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Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2019 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Montana Press Association reviewed 1044 entries submitted by 20 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

The 2019 “College Newspaper of the Year” award is presented to the top college newspapers in three divisions based on points accumulated (100 for first, 70 for second and 40 for third) in all editorial contest categories (categories 1-13). Winners of those awards are:

College Newspapers of the Year		
Divisions	Total Points	College Newspapers
Division 1	1,150	Central Michigan University/ CM-Life
Division 2	1,370	Michigan State University/ The State News
Division 3	700	Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Division 1 - Newspapers publishing more than weekly

Division 2 - Newspapers publishing weekly

Division 3 - Two-year college publications or newspapers publishing less than weekly.

"It is more important than ever to recognize and encourage good, impactful journalism. That is what our college newspapers are doing, and with support and recognition from contests and professionals in the field, that will continue. Our experienced faculty and advisors will see to it as well," said Joanne Williams, associate professor of journalism and mass communication at Olivet College and MCPA president.

The 2020 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2020.

Best Photographer

Division 1 - Best Photographer

9 Entries

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Ben Suddendorf

Second Place *Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo*

Melissa Moon

Third Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Cody Scanlan

Honorable Mention *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

Alexis Rankin

Division 2 - Best Photographer

17 Entries

First Place *Michigan State University/ The State News*

Matt Zubik for best photographer

Matt Zubik

Second Place *Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley
Lantern*

Benjamin Hunt

Third Place *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Gabby Henrikson

Honorable Mention *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Jessica Behrman

Division 3 - Best Photographer

11 Entries

First Place *Monroe County Community College/ The Agora*

Vanessa Ray

Second Place *Delta College/ Delta Collegiate*

Jaylie Dice

Third Place *Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News*

*Ladling Out Lessons, One Dish at a Time, Home is Where the
Skoolie Is, For Love, Not Profit*

Justin Randles

Honorable Mention *Lansing Community College/ The Lookout*

Long hair; don't care

Brynne Luter

Best Writer

Division 1 - Best Writer

12 Entries

First Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Emily Davis

Second Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

Max Marcovitch

Third Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

Verity Sturm

Honorable Mention *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

Emma Dale

Division 2 - Best Writer

20 Entries

First Place *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Evan Rieth

Second Place *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Jordan Revenaugh

Third Place *Michigan State University/ The State News*

Anna Liz Nichols

Honorable Mention *Saginaw Valley State University/ The
Valley Vanguard*

Fire in Brown Hall causes damage, closes classrooms

Kaitlyn Farley

Division 3 - Best Writer

25 Entries

First Place *Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice*

Suicide attempt; student rewrites; revolving door

Lilly Kujawski

Second Place *Lansing Community College/ The Lookout*

Family uses tragedy to give life to others

Ashlee Buhler

Third Place *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*

Chantele Fox

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Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

Division 1 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

47 Entries

First Place *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

Fifty years since '68

Ethan Kessler

Second Place *Central Michigan University/ CM-Life*

No, it is not illegal for photographers to take your photo in public

Quinn Kirby

Third Place *Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo*

Microscopic changes could mean big things for the Great Lakes

Andrew Blok

Honorable Mention *University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily*

*Kianna Marquez: How compassion can save our environmental
future*

Kianna Marquez

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

48 Entries

First Place *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

SWEAT is a Play For Albion, the Rust Belt and America

Evan Rieth

Second Place *Hillsdale College/ The Collegian*

Whitmers gas tax hurts taxpayers more than it helps fix roads

Kaylee McGhee

Third Place *Michigan State University/ The State News*

My journey to find the ultimate Mike Garland story

Chase Michaelson

Honorable Mention *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

*Albion XC Came Up Short of Nationals. So, I Turned to Kendrick
Lamar*

Andrew Wittland

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

51 Entries

First Place *Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate*

A journalist's truth

Jack Hervela

Second Place *Delta College/ Delta Collegiate*

Healthy eating is not expensive

Crystal Gwizdala

Third Place *Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News*

Henry Ford College Presents: "The Laramie Project"

Jesse Mattox

Honorable Mention *Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate*

Williamsons injury ignites another pay for play debate

Mike Staley

Editorial

Division 1 - Editorial

15 Entries

First Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Should Free Speech Be Regulated On Campus?

