

Medium	Category Name	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Credits	Comments	Judge
Television	Best Breaking News Story	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Jeff King, Ally Zirkle attacked on Iditarod trail	Jason Sear, John Thain, Shannon Kemp	Just a very touching story, told with a sensitive script and visuals. Great photographic technique and good shots of the action. I felt you could have covered more portions of your sound bites with B-roll, though, especially once you introduced the truck.	Matt Pearl
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	East 5th Truck into Building	Samantha Angaiak, Shawn Wilson	This story had no business being this good considering its still subject matter, but it was informative and well-told, with some strong visuals.	Matt Pearl
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Rockslide in the only tunnel home	Travis Khachatourian, Ben Gauthier		Matt Pearl
All Media	Best Graphic	First Place	Juneau Empire	A visual guide to (most of) the Alaska state budget	James Brooks	A fantastically creative way to illustrate a breakdown of a state's budget. Wish I had thought of it.	Mike Campbell
All Media	Best Graphic	Second Place	Juneau Empire	A visual guide to the money behind Tuesday's primary election	James Brooks	Great breakdown of money raised in campaigns. It is a great attempt to engage the readers on election day by adding to their experience of following the results.	Mike Campbell
All Media	Best Graphic	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	DATA VIZ: DoD Suicide Report	Sidney Sullivan	A very important issue in America to be taking a look into. This is a successful breakdown of the data that emphasizes the breadth of the issue and how it affects all branches of our military.	Mike Campbell
All Media	Best Illustration	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Just Don't Feed the Bears!	Kirsten Swann, Rejoy Armamento	Fantastic illustration, great humor and tremendous visual style. This piece has a very unique visual style, but why it stands out is the appreciation of the work and research that went into the creation of this project and it's ensuring its success.	Mike Campbell
All Media	Best Illustration	Second Place	Capital City Weekly	Welcome to the 'Indian School' Kenai Peninsula Borough Assembly Doubles Down on Religious Restrictions at Meetings	Melissa Griffiths	Such a hot and divisive topic. Love the humor in illustrating the drama of the issue.	Mike Campbell
All Media	Best Illustration	Third Place	Alaska Commons		Chuck Legge		Mike Campbell
Print-Large Print-Large Print-Large	Best Education Reporting Best Education Reporting Best Education Reporting	First Place Second Place Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News Ketchikan Daily News Ketchikan Daily News	Alaska has one of country's loosest home-schooling laws Fast Track group visits Neets Bay hatchery Fresh rides	Tegan Hanlon Megan Petersen Megan Petersen		Jason Patterson Jason Patterson Jason Patterson
Print-Small Print-Small	Best General News Reporting Best General News Reporting	First Place Second Place	Alaska Contractor Alaska Contractor	AGC member helps write library renovation story Alaska Basic Industries gets new storage dome Urban indoor farm to provide fresh produce to Anchorage consumers year-round	Jamie Rogers Rindi White	Nice writing.	Jason Patterson Jason Patterson
Print-Small	Best General News Reporting	Third Place	The Northern Light		Victoria Petersen		Jason Patterson
Print-Large	Best Series	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Mission to Chukotka	Kirsten Swann	This is an interesting and well written series. Fantastic.	Jason Patterson
Print-Small	Best Series	First Place	The Northern Light	The Red Zone Series Satanic Invocation Spotlights Kenai Peninsula's Struggle with First Amendment Rights	Staff	Very informative series on a topic your readers can use.	Jason Patterson
Print-Small	Best Series	Second Place	Alaska Commons		Craig Tuten		Jason Patterson
Television Television Television	Best General News Story Best General News Story Best General News Story	First Place Second Place Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage) KTVA TV (Anchorage) KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Russian Mission Plane Crash Renaegade Reindeer One Last Jump	Caslon Hatch, Dave Brooks Shannon Ballard, John Thain Shawn Wilson	Nice job letting it build up to the SOT revealing they collided mid-air. Great job documenting step by step! Great use of sound!	Brad Hicks Brad Hicks Brad Hicks
Television Television Television	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts Best Reporting on Crime or Courts Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	First Place Second Place Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage) KTVA TV (Anchorage) 360 North TV	At Goose Creek Prison, a Program for Second Chances Who was James Dale Ritchie? The Flying University	Eric Ruble, John Thain Liz Raines, John Thain Scott Burton, David Purdy	Nice production and story-telling.	Brad Hicks Brad Hicks Brad Hicks
All Media All Media All Media	Best Media Website Best Media Website Best Media Website	First Place Second Place Third Place	Frontier Scientists Alaska Dispatch News KTOO Public Media	frontierscientists.com adn.com / Alaska Dispatch News ktoo.org	Liz O'Connell, Laura Nielsen, Noella Boudart David Hulen, ADN Staff David Purdy, KTOO Staff		Anne Marie Kerwin Anne Marie Kerwin Anne Marie Kerwin
Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers: Life without Ice	Gina Romero, Rhonda McBride, John Thain	Beautifully shot and written. Great commitment to telling the story of climate change in one small village. Crisp writing with clever, yet tasteful, turns of phrase. Perfectly paced edit.	Boyd Huppert
Television Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science Best Reporting on Health or Science	Second Place Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage) KTVA TV (Anchorage)	In Focus Predicting the Next Big Quake	Bonney Bowman, John Thain Emily Carlson, Carolyn Hall	Interesting subject matter. Well done! Excellent writing, photography and editing.	Boyd Huppert Boyd Huppert
