

Winner	Staffer	Newspaper	Name of Entry	Division	Class
1st Place	Staff	Daily Herald	The Daily Herald	combined	Best Design
2nd Place	Staff	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	combined	Best Design
3rd Place	Jack McCarthy	DuPage County Chronicle	DuPage County Chronicle Newspaper Design	combined	Best Design
1st Place	Larry Gavin	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Taking stock: How the pandemic has impacted student achievement at School District 65	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
2nd Place	Larry Gavin	Evanston Round Table NFP	COVID-19 updates as of April 14: seven-day average of new cases in Evanston jumps 78%	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
3rd Place	Larry Gavin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Analysis: Projections of student enrollment at District 65 leave much uncertainty	Non-Daily Division	Best Informational Graphic
1st Place	Tom Wessell	Journal & Topics Media Group	Des Plaines Journal	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
2nd Place	Bob Seidenberg	Evanston Round Table NFP	Kelley versus Kelly Interim City Manager flags council member's behavior after heated encounter	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
3rd Place	Nancy McLaughlin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Fall is skunk season: Coping with close encounters of the smelly kind	Non-Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
1st Place	Jim Baumann, Staff	Daily Herald	National Newspaper Week: The Stories That Stick With Us	Combined	Best Special Section
2nd Place	Lisa Miner, Staff	Daily Herald	2021 Theater Season Preview	Combined	Best Special Section
3rd Place	Amanda Hudson	Observer	Catholic Schools Week 2022	combined	Best Special Section
1st Place	Arne Lunde	Journal & Topics Media Group	'Live A Little Longer': The Postcard That Arrived After Traveling 76 Years	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
2nd Place	Nancy McLaughlin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Study abroad: As the world awakens, Evanston college students venture beyond bord	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Meg Evans	Evanston Round Table NFP	Neighborhood Menace or Natural Wonder? Coyote Debate Lives On	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	A podcast where Evanston conversations are the rule	Non-Daily Division	Best General Feature
1st Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	The legacy of Marshall Giles: Ebony Barbershop and iKandi Hair Studio	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
2nd Place	Neel Schaub	Evanston Round Table NFP	Curt's Cafe founder Susan Trieschmann prepares to depart	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
3rd Place	Sam Stroozas	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston resident Elizabeth Werrenrath reflects on her first 107 years	Non-Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
1st Place	Zareen Syed	Chicago Tribune	30 days to clarity	combined	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
2nd Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	How Evanston faith communities are embracing reparations	combined	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
3rd Place	Amanda Hudson	Observer	Go Fish! How Fish Became the Focus on Fridays	combined	BEST RELIGION STORY / OWEN PHELPS AWARD
1st Place	Madhu Krishnamurthy	Daily Herald	A Developing Destination	Combined	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY
2nd Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	Two years later, cannabis legalization in Illinois still faces growing pains	combined	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY
3rd Place	Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston businesses struggle to keep prices down as inflation soars	combined	BEST BUSINESS/FINANCIAL/CONSUMER STORY
1st Place	Katlyn Smith	Daily Herald	Miracle Baby	Combined	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY
2nd Place	Judy Chiss	Evanston Round Table NFP	Dawes School's fifth graders burn calories in computer science class	combined	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY
3rd Place	Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Ninth Ward Residents Battle Environmental Justice Issues	combined	BEST TECHNOLOGY/MEDICAL STORY
1st Place	Karie Angell Luc	Pioneer Press publications	'Let's grow the game' Olympian Jesse Compher's Silver Medal	combined	BEST SPORTS STORY
2nd Place	John Dietz	Daily Herald	He Can See Clearly Now	Combined	BEST SPORTS STORY
3rd Place	Dion Martorano	Journal & Topics Media Group	GBN Regional Leaves Coaches Disgruntled	combined	BEST SPORTS STORY
1st Place	Jean Cunningham	Evanston Round Table NFP	The Art of Making Art Column	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
2nd Place	Les Jacobson	Evanston Round Table NFP	Les Jacobson, Evanston Round Table Columnist	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Penny Wiegert	Observer	From the Editor	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Nancy E. Anderson	Evanston Round Table NFP	Nancy E. Anderson, Evanston Round Table Columnist	Non-Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
1st Place	Lisa Miner	Daily Herald	This is Why We Can't Have Nice Things	Combined	BEST EDITORIAL
2nd Place	Larry Gavin and Mary Gavin	Evanston Round Table NFP	One Year Later	combined	BEST EDITORIAL
3rd Place	Jim Baumann	Daily Herald	An Open Letter to Churchill Downs	Combined	BEST EDITORIAL
1st Place	Penny Wiegert	Observer	Bishop Malloy blesses the unclaimed cremains.	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
2nd Place	Rich Cahan	Evanston Round Table NFP	At This Time: Monday at 8:52 a.m. Roey, the missing labradoodle	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
3rd Place	Evan Girard	Evanston Round Table NFP	ETHS students hold walkout to dramatize climate demands	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st Place	Hedi Randhava	Evanston Round Table NFP	Daddy-Daughter Dance	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
2nd Place	Patrick Jasionowski	Journal & Topics Media Group	Santa Run	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