Austin Elliot

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

From The Daily: Vote yes on Proposal 2 and 3

The Michigan Daily

Classic editorial of lasting value to readers and voters.

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

EDITORIAL: Secrecy is part of the problem Sexual assault survivor speaking on campus shouldn't be private

Emma Dale, Editorial Board

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Board of Trustees needs more diversity

Editorial Board

Punchy from start to finish, with strong call to action.

Division 2 - Editorial

27 Entries

First Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

When political views clash, civility trumps all

Staff

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Silence is not the response to sexual assault

State News Editorial Board

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

I hate you, don't leave me

Kaitlyn Kirchner

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Be spooky, not racist

Marley Tucker

Division 3 - Editorial

21 Entries

First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Anxiety is Awesome

Alex Zuccarini

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Family Separation and the Caravan: Trump's History with

Immigration

Elyas Perry

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

We see what you did there

Lisa Stapel

Honorable Mention **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Break the Stigma

Josiah Thomas

Feature Photo

Division 1 - Feature Photo

20 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Threads Fashion Show

Cody Scanlan

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

GenAPA hosts Legacies of a Generation: Defy the Past, Define the Future"

Max Kuang

Third Place

Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo

Juice WRLD concert

Melissa Moon

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Day in the Life of a Varsity Swimmer

Natalie Stephens

Division 2 - Feature Photo

20 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

MHSAA Divison 1 Finals

Sylvia Jarrus

Second Place

Albion College/ The Pleiad

Dancing on Wild Rice

Jessica Behrman

Third Place

Michigan State University/ The State News

MSU student plays at jazz festival

Matt Zubik

Honorable Mention

Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn

Wonderful Town

Benjamin Hunt

Division 3 - Feature Photo

16 Entries

First Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Holidays are here

Brynne Luter

Second Place

Delta College/ Delta Collegiate

Hell's Half Mile 2018

Jaylie Dice

Third Place

Schoolcraft College/ The Connection

Welding Department Creates Sparks

Mai Nakhala

Feature Story

Division 1 - Feature Story

29 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Wilson family responds to "overwhelming" attention after viral commencement video Stephan said he and his mom worked very hard to continue to be themselves amidst all the attention

Sara Kellner

Second Place

University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily

You Cant Bury Canterbury: Ann Arbor's hidden musical gem (Parts 1 & 2)

Matt Harmon

Third Place

Central Michigan University/ CM-Life

One Year Later: Take a look back at the March 2, 2018 residence hall shooting that changed CMU's campus forever

Dylan Goetz, Hunter McLaren

Honorable Mention

Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo

Cuyahoga cleanup means it's safer to eat Cuyahoga fish

Andrew Blok

Division 2 - Feature Story

62 Entries

First Place

Albion College/ The Pleiad

Kindness, Invisible Hardship and Raccoons: Maya Nobles Story of Homelessness

Allyson White

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Survivor still healing one year later
 Matt Schmucker
Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
'Drunken debauchery'
 Madison O'Connor
Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Live-and-breathe energy: The essential snow plow
 Nicole Ault

Division 3 - Feature Story

38 Entries
First Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**
Student rewrites his history
 Lilly Kujawski
Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Welcome to the Ends of the World with Detroit's Ambassadors of Psychedelia
 Jessica D'Alfonso
Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
365 Days of Katie documents emotional year for Michigan artist
 Lisa Stapel
Honorable Mention **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
Working Woman
 Todd Salisbury

Front Page Design

Division 1 - Front Page Design

11 Entries
First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Oct. 18 Cover
 Connor Byrne
Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
November 7, 2018
 Casey Tin
Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
October 23, 2018
 Roseanne Chao

Division 2 - Front Page Design

23 Entries
First Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**
Thomas Haas' Lanthorn Finale
 Staff
Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Declining diversity
 Sarah Massey
Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
The Plight of the Unpaid Intern
 Lauren Gewirtz, Daena Faustino
Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Who run the world? Girls.
 Daena Faustino, Lauren Gewirtz

Division 3 - Front Page Design

15 Entries
First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Volume 83, issue 3
 Cody Wiedenbein, Jaylie Dice
Second Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**

Washtenaw Voice
 Vardan Sargsyan
Third Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Volume 84, Issue 4
 Amanda Miller, Lindsay Lang