Television	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	State lawmakers call primary election illegal Widow of slain trooper calls on legislators to help grieving families receive healthcare benefits	Liz Raines, Rik Pruett Liz Raines, Brian Hild	Excellent work holding a public official accountable. If the election official in your story didn't face disciplinary action for her snarky response to your questions, she should have. Well told quick-turn story of pending legislation. Everything a good deadline capitol story should be. Excellent digging and sourcing. This story would have finished higher, but for some omissions in the storytelling. As a viewer I wanted to know the specifics of the law change being pushed by the subject of the story. It was a key piece of information, but never clearly explained.	Boyd Huppert Boyd Huppert
Television	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)				Boyd Huppert
Television	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	How a political insider worked to change sex crime laws for his son	Kyle Hopkins, Scotty Smith, Austin Baird		Boyd Huppert
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	What a steal!	Kyle Hopkins, Scotty Smith	Great job shining light on a shady business practice. Good luck with that ferret breeding business.	Boyd Huppert
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Warm weather tricks the trees	Shannon Ballard, John Thain	This story was exceptionally well shot. Could have been a snoozer, but reporter and photographer worked together seamlessly	Boyd Huppert
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Meeting Demand for Yak	Heather Hintze	Went the extra step to tell a complete story, talking not only to Yak farmers, but to the end users.	Boyd Huppert
Television	Best Newscast	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	6 p.m. Newshour	Kate Winkle, Carly Schreck, Kyle Burke, Samantha Angaiak, Kyle Hopkins, Mallory Peebles	Nice showcasing throughout the newscast. I appreciated the perspective on the issues. I enjoyed all the in depth elements and attention to detail. Every moment of the homicide coverage felt important and informative. I also enjoyed the anticipation and build up leading into the packages.	Aaron Greene
Television	Best Newscast	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Late Edition (7/4/2016)	Caslon Hatch, Doug McManis, Holly Pflum, Dan Carpenter, Tracy Sinclair, Nikki Carvajal, Dave Brooks, Kevin Wells	There were many great moments in this newscast. The headlines were fast paced. I enjoyed the nats of the bagpipes. The reporting was solid and concise. Beautiful piece wrapping up the July 4th celebrations. I also liked the moment the team had after the kicker.	Aaron Greene
Television	Best Newscast	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Channel 2 News 5:00 Report 9/20/16	Kortnie Horazdovsky, Kyle Burke, Rebecca Palsha	As a producer, I know how difficult it can be to do big weather coverage on the wind. It can be tricky since you may not know what visuals you'll have to work with. I enjoyed this newscast very much. I felt like every story was carefully thought out. I will always remember Tracy's tip about glow sticks.	Aaron Greene
All Media- Small All Media- Small	Best Portrait (Small) Best Portrait (Small)	First Place Second Place	The Delta Discovery Daily Sitka Sentinel	Extreme Biking Micah Miller	Greg Lincoln James Poulson	Beautiful light! Nice illustration for a very timely topic.	Stephanie Mullen Stephanie Mullen

All Media- Small	Best Portrait (Small)	Third Place	The Northern Light	Mikey Huff: The Mercantile	Young Kim		Stephanie Mullen
All Media- Large	Best Portrait Large	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Rita votes	Loren Holmes	Beautiful. I want to know more about her story!	Stephanie Mullen
All Media- Large	Best Portrait Large	Second Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Park ranger concludes career	Taylor Balkom	Nice balanced portrait.	Stephanie Mullen
All Media- Large	Best Portrait Large	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Senior Singalong	Michael Penn		Stephanie Mullen
All Media	Best Picture Story	First Place	First Alaskans Magazine	I Am Inuit	Brian Adams	Love the series of portraits!	Stephanie Mullen
All Media	Best Picture Story	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Alaska's first wild wood bison	Loren Holmes		Stephanie Mullen
All Media	Best Picture Story	Third Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Trusty Tusty	Taylor Balkom		Stephanie Mullen
All Media	Best Humor	First Place	Cordova Times	Cordova Chronicles: Why do salmon jump?	Dick Shellhorn	This was funny, chatty, and most informative, especially for a column. Well deserving of first place.	Linda Levin
All Media	Best Humor	Second Place	Juneau Empire	"Off the Beaten Path: Dear National Geographic, please produce my reality TV show, 'Toughest Alaskan'"	Bjorn Dihle	A good read. Humorous and gives the reader a sense of Alaska and its citizens. Most enjoyable.	Linda Levin
All Media	Best Humor	Third Place	Alaska Robotics News	Alaska Robotics News - State of the State 2016	Patrick Race	These three guys set out to make the Alaska governor's State of the State address interesting. They more than succeeded. A good laugh.	Linda Levin
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Utqiaġvik? Barrow? Name change brings tension, division	Lisa Demer	Interesting exploration of how a local election issue impacts culture, identity, history and the generations in a small Alaska community.	Betsy Russell
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Second Place	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Anchorage Assembly member, Valley talk show host embroiled in Facebook controversy	Mary Lockman	A well-balanced report debunking a local politician's incendiary and false claims. Interesting and well-written report on a controversial attempt to address a difficult local problem.	Betsy Russell
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Mayor plans to boot homeless	Sam DeGrave		Betsy Russell
