



# Exceptional Journalism Honored in 2022 College Better Newspaper Contest

Members of the Colorado Press Association reviewed 579 entries submitted by 16 Michigan college newspapers this year and selected three college newspapers for creating great journalism.

**The 2022 “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:

<b>Division</b>	<b>College Newspaper</b>
Division 1	University of Michigan/ The Michigan Daily
Division 2	Michigan State University/ The State News
Division 3	Washtenaw Community College/ The Voice

*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 2023 MPA/MCPA College Newspaper Contest opens August 1, 2023.***



**Best News-Only Photo**

**Division 1 - Best News-Only Photo**

4 Entries

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

*Vaughn returns, sets up protest site at U-M president's house*

Tess Crowley

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

*Michigan Medicine nurses sue University amid contract negotiations*

Tess Crowley

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

*What is a COVID-19 booster shot, and why should you get one?*

Jeremy Weine

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

*Citizens express opinions on redistricting maps, Michigan*

*Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to vote on maps in December*

Jose Brenes

**Division 2 - Best News-Only Photo**

9 Entries

**First Place** *Western Michigan University/ The Western Herald*

*Chicago Women's March 2021*

Allison Mitter

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

*LGBTQ+ students and allies organize*

Abigail Ham

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

*Biden protest in Howell, Michigan*

Chloe Trofatter

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

*Western Herald*

*WMU Student victim of drunk driving protest*

Allison Mitter

**Division 3 - Best News-Only Photo**

9 Entries

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

*Protests continue in GR after GRPD release the video of death of Patrick Lyoya*

Elizabeth Halvorson

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

*To Serve and Protect*

Armando Saucedo

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

*Why I Stopped Viewing Social Media Stories*

Alena Visnovsky

**Best Photographer**

**Open Class - Best Photographer**

19 Entries

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

Tess Crowley

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

Julia Schachinger

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

Jeremy Weine

**Best Sports Photo**

**Open Class - Best Sports Photo**

23 Entries

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

*Jaden Reed*

Devin Anderson-Torrez

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

*Michigan tops Minnesota, wins first Big Ten Championship since 2016*

Gabby Ceritano

**Third Place** *Schoolcraft College/ The Connection*

*Lady Ocelots Triumph, Men Fall Short*

Paisley Stevens

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

*True freshman Andrej Anthony shines in East Lansing homecoming*

Julia Schachinger

**Best Writer**

**Division 1 - Best Writer**

16 Entries

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

Irving Pena

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

Olivia Mouradian

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

Maya Kogulan

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

Nicholas Stoll

**Division 2 - Best Writer**

12 Entries

**First Place** *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Juan Rodriguez

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

Morgan Womack

**Third Place** *Albion College/ The Pleiad*

Sam Semerau

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

Dan Netter

**Division 3 - Best Writer**

9 Entries

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

Jordan Scenna

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

Tyler Stewart

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

Lillian Grantham

**Honorable Mention** *Monroe County Community College/ The Agora*

Lauren Werlinger

**Column- Review or Blog- News**

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

23 Entries

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

*Ghost stories*

Yasmine Slimani

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

*Dear President Schlissel, talk to Jon*

Andrew Gerace

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

*What they don't talk about*

Paige Hodder

**Honorable Mention** **Michigan State University/Capital News Service**

*Search for Isle Royale's bone bounty yields environmental clues, new friends, wilderness salvation*

Marshall Weimer

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

21 Entries

**First Place** **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

*Oxford: Mourning From a Distance*

Liam Rappleye

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

*Duelling columns: When does the most wonderful time of the year start?*

Drew Goretzka, Dan Netter

**Third Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*Be more informed about the organ donation process*

Ryan Bagley

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

*My Path to Recovery: Overcoming an Eating Disorder*

Nicole Morehouse

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

39 Entries

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

*My walk through a mental minefield*

Elizabeth Halvorson

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

*A Dream Remembered*

Vae O'Neil

**Third Place** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*The Case for Coming Back*

Matthew Kern

**Honorable Mention** **Monroe County Community College/ The Agora**

*'Halo Infinite' delivers challenging, rewarding gameplay*

Michael Moser

**Column- Review or Blog- Sports**

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

3 Entries

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

*A beginning*

Jared Greenspan

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

*It's finally March Madness for the women, but will the madness continue elsewhere?*

Abbie Telgenhof

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

*Michigan has a chance to rewrite its narrative*

Spencer Raines

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

4 Entries

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

*Column: The timing is peculiar, but it was the right move for MSU Hockey to make the change*

Sam Sklar

**Second Place** **Western Michigan University/ The Western Herald**

*'Good coaching is underrated:' Former WMU Football cornerback talks team departure*

Ben Epstein

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

*Column: Despite the losing streak, Michigan State hockey's fanbase demonstrated it's alive and well*

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

6 Entries

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

*It's time for change for the betterment of the NFL*

Jackson Heiden

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

*Superbowl Sunday*

R.J. Hunt

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

*The World is Putting Too Much Pressure on Athletes*

Kaia Zimmerman

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

*Hawks Softball looks to draw on success of championship season*

Lillian Grantham

**Editorial**

**Division 1 - Editorial**

2 Entries

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

*From The Daily: Schlissel is gone, now what?*

The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

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

*From The Daily: UMich should consider expanding long-term counseling through CAPS*

