

## Here are the winners of the 2025 Associate Newspaper Contest

| Category                                       | Winner    | RKDivision | Newspaper          | Writer or Photographer                    |
|--|-----------|------------|--------------------|---|
| Graphics                                       | 3rd Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Chelsea Lovejoy                           |
| Graphics                                       | 2nd Place | Associate  | Smoke Signals      | Samuel Briggs III                         |
| Graphics                                       | 1st Place | Associate  | Our Town           | Tavis Bettoli Lotten                      |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Design   | 2nd Place | Associate  | Smoke Signals      | Justin Phillips                           |
| Design   | 1st Place | Associate  | Source Weekly-Bend | Jennifer Galler, Nicole Vulcan            |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Best Editorial Column                          | 3rd Place | Associate  | Source Weekly-Bend | Nicole Vulcan, Aaron Switzer              |
| Best Editorial Column                          | 2nd Place | Associate  | Our Town           | James Day                                 |
| Best Editorial Column                          | 1st Place | Associate  | Portland Tribune   | Dana Haynes                               |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Best Feature Writing                           | 3rd Place | Associate  | Our Town           | Melissa Wagoner                           |
| Best Feature Writing                           | 2nd Place | Associate  | Portland Tribune   | Isaac Streeter                            |
| Best Feature Writing                           | 1st Place | Associate  | Source Weekly-Bend | Nicole Vulcan                             |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Best News Writing                              | 3rd Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Catalyst Journalism Project, Emily Rogers |
| Best News Writing                              | 2nd Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Emerson Brady                             |
| Best News Writing                              | 1st Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Camilla Mortensen                         |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Best News Photo                                | 3rd Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Todd Cooper                               |
| Best News Photo                                | 2nd Place | Associate  | Portland Tribune   | Jonathan House                            |
| Best News Photo                                | 1st Place | Associate  | Portland Tribune   | Jaime Valdez                              |
|  |           |            |                    |   |
| Target Audience Publication General Excellence | 3rd Place | Associate  | Our Town           | Staff                                     |
| Target Audience Publication General Excellence | 2nd Place | Associate  | Eugene Weekly      | Staff                                     |
| Target Audience Publication General Excellence | 1st Place | Associate  | Smoke Signals      | Smoke Signals staff                       |

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## Here are the winners of the 2025 Pacific NW News Contest

| Category                                    | Winner    | RKDivision   | Newspaper                 | Writer or Photographer                       |
|---|-----------|--------------|---------------------------|--|
| Best Special Section or Issue               | 1st Place | Division I   | The Madras Pioneer        | Staff  |
| Best Special Section or Issue               | 1st Place | Division G-H | Lake Oswego Review        | Staff  |
| Best Special Section or Issue               | 1st Place | Division E-F | The Astorian              | Lissa Brewer, John Bruijn, staff             |
| Best Special Section or Issue               | 1st Place | Division D   | Yakima Republic           | Kathleen Ballard                             |
| Best Special Section or Issue               | 1st Place | Division A   | The Seattle Times         | Staff  |
|   |           |              |                           |  |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division IJ  | The Madras Pioneer        | Kiva Hanson                                  |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division H   | Woodburn Independent      | Sophia Cossette                              |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division G   | South County Spotlight    | Scott Keith                                  |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division F   | Columbia Gorge News       | Nathan Wilson                                |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media          | Ella Hutcherson, Alex Powers, Kosiso Ugwuode |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division D   | Rogue Valley Times        | Robert Galvin                                |
| Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue | 1st Place | Division A-C | The Seattle Times         | Staff  |
|   |           |              |                           |  |
| Best Editorial                              | 1st Place | Division I   | The Madras Pioneer        | Tony Ahern                                   |
| Best Editorial                              | 1st Place | Division G-H | The New Era               | Scott Swanson                                |
| Best Editorial                              | 1st Place | Division F   | News-Register             | Steve Bagwell                                |
| Best Editorial                              | 1st Place | Division E   | The Astorian              | Derrick DePledge                             |
| Best Editorial                              | 1st Place | Division A-D | Oregonian                 | Helen Jung                                   |
|   |           |              |                           |  |
| Best Editorial Page                         | 1st Place | Division E-F | News-Register             | Staff  |
| Best Editorial Page                         | 1st Place | Division A   | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Scott Stoddard                               |
|   |           |              |                           |  |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division I   | The Chronicle             | The Chronicle                                |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division H   | The Graphic               | Gary Allen                                   |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division G   | South County Spotlight    | Kaelyn Cassidy, Lauren Bishop, Scott Keith   |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division F   | News-Register             | Starla Pointer                               |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division E   | Argus Observer            | Leslie Thompson                              |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division D   | Yakima Republic           | Tammy Ayer                                   |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division B-C | Roseburg News-Review      | Gloria Coleman                               |
| Best Educational Coverage                   | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                 | Noelle Crombie                               |
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| Best Enterprise Reporting                   | 1st Place | Division J   | Canyon Weekly             | Stephen Floyd                                |