Investigative Reporting

Division 1 - Investigative Reporting

10 Entries
First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Former students bring 40 years of misconduct allegations by SMTD professor
 Sammy Sussman
Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Exploring the dark side of Greek Life: FOIA request details more than a decade of accusations against Phi Sigma Phi
 Melissa Frick
Third Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Coal ash contamination common across the Great Lakes (& 3 other stories)
 Andrew Blok, Gina Navaroli, Meredith Katz, Claire Moore
Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
University neglects numerous sexual misconduct claims against famous voice professor
 Elizabeth Lawrence, Julia Fanzeres

Division 2 - Investigative Reporting

20 Entries
First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Were hanging in limbo: Soybean tariffs spell uncertainty for Hillsdale County farmers
 Nicole Ault
Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Greenwashed: The rewriting of the alumni magazine
 Anna Liz Nichols
Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
In a male-dominated STEM career field, a junior persists
 Claire Moore
Honorable Mention **Albion College/ The Pleiad**
Bon Appetit to Ban Plastic Straws From General Use by October
 Irene Corona Avila

Division 3 - Investigative Reporting

12 Entries
First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Adjunct faculty struggle to make a living
 Joseph Thornton
Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
Whos that girl?
 Lisa Stapel
Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Shinola's Detroit Image
 Jessica D'Alfonso

Multimedia Reporting

Open Class - Multimedia Reporting

27 Entries
First Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
American College Tuition Has Gotten Out Of Hand & How It Differs Around The World

Jake Goldberg
Second Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**
Human Library celebrates its second year at WCC
 Vardan Sargsyan
Third Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Mowing milkweed means more monarchs
 Kelsi Kroll
Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**
Ferris Holiday Night Celebration
 Megell Strayhorn, Sid Sabo

News Story

Division 1 - News Story
 67 Entries
First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Student receives hate speech on white board outside dorm room, university responds
 Quinn Kirby
Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Breaking her silence: Graduate student Rachel Wilson shares her story of sexual assault, seeking justice By Emily Davis
Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Concerns rise over safety protocol for individuals with disabilities
 Barbara Collins
Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Poll shows Indigenous people more aware of Great Lakes threats
 Anntaninna Biondo

Division 2 - News Story
 63 Entries
First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Engler to discontinue Nassar fund despite expert advice
 Mila Murray
Second Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**
'Better have gotten hurt out there'
 Kaitlyn Farley
Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Michigan Avenue could look very different in 5 years
 Evan Jones
Honorable Mention **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**
'Intimate' relationship inquiry led to resignation
 Kaitlyn Farley

Division 3 - News Story
 27 Entries
First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
The Green Era: The legalization of marijuana opens doors in Chesaning
 Mateo Escamilla, Michael Piwowarski
Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
SAGA hosts 'National Coming Out Day'
 Sarah Barney
Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
MCCC loses longtime friend, teacher, mentor
 Vanessa Ray

Honorable Mention **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
Raising the bar: Honors Program plans a limited launch in Winter Semester
 Courtney Dunbar, Todd Salisbury, Evan Franzel

News-Only Photo

Division 1 - News-Only Photo
 11 Entries
First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Community members gather for vigil after Pittsburgh synagogue shooting
 Asha Lewis
Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
MLK March
 Sam Siegel
Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Heidi Sproull breaks a board reading "Kavanaugh Confirmation" at Diag rally
 Danyel Tharakan
Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Anti-racism protest
 Quinn Kirby

Division 2 - News-Only Photo
 14 Entries
First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Outside CNN's Democratic Debate
 Matt Zubik
Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Cedar Village Riot
 Matt Zubik
Third Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**
Voices: The April 11 Unity Demonstration
 Peach Norman Owen
Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Cedar Village Riot
 Nic Antaya

Division 3 - News-Only Photo
 11 Entries
First Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Remembering Congressman John D. Dingell Jr.
 Joshua Tufts
Second Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**
Marchers take to the streets
 Lily Merritt
Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Lansing will never forget 9/11
 Alejandro Gonzales
Honorable Mention **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**
Donald Trump rally (cover photo)
 Rebecca Roberts

Non-Front Page Design

Division 1 - Non-Front Page Design
 13 Entries
First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
"Can't Break Steel"
 Jack Silberman
Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Oct. 8 Sexual Assault coverage

