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Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2020 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Minnesota Press Association reviewed 746 entries submitted by 20 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

The 2020 “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	2,100	University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Division 2	960	Central Michigan University/ CM-Life
Division 3	760	Lansing Community College/ The Lookout

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 2021 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2021.

Best Photographer

Division 1 - Best Photographer

2 Entries

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

Allison Engkvist

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

Annie Klusendorf

Division 2 - Best Photographer

8 Entries

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

State News Annie Barker Best Of

Annie Barker

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

Rachael Yadowsky

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

Isaac Ritchey

Division 3 - Best Photographer

7 Entries

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

Julie Newell for Best Photographer

Julie Newell

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

Henry Ford College Students Visit the Ford Piquette Avenue Plant

Rose Albayat

Third Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Lets Gogh!; Simmering in success; Schoolcraft celebrates Diwali

Clarisa Russenberger

Best Writer

Division 1 - Best Writer

4 Entries

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

Julianna Morano

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

Aria Gerson

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

Claire Hao

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

Zack Blumberg

Division 2 - Best Writer

21 Entries

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

Evan Petzold, Best College Writer

Evan Petzold

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

Courtney Pedersen

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

Dylan Goetz

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Nolan Ryan

Division 3 - Best Writer

21 Entries

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

Best writer entry

Brianna Wetherbee

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

Three work samples from different dates

Lilly Kujawski

Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Best Writer

Abby Nisley

Honorable Mention **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Stanley Strong; The Ph.D of Baking; Revamped and ready

Josiah Thomas

Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

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

3 Entries

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

Ok, America. Prove me wrong.

Alexandra Owens

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

SportsMonday Column: On Pride Day and why it matters

Ethan Sears

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

Ray Ajemian: This has happened to us before

Ray Ajemian

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

73 Entries

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

'I live through them': An inside look at three lifelong friends and the true meaning of family

Evan Petzold

Second Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

It's past time: Baseball's lesson for politics

Stefan Kleinhenz

Third Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

More Than Just Exercise: The Complex Relationship Between Athletics and Mental Health

Jordan Revenaugh

Column- Review or Blog- News or Sports

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

37 Entries

First Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

Gender and clothing, the imaginary division

Kevin O'Neil

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

#doingMlpart

Clarisa Russenberger

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

Kari in the City: An essential worker

Kari Eastway

Honorable Mention **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**

Admissions: Flight of the white knight

Ian Loomis

Editorial

Division 1 - Editorial

2 Entries

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

From The Daily: The history of policing and the power of protesting

The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
From The Daily: Vote Sanders on March 10
 The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

Division 2 - Editorial
 18 Entries

First Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
No more operating under a different set of rules, athletics
 Dylan Goetz, Staff

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

Inside the Newsroom: Reporting the Morris Berger story
 Lanthorn Editorial Board

Third Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
It's On Us, but its also on MSU
 State News Staff

Honorable Mention **Northern Michigan University/ North Wind**
Yes, students are included in those vulnerable
 North Wind Editorial Board

Division 3 - Editorial
 11 Entries

First Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
How Henry Ford College Handles Mental Health
 Jessica Schrader

Second Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
We need more information: the shortcomings of class selection process at GRCC
 Collegiate Staff

Third Place **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**
One Vote Should Equal One Vote
 Collegiate Staff

Honorable Mention **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**
For you, for your community: hit the polls, but don't stop there
 Lilly Kujawski

Feature Photo

Division 1 - Feature Photo
 2 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Great Horned Owls
 Julia Schachinger

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Field hospital preparation
 Dominick Sokotoff

Feature Photo

Division 2 - Feature Photo
 31 Entries

First Place **Western Michigan University/ The Western Herald**
Korey Wise shares his story of life after exoneration, continued frustrations with the justice system during WMU visit
 Rodney Coleman-Robinson

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Barrio-ista

Third Place **Olivet College/ The Echo**
Freshman Arreyanna Echols assists...

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Essential Workers: Gravediggers

Division 3 - Feature Photo

8 Entries

First Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Lansing Lights Up
 Julie Newell

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Simmering in success
 Clarisa Russenberger

Third Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
Schoolcraft celebrates Diwali
 Clarisa Russenberger

Feature Story

Division 1 - Feature Story

17 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**
Farmer depression deepens as climate warms
 Cassidy Hough

Second Place **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**
EMU students adjust to life during a pandemic
 SOPHIA KALAKAILO

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Most have left, but theyre still around. Meet the essential workers keeping the University running
 Claire Hao

Division 2 - Feature Story

65 Entries

First Place **Albion College/ The Pleiad**
Code switching: An Asset and a Challenge for Many Albion Students
 Zahra Ahmed