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| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division I   | The Chronicle             | The Chronicle        |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division H   | West Linn Tidings         | Holly Bartholomew    |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review        | Mac Larsen           |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division F   | Tigard Tualatin Times     | Nick LaMora          |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media          | Shayla Escudero      |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division D   | Gresham, The Outlook      | Christopher Keizur   |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division B   | Bend Bulletin             | Clayton Franke       |
| Best Enterprise Reporting  | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                 | Hillary Borrud       |
|                            |           |              |                           |                      |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division I   | The Chronicle             | The Chronicle        |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division H   | West Linn Tidings         | Holly Bartholomew    |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division G   | Central Oregonian         | Jason Chaney         |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division F   | News-Register             | KIRBY NEUMANN-REA    |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division E   | Argus Observer            | Antonio Sunseri      |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division D   | Gresham, The Outlook      | Christopher Keizur   |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division B-C | Roseburg News-Review      | Andrew Griffin       |
| Best Feature Story General | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                 | Julia Silverman      |
|                            |           |              |                           |                      |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division IJ  | The Chronicle             | Ron Hartman          |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division H   | Sandy Post                | Brit Allen           |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division G   | Central Oregonian         | Jason Chaney         |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division F   | Pendleton East Oregonian  | Berit Thorson        |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media          | Steve Gress          |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division D   | Yakima Republic           | Jasper Kenzo Sundeen |
| Best Feature Personality   | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                 | Zane Sparling        |
|                            |           |              |                           |                      |
| Best Headline Writing      | 1st Place | OPEN         | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Scott Stoddard       |
|                            |           |              |                           |                      |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division I   | The Chronicle             | The Chronicle        |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division H   | Wilsonville Spokesman     | Krista Kroiss        |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review        | Corey Buchanan       |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division F   | Pendleton East Oregonian  | Berit Thorson        |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division B-E | Yakima Republic           | Jasper Kenzo Sundeen |
| Best Lifestyle Coverage    | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                 | Samantha Swindler    |
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| Best Local Column          | 1st Place | Division G-J | Central Oregonian         | Jason Chaney         |