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	First Place	Alaska Commons	What We Can Control: Community-Led Solutions to Anchorage Youth Violence	Kokayi Nosakhare	Comprehensive report with a strong sense of the community's deep concern. The reporter has put together a thorough explanation of this situation and why and how it has occurred.	Betsy Russell
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Second Place	Chilkat Valley News	Swollen list of voters adds context to turnout	Tom Morphet	A nicely written report on how a government grant will finally improve a long-ragging community problem.	Betsy Russell
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Third Place	Homer News	Fishing hole will get shelter from gulls	Michael Armstrong		Betsy Russell
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Weekly Newspaper	First Place	Homer News	Homer News	Lori Evans, Michael Armstrong, Anna Frost, Aaron Carpenter	Newsy, scrappy. Terrific photos...I love everything about it.	Cheryl Thompson
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Weekly Newspaper	Second Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Wrangell Sentinel	Ron Loesch, Anne Loesch, Dan Rudy, Jess Field, Rachel Coblenz, Ola Richards	Crisp, clean writing; wonderful photos that tell stories all by themselves. Good job.	Cheryl Thompson
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Weekly Newspaper	Third Place	Petersburg Pilot	Petersburg Pilot	Jess Field, Orin Pierson, Ola Richards, Caitlin LeDuc, Anne Loesch, Dan Rudy, Kyle Clayton, Karrie Bell, Ron Loesch	What I love about this paper is that a handful of reporters crank out stories--lots of them--that people in the community care about. That's what a good weekly should do.	Cheryl Thompson
All Media	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Why can't the media portray the rural Alaska I know?	Laureli Ivanoff	Love the writing - short declarative sentences, attention to detail, well-paced - which sells the argument.	Tom Condon
All Media	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Second Place	First Alaskans Magazine	Face Value	David Clark	A tough piece for a college student to write, but Clark reaches down and tells his compelling story.	Tom Condon
All Media	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Third Place	Petersburg Pilot	Editorial: Protect industrial zoning	Ron Loesch	Good, specific, well-argued local editorial, just what local edit pages are supposed to do. No question where the page stands.	Tom Condon
All Media	Public Service Award	First Place	Alaska Public Media	Fostering Our Future	Anne Hillman	Marvelous series; looks at a growing and complex social problem from all sides, makes it point well and shows a path to solutions. Great work.	Tom Condon
All Media	Public Service Award	Second Place	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers: The Lullaby Project	Gina Romero, Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	A very good, very moving piece about a music program helping incarcerated women. Artfully done, also a fine piece of reporting.	Tom Condon
All Media	Best Headline Writing	First Place	Kodiak Daily Mirror	Headlines from KDM	Drew Herman	These headlines were well-crafted word-smithing at its best. They were witty but also informative. Kudos to the writer for being creative while still clearly conveying the point of an article. I'd love to have you on my own staff.	Heather Henline
All Media	Best Headline Writing	Second Place	The Northern Light	Make Alaska snow again	Brenda Craig	I loved the election headline. Great job.	Heather Henline
All Media	Best Headline Writing	Third Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	"Olfactory" smells like victory at Blatchley Bee	Robert Woolsey		Heather Henline
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Page Layout & Design	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	61 North Magazine: The Food Issue (NOV 2016)	Herbert Eddington, Joshua Genuino	The effective use of white space is brilliant, as is the overall layout. The designer had a very clear vision, which was executed extremely well. I find the design very refreshing, uncluttered and award-winning!	Heather Henline
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Page Layout & Design	Second Place	Cordova Times	Holiday Gift Guide Cover	Annette Potter	The layout is clean and neat. The use of the main headline and package art are effective, and there are good color choices on the page. This is an overall strong design.	Heather Henline
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Page Layout & Design	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Play with Your Food!	Nina Wladkowski, Rejoy Aramento	This layout is creative and catches a reader's eye. The cutline placement interrupted the design flow by obscuring too much of the images underneath. Smaller cutlines could have elevated this to a first-place win.	Heather Henline
Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Identity matters: Will Alaska's cannabis entrepreneurs sell 'marijuana,' 'ganja' or 'pot'?	Annie Zak	Many entries dealt with Alaska's "budding" marijuana industry, but this story came with a surprising angle that, without ever explicitly saying so, illustrates the ways that marijuana is becoming an industry like any other.	Justin Hinkley
Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Anchorage's disappearing mom-and-pop pawnshops	Jeannette Lee Falsey	A business story that doesn't read like a business story. A story chock-full of hard-hitting information. A well-written narrative that puts people at the forefront.	Justin Hinkley
Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	When residents of an Alaska fishing village can't fish, normal life comes to an end	Lisa Demer	A great read about the human consequences of business decisions.	Justin Hinkley
Television	Best Education Reporting	First Place	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers: Schools on the Edge	Gina Romero, Rhonda McBride, Daniella Rivera, Andy Nitchman		Devon Sayers
