Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2021 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Arkansas Press Association reviewed 568 entries submitted by 16 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

The 2021 “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:

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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 2022 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2022.
Best Writer

Division 1 - Best Writer
12 Entries

First Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Roni Kane

Honorable Mention: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Andie Horowitz

Second Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Grace Tucker

Third Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Jared Greenspan

Division 2 - Best Writer
15 Entries

First Place: Calvin College/Chimes
Abigail Ham

Second Place: Calvin College/Chimes
Juliana Knot

Third Place: Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Sofia Krusmark

Honorable Mention: Albion College/ The Pleiad
Aura Ware

Division 3 - Best Writer
10 Entries

First Place: Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News
Atika N.

Second Place: Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
Sean Chase

Third Place: Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News
Tyler Stewart

Honorable Mention: Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
Lauren Werlinger

Column- Review or Blog- News

Division 1 - Column- Review or Blog- News
17 Entries

First Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Andrew Gerace

Second Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Nora Lewis

Third Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Meera Kumar

Honorable Mention: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
John Tumpowsky

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- News
34 Entries

First Place: Albion College/ The Pleiad

Note from the Editor: We Still Have an Issue
Jordan Revenaugh

Second Place: Albion College/ The Pleiad
Opinion: Community Policing Doesn't Help an Apathetic Community
Sam Semerau

Third Place: Calvin College/Chimes
I am Calvin University's first openly gay student body president.
Claire Murashima

Honorable Mention: Ferris State University/ The Torch
iPhone 12: get this one
Noah Kurkjian

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- News
28 Entries

First Place: Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
A Letter To My Mom
Angelina Jahn

Second Place: Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
How The Injustice Towards George Floyd Changed Our City
Sam Tucker

Third Place: Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News
Americans 'Need' You to Smile
Atika N.

Honorable Mention: Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
'The White Tiger' illustrates India's complex caste system
Lauren Werlinger

Column- Review or Blog- Sports

Division 1 - Column- Review or Blog- Sports
2 Entries

First Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
SportsMonday: Livers's injury epitomizes need for NIL
Theo Mackie

Second Place: University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
SportsMonday Column: Michigan loses a heartbreaker, but proves it'll get another shot
Ethan Sears

Division 2 - Column- Review or Blog- Sports
9 Entries

First Place: Albion College/ The Pleiad
Opinion: Sports Teams have More than Games to Lose this Year
Jordan Revenaugh

Second Place: Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Column: Blake Griffin’s buyout from the Detroit Pistons marks the end of an era
Zack Goodrow

Third Place: Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
A canceled NBA season would hurt the league's social justice mission
Christian Peck-Dimit

Honorable Mention: Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Softball is better than baseball
Reagan Gensiejewski

Division 3 - Column- Review or Blog- Sports
7 Entries

First Place: Lansing Community College/ The Lookout
Maddy's Message: A Sparty silver lining
Maddy Warren
Second Place  Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
Without Sports, Who Am I?
Kaia Zimmerman

Third Place  Schoolcraft College/ The Connection
Who says online influencers can't box?
Matt Karbownik

Honorable Mention  Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
NFL’s First Openly Gay Active Player Shows Signs of Progress
Kaia Zimmerman

Editorial
Division 1 - Editorial
5 Entries
First Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
From The Daily: Commit to DEI through tri-campus equity
The Editorial Board

Second Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
From The Daily: Acknowledging Angell - we need a comprehensive U-M history lesson
The Editorial Board

Third Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Michigan in Color Collective Statement on Palestine
Michigan in Color Staff

Division 2 - Editorial
17 Entries
First Place  Ferris State University/ The Torch
EDITORIAL: Take responsibility or lose credibility
Staff

Honorable Mention  Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Collegian Weekly: College is still a partnership
Allison Schuster

Second Place  Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Whitmer kidnapping plot must force local reflection
Lanthorn Editorial Board

Third Place  Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Get vaccinated (once it’s your turn)
Lanthorn Editorial Board

Division 3 - Editorial
13 Entries
First Place  Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
We Need a Heads Up
Breegan Petruska

Second Place  Schoolcraft College/ The Connection
Putting the "community" in colleges
Schoolcraft Connection Staff

Third Place  Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
Online Gambling: Friend or Foe to Michiganders?
Sean Chase

Feature Photo
Division 1 - Feature Photo
5 Entries
First Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
University of Michigan asks court to issue injunction to halt graduate student strike
Maddie Hinkley

Second Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Students and community members show their support for Palestine at a vigil on the steps of Angell Hall on June 18.
Allison Engkvist

