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# 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:

### College Newspapers of the Year

Divisions	Total Points	College Newspapers
Division 1	1,640	University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Division 2	560	Calvin College/ Chimes
Division 3	800	Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate

*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**

'Complete betrayal': Facilities changes met with criticism by staff and community

Abigail Ham

**Second Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**

CRC chaplains on front lines of pandemic care

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**

Americans "Need" You to Smile, Review of "The Half of It", "Raya and the Last Dragon": The Disney Movie That Got Away

Atika N.

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

Sean Chase

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

Something to Sing About During the Pandemic, Rise of the Green Death, Utopi-uhhh

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**

Stop discriminating against disabled students. No exceptions.

Andrew Gerace

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

Rina Sawayama, 'Minari' and cultural 'others'

Nora Lewis

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

I'm scared of Ann Arbor

Meera Kumar

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

Student debt is at ridiculous levels - we need help now

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 Flanagan

**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  
Lantern**

*Lantern 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 Lantern**

*Lantern 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**

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2021/05/17/trees-please-a-move-to-reforest-formerly-redlined-great-lakes-cities/>

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  
Lantern**

*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

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

*MCCC food desert receives oasis; The Foundation develops food pantry*

pantry

Lauren Werlinger

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

*Despite pandemic, fewer people are facing homelessness in Washtenaw County*

Doina Plop

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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

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**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.

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

*Life as a Zebra*

Matthew Denhartigh

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**Third Place**

**Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Diggin' into a new role*

Matthew Fular

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

*Baseball team advances to regionals*

Julie Newell

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**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

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**Second Place**

**Albion College/ The Pleiad**

*Lifting and Amplifying Black Voices Following Racist Incidents on Campus*

Campus

Peach Norman Owen

**Third Place**

**Calvin College/Chimes**

*back to school*

Sam Ballast

**Honorable Mention**

**Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

**The Agora**

*Michigan offers free tuition for essential workers*  
Jerry Meade

**Best Photographer**

**Open Class - Best Photographer**  
9 Entries

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

**Second Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**  
*Nature preserve restoration*  
Sam Ballast

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

**Honorable Mention** **Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**  
*Baseball action*  
Julie Newell

**Best Sports Photo**

**Open Class - Best Sports Photo**  
10 Entries

**First Place** **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**  
*GVSU Softball*  
Sheila Babbitt

**Second Place** **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**  
*Michigan men's basketball beat previews the Big Ten Tournament*  
Annie Klusendorf

**Third Place** **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**  
*As NCAA Tournament nears, Johnson's game rounds into form*  
Miles Macklin

**Honorable Mention** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**  
*Track photo*  
Anthony Lupi

**Multimedia Reporting**

**Open Class - Multimedia Reporting**  
15 Entries

**First Place** **University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily**  
*Why are South Indian actresses not represented enough in South Indian film industries?*  
Nithisha Nantha Kumar

**Second Place** **Michigan State University/ Great Lakes Echo**  
*Offshore wind could provide double the electricity Michiganders used in 2019*  
Taylor Haelterman

**Third Place** **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**  
*GRCC Students Get Real About Their Second Pandemic Semester*  
Aspen Strauss

**Honorable Mention** **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**  
*Henry Ford College's First Virtual Career Expo*  
Tyler Stewart

**Online Newspaper**

**Open Class - Online Newspaper**  
7 Entries

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

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

*Best Newspaper*  
The Collegiate Staff

**Third Place** **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**  
*Mirror News Volume 46 Issue 2, Issue 3 and Issue 6*  
Staff

**Honorable Mention** **Grand Valley State University/ Grand Valley Lanthorn**  
*Grand Valley Lanthorn*  
Zack Goodrow, Nick Moran, Xavier Golden

**Original Cartoon-Editorial or Entertainment**

**Open Class - Original Cartoon-Editorial or Entertainment**  
13 Entries

**First Place** **Grand Rapids Community College/ Collegiate**  
*Too Soon?, Turkey Day: The Last Supper, The real reason Trump created Space Force*  
Abby Haywood

**Second Place** **Eastern Michigan University/ Eastern Echo**  
*#ProblemsOfACollegeSuperHero*  
Nick Megdanoff

**Third Place** **Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice**  
*editorial cartoons*  
Ian Loomis

**Special Advertising Section**

**Open Class - Special Advertising Section**  
1 Entries

**First Place** **Henry Ford Community College/ Mirror News**  
*Engelhardt Social Justice Fellowship: Changing Lives and Making a Difference*  
Carrie Welch