



Collegiate Newspaper & Website Awards 2022 Winners and Comments from Judges

The 2022 Ohio Collegiate Newspaper and Best Website Awards recognizes the talents of the state’s top College newspapers and their editors, writers, photographers, designers and other colleagues.

This is the 13th year for the Ohio Collegiate Newspaper competition. The entries were divided into 2 divisions based on undergraduate student enrollment. Division A consists of student enrollment of 10,000 or more, while Division B is less than 10,000 enrollment. The entries were judged by professional members of ONMA and others in the industry in 10 categories.

Here are the winners and the comments from judges:

Collegiate Category 1: News Coverage

Division A

3rd Place is The Miami Student, Miami University. As the judges said, “Timely stories. Solid reporting.”

2nd Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University. “Interesting submissions that make the reader think. Good stories that are off the beaten path but matter.”

1st Place (tie) is The Jambar, Youngstown State University. “Solid stories. Good flow. Great use of photos. These submissions are incredible.”

1st Place (tie) is The Post, Ohio University. “Great stories, photos. Vibrant layouts. Each one was unique. Beautifully done. Bravo.”

Division B

3rd Place is The Newswire, Xavier University. "Very good coverage."

2nd Place is Northern Review, Ohio Northern University. "Nice mix of stories with good layout and design of each story. Easy to read and understand."

1st Place is The Pulse, University of Findlay. "Great stories. Timely information. Good reporting. Nice photos. Well balanced reads."

Collegiate Category 2: In-Depth Reporting

Division A

3rd Place is The Kent Stater, Kent State University for "'White Lives Matter' painted on front campus' rock; students and university react" by Troy Pierson. "Good details on the incident and actions take in response. Nice inclusion of history of the rock and past incidents. I like the mix of reactions."

2nd Place is The Miami Student, Miami University, the OPD COVID-19 Policy Enforcement Investigation by Abby Bammerlin and Madeline Phaby. "Good job exposing the holes in how communities/departments responded to the COVID-19 crisis. Hopefully the story lead to changes."

1st Place (tie) is The Post, Ohio University, for "2 Fires, 1 Pandemic" by Grant Ritchey. "Engaging read. I like the historical details brought into the story. The story had personality, and made me want to know how the barber is doing now."

1st Place (tie) is The Lantern, The Ohio State University for "(un)silenced: Journeys through Ohio State's Title IX process" by Sarah Szilagy, Maeve Walsh, and Akayla Gardner. "A lot of work went into this entry, covering a number of different angles of the topic. The result is very impressive and powerful. Kudos to all involved. You should be proud."

Division B

3rd Place is The Chimes, Capital University, for coverage of diversity on campus by Emily Dietz and Robert Cumberlander. "Thought-provoking articles."

2nd Place is T&C Media, Otterbein University, for coverage of Otterbein cuts programs and faculty, slows capital projects, by Katie Frame, Hannah Brown, and Donovan Hunt. "Good coverage of a subject of strong interest to the university community."

1st Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, for in depth reporting on campus vandalism by Hunter Ellis, Chloe Salveson, and Alex Budzynski. "Good follow through of an incident, the reaction, and the status of the investigation. I like the inclusion of reactions from students. I also appreciate the background given on the organizations named, in case a reader was unfamiliar."

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Collegiate Category 3: Arts and Entertainment

Division A

3rd Place is The Jambar, Youngstown State University, for "Theater department retells Shakespeare: 'Billy Shakes'" by Douglas M. Campbell. "The Jambar article about Billy Shakes and the retelling of Shakespeare was a story that definitely needed to be shared! I thought it had all the necessary elements of a great story and the topic itself was very pertinent to art/entertainment culture as Shakespeare is a legend in that department! It was interesting hearing Billy Shakes tell us through the well placed quotes on why he wanted to 'retell' Shakespeare and of course the fact that it was a local story made it even more interesting!"

2nd Place is The Clarion, Sinclair Community College, for various stories by Ayzha Middlebrooks, Jeri Hensley, and Richard Foltz. "This publication really nailed it in regards to graphics and content! Discussing topics such as Marvel and the multiverse is so relevant right now that it really grabbed my attention. I really enjoyed the Halloween themed article as streaming is all the rage. Each article topic encompassed a unique perspective backed up by why the writer felt the way they did which is very important when doing an opinion piece!"