3rd Place	Rich Cahan	Evanston Round Table NFP	At this time: 5:09 p.m. Friday Snow Angels	Non-Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st Place	Dion Martorano	Journal & Topics Media Group	Maine South's Mike Sajnko	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
2nd Place	George Pfoertner	Evanston Round Table NFP	Wildkit Isaiah Moore (No. 12) goes up for a rebound March 2nd, 2022	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
3rd Place	Dion Martorano	Journal & Topics Media Group	Keeping His Cool	Non-Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st Place	Karie Angell Luc	Pioneer Press publications	Local holiday tradition 'nutcracker on ice' returns to Evanston	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
2nd Place	Hedi Randhava	Evanston Round Table NFP	ETHS Homecoming 2021: School spirit, unity and belonging	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
3rd Place	Rich Cahan	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston reparations begin: Random drawing selects 16 Black "ancestors" to receive \$25,000 grants	Non-Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
1st Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	ETHS students hold walkout to dramatize climate demands	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
2nd Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	YWCA Stand Against Racism returns with post-pandemic vigor	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
3rd Place	Elen Galland	Evanston Round Table NFP	A sinuous sculpture and kinetic metal "wall" enliven public park at Albion	Non-Daily Division	BEST VIDEO
1st Place	Staff	Daily Herald	Daily Herald Online	combined	BEST WEBSITE
2nd Place	Evanston Round Table Team	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston Round Table	combined	BEST WEBSITE
3rd Place	Staff	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	CCBJ Website	combined	BEST WEBSITE
1st Place	Katlyn Smith, Paul Valade, Staff	Daily Herald	My Neighbor's House is Gone! Tornado Strikes Naperville	combined	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Rick West	Daily Herald	All of a Sudden, Here Comes A Train	combined	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Penny Wiegert	Observer	Cemetery Provides Rest for 243 Unclaimed People	combined	BEST SPOT NEWS STORY
1st Place	Sam Stroozas	Evanston Round Table NFP	It was horrifying: Months later, no update on alleged druggings at two Northwestern fraternities	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Dave Thompson	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	Passion economy: We have found our niche	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	Haven student: "I just want to know when you think I'll feel safe again"	Non-Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
1st Place	Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Lead pipes (Three-part series)	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
2nd Place	Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Albany Care series (5 stories)	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
3rd Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston Reparations (thirteen stories)	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
3rd Place	Mary Gavin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Five-fifths TIF series (eight stories)	Non-Daily Division	BEST NEWS STORY SERIES
1st Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	Best Education Reporting by Duncan Agnew	combined	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
2nd Place	Katrina J. E. Milton, Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Sycamore teachers' union rallies for updated contract amid pandemic-era staffing struggles	Combined	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
3rd Place	Bessie Mbadugha	Evanston Round Table NFP	Best Education Reporting by Bessie Mbadugha	combined	BEST EDUCATION REPORTING
1st Place	Hedi Randhava, Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Police, postal authorities investigate forged court orders (two-part)	Non-Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
2nd Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	Haven Middle School series by Duncan Agnew	Non-Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
3rd Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	After lifeguards complained of abuse, Evanston official called it "doubtful" anyone would apologize	Non-Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
1st Place	Debbie-Marie Brown	Evanston Round Table NFP	Evanston Reparations coverage by Debbie-Marie Brown	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
2nd Place	Adina Keeling	Evanston Round Table NFP	Ninth Ward Residents Battle Environmental Justice Issues	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
3rd Place	Lynne Connor	Observer	Boylan Talk Connects Human Dignity and Racial Justice	Non-Daily Division	BEST COVERAGE OF SOCIAL ISSUES
1st Place	Jim Baumann	Daily Herald	Grammar Moses	Combined	BEST USE OF HUMOR
2nd Place	Tom Beck	Lake County Journal	Flu Shots	combined	BEST USE OF HUMOR
3rd Place	Tom Beck	Lake County Journal	Somebody Say "April Fool!"	combined	BEST USE OF HUMOR
1st Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	After lifeguards complained of abuse, Evanston official called it "doubtful" anyone would apologize	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
2nd Place	Suzanne Baker	Naperville Sun	Who owns Naperville's public art?	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
3rd Place	Bob Seidenberg	Evanston Round Table NFP	City brings in firm for first major upgrade to Americans with Disabilities standards since 2012	Non-Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
1st Place	Nancy McLaughlin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Frances Willard vs. Ida B. Wells: Searching for the truth	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
2nd Place	Bessie Mbadugha	Evanston Round Table, L.L.C.	Lincolnwood School '62 grads reunite to celebrate their teacher, Dr. John Hillebrand	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