Television	Best Education Reporting	Second Place	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Sobering truth about drunk driving	Shannon Ballard, Emily Landeen		Devon Sayers
Television	Best Education Reporting	Third Place	KUUU TV (Anchorage)	Two lima flag	Rebecca Palsha, Shawn Wilson		Devon Sayers
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Arts Criticism	First Place	Capital City Weekly	When equality loses its self-evidence	Geoff Kirsch	This is a very well-written review that concisely homes in on how politically relevant this World War II-themed play is in America today, post-election. The review eerily captures both this scar on American history while at the same time linking the play's content to the equally real dangers of xenophobia in Trump's America today.	Kerry Clawson
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Arts Criticism	Second Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Theater review: 'Lizzie, The Musical' is a bloody good 40 whacks of fun	Gary Black	This sentence is a such a colorful description of this musical's cool quotient: "Each actor is a force, bringing their respective characters to vivid life and transitioning them from performers on stage to all-out storytellers subjecting you to their fist-pumping, rock opera wail." The reviewer writes with an edge that draws you into the in-your-face content of a rock musical about a would-be murderer. The writer also possesses a fun sense of humor, enabling us to envision "pearl clutching of the highest order" in a musical and a review that both accentuate wild juxtapositions. Well done.	Kerry Clawson
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Arts Criticism	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Pulse Dance Company presents a dynamic, fiercely feminine season finale	Hope Miller	This review does a thorough job of capturing the varied tones, themes and styles of a dance concert with multiple dance works. I love this line capturing the wistfulness of "REM": "Lullaby-like music faded in as the dancers dreamily glided and twirled across the stage before sleepily setting themselves down on the ground." Also, the description of the hip padding on the skirts of the dancers in "Femme" makes me want to see this dance that explores the mysteries and expectations of womanhood.	Kerry Clawson
Radio	Best Profile	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Are you ready to Rock? 'Dark Horse' caucuses in Sitka	Emily Kwong	Heard a new perspective about the presidential election. Nice story telling, nice facts. Journalism well done.	Cara Hetland

Radio	Best Profile	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	49 Voices: Santa Claus	Wesley Early, Dave Waldron	Love the music, Santa did not sound like his image and it was a fun profile. Lovely storytelling about an important struggle. This paints an important picture of the issue and is done well.	Cara Hetland
Radio	Best Profile	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Healing on hold: Waiting for subsidized housing in Juneau	Elizabeth Jenkins		Cara Hetland
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	First Place	KTOO Public Media	UAS Scientists ask: Where does the soot come from that peppers Juneau Icefield?	Matt Miller	This was a well told fascinating story. This judge does not like bats, I prefer to pretend they don't exist. This story was well told, made me care, and the sounds made me admit bats do exist even though I prefer to not admit that in public.	Cara Hetland
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	Second Place	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Deadly bat disease spreading, residents asked to help survey the flying mammals	Angela Denning		Cara Hetland
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	Third Place	KBBI Radio, Homer	Marine mammal camp nurtures budding scientists	Shahla Farzan	Lovely story bringing me right along to the camp. Nicely done.	Cara Hetland
All Media	Best Video Journalism	First Place	KTYA TV (Anchorage)	John Thain Best Video Journalism 2016	John Thain		Devon Sayers
All Media	Best Video Journalism	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	David Brooks video journalism composite	David Brooks	A very fine piece with colorful writing and a great audio mix. Your narration of the fire when it happened, coupled with other witnesses (I assume that's who they were) was very energetic and kept the piece moving.	Devon Sayers
						Watching a piece of Bethel disappear was a wonderful and succinct way to lead into the audio of the people who described- one tearfully- the meaning of the school. You make it sound like the horrible thing that it obviously was.	
						It was at this point that I expected you to pivot to how on earth the community could educate its children with such a big loss. How would teachers teach when they lost everything? And you did.	
						Again, your writing was wonderful here where you ask how a space intended for produce in a grocery store could be used for a classroom. (Btw, I wouldn't have minded a quick cut here of teacher answering that question)	
						And, really, that's what put this piece over the top against the second-place finisher in this category: your writing. The audio was terrific too, but at the heart of the piece is some very tasty prose. The reason I loved this so much is it would have been easy to focus only on the cool things the students were making and leave it at that. But you connected the task with the IMPORTANCE of the task.	
Radio	Best Education Reporting	First Place	KYUK	Ayaprun Eitnaurvik One Year After The Kilbuck Fire	Anna Rose MacArthur	As I waited for you to do that, I was prepared to hear that it gives students hands on skills, or skills of the usual variety that can be used in an increasingly technology-based world, yada yada.	Bob Collins
						But then you surprised me with the "oh, duh" moment when the teacher noted that it teaches people from different places to work together, and solidified that point with the list of different school locations that were able to contribute to a single project, thus making it a metaphor for the larger societal problem from here to Washington. Well done.	