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| Best Local Column        | 1st Place | Division F   | Pendleton East Oregonian                    | Jayson Jacoby                            |
| Best Local Column        | 1st Place | Division E   | Rogue Valley Times                          | Becky Tallent                            |
| Best Local Column        | 1st Place | Division D   | Rogue Valley Times                          | Robert Galvin                            |
| Best Local Column        | 1st Place | Division A-B | Grants Pass Daily Courier                   | Paul Fattig                              |
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| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division IJ  | The Chronicle                               | Ron Hartman                              |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division H   | Wilsonville Spokesman                       | Miles Vance                              |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review                          | Miles Vance                              |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division F   | Forest Grove News Times - Hillsboro Tribune | Wade Evanson                             |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division E   | Longview Daily News                         | Daniel Rosenfield                        |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division C-D | Roseburg News-Review                        | Gloria Coleman                           |
| Best Sports Story        | 1st Place | Division A   | Oregonian                                   | Ryan Clarke                              |
|                          |           |              |   |  |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division I-J | Canyon Weekly                               | Stephen Floyd                            |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division H   | West Linn Tidings                           | Holly Bartholomew                        |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review                          | Corey Buchanan                           |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division F   | Forest Grove News Times - Hillsboro Tribune | Staff                                    |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media                            | Hans Boyle, Ella Hutcherson, Alex Powers |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division D   | Rogue Valley Times                          | Shaun Hall                               |
| Best Spot News Coverage  | 1st Place | Division A-B | The Seattle Times                           | Staff                                    |
|                          |           |              |   |  |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division I   | The Chronicle                               | Ron Hartman                              |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division H   | West Linn Tidings                           | Holly Bartholomew                        |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review                          | Mac Larsen                               |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division F   | Tigard Tualatin Times                       | Ray Pitz                                 |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media                            | Shayla Escudero                          |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division D   | Gresham, The Outlook                        | Christopher Keizur                       |
| Best Writing             | 1st Place | Division A   | Grants Pass Daily Courier                   | Vickie Aldous                            |
|                          |           |              |   |  |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division J   | Canyon Weekly                               | James Day                                |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division I   | The Madras Pioneer                          | Kiva Hanson                              |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division H   | Sandy Post                                  | If More than 3 names type: Staff         |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division G   | Lake Oswego Review                          | Corey Buchanan                           |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division F   | Pendleton East Oregonian                    | Bennett Hall                             |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division E   | Mid-Valley Media                            | Kosiso Ugwuode                           |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division D   | Rogue Valley Times                          | Buffy Pollock                            |
| Best Government Coverage | 1st Place | Division A   | The Seattle Times                           | David Kroman, Anna Patrick               |
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| Best Page One Design                  | 1st Place | Division B-I  | News-Register             | Racheal Winter                              |
| Best Page One Design                  | 1st Place | Division A    | Spokesman-Review          | Lindsey Treffry                             |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Graphics                         | 1st Place | OPEN          | The Seattle Times         | Fiona Martin                                |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Feature Photo                    | 1st Place | Division G-I  | West Linn Tidings         | J. Brian Monihan                            |
| Best Feature Photo                    | 1st Place | Division F    | Columbia Gorge News       | Noah Noteboom                               |
| Best Feature Photo                    | 1st Place | Division C-E  | Rogue Valley Times        | Andy Atkinson                               |
| Best Feature Photo                    | 1st Place | Division B    | Bend Bulletin             | Joe Kline                                   |
| Best Feature Photo                    | 1st Place | Division A    | Grants Pass Daily Courier | Julie Anderson                              |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best News Photo                       | 1st Place | Division G-I  | Woodburn Independent      | Jaime Valdez                                |
| Best News Photo                       | 1st Place | Division F    | Tigard Tualatin Times     | Jaime Valdez                                |
| Best News Photo                       | 1st Place | Division D-E  | Rogue Valley Times        | Jamie Lusch                                 |
| Best News Photo                       | 1st Place | Division B    | Bend Bulletin             | Dean Guernsey                               |
| Best News Photo                       | 1st Place | Division A    | Oregonian                 | Mark Graves                                 |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Photo Essay                      | 1st Place | Division H-I  | The Madras Pioneer        | Kiva Hanson                                 |
| Best Photo Essay                      | 1st Place | Division G    | Lake Oswego Review        | Mac Larsen                                  |
| Best Photo Essay                      | 1st Place | Division F    | News-Register             | Rachel Thompson                             |
| Best Photo Essay                      | 1st Place | Division E    | The Astorian              | Lukas Prinos                                |
| Best Photo Essay                      | 1st Place | Division A-B  | Oregonian                 | Beth Nakamura                               |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division H-I  | The Chronicle             | Craig Strobeck                              |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division G    | Central Oregonian         | Lon Austin                                  |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division F    | Columbia Gorge News       | Noah Noteboom                               |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division D-E  | Rogue Valley Times        | Andy Atkinson                               |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division B    | Bend Bulletin             | Joe Kline                                   |
| Best Sports Photo                     | 1st Place | Division A    | The Seattle Times         | Jennifer Buchanan                           |
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| Best Overall Web Site                 | 1st Place | Division B-I  | Yakima Republic           | Staff                                       |
| Best Overall Web Site                 | 1st Place | Division A    | The Seattle Times         | Staff                                       |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Web Project                      | 1st Place | OPEN          | Oregonian                 | Hillary Borrud, Mark Friesen, Beth Nakamura |
|                                       |           |               |                           |   |
| Best Online Multimedia Element        | 1st Place | Division Open | Oregonian                 | Teresa Mahoney, Shane Dixon Kavanaugh       |
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| Best Online Coverage of Breaking News | 1st Place | OPEN          | The Seattle Times         | Staff                                       |

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| Best Story of the Year                 | 3rd Place | OPEN         | Yakima Republic                            | Tammy Ayer                   |
| Best Story of the Year                 | 2nd Place | OPEN         | The Seattle Times                          | Daniel Beekman               |
| Best Story of the Year                 | 1st Place | OPEN         | West Linn Tidings                          | Holly Bartholomew            |
|  |           |              |  |                              |
| General Excellence                     | 3rd Place | Division G-I | The Madras Pioneer                         | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 2nd Place | Division G-I | Central Oregonian                          | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 1st Place | Division G-I | Lake Oswego Review                         | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 3rd Place | Division F   | Columbia Gorge News                        | CGN STAFF                    |
| General Excellence                     | 2nd Place | Division F   | Forest Grove News Times, Hillsboro Tribune |                              |
| General Excellence                     | 1st Place | Division F   | McMinnville, News-Register                 |                              |
| General Excellence                     | 3rd Place | Division D-E | The Astorian                               | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 2nd Place | Division D-E | Argus Observer                             | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 1st Place | Division D-E | Mid-Valley Media                           | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 3rd Place | Division A-B | The Seattle Times                          | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 2nd Place | Division A-B | Salem Statesman Journal                    | Staff                        |
| General Excellence                     | 1st Place | Division A-B | Grants Pass Daily Courier                  |                              |
|  |           |              |  |                              |
| Baker Family Public Service Journalism | 3rd Place | OPEN         | Argus Observer                             | Leslie Thompson              |
| Baker Family Public Service Journalism | 2nd Place | OPEN         | Eugene Weekly                              | Eliza Aronson                |
| Baker Family Public Service Journalism | 1st Place | OPEN         | Oregonian                                  | Noelle Crombie, Mike Rogoway |

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