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, and stories by Aubrey Wright, Daniel O'Leary, Andre White, and Ashley Kimmel. "I thoroughly enjoyed all 4 of these stories as they were not only relevant to what's going in the world but also community oriented which I think is important when maintaining a college newspaper or magazine. The graphics and the "voice" used complimented each story effectively."

Division B

3rd Place is Northern Review, Ohio Northern University, for stories about different topics by Bekah Lee, Trinity Hudgins, and Sam Spicer. “Very good entries.”

2nd Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, and stories by Ben Thomson. “Excellent story telling by Thomson, who really nails the reviews for me. They’re making me do a Netflix search tonight.”

1st Place is Cedars, Cedarville University, for a selection of stories by Hunter Johnson, Breanna Beers, and Sam Acosta. “Absolutely stunning way to tell a story. The Feminism story is a good critical look at our attempt (sometimes failed attempt) to be inclusive in many parts of our everyday life.”

Collegiate Category 4: Opinion Writing

Division A

3rd Place is The Jambar, Youngstown State University, for opinion columns on vaccination hesitation by Mac Pomeroy. “Some might consider the subject of vaccination hesitation to be pedestrian, but most health care workers would disagree. Readers would find this article to be poignant, insightful, and reassuring.”

2nd Place is The Clarion, Sinclair Community College, for opinion columns on COVID and quarantining by Richard Foltz. “A really great approach to addressing a challenge that most readers would never consider. It is a powerful personal approach to discuss two health related issues (heart and the pandemic).”

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for opinion columns by Andre White, Sam Raudins, and Jack Emerson. “The writers raise several important issues that need addressing. Their writing is concise with clearly stated and logical conclusions. In particular the ‘why’ of journalistic ethics.”

Division B

3rd Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, and opinion columns by Joseph Cotton. “Fun, insightful columns.”

2nd Place is The Pulse, University of Findlay, and the “find your voice” columns by Alana Sundermann. “Sundermann's decisive beliefs on civic duty blast-off with entries that are

poignant and memorable. Her opinions are passionate, insightful, sensitive, articulate -- stirring the reader's heart while also challenging common convictions.”

1st Place is the Newswire, Xavier University, and the opinion writing by Andrew Zerman. “A stand-out among the long and competitive line of submissions this year. This writer showed strengths in clarity, logic, and presentation.”

Collegiate Category 5: Sports Coverage

Division A

3rd Place is The Clarion, Sinclair Community College, for their overall sports coverage by Harley Johnson and Richard Foltz. “Nice stories, well written.”

2nd Place is The Post, Ohio University, for their overall sports coverage by staff writers. “Great photos. Solid writing. This is what sports coverage should look like.”

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for their overall sports coverage by Keaton Maisano, Jack Emerson, Chase Brown, and Jacob Bengel. “Solid sports stories that are more than just ordinary game coverage. Great use of own photos.”

Division B

3rd Place is The Chimes, Capital University, for their overall sports coverage by staff writers. “Good coverage.”

2nd Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, for their overall sports coverage by Joe Clark. “Nice mix of stories.”

1st Place is Cedars, Cedarville University, for their overall sports coverage by Abigail Hintz, Tim Smith, and Josh Decker. “Nice photos for spring sports section along with good line up of stories.”

Collegiate Category 6: Design

Division A

3rd Place is The Clarion, Sinclair Community College, with design by Jeri Hensley. "I like how the photo shapes and sizes are varied. The use of pull quotes draw you in. Very easy to read."

2nd Place is The Post, Ohio University. "This magazine really appealed to me as the cover reminded me of a vintage comic book cover which was really unique. I also liked that the design was so perfectly structured in regards to the columns, the graphic placement, and the headings! The color selection of the headings were very attractive."

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, with design by Lantern staff. "Wow all of The Lantern issues provided were unbelievable in regards to design! The placement of the graphics and the color themes selected made for very aesthetically pleasing stories! I particularly liked the layout and story topics of the Best of OSU Edition! It was very community oriented and really showcased the best that OSU has to offer! Very well done!"

Division B

3rd Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, with design by Newswire staff. "This newspaper had a very traditional vibe to it which made it come across very authentic! The graphics selected for the stories really enticed me to read the story which I think is really important. The story topics were also very pertinent to the audience the newspaper is after!"