						One tip: If you use a cut that ends with "you see where I'm going with this," you pretty much have to come back with a sentence that says where he's going with this.	Bob Collins
Radio	Best Education Reporting	Second Place	KNOM	Unalakleet Fab Lab	Davis Hovey		Bob Collins
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	First Place	Petersburg Pilot	Landlines and phonebooks	Jess Field	A well-sourced story giving readers a head's up on a coming trend that will affect their daily lives.	Justin Hinkley
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Commons	Making the Case for Anchorage's Immigrant Population	Craig Tuten	Thoroughly informative and timely, this piece explains a complex issue in an easy-to-read way.	Justin Hinkley
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Third Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Businesses doing well	Dan Rudy	Deep reporting that puts numbers into a context readers care about.	Justin Hinkley
Television	Best Sports Reporting	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Winter Rules Apply	Blake Essig	Fun story. Excellent pacing, use of sound and great shooting. Engaging piece all around.	Joan Cartan-Hansen
Television	Best Sports Reporting	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Trail breakers	Dave Goldman, John Thain	Nice behind-the-scenes piece with great photography. Well written.	Joan Cartan-Hansen
Television	Best Sports Reporting	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A Fishing Report of Olympic Proportions	Kari Bustamante, Patrick Enslow	What fun. Good skills. You put the viewer right in the boat with you.	Joan Cartan-Hansen
Print-Small	Best Profile	First Place	Chilkat Valley News	Public works chief Borders retires	Eileen McIver	It's always nice to write about an old curmudgeon. The stories just seem to write themselves.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Profile	Second Place	Arctic Sounder	Nageak remembers his son as a hunter, veteran	Shady Grove Oliver	Nicely done.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Profile	Third Place	Chilkat Valley News	Magistrate retiring after 13 years lauded for work ethic	Karen Garcia	A good story about an interesting man and his varied life.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Education Reporting	First Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sitkan Sees Second Grade from Both Sides	Brielle Schaeffer	Very nicely done education feature that tells the story from both angles- teacher and student.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Education Reporting	Second Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	METS Plan Catches Officials by Surprise	Tom Hesse, Shannon Haugland	Nice job of getting all points of view and bringing out the shock and surprise this move must have been.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Education Reporting	Third Place	Alaska Commons	Educators Unite in Opposition to Proposals Shifting Costs Away from State	Craig Tuten	Always tough to crunch the numbers when it comes to education funding because of the different funds and revenue streams. Nicely done.	Paul Keane
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Health	First Place	Alaska Commons	The Poppy's Strange Fruit: Confronting the Opioid Crisis in Alaska	Ivan Hodes	The piece provided useful context to help readers understand the root causes of and current efforts to address one of the most pressing health issues of our time: the opioid crisis. Ivan Hodes employs a distinctive voice effectively.	Bob Ortega
All Media	Best Alaska Outdoors Story	First Place	Juneau Empire	There's No Fighting Back	Paula Ann Solls		Christina Myer
All Media	Best Alaska Outdoors Story	Second Place	Peninsula Clarion	'Life more worth living': Seward man recovers after bear mauling	Megan Pacer		Christina Myer
All Media	Best Alaska Outdoors Story	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Why wolverines might be the next big thing in Alaska	Laurel Andrews		Christina Myer
						From the opening shot to the closing comments and natural sound, this is a piece that provides the audience with compelling video, sound, and story-telling. Terrific television is made when there is solid collaboration between a great photographer and a talented reporter.	
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Eskimo Ninja Warrior	Blake Essig	Teamwork between these two photographers paid off tremendously with a natural sound piece that captures the spirit of this American holiday. Great shots, great pacing, great nats.	Karen Larsen
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Thrilled by the sight of it	David Brooks, Shawn Wilson	There is a great challenge in making something special out of a single location and single interview source. Top notch photography combined with creative writing and good pacing make "The Cat Man Visits" a truly special story.	Karen Larsen
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Third Place	KTYA TV (Anchorage)	The Cat Man Visits	Lauren Maxwell, Emily Landeen		Karen Larsen
All Media	Best Investigative Reporting	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	J1 workers in Alaska: Cultural exchange of just cheap labor?	Michelle Theriault Boots, Marc Lester	Far and away this was the best investigative work of the year. Wonderfully revealing examination of a federal program that allows businesses to exploit foreign students. This was also the best written entry.	Lois Nordor
All Media	Best Investigative Reporting	Second Place	KYUK	Documents Reveal AVCP Misappropriated Grant Funds for Years	Lakeidra Chavis	This is the very definition of investigative reporting: bringing to light important information that others want to conceal. Well done.	Lois Nordor

All Media	Best Investigative Reporting	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	2 INVESTIGATES: How a political insider worked to change sex-crime laws for his son	Kyle Hopkins, Scotty Smith, Austin Baird	Rather than be deterred by sources' refusal to speak, the reporters doggedly pursued this story and revealed how powerful individuals can pull strings for their personal interests.	Lois Norder
Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	In a month of pride, life after Orlando	Emily Kwong		Bob Collins
Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	At the mouth of the Kuskokwim, a pioneering wind system	Rachel Waldholz		Bob Collins
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Don Young visit sparks protests	Emily Kwong	The reporter uses a visit from Congressman Don Young to explore conflicting political trends in the community. Excellent use of sound and voices throughout the piece.	Corey Flintoff
