Business Reporting	James T. Madore
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Beat Reporting	Sarina Trangle
Buffalo News		
Circulation Class	Category	Winners
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Column Writing	Sean Kirst
75,000 – and over	Distinguished News Photography	Derek Gee
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Feature Supplement	Toni Ruberto, Terry Lew, Andrew Galarneau, Susan Martin, Jeff Miers, Be Tsujimoto, Geoff Nason, Mike Connelly, Cathaleen Curtiss, Derek Gee

75,000 – and over	Distinguished Page Design/Presentation	Terry Lew
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Column Writing	Mike Harrington
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Breaking News Coverage	Maki Becker, Tom Precious, Jerry Zremski, Bob McCarthy,
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Editorial Writing	Kevin Walter
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Live Sports Coverage	Jay Skurski, Jason Wolf, Mark Gaughan, Vic Carucci, Maki Becker, James P. McCoy
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Sports Writing	Jason Wolf
75,000 – and over	Distinguished Sports Supplement	Vic Carucci, Mark Gaughan, Jay Skurski, Jason Wolf, Harry Scull, James P. McCoy, Mark Mulville, Terry Lew, Josh Barnett