



The Syracuse Press Club Announce 41st Annual SPC Professional Recognition Award Finalists

Note the names of winners and media organizations are in **RANDOM ORDER**. We will announce at the April 27th awards dinner who won first, second and third place awards.

2018-2019 Categories

RADIO / PODCAST

Spot News

WRVO-FM, Payne Horning, "Death of Gary Thibodeau offers not closure for either side"

WAER-FM, Chris Bolt, "Parkland school shooting inspires local high school students to organize march against all gun violence"

News Feature

WRVO-FM, Payne Horning, "To ward off mass shooters, Oswego County church encourages congregation to bring guns"

WAER-FM, Chris Bolt, "Ending the Prison-to-Poverty Pipeline"

"Human Interest" Feature

WAER-FM, James Colgan, "Undefeated: Tim Green story"

The Ladies' Room, Jennifer Sanders & Iris St. Meran, "Episode 5: Katherine Switzer"

WRVO-FM, Payne Horning, "A new adult day care gives families respite and hope"

Sports Story

WAER-FM, J.D. Raucci, "Boeheim vs. Boeheim II: Coach coaches with and against his son"

WAER-FM, Tim Leonard, "From the Pitch to the Gridiron"

WAER-FM, Connor Federico, "The Eric Dungey Legacy"

Sports Show

WAER-FM, Dana Grey, James Colgan, Jonathan Hoppe & J.D. Raucci, "Countdown to Kickoff: Pregame for Camping World Bowl"

WAER-FM, Dana Grey, James Colgan & Connor Federico, "Countdown to Kickoff: Pregame for Syracuse v. Clemson"

DAILY PRINT MEDIA

Investigative Story/Series

The Post-Standard, Douglass Dowty, "Syracuse cops push doctors to probe man's rectum for drugs: What country are we living in?"

The Citizen, Megan Ehrhart, "Weedsport DPW scandal"

The Post-Standard, James Mulder, "Secret deals uncovered at Upstate Medical University"

News Feature/Series

The Cortland Standard, Jacob DeRochie, Nicholas Graziano & Catherine Wilde, "Bringing to Life Brownfields"

The Post-Standard, Douglass Dowty, "Syracuse fraternity brothers explain crude skits: 'We thought it was OK'"

Post-Standard, CNY man, found insane, nears freedom after 6 years after drowning son; Recovery or injustice?

"Human Interest" Feature/Series

The Post-Standard, Chris Baker, "A stroke paralyzed his hand; 2 months later Todd Hobin rewired his brain to play again"

The Post-Standard, Lindsay Kramer, "The most valuable play; Doctors save a fallen football player's life"

The Post-Standard, Patrick Lohmann, "Just after burying slain stepson, Syracuse man rushes to save boy, 12, dying of gun shot"

Sports Story

The Post-Standard, Stephen Bailey, "Syracuse DB Antwan Cordy's grueling rehab powered by love, counseling, religion"

The Post-Standard, Nate Mink, "Why is Syracuse football QB Eric Dungey so fearless? We went to Oregon to find out"

The Post-Standard, Donna Ditota, "The maturation of Syracuse basketball's Frank Howard: How perseverance paid off"

NON-DAILY PRINT MEDIA

News Feature/Series

The Catholic Sun, Renee K. Gadoua, "What's in a name?"

The Stand, Ashley Kang, Divya Murthy, Bianca Moorman & Zachary Krahmer, "Prison to Family" series

Syracuse New Times, David Haas, "Highway Robbery"

"Human Interest" Feature/Series

Upstate Medical University, Amber Smith & Susan Keeter, "Science is Art is Science"

The Stand, Juliana Whiteway, "Four generations of the Bright Family"

Syracuse Woman Magazine, Lorna Oppedisano, "Creating a safe space for everyone"

Sports Story

New York Horse Magazine, Janis Barth, "Thoroughbred"

The Stand, Mike Zawisza and Kai Nguyen, "Kings of New York"

Syracuse New Times, Matt Michael, "Sports story series".

MAGAZINE / SPECIAL INTEREST

Best Magazine

Family Times, Reid Sullivan, Michael Davis, Robin Barnes & Rachel Barry, "A New Best Friend"

New York Horse Magazine, Janis Barth & Darren Sanefski, "Blanket Weather 2018/19"

CNY The Good Life, Mary Jo Kravec & Amy Bleier Long, "Nov/Dec 2018"

Best Newsletter / Trade Publication

Upstate Medical University, Leah Caldwell, Amber Smith, Jim Howe & Susan Keeter, "Cancer Care magazine"

CNY The Good Life, Amy Bleier Long, "Central Upstate MFG edition 6"

ALL PRINT

Spot News

The Cortland Standard, Shenandoah Briere, "Blaze sets off ammo in Dryden gun shop"

The Post-Standard, "Drunk driver kills 3 in hit-and-run crash"

The Post-Standard, "Arson fire kills 4, including infant and mother"

Column

South Jefferson Journal, Kathy Taber-Montgomery, "She was right, I was changed forever"

The Reporter, Rabbi Rachel Esserman, "Should I be offended or not"