Second Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Unsung Heroes of Hillsdale: Walmart's Jeff Quainton
 Reagan Gensiejewski

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
'There's hope for those who experience this:' A sexual assault survivor's 35-year journey to healing
 Sara Kellner

Honorable Mention **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**
Hillsdale couple renovates historic homes
 Sofia Krusmark

Division 3 - Feature Story

26 Entries

First Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**
Joint choir, symphonic band concert honors life of oboist
 Juliet Jefts

Second Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
Artist delivers his message with signs
 Shauna Stocken

Third Place **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**
The incredible life of a rock 'n' roller
 Robin Morales

Honorable Mention **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Nifty Thrifty or Popping Tags
 Justin Randles

Front Page Design

Division 1 - Front Page Design

4 Entries

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

Sava's investigation cover

Lizzy Rueppel

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

The Nineties B-side

Caitlin Martens, Cara Jhang

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

Rivalry

Jack Silberman

Division 2 - Front Page Design

21 Entries

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

Bringing Home the Hardware

Viviana Rubio, Khoi Tran

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

Flavored vapes banned

Sarah Massey

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

Sept. 26 Cover

Sarah Brownell

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

Uncharted Territory

Alyte Katilius, Genna Barner, Mila Murray, Madison O'Connor

Division 3 - Front Page Design

10 Entries

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

Balancing Work and Play

Bayelee Hodge

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

Henry Ford College Responds to COVID-19

Miguel Reyna

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

Lansing Lights Up

Bayelee Hodge

Investigative Reporting

Division 1 - Investigative Reporting

7 Entries

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

Former employees of Savas bring numerous allegations of sexual harassment and misconduct

Zayna Syed, Sammy Sussman

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

University-affiliated fraternities conduct freshmen fall recruitment against U-M regulations

Claire Hao

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

Buying Silence: U-M spent over \$1.26 million in 6 months on non-disclosure agreements

Sammy Sussman, Zayna Syed, Samantha Small

Honorable Mention **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**

Resources lacking for students on Eastern Michigan University campus facing housing instability

Ashlee Buhler

Division 2 - Investigative Reporting

65 Entries

First Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

Hillsdale settles with Mizzou

Nolan Ryan

Second Place **Calvin College/Chimes**

Calvin largely accessible but still poses challenges

Mattheus Colyn

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

Tests show water contamination in homes near Consumers Energy plant/Water contamination in West Olive: What Consumers Energy and Sierra Club data tell us

Olivia Fellows

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

#FixtheFlatrate: Black Student Alliance calls for accessible tuition model

Edwin Jaramillo, Sylvia Jarrus, Conor Desilets

Division 3 - Investigative Reporting

8 Entries

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

The Not So Magic Planet

Justin Randles

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

Healing in the face of a crisis

Claire Convis

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

Lost in Moodland

Olivia Grantham

Multimedia Reporting

Open Class - Multimedia Reporting

19 Entries

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

Marlon Wayans: Homecoming Comedian

Megell Strayhorn, Meg Lewton, Grant Siddall, Veronica Mascorro

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

VIDEO: Phi Sigma Kappa Haunted House 2019

Megell Strayhorn, Will Holden

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

"Differently Abled" - The Torey Crosby Story

Staff

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

Scenes from the East Lansing area before, after coronavirus pandemic

Staff

News Story

Division 1 - News Story

25 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/Capital News Service**

Study finds fewer minority nurses come from Michigan nursing programs

Maddy O'Callaghan

Second Place **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**

Wisconsin tribe recognizes Menominee River rights

Amelia Cole

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Visa delays force Chinese international students to defer acceptances

Barbara Collins, Alex Haring

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Provost Martin Philbert placed on leave after multiple allegations of sexual misconduct

Barbara Collins

Division 2 - News Story

52 Entries

First Place **Calvin College/Chimes**

BREAKING: Board of trustees vote that faculty no longer required to be CRC, send kids to Christian K-12 schools

Juliana Knot

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

East Lansing bars packed after in-person class cancellation

Karly Graham, Wendy Guzman, Matt Schmucker

Third Place **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

COVID-19 halts life at Hillsdale College

Victoria Marshall

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

Student employees grapple with shift cancellations, unknown future at work

Evan Petzold

Division 3 - News Story

40 Entries

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

This is not the night you want to try it: civil emergency proclaimed for Grand Rapids, curfew enacted

Brianna Whetherbee

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

WCC corrects website cost

Lilly Kujawski

Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

MCCC to make PPE, helped by employee donations

Todd Salisbury

News-Only Photo

Division 1 - News-Only Photo

2 Entries

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

This is another pandemic: Civil rights protesters take to the streets in Ann Arbor