Connor Byrne

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Nov. 15 cover story

Connor Byrne

Division 2 - Non-Front Page Design

24 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Greenwashed: The Rewriting of the Alumni Magazine

Lauren Gewirtz, Anna Nichols, Matt Schmucker

Second Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Pg. 6 In the clouds

Sarah Massey

Third Place **Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard**

News- Page 3

Kyle Will, Kaitlyn Farley, Taylor Stockton

Honorable Mention **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

Pg. 6 Hindsight is 20/20

Hannah Way

Division 3 - Non-Front Page Design

20 Entries

First Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**

An aerial glimpse into WCC history

Vardan Sargsyan

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Spiderman Review

Kevin Ferguson, Evan Cerezo

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

What's on the ballot?

Sarah Barney

Online Newspaper

Open Class - Online Newspaper

8 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Online Newspaper 2018-19

Emma Dale, Staff

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Online Newspaper Submissions

The Michigan Daily

Third Place **Ferris State University/ The Torch**

A historic season

Ferris State Torch

Honorable Mention **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Mirror News online

Mirror News staff

Original CartoonEditorial or Entertainment

Open Class - Original CartoonEditorial or Entertainment

24 Entries

First Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Seasonal depression

Lindsay Lang

Second Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Global Warming

Lindsay Lang

Third Place **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Trump fake news

Piper Wood

Honorable Mention **Delta College/ Delta Collegiate**

Snowed In!

Lindsay Lang

Single Ad

Open Class - Single Ad

9 Entries

First Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Campus Safety Blue Lights

Gabrielle Sisler

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Harper's - Best of MSU

Courtney McKown

Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Campbell's Market Basket

Courtney McKown

Honorable Mention **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Denise Wagner Graduation Announcement

Courtney McKown

Special Advertising Section

Open Class - Special Advertising Section

5 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

Orientation Section

Staff

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**

Best of MSU 2019

Staff

Third Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Housing Guide - April 1

Staff

Honorable Mention **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**

Rise of Trend45, Bxnk in Detroit

Joshua Tufts

Sports News/Features

Division 1 - Sports News/Features

23 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**

Student-athletes create group to support sexual assault survivors

Molly Shea

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

John Bowler details ups and downs of playing and coaching

Charles Post

Third Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Earl Boykins reflects on playing and coaching career

Charles Post

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**

The underlying story behind what makes Shawn Roundtree Jr. who he is

Andrew MacDonald

Sports News/Features

Division 2 - Sports News/Features

36 Entries

First Place Michigan State University/ The State News

A national championship, and a healing of wounds

Chase Michaelson

Second Place Michigan State University/ The State News

Xavier Tillman balances family, newfound starter role

Casey Harrison

Third Place Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn

The Freaky-Geeky Five

Brady McAtamney

Division 3 - Sports News/Features

19 Entries

First Place Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Fowling, it Rhymes with Bowling

Justin Randles

Second Place Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Henry Ford College Men's Basketball Road to the Championship

Joshua Tufts

Third Place Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate

GRCC Volleyball team safely home after Hurricane Lane delayed their homecoming

Tatiana Diaz

Honorable Mention Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Busy Life of a Student Athlete

Emily Schroeder

Sports Photo

Division 1 - Sports Photo

12 Entries

First Place University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily

Iggy Brazdeikis vs. Minnesota

Natalie Stephens

Second Place Central Michigan University/ CM-Life

Football

Ben Suddendorf

Third Place Central Michigan University/ CM-Life

Women's basketball

Cody Scanlan

Honorable Mention University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily

College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska

Alec Cohen

Division 2 - Sports Photo

36 Entries

First Place Michigan State University/ The State News

Michigan State vs Central Michigan

Anntaninna Biondo

Second Place Saginaw Valley State University/ The Valley Vanguard

Lady Cards topple unbeaten Ashland, 2-1

Danielle Cecil

Third Place Michigan State University/ The State News

MSU vs Duke

Annie Barker

Division 3 - Sports Photo

16 Entries

First Place Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Henry Ford College Men's Basketball Tops Wayne County

Community College

Joshua Tufts

Second Place Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News

Rough Start for Lady Hawks

Joshua Tufts

Third Place Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate

GRCC holds off Glen Oaks in overtime thriller

Aaron Stoner

Honorable Mention Delta College/ Delta Collegiate

Men's basketball (January 2019)

Rebecca Roberts