The Post-Standard, Johnathan Croyle, “‘Cedar Chest Killer’: The murder that held Syracuse breathless in 1938”

Front Page Design

Syracuse New Times, Michael Davis & Greg Minix, “Front Covers”

Cortland Standard, Steve Sbelgio, “Forged by War”

Syracuse New Times, Michael Davis, Greg Minix, Rachel Barry & Robin Barnes, “Syracuse New Times 2018”

Headline Writing

CNY The Good Life, Mary Jo Kravec, “Farm to Table”

Syracuse New Times, Bill DeLapp, “SNT Headlines”

Editorial

The Cortland Standard, Todd McAdam, “Make Brownfields Green Again”

The Cortland Standard, Todd McAdam, “Great Thoughts on Music”

Critique

The Reporter, Rabbi Rachel Esserman, “Soviet immigrants with a side of humor”

The Post-Standard, Jacob Pucci, “Dropkick Murphys smack a pinch-hit grand slam”

The Stand, Lyle Michael, “Harriet Possesses Syracuse Stage”

Carl Single Award for Spot News Photo

The Post-Standard, Dennis Nett, “Another senseless homicide”

The Citizen, Kevin Rivoli, “Dairy farm fire”

The Post-Standard, Dennis Nett, “Boy left without father”

Feature Photo

New York Horse Magazine, Michael Davis, "Praying for a Good Ride"

The Stand, Jordan Larson, "South Side Photo Walk"

The Post-Standard, Michael Greenlar, "Raindrops"

Sports Photo

The Post-Standard, Dennis Nett, "In Your Face"

Baldwinsville Messenger, Herm Card, "Zach Motondo singles to right to open Challenger Baseball season"

The Post-Standard, Dennis Nett, "Agony and Ecstasy"

Scenic Photo

Syracuse New Times, Michael Davis, "Secret Caverns"

The Citizen, Kevin Rivoli, "Sunset at the lake"

Portrait

The Post-Standard, N. Scott Trimble, "The Sun Sets on a Legendary Coach"

The Post-Standard, Dennis Nett, "Big Expectations"

Photo Essay

New York Horse Magazine, Michael Davis, "Nationals"

The Post-Standard, Michael Greenlar, "The Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team"

New York Horse Magazine, Michael Davis, "True Grit"

Graphic Illustration

Syracuse New Times, Greg Minix, "Moses and the Best of Syracuse"

Syracuse New Times, Rachel Barry, "The Arts Issue"

Syracuse New Times, Giacomo Calderoni, "Student Survival Guide"

TELEVISION

Spot News

CNY Central, Katharine Gensel & Michael Benny, "Syracuse Northside Block Fire".

CNY Central, NBC3 News Team, "Midland Ave Shooting"

WSYR-TV, Staff, "Town of Onondaga Triple Fatal Hit and Run Crash"

Investigative Story/Series

WSYR-TV, Olivia Ugino, Jack Estabrook, Edward Jones, Mark Folsom Nursing home conditions in Central New York

CNY Central, Matt Mulcahy, "The Gary Thibodeau Case"

WSYR-TV, Andrew Donovan & WSYR Photographers, "North Syracuse School District Penalty Coverage"

News Feature/Series

WWNY-TV, Garrett Doblewski, "What Farmers Face, Parts I & II"

WSYR-TV, Olivia Ugino & Bill Goldschmidt, "Family of Mute Swans living on Oneida Lake Euthanized"

WBNG-TV, Jackie Prager & Chris Overby, "Summertime Crime"

"Human Interest" Feature/Series

WSYR-TV, Farah Jadran & Tom Cunningham, "Saluting Moms"

WWNY-TV, Patrick Malowski, "Jeremy's Journey"

WBNG-TV, Esperanza Gutierrez & Chris Overby, "Honor Flight"

Sports Story

WWNY-TV, Mel Busler, "Go-Kart Driver Overcomes Obstacles"

Spectrum News, Katelynn Ulrich & Ben Augustine, "Gordon International Bonspiel"

CNY Central, Niko Tamurian & Quindell Williams, "Bulldogs Band Together for Special Teammate"

Regularly Scheduled Sportscast

CNY Central, Niko Tamurian, "The End of the Ride for a Legend of Lacrosse".

WBNG-TV, John Laughrin, "Larry Burneal Sportscast"

CNY Central, Niko Tamurian, "Syracuse Football Caps Off Incredible Season with Camping World Bowl Win"

Photo Essay

Spectrum News, Tom Walters, "Opening at Rudy's"

Spectrum News, Tom Walters, "Youth Group Presents Lion King"

WSYR-TV, Rob Hackford, "Pie Baking"

Video Journalism

Spectrum News, Katelynn Ulrich

Spectrum News, Tom Walters

Spectrum News, Ben Augustine

Best Weathercast

CNY Central, Molly Matott, "February Storm: From Rain to Snow"

WSYR-TV, Kate Thornton, "December 24, 2018"

WKTV, Bill Kardas, "February 6, 2018 6 p.m."