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	Military's S4B moving program keeps climbing and no one knows why	Zachariah Hughes	This piece uses one family's story to illuminate a nationwide issue—the cost of moving military families. Interesting and even surprising reporting, clear writing.	Corey Flintoff
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Third Place	KBBI Radio, Homer	Assembly Considers Moment of Silence After Satanic Prayer, Protest, Counterprotest	Daysha Eaton	This piece uses two protests to illustrate the controversy over prayer before assembly meetings. The reporter does a superb job of conveying the emotion on both sides.	Corey Flintoff
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Feature	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	A football culture is growing in a traditional Russian village	Marc Lester	Excellent piece, it hit all of the right notes and made me feel what the players were feeling. Rich with detail, truthful without pitying. It illustrated football is about more than winning.	Jim Kleinpeter
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Feature	Second Place	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Renee's Last Run	Caitlin Skvorc	I thought this one would be the winner when I read it. A touching story, well-written and well-paced. I liked that it focused not so much on the dead women as on the girls running and what they felt. Yes, I teared up several times.	Jim Kleinpeter
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Feature	Third Place	MTViewPost.com	Family on the field: Mountain Views rugby sisterhood	Kirsten Swann	Very well-done, enjoyable story about an off-beat sport, how a team is pulled together from many places and able to unify. Very solid and a cut above the others.	Jim Kleinpeter
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	"Something made him deep down flip": An Alaska family struggles as a son is accused of killing his mother	Lisa Demer	Engrossing, heartbreaking story. Superbly reported.	Layne Bruce
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	Second Place	Juneau Empire	"We're Sinking": Juneau Family's Fast Actions Save Lives at Sea	Paula Ann Solis	Wonderful story. Great structure and use of quotes.	Layne Bruce
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Alaska's top anti-rape leader forced out	Lisa Phu	Great job with sources and information.	Layne Bruce
All Media	Best News Photo	First Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Paper Toss	Taylor Balkom	Best moment of the bunch!	Barrett Stinson
All Media	Best News Photo	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Aurora Harbor boat fire	Michael Penn	Liked the scene setting look and the man watching from close by on one hand, and felt that a closer perspective (if possible) would have conveyed more drama.	Barrett Stinson
All Media	Best News Photo	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Apartment fire aftermath	Michael Penn	Way to look at the scene around a fire instead of just the fire itself. I liked that the photographer got in close and the composition with the other residents in the background	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Large	Best Sports Photo (Large)	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	State Champions	Bob Hallinen	Nice moment of victory with a clean composition and crop. Very nice!	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Large	Best Sports Photo (Large)	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Father and Son State Wrestling Champion	Bob Hallinen	Nice photo with father and son in a winning moment.	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Small	Best Sports Photo (Small)	First Place	The Delta Discovery	All Stars lead UKSD to second at NYO state meet	Greg Lincoln	Stood out from the beginning as the best photo in the category. Great moment!	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Small	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Second Place	Skagway News	Paddle Drafting on Lake Laberge	Elise Giordano		Barrett Stinson
All Media-Small	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Third Place	The Delta Discovery	Slamstastic!	Greg Lincoln		Barrett Stinson
All Media-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	First Place	Juneau Empire	Harbor Sunrise	Michael Penn	Just a very well done image that creates a definitive mood of calm warmth that someone unfamiliar with Alaska might not guess was taken in Alaska.	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Back Country Skiers	Bob Hallinen	This photo really conveys the term "big country." Great light combined with the scale of the two skiers is very cool to see. I wondered where the photographer had to be to see this photo.	Barrett Stinson
All Media-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Night climbing	Loren Holmes	Probably the most technically breathtaking photo of the three winners, while being beautiful in its own right. With the sun going down behind the clouds, the stars in the twilight sky, and the lights from the climbers helmets all balanced to seeming perfection, this is a well-done photo.	Barrett Stinson
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Long Feature	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	The Alaska child care market is broken, for parents and caregivers alike. Here's why	Jeannette Lee Falsey	The reporter covers a seemingly simple question - why does day care cost so much - with the thoroughness it reveals itself to deserve. A comprehensive yet readable approach to a topic that touches many.	Michael Roehрман
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Long Feature	Second Place	Anchorage Press	Come play with us	Mary Lochner	A wonderfully written first-person narrative that takes to readers to a place most haven't been. The story performs an artful balancing act, keeping things light while not being derisive toward the subject. An excellent story.	Michael Roehрман
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Long Feature	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Life after the crash	Tegan Hanlon	I think most people believe they would be able to take care of a loved one if that person suffered a life-changing injury. This story shows what it's really like (and had one of the best summary headlines I've seen in a while).	Michael Roehрман
Print-Large	Best Profile	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Fishy Business	Steve Quinn	Livey, action-filled portrait of an ichthyological artist and fossil freak.	Paula Span
Print-Large	Best Profile	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	The run of a lifetime	Marc Lester	Sensitive, informative depiction of an athlete working to outrun cystic fibrosis.	Paula Span