The Michigan Daily Editorial Board

**Division 2 - Editorial**

11 Entries

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

*EDITORIAL: We stand by people with uteruses, now and forever*  
State News editorial board

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

*Stay in the room*

Abigail Ham

**Third Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*Collegian Weekly: Get off your phone in class*

Haley Strack

**Division 3 - Editorial**

10 Entries

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

*Honoring Dr. Daher*

Arlana Cain-Harris

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

*Inherent classism continues to impinge community colleges and their students who choose to invest in these low-cost educational options*

Alena Visnovsky

**Third Place** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*A Message for the New Year*

Schoolcraft Connection Staff

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

*The Power of Networking*

Anthony Stone

**Feature Photo**

**Division 1 - Feature Photo**

4 Entries

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

*Wildlife: A green outlook on mental health*

Jonus Cottrell

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

*The power of the pole*

Sarah Boeke

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

*Holly Humberstone proves she is so much more than an opening act*

Lila Turner

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

*UMich administration removes 'Hail to the Victims' campsite after 150 days of protest*

Tess Crowley

**Division 2 - Feature Photo**

42 Entries

**First Place** **Western Michigan University/ The Western Herald**

*MLK Wreath laying hymnal*

Allison Mitter

**Second Place** **Western Michigan University/ The Western Herald**

*Allison Mitter- WMU student's celebrate Holi Festival*

Allison Mitter

**Third Place** **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

*New Albion College NAACP Chapter Elects Executive Committee*

Patrick Smoker

**Division 3 - Feature Photo**

18 Entries

**First Place** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Rising Star*

Claire Smith

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

*Come Fly with Me*

Claire Smith

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

*Why I Stopped Viewing Social Media Stories*

Alena Visnovsky

**Honorable Mention**

**Lansing Community College/ The Lookout**

*Holiday kickoff*

Julie Newell

**Feature Story**

**Division 1 - Feature Story**

19 Entries

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

*Cedarville: The little town that upholds Michigan's marine industry*

Kayla Nelsen

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

*Fishing heritage in Leland gets preservation boost*

Lindsay McCoy

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

*A summer in the construction boots of my father*

Irving Pena

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

*The Sex Lives Of College Girls And Also Dani*

Danielle Canan

**Division 2 - Feature Story**

42 Entries

**First Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*'This is not a partisan issue'*

Carly Moran

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

*Lack of diversity in James Madison College presents challenges for students*

Amalia Medina

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

*It's a team effort: MSUPD K-9 Unit's handlers and their dogs serve many roles on campus*

Morgan Womack

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

*GRAM features new exhibits highlighting creators*

Sabrina Edwards

**Division 3 - Feature Story**

27 Entries

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

*From homeless to high honors*

Jordan Scenna

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

*Draft document acknowledges the college resides on tribal lands*

Lauren Werlinger

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

*Local bee keepers*

Elinor Epperson

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

*Love of chemistry keeps job fun for Qi*

Chloe Gregg

**Front Page Design**

**Division 1 - Front Page Design**

3 Entries

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

*Twice as Sweet*

Lys Goldman

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

*Finally*

Sophie Grand

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

*Champions*

Sophie Grand, Brittany Bowman

**Division 2 - Front Page Design**

9 Entries

**First Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**

*November 15 front page*

Harm Venhuizen

**Second Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*Jan. 27 A1 page*

Josh Newhook

**Third Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*March 3 A1 page*

Josh Newhook

**Honorable Mention** **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

*March 30, 2022 Front Page*

Irene Corona-Avila, Sam Semerau

**Division 3 - Front Page Design**

9 Entries

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

*Happy Halloween*

Julie Newell

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

*Feb. 8, 2022*

Janani Murugesan

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

*April 4 front page*

Agora Staff

**Honorable Mention** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Field of Dreams*

Matt Karbownik

**Investigative Reporting**

**Division 1 - Investigative Reporting**

8 Entries

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

*Daily investigation finds 30 years of alleged unprofessional conduct*

*by two musicology professors*

Vanessa Kiefer, Julian Wray

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

*Environmental Justice and Injustice*

Sammy Schuck, Andrea Vera, Kristia Postema

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

*Water Test*

Kurt Williams

**Division 2 - Investigative Reporting**

13 Entries

**First Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**

*Calvin denies reappointment for professor who officiated same-sex marriage*

Harm Venhuizen

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

*'Walking a tightrope': Calvin's complicated stance on LGBTQ+ issues has caused problems for decades*

Harm Venhuizen

**Third Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**

*Faculty and staff morale hits new low, sunk by unsustainable workloads and fear*