Third Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Students gather in support of Palestinian Freedom outside of Angell Hall Sunday afternoon.
Allison Engkvist

Division 2 - Feature Photo
9 Entries
First Place  Calvin College/Chimes
LGBTQ tabling event protest
Josh Swanson

Second Place  Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Mullet Feature Photo
Kalli Dalrymple

Third Place  Olivet College/ The Echo
Rock painting afternoon
Tara Fianagan

Division 3 - Feature Photo
1 Entries
First Place  Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate
Grand Rapids Winter Activities
Breegan Petruska

Feature Story
Division 1 - Feature Story
20 Entries
First Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
How women student athletes navigate college life
Magdalena Mihaylova

Second Place  Michigan State University/Capital News Service
Michigan retailers benefit from virus-fueled interest in board games
Kyle Davidson

Third Place  University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Moon Cafe and kindness during COVID-19
Jessica Kwon

Honorable Mention  Michigan State University/Capital News Service
White supremacy has long history in Michigan
Chloe Trofatter

Division 2 - Feature Story
46 Entries
First Place  Ferris State University/ The Torch
After two long years, Riley Blair finds her voice
Cora Hall

Second Place  Calvin College/Chimes
This Land is Your Land: Learning from Grand Rapids Native History
Alex Raycroft

Third Place  Albion College/ The Pleiad
Black Women Winning: Jada Stewart
Aura Ware

Honorable Mention  Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Fostering the good: Alumna starts scholarship for former foster youth
Madeline Peltzer

Division 3 - Feature Story
23 Entries
First Place  Schoolcraft College/ The Connection
Sink or swim
Madison Ling
Second Place Schoolcraft College/ The Connection
Passion and Pride
Ben Bolstrom
Third Place Schoolcraft College/ The Connection
Immortalized in Plaid
Matthew Fular, Madison Ling
Honorable Mention Monroe County Community College/ The Agora

Monroe resident speaks out about losing home to fire
Delaney Vanover

Front Page Design
Division 2 - Front Page Design
14 Entries
First Place Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Lanthorn October, 12, 2020
Viviana Rubio, Khoi Tran
Second Place Albion College/ The Pleiad
March 5 Print Edition
Irene Corona-Avila
Third Place Calvin College/Chimes
March 5, 2021, front page design
Katherine Benedict
Honorable Mention Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Lanthorn November 9, 2020
Viviana Rubio, Khoi Tran

Division 3 - Front Page Design
2 Entries
First Place Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate Collegiate Magazine Cover Fall 2020
Abby Haywood
Second Place Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
Front Page Design
Agora Staff

Investigative Reporting
Division 1 - Investigative Reporting
5 Entries
First Place University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Daily investigation finds divergence in U-M, outside organization's handling of allegations against CSE professor
Sammy Sussman, Nina Molina
Second Place University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Daily investigation finds allegations of discrimination, hostility in U-M ADVANCE Program
Liat Weinstein
Third Place University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Daily investigation finds allegations of harassment, retaliation and intimidation against English professor
Julianna Morano
Honorable Mention University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Four women allege sexual misconduct against former Michigan tight end Mustapha Muhammad
Sammy Sussman, Ethan Sears

Division 2 - Investigative Reporting
13 Entries
First Place Ferris State University/ The Torch
Science professor denies science
Cora Hall, Noah Kurkjian
Second Place Calvin College/Chimes
University denies former prof's allegations of racism, retaliation
Harm Venhuizen, Juliana Knot
Third Place Calvin College/Chimes
Sexual assault exists at Calvin, so do the tools to find healing
Harm Venhuizen, Katherine Benedict
Honorable Mention Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Hillsdale's churches continue worship amid pandemic
Carmel Kookogey

Division 3 - Investigative Reporting
8 Entries
First Place Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice
Why is college tuition so high?
Cydney Heed
Second Place Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News
COVID-19 Vaccines are Safe: Myth or Fact?
Yasmeen Berry
Third Place Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
Explanatory series on campus construction
Lauren Werlinger
Honorable Mention Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
Campus services available yet meetings still uncertain
Jerry Meade

News Story
Division 1 - News Story
17 Entries
First Place Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo
Brianna Lane
Second Place Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo
EMU students protest in response to lawsuit accusing EMU officials of ignoring sexual assault claims
Austin Elliott, Ally Graham, Quanzelle Wyatt, Gracie Thompson
Third Place University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
'Serious threats, not serious wins': GEO members say they approved barebones proposal out of fears of retaliation
Alex Harring
Honorable Mention University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
IBM fired U-M professor Lynn Conway for coming out as trans in 1968. 52 years later, the company apologized
Roni Kane