Print-Large	Best Profile	Third Place	Juneau Empire	After rebuilding his life, an ex-con tries to rebuild the Bergmann Hotel	Sam DeGrave	A recovering addict with a prison record gets hired to turn around a derelict hotel.	Paula Span
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	First Place	KYUK	Cross Country Girls And Boys Head To State Finals	Airm Carl, Celina Anagali, Jackie Williams ,Adrian Wagner	This to me had everything you want in a great story. Great sound. Great descriptive and simple writing. As a listener, I didn't get lost in clauses. I loved the read too - it sounded authentic. A story told by someone local. Great stories within the bigger story. I smiled throughout - the runner who finished last - his tape was great. And the last line about the rain? Drop the mic! All in all a wonderful slice of Alaskan village life.	Tom Goldman
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	"Climate, costs, convenience drive mushing onto the road"	Zachariah Hughes	This was a really interesting story about the sport linked most closely to Alaska. I learned a lot - about the sport, about the state. Really good sound, scenes (I liked the cell phone moment) and writing. Excellent piece.	Tom Goldman
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Gold Medal has urban origins, village tradition	Elizabeth Jenkins	For me this was all about the history. Generally not great to have that much phone tape in a feature piece, but what the person was saying on the phone was quite interesting. Vivid description of the voyage to the Gold Medal tournament. The people at the tournament were engaging. Nice production and voicing. A nice slice of Alaskan sports history. Well done.	Tom Goldman
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Designers on cutting edge of fashion	Emily Kwong	Outstanding work! Writing in and out of sound was seamless. Great story-telling! I found myself referencing back to the web pictures to see the people and clothing the reporter described so well.	Amy Robinson
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Second Place	KTOO Public Media	The meaning of names	Jennifer Canfield	Fascinating series on a personal and meaningful issue. Well crafted in letting the interviewees simply tell their stories.	Amy Robinson
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Third Place	KYUK	The Doll Maker: Ursula Paniyak Passes Away	Adrian Wagner	Nice story about a unique part of indigenous culture.	Amy Robinson
Radio	Best Long Form Story or Podcast	First Place	Hello Alaska!	The Electoral College	Patrick Race, Matt Buxton	"Electoral College" was a compelling podcast. I learned a lot and there were strong questions and careful listening on the part of the interviewer. The post-interview discussion was also thoughtful. Finally, I felt like I really got to know the interviewee. She had an interesting perspective and backstory and the interviewer gave her plenty of space to be herself.	Erin Hennessey
All Media	Best Social Media Package	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Kyle Hopkins Social Media	Kyle Hopkins	Kyle Hopkins obviously is embracing social media tools as a way of story-telling or at least connecting with people. I love the experimentation in this entry. Keep going for it!	Jack Lail

All Media	Best Social Media Package	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	KTUU SOCIAL MEDIA	KTUU Staff	KTUU is reaching its audiences through multi platforms as way of serving its audience. It would have been nice to have a little more background on the station's social media strategies.	Jack Lail
All Media	Best Blog	First Place	KNOM	KNOM Volunteers' Audio Blog	Davis Hovey, Karen Trop, Lauren Frost, Tyler Stup, Mitch Borden, Emily Russell, Madison Winchester, Laura Kraegel	An audio blog that goes behind the scenes with the station's volunteers. It has multiple voices (sometimes in the same post). The concept allows the station's listeners to better connect with the youthful on-air voices as people. Keep it up! Excellent food/lifestyle blog. More than just a foodie blog, more like recipes for life (with cooking). Send leftovers!	Jack Lail
All Media	Best Blog	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Alaska from Scratch	Maya Wilson	Community news blog. This entry is a bit different from the other entries in that there is no personal element to it. It is, however, a clean, efficient way to find out what is going on.	Jack Lail
All Media	Best Blog	Third Place	MTViewPost.com	Mountain View Post	Kirsten Swann		Jack Lail
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	First Place	KTOO Public Media	High mercury concentration found in seal harvested near Greens Creek Mine	Elizabeth Jenkins	Beautiful example of the difference on-scene reporting makes.	Tom Banse
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Second Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Some must leave home to get help Outside Health Experts Stress Low Infection Risk From YKHC Dental Instruments	Brielle Schaeffer	Compelling voices of recovering addicts lift this story above others that addressed the same topic area.	Tom Banse
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Third Place	KYUK		Anna Rose MacArthur	Thorough and clear explanatory reporting of a potentially frightening topic.	Tom Banse
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	First Place	Alaska Public Media	Leveraging your leopard: the biz behind Alaskas only zoo	Zachariah Hughes	Delightful story. Loved the writing ("opposing sides of the food chain") and fantastic sound (awesome leopard growl). Excellent delivery. Fresh business angle about the zoo - should pitch to Marketplace!	Ashley Gross
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Second Place	KYUK	AC Quickstop Opens First Liquor Store in Bethel Since 1970s	Anna Rose MacArthur	Wonderful story - loved all the voices and the nuanced views people had about opening a liquor store in Bethel. Nicely mixed and great delivery. Interesting detail about the extra staffing the store put in place for opening day. The story did leave me wanting a bit more... (Curious how much bootlegged liquor cost and wanted to know a bit more about why the town passed prohibition in the first place).	Ashley Gross
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Third Place	Alaska Public Media	From the oil patch to oil & vinegar: Facing the first real recession in decades, Alaskans adapt	Rachel Waldholz, Eric Keto	Great lead character - the botanist turned sandwich shop manager, nice way to tell what could otherwise be a dry story about labor market statistics. Important piece that showed enterprise.	Ashley Gross