3rd Place	Jennifer DeWitt	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	Von Maur: a family department store for the ages	Non-Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
1st Place	Jake Griffin, Marni Pyke	Daily Herald	Daily Herald COVID-19 Public Service Coverage	Combined	MOST IMPACTFUL COVERAGE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
2nd Place	Nancy McLaughlin	Evanston Round Table NFP	Lost your vaccine card? You're not alone.	Combined	MOST IMPACTFUL COVERAGE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
3rd Place	Duncan Agnew	Evanston Round Table NFP	Inside omicron's impact on Evanston health care workers: "you don't get a rest day"	Combined	MOST IMPACTFUL COVERAGE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC
1st Place	Staff	Daily Herald	The Daily Herald	Combined	GENERAL EXCELLENCE (FORMERLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS)
2nd Place	Staff	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	Quad Cities Regional Business Journal	Combined	GENERAL EXCELLENCE (FORMERLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS)
3rd Place	Staff	Journal & Topics Media Group	Des Plaines Journal	Combined	GENERAL EXCELLENCE (FORMERLY SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS)
1st Place	Sean Stangland	Daily Herald	Sean Stangland Headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
2nd Place	Rick Kirby	Daily Herald	Rick Kirby Headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
3rd Place	Kathleen Danes	Daily Herald	Kathleen Danes headlines	Daily Division	Best Headline Writing
1st Place	Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Four months after near-death COVID-19 battle, newlywed Carlie Hamburg returns home to Dixon	Daily Division	Best General Feature
2nd Place	Kevin Schmit	Daily Herald	Super Bowl Shuffle	Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Katlyn Smith	Daily Herald	Mr. Morton's Retirement Project	Daily Division	Best General Feature
3rd Place	Marni Pyke	Daily Herald	'Life Is Worth Fighting For'	Daily Division	Best General Feature
1st Place	Paul Eisenberg	Daily Southtown	Answering the call	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
2nd Place	Burt Constable	Daily Herald	'That's What Life is About, To Help Each Other'	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
3rd Place	Ted Slowik	Daily Southtown	Mother of 13 loved books, hats and families	Daily Division	Best Personality Profile
1st Place	Denise Crosby	Beacon News	Denise Crosby columns	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
2nd Place	Burt Constable	Daily Herald	Burt Constable's Suburban Stories	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Jim Slusher	Daily Herald	Jim Slusher's Letter To Readers	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
3rd Place	Paul Eisenberg	Daily Southtown	Landmarks columns by Paul Eisenberg	Daily Division	BEST COLUMNIST
1st Place	Mark Busch	Daily Chronicle	Bomb squad investigation	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
2nd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Fighting Warehouse Fire	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
2nd Place	Paul Valade	Daily Herald	Tornado Reaction	Daily Division	BEST SPOT NEWS PHOTO
1st Place	Mark Busch	Daily Chronicle	Dogsled	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
2nd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Hockey At Dusk	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
3rd Place	Karie Angell Luc	Lake County News Sun	Officials believe Gages Lake winter festival may return; 'We just want people to be active'	Daily Division	BEST FEATURE PHOTO
1st Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Hurdlers	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
2nd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Clearing The Bar	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
3rd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Proud Performance	Daily Division	BEST SPORTS PHOTO
1st Place	Karie Angell Luc	Daily Herald	Images: Libertyville, Vernon Hills and Grayslake Centra high school graduation ceremonies	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
2nd Place	John Starks	Daily Herald	Valentine's Day Gallery	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
3rd Place	Jeff Knox	Daily Herald	2021's Best Drone Pictures	Daily Division	BEST ONLINE PHOTO GALLERY
1st Place	Katie Finlon, Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Sycamore water: Illinois EPA 'closely tracking' lead levels in Sycamore drinking water	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
2nd Place	Jake Griffin	Daily Herald	Seeking Answers In The Ashes	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
3rd Place	Zareen Syed	Chicago Tribune	Hinsdale District 86 anti-racism consultant withdraws proposal	Daily Division	BEST IN-DEPTH NEWS STORY
1st Place	Katie Finlon, Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Sycamore water: Illinois EPA 'closely tracking' lead levels in Sycamore drinking water	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
2nd Place	Russell Lissau	Daily Herald	How Politicians Make Money On The Side	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
3rd Place	Christopher Placek	Daily Herald	A Retiring School Superintendent's Sweetheart Deal	Daily Division	BEST WATCHDOG REPORTING
1st Place	Katie Finlon, Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Sycamore water: Illinois EPA 'closely tracking' lead levels in Sycamore drinking water	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
2nd Place	Mike Nolan	Daily Southtown	Presta to quit	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
3rd Place	Katie Finlon, Kelsey Rettke	Daily Chronicle	Drama returns to DeKalb City Clerk's office	Daily Division	BEST GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC AFFAIRS REPORTING
1st Place	Paul Eisenberg	Daily Southtown	A letter from 1900 sheds light on Steger's origin story	Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
2nd Place	Paul Eisenberg	Daily Southtown	How a death at sea set a local village's legacy	Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE
3rd Place	Katrina J. E. Milton	Daily Chronicle	Historic clock rededicated in DeKalb for Veterans Day	Daily Division	BEST HISTORICAL FEATURE