Division 2 - News Story
59 Entries
First Place Hillsdale College/ The Collegian
Fink, Hodshire win August Republican primaries
Julia Mullins
Second Place Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn
Some ineligible students receive COVID-19 vaccination due to university mistake
Rachel Matuszewski
**Third Place**  
Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn  
The Sitdown: Mantella, university leadership face growing COVID-19 community cases, lay out strategy for management  
Olivia Fellows, Nick Moran, Kellen Voss

**Honorable Mention**  
Hillsdale College/ The Collegian  
The historic ‘underground church’ demolished, land sold  
Morgan Morrison

**Division 3 - News Story**  
36 Entries

**First Place**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora  
What the millage renewal means for MCCC  
Jerry Meade

**Second Place**  
Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate  
GRCC Board Freezes Tuition, Gives President Pink A Raise with Approval of $115.4 Million 2021-22 Budget  
Sean Chase

**Third Place**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora  
MCCC food desert receives oasis; The Foundation develops food pantry  
Lauren Werlinger

**Honorable Mention**  
Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice  
Despite pandemic, fewer people are facing homelessness in Washtenaw County  
Doina Plop

**Non-Front Page Design**  
Division 2 - Non-Front Page Design  
22 Entries

**First Place**  
Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn  
Lanthorn October 12, 2020  
Viviana Rubio, Khoi Tran

**Second Place**  
Hillsdale College/ The Collegian  
Feb. 25, 2021 Sports page  
Cal Abbo, Liam Bredberg

**Third Place**  
Ferris State University/ The Torch  
Women's History Month  
Charlie Zitta

**Honorable Mention**  
Calvin College/Chimes  
LASA raises nearly $7k  
Alex Raycroft

**Division 3 - Non-Front Page Design**  
4 Entries

**First Place**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora  
Non-Front Page Design  
Jerry Meade

**Second Place**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora  
Non-Front Page Design  
Lauren Werlinger

**Third Place**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora  
Non-Front Page Design  
Noah Black

**Sports News/Features**  
Division 1 - Sports News/Features  
8 Entries

**First Place**  
University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily  
Through floor routine, Wilson finds her passion and voice  
Jacob Cohen

**Second Place**  
University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily  
Through Saddi Washington, Michigan bridges its past to its future  
Jared Greenspan

**Third Place**  
University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily  
'We’re not going away': Michigan’s Adaptive Sports and Fitness Program and the fight for access  
Grayson Bruning

**Honorable Mention**  
University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily  
On the Michigan sideline, Jaaron Simmons finds a home  
Connor Brennan

**Division 2 - Sports News/Features**  
31 Entries

**First Place**  
Ferris State University/ The Torch  
To lead is to be vulnerable, honest for Ferris football players  
Cora Hall

**Second Place**  
Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn  
Former Laker makes NFL debut  
Zack Goodrow

**Third Place**  
Olivet College/ The Echo  
Basketball with NO fans  
Alicia Bullaro

**Honorable Mention**  
Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn  
GV professor Louis Moore discusses historic plight, progress of Black athletes  
Zack Goodrow

**Division 3 - Sports News/Features**  
10 Entries

**First Place**  
Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate  
GRCC Volleyball Season Revived After Muskegon CC Forfeits NJCAA National Tournament  
Anthony Clark Jr.

**Second Place**  
Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate  
Life as a Zebra  
Matthew Denhartigh

**Third Place**  
Schoolcraft College/ The Connection  
Diggin’ into a new role  
Matthew Fular

**Honorable Mention**  
Lansing Community College/ The Lookup  
Back to school  
Julie Newell

**Best News-Only Photo**  
Open Class - Best News-Only Photo  
11 Entries

**First Place**  
Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate  
How The Injustice Toward George Floyd Changed My City  
Sam Tucker

**Second Place**  
Albion College/ The Pleiad  
Lifting and Amplifying Black Voices Following Racist Incidents on Campus  
Peach Norman Owen

**Third Place**  
Calvin College/Chimes  
back to school  
Sam Ballast

**Honorable Mention**  
Monroe County Community College/ The Agora
Michigan offers free tuition for essential workers  
Jerry Meade

**Best Photographer**

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**Best Sports Photo**

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<td>Michigan men's basketball beat previews the Big Ten Tournament</td>
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