2nd Place is Cedars, Cedarville University, with design by Cedars staff. "This magazine's design was very appealing to the eye. I loved the fonts used for the headings of each section as well as the wrap around text with the graphics. The color schemes used for each story really set the mood for what you were about to read which I thought was very clever!"

1st Place is the T&C Media, Otterbein University, with design by Marlie Griffith, Julia Grimm, and Danielle DiMarzo. "This magazine's story topics and feature articles were so relevant and extremely interesting! The design was clean, concise, and organized. Graphics were carefully selected as well as the headings which made each story more appealing! "

Collegiate Category 7: Photojournalism

Division A

3rd Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, and photos by Christian Harsa. "Entrant's photos compliment their paired stories, capturing a moment relating to the story without distracting from the importance of the topic. Evening and night-time photos taken with a clear understanding of exposure and placement."

2nd Place is The Post, Ohio University, for photos by staff. "The photos captured by the entrants told stories on their own, allowing the viewer to feel as if they are at the event, experiencing it for themselves. These photos are excellent examples of subject placement and capturing the moment."

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, and photojournalism by Mackenzie Shanklin. "Entrant's photos clearly encapsulate the scene, giving viewers a glimpse into the emotion of those pictured as well as the rest of the non-pictured scene. Entrant goes above and beyond to capture the moment, making use of excellent timing, positioning, and awareness."

Division B

1st Place is Northern Review, Ohio Northern University and the "9/11 Stair Climb During COVID-19" photojournalism by Chloe Lovell. "The entrant's ability to capture the importance of the event, even amidst COVID-19 regulations that force social distancing, were excellent."

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Collegiate Category 8: Headline Writing

Division A

3rd Place is The Post, Ohio University for "Lucy Dacus' 'Home Video' is a gut punch you'll want to take" by Bre Offenberger. "Great play with words. Solid headline."

2nd Place is The Clarion, Sinclair Community College, for "Army of The Dead Keeps Zombie Flicks Alive" by Kris Johnson. "Nice play on the words."

1st Place is The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for ""Let's Get It On(Line): Sex Week Makes Climactic Virtual Comeback" by Aubrey Wright. "Catchy. Definitely got this judge's attention."

Division B

3rd Place and The Pulse, University of Findlay, for “There's a doe in Hendo” by staff. “A fun play on a deer getting into the dining hall.”

2nd Place for Cedars, Cedarville University for “Safekeeping or Gatekeeping?” by staff. “I liked this headline. Short sweet and to the point. Combined with great color and kicker, this made me want to read more.”

1st Place is The Newswire, Xavier University, for “Makerspace mines for diamonds” by Joseph Cotton and Emily Croft. “Great headline that tells me what I want to know and makes me think. Solid.”

Collegiate Category 9: Best Multi-Media Package

Division A

3rd Place for The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for “Unmasked” by Maya Neyman and Marcy Paredes.

2nd Place for The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for “No One Was Watching” by Akayla Gardner.

1st Place for The Lantern, The Ohio State University, for “(un)silenced: Journeys through Ohio State’s Title IX process” by Sarah Szilagy and Maeve Walsh.

Division B

3rd Place is the Northern Review, Ohio Northern University, for “SHIFT, a New Choreographer’s Showcase” by Bekah Lee.

2nd Place is the T&C Media, Otterbein University, for “The Wildcard Weekly Rewind” by Hannah Brown.

1st Place is The Collegian, Ashland University, for “Students elevate voices in recognition of Sexual Assault Awareness Month” by Avaerie Fitzgerald.

Collegiate Category 10: Best Website

Division A

3rd Place is The Miami Student, Miami University.

2nd Place is The Kent Stater, Kent State University.

1st Place is The Jambar, Youngstown State University.

Division B

3rd Place is Cedars, Cedarville University.

2nd Place is The Chimes, Capital University.

1st Place is T&C Media, Otterbein University.

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Frank E. Deaner was instrumental in establishing the General Excellence Award competition, which is given to the top newspaper in each collegiate division. Deaner was the executive director of the Ohio Newspaper Association for 20 years, retiring in 2011, and instrumental in establishing the collegiate competition.

This year's General Excellence Award winners are:

DIVISION A

The Lantern, The Ohio State University

DIVISION B

The Newswire, Xavier University