Annie Klusendorf

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

Joe Biden wins big in Michigan primary

Asha Lewis

Division 2 - News-Only Photo

20 Entries

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

One year later: A look into GVPDs downtown station

Caleb Worpel

Honorable Mention **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**

Mantella hosts first Presidents Ball

Micah Hill

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

Black Lives Matter protest

Isaac Ritchey

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

Big Splash Week concludes with beach clean up

Caleb Worpel

Division 3 - News-Only Photo

5 Entries

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

Bernie Sanders in Ann Arbor

Torrence Williams

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

Police chief, sheriff, officers kneel beside impassioned protestors in Grand Rapids

Sabrina Edwards

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

HFC Informs While World Strikes

Olivia Grantham

Non-Front Page Design

Division 1 - Non-Front Page Design

3 Entries

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

A Mann's diet

Jack Silberman

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

Sin...but make it fashionable

Dana Pierangeli, Sherry Chen

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

Mel & Susie's Love Story

Jack Silberman

Division 2 - Non-Front Page Design

20 Entries

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

Anti-violence coalition fighting sexual violence on campus

Sarah Massey

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

'I don't think anyone really knows': Future uncertain for East Lansing small businesses

Genna Barner, Wendy Guzman, Annie Barker

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

Valentine's feature

Staff

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

Columbus Day vs. Indigenous Peoples Day

Sarah Massey

Division 3 - Non-Front Page Design

10 Entries

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

Get Zapped!

Shauna Stocken, Bayelee Hodge

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

Special report: Life in a pandemic

Vardan Sargsyan

Third Place **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

Non-Front Page Design

Agora Staff

Honorable Mention **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

Lights, Camera, Action

Bayelee Hodge, Julie Newell

Online Newspaper

Open Class - Online Newspaper

7 Entries

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

Dylan Goetz, Staff

Second Place **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**
The Schoolcraft Connection

Armando Saucedo, Alex Zuccarini

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

Grand Valley Lanthorn

Staff

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
The Michigan Daily Best Online Newspaper

Staff

Original Cartoon Editorial or Entertainment

Open Class - Original Cartoon Editorial or Entertainment

9 Entries

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

2020 Vision

Athena Jasman

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
HFC's Goose Problem

Parrish Broadnax

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

Alex Riley

Honorable Mention **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
The cycle of social media activism

Kaavya Ramachandhran

Single Ad

Open Class - Single Ad

6 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Campus View - Cabrio Properties

Courtney McKown

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
RHA - Campus Center Cinemas

Courtney McKown

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Housing Crawl Ad

Staff

Special Advertising Section

Open Class - Special Advertising Section

4 Entries

First Place **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**
Winter Housing Guide

Jesse Becker, Viviana Rubio

Second Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
The State News Spring 2020 Housing Guide

State News Staff

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Best of 2019

Staff

Sports News/Features

Division 1 - Sports News/Features

3 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Lexie Blair and a turnaround hinged on confidence

Jared Greenspan

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Through an open door policy, Juwan Howard aims to shape Michigans culture

Daniel Dash

Third Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
Jim Harbaugh's drive home

Ethan Sears

Division 2 - Sports News/Features

73 Entries

First Place **Michigan State University/ The State News**
Michigan State wrestling's Cameron Caffey: Engineering wins on and off the mat

Elijah McKown

Second Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
'There's no way I'm quitting': The rise, fall and return of 'Touchdown'

Tommy Lazzaro

Evan Petzold

Third Place **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
Quinten Dormady and the moments that have built him

Evan Petzold

Honorable Mention **Central Michigan University/ CM-Life**
'We had to have him': How Central Michigan landed Lumen Christi

OL Keegan Smith

Evan Petzold

Division 3 - Sports News/Features

37 Entries

First Place **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**
Students wrestle with gender disparity in sports

Kristy King

Honorable Mention **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**

From Portage to the Pros

Josh Carlson

Second Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Sticking the Axe

Jessica Schrader

Third Place **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**
Retaining College Players and Coaches

Faith Sabo

Division 1 - Sports Photo

2 Entries

First Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
SportsMonday Column: This is what Michigan is

Alexis Rankin

Second Place **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**
SportsMonday Column: Here comes Franz Wagner

Emma Mati

Division 2 - Sports Photo

20 Entries

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

Isaac Ritchey

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

Maddie Fouts shares emotional moment with family

Cora Hall

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

Wrestling

Drew Travis

Honorable Mention **Western Michigan University/ The
Western Herald**

Kaillen Guilleroy rests on the sidelines at the Glass Bowl

Joelle Sanders

Division 3 - Sports Photo

7 Entries

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

Rim Rocker

Julie Newell

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

Photo finish

Julie Newell

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

Sticking the Axe

Jessica Schrader