ONLINE JOURNALISM

Breaking News

Timothy Robertson, Jeremy Long & Eric Spado, Spectrumlocalnews.com, "Midland Avenue shooting"

syracuse.com, Sarah Moses Buckshot & N. Scott Trimble, "Fire ravages apartments on Salina Street in Syracuse, 'I've lost everything'"

Multimedia Story

syracuse.com, Katrina Tulloch, "Kyaw Myo of Burma shares struggle to settle in Syracuse"

syracuse.com, Christa Lemczak, Katrina Tulloch & Marnie Eisenstadt, "30 years of Lockerbie: Eyewitnesses recall bombing of Pan Am Flight 103"

mysouthsidestand.com, Saniya More, "Change Maker: Karen Loftin"

News Website

Robert Harding, Staff, auburnpub.com

Staff, syracuse.com

Spectrum News, Staff, spectrumlocalnews.com

Blog

syracuse.com, Charlie Miller, "Best of CNY"

cnycentral.com, Matt Mulcahy, "Guilty until proven innocent, the lesson of Gary Thibodau's case: Matt's Memo"

urbancny.com, Kenneth Jackson, "The Hall Monitor"

Photos & Graphics

urbancny.com, Annabel Hine Otts, "The Yeti Wall"

mysouthsidestand.com, Bob Gates, "Carefree Youth"

Video Journalism

Syracuse.com, Katrina Tulloch, Charlie Miller & Jacob Pucci, "New York State Fair"

Syracuse.com, Christa Lemczak, Brent Axe & N. Scott Trimble, "Syracuse's Air Gait; Hemp in NY; 15th Anniversary of 2003 NCAA Title"

Syracuse.com, Jacob Pucci, Katrina Tulloch & Charlie Miller, "Best Day in Upstate New York"

Best Use Of Social Media By An Organization

syracuse.com, Christa Lemczak, Katrina Tulloch & Allie Healy, "I-81 endorsement, fastest way around, best NYS fair food"

syracuse.com, Douglass Dowty, Michael Greenlar & Allie Healy, "30-year-old evicted from parents' house".

mysouthsidestand.com, Ashley Kang & Greg Munno

Best Use Of Social Media By An Individual

Syracuse.com, Christa Lemczak, "Condo tax breaks, Quadrant system explained, Chinese New Year"

David Haas, @SyracuseHistory

STUDENT CONTEST

Best Radio News Story

NCC News, Sabrina Maggiore, "Plan to Exhume Former Spanish Dictator Sparks Controversy"

WICB, Hannah Breisinger, "Ithaca's 'March for Our Lives' Rally Focuses on Intersectionality"

NCC News, Elisa Candiotti, "SU Students Learn Life Lessons as They Help in Puerto Rico Recovery"

Best Print News Story

Utica College Tangerine, Kaitlyn Tambasco "UC Student among 20 Killed in Limo Crash"

The Daily Orange, Catherine Leffert, Jordan Muller, Sam Ogozalek & Kennedy Rose, "SU suspends Theta Tau fraternity after video of 'extremely racist' behavior surfaces"

Utica College Tangerine, Samuel Northrup, "Hiding in Plain Sight: Threat Suspect in Strebel During Lockdown"

Best Television News Story

NCC News, David Edelstein, "Jewish Community Center security"

ICTV, Amanda Chin, "Playground for All"

NCC News, Michael Lehr, "Negev Bedouin Fight for Equality in Israel"

Best Radio Sports Story

NCC News, James Colgan, "The Bear"

NCC News, Anthony Mazzini, "The Rise to Success from a True Freshman"

Best Print Sports Story

The Daily Orange, Matt Liberman, "Redemption: Alton Robinson faced up to 20 years in prison on a robbery charge. Now he's gearing up for a season leading the Orang's defense."

Utica College Tangerine, Samuel Northrup, "A Fading Tradition: White-Tail Deer Hunting in New York State"

Best Television Sports Story

NCC News, Jose Cuevas, "Boxer"

ICTV, Jack Arpey, "Balancing Athletics and Academics"

SUNY Oswego, Brittany Cairns, "Oswego State Captains Reflect on Whiteout"

Best Radio Feature Story

NCC News, Katie Silcosky, "Stepping Up and Into a Healthier Life"

NCC News, Ford Hatchett, "Country Nation"

WICB, Sophie Johnson & Madeline Lester, "Tap vs. Natural: Residents Navigate Water Choices"

Best Print Feature Story

The Daily Orange, Haley Kim, "The journey home: 5 Scotsmen biked more than 3,000 miles to commemorate the victims of Pan Am Flight 103"

College Tangerine, Kyle Riecker, "Local Haunts: Three historically creepy places to visit this Halloween"

Best Television Feature Story

NCC News, Tom Austen, "Peace by Design"

NCC News, Karthik Venkataraman, "Banana Jack"

NCC News, Chris Venzon, "Jacsen Kutic"

Best Multimedia Story

The Newshouse, Hannah Malach, "Naloxone Nation"

The Newshouse, Bryan Cereijo & Jacob Gedetsis, "In this Corner"

The Newshouse, Staff, "NEHA"