Abigail Ham

**Honorable Mention** **Calvin College/Chimes**

*The Downsize (series)*

Harm Venhuizen

**Division 3 - Investigative Reporting**

9 Entries

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

*21st century terrorism*

Jordan Scenna

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

*Local Animal Shelters Face Serious Crisis*

Molly Mullen

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

*Is It Time For GRCC To Re-evaluate Pronoun Policy?*

Breegan Petruska

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

*President leaving GRCC after closed search at FSU coverage*

Elizabeth Halvorson, Alena Visnovsky, Kaia Zimmerman, Joseph

Poulos

**Multimedia Reporting**

**Open Class - Multimedia Reporting**

9 Entries

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

*24 hours with the Robert Anderson survivor protesters outside*

*Schlissel's house*

Michigan Daily Photo Staff, Michigan Daily Video Staff

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

*Just keep swimming: How my 12 teammates and I coped with the termination of the MSU swim and dive program*

Audrey Richardson

**Third Place** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Returning to the stage with a classic*

Matthew Kern, Vae O'Neil, Armando Saucedo

**Honorable Mention** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*A Byrd and His Song*

Armando Saucedo, Vae O'Neil

**News Story**

**Division 1 - News Story**

15 Entries

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

*'The Missing Middle': Ann Arbor community members work to reverse the decline in working-class homeownership*

Chen Lyu

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

*Police struggle to attract diversity candidates*

Jack Falinski

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

*Some Michigan nail salons unsafe, study says*

Cameryn Cass

**Division 2 - News Story**

46 Entries

**First Place** **Calvin College/Chimes**

*'I'm not going to be ashamed': Queer CSR employee quits to speak freely about split from Calvin*

Harm Venhuizen, Hadassa Ribeiro

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

*news / campus How a Chinese chip ban shut down a security camera at Yakeley Hall*

Drew Goretzka

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

*'I do not feel safe at my store': Stoddard Starbucks workers speak out about conditions*

Dan Netter

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

*Witnesses recount what happened at Pi Alpha Phi fraternity party where student died*

Ashley Zhou

**Division 3 - News Story**

29 Entries

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

*Afghan refugees arrive in Washtenaw County*

Elinor Epperson

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

*Diversity, Equity and Inclusion plan still in development*

Lexi Greenwood

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

*Putting the pieces together*

Lauren Werlinger

**Non-Front Page Design**

**Division 1 - Non-Front Page Design**

2 Entries

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

*Routine Run*

Lys Goldman

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

*Fell Short*

Sophie Grand

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

14 Entries

**First Place** **Hillsdale College/ The Collegian**

*March 31 Culture page*

Hannah Cote

**Second Place**

*April 7 Features page*

Tracy Wilson

**Third Place**

*Oct. 14 Culture page*

Hannah Cote

**Honorable Mention**

*Jan. 20 Culture page*

Hannah Cote

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

9 Entries

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

*The New Black Vanguard: Photography between Art and Fashion*

Keana Freeman

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

*The Dark Knight Returns ... Again*

Matt Karbownik

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

*Silver Bells event*

Julie Newell

**Honorable Mention** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Rising Star*

Matt Karbownik

**Online Newspaper**

**Open Class - Online Newspaper**

6 Entries

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

*The Michigan Daily*

The Michigan Daily Staff

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

*The Lookout online newspaper*

Julie Newell, Chloe Gregg, Jacob Zokvic, Arianne Olayinka, Zena

Farhan

**Third Place** **Schoolcraft College/ The Connection**

*Issue 2, Issue 3, Issue 6*

The Schoolcraft Connection Staff

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

*Online Newspaper*

Collegiate Staff

**Original Cartoon-Editorial or Entertainment**

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

16 Entries

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

*Editorial Cartoon*

Abby Haywood

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

*C.J. Cregg is not your friend, and neither is Psaki*

Madelyn VerVaecke

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

*Positive, Negative*

Jacob Zokvic

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

*Cartoon: Louie's triumphant return to the Lanthorn*

Xavier Golden

## **Sports News/Features**

### **Division 1 - Sports News/Features**

10 Entries

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

*24 hours with the Robert Anderson survivor protesters outside Schlissel's house*

Michigan Daily News Staff

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

*Record elk hunting applications fuel conservation efforts*

Nicholas Simon

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

*Female high school athletes less likely to be pulled from playing after concussions than males, study finds*

Elaine Mallon

**Honorable Mention**                    **Michigan State University/Capital News Service**

*Golf management jobs on upswing*

Jack Falinski

### **Division 2 - Sports News/Features**

27 Entries

**First Place**                                    **Albion College/ The Pleiad**

*Student Athletes Can Profit with NCAA Rule Change Regarding Name, Image and Likeness*

Kenna Childress

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

*Snow and flu and injuries, Oh my!: Michigan State battles its way through adversity against Penn State*

Sam Sklar

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

*Just keep swimming: How my 12 teammates and I coped with the termination of the MSU swim and dive program*

Audrey Richardson

**Honorable Mention**                                    **Olivet College/ The Echo**

*Upton Pool is Barely Used*

Sebastian O'Leary

### **Division 3 - Sports News/Features**

7 Entries

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

*Members of cross country champs share their memories*

Julie Newell

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

*Athletic Training is Concern for Some Athletes*

Lillian Grantham

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

*GRCC Announces New Softball Coach After Brian Skudre Resigns*

Kaia Zimmerman

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

*Hawks Men's Basketball Rebounds After Rough Start*

Zynab Al-Timimi