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Breaking News Story	First Place	Peninsula Clarion	Shaken awake: Peninsula feels largest recorded quake in Lower Cook Inlet	Megan Pacer, Kelly Sullivan, Michael Armstrong, Anna Frost	Great teamwork shows in this solidly reported story on the 7.1 quake. Nice job covering the widespread impacts of the earthquake - from personal experiences, business losses, transportation issues and of course the totaled homes. Team reporting can be difficult, but the effort clearly paid off. Kudos to the editors and staffers who pulled it all together back at the newsroom, also.	Rebecca Boone
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Breaking News Story	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Magnitude-7.1 quake rocks Alaska, damaging roads and displacing residents	Annie Zak, Chris Klint, Ben Anderson, Scott Jensen	Wow, loved the detail from the family whose house exploded. Nice work getting those quotes and others. A compelling story.	Rebecca Boone
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Breaking News Story	Third Place	Alaska Public Media & KNOM	Sled dog dead after snowmachiner attacks Iditarod teams	Emily Schwing, Zachariah Hughes, Ben Matheson, Josh Edge	Crazy incident! I appreciated the clear writing and carefully selected details, and I was impressed that you were able to get comment from both of the mushers affected - even though one was clearly reticent. Nice work. I do wish there had been a bit more context for people not from the region - I wondered, for instance, how many dogs are usually needed for a sled team.	Rebecca Boone
Television Television Television	Best Culture Reporting Best Culture Reporting Best Culture Reporting	First Place Second Place Third Place	Alaska Public Media KTUU TV (Anchorage) KTVU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska Portraits by Clark James Mishler The Return to Tikigaa Cordova Couple Starts Fishing Revolution	Liz O'Connell Dan Carpenter Emily Carlson, Carolyn Hall	You really get to know the subject. The portraits speak for themselves. The simple interview and watching his process really works. The photography was well done. Interesting take on a yearly turn story.	David Thompson David Thompson David Thompson
Print-Large	Best Short Feature	First Place	Juneau Empire	For Juneau babies, safe sleep comes in a box Anchorage soup kitchen starts bakery project for homeless women	Clara Miller Hope Miller	Strong writing, and you did a good job of incorporating in the broader facts without losing the tone of the overall feature. Nice work.	Rebecca Boone
Print-Large	Best Short Feature	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Petroleum Club does some soul-searching as membership falls off	Jeannette Lee Falsay	Your writing really sparkled! Enjoyed this story very much.	Rebecca Boone
Print-Large	Best Short Feature	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News			A clever look at a quirky club. Well done.	Rebecca Boone
Print-Small	Best Arts Reporting	First Place	Skagway News	ENDANGERED ARTS: The Future of Fossilized Mammoth Ivory	Julianne Stanford	This beautifully written article brings to life the reverence and honor that the artist brings to the mammoth as he works to create from its preserved ivory. The story is both enlightening and gracefully written. Kudos!	Kerry Clawson
Print-Small	Best Arts Reporting	Second Place	Capital City Weekly	Breathing life into a new beginning	Mary Catharine Martin	This story captures the joy and celebration of the Huna tribe returning to its ancestral homeland through vivid description of the carved dugout canoes they came in on to Glacier Bay as well as the specially weaved robe for dancing. I can just imagine the festivities with song and drum, too, celebrating this tribal homecoming to the Huna Tribal House. The story makes clear how unique this partnership is between the 100-year-old National Park Service and tribe to build a tribal anchor for their homecoming, hundreds of years after the tribe fled due to an advancing glacier.	Kerry Clawson
Print-Small	Best Arts Reporting	Third Place	Homer News	Show full of surprise	Michael Armstrong	This is a fascinating story of a community that has come together to help an elderly artist get back into painting after he has suffered from a stroke. There's a magic to the surprisingly wonderful results that just leaps from the page of this sensitively written piece.	Kerry Clawson
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	First Place	Forum	Abandoned to the Wind	Deb McKinley, David Holthouse	This is an incredibly written story and the visuals, of course are amazing. The poetic writing brings to life the battered, abandoned, windy wildness of Adak. We gain an intimate sense of the artist who is the subject of this story through this gorgeous quote that captures his artistic mission: "I want beauty and humanity along with the neglected."	Kerry Clawson
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	The Art of Brewing	Bailey Berg	This fun story contains lively language that really homes in how how imaginative and creative the art form of homebrewing is. I love the writer's use of alliteration too: boozey Belgians and potent potables. The story is a great read that really gets to the heart of what draws folks to homebrewing through illuminating quotes from the people who do it.	Kerry Clawson
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Third Place	Anchorage Press	A World of Characters	Ammon Swenson	We get a strong sense of who the artist is as a person in this rich piece and enjoy learning intimately about his process. The layout also is great, as is the ... ART!	Kerry Clawson
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	First Place	MTViewPost.com	Teaching Language at the Mountain View Library	Kirsten Swann	A solid story that had good structure and sourcing. The event coverage was given context and depth with quotes and stats woven in.	Michelle Maxwell
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	Second Place	Capital City Weekly	Folk Fest performer highlight: Theo 'Fysh' Houck	Mary Catharine Martin	Nice profile that introduced the reader to the many aspects of the teen's musical/artistic life. (Appreciated how the reporter addressed the trans aspect of the performer's life -- by noting it in the context of his poetry.)	Michelle Maxwell
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	Third Place	Alaska Contractor	Inland Barge Service	Tracy Kaytiak	This feature did a good job of capturing a sense of place through sourcing and giving the reader a feel for the business owners and their mission.	Michelle Maxwell
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Young man blamed for 3 arson deaths in Alaska village gets traditional justice: Banishment	Lisa Demer	Homebrew. Banishment. Remote tribal laws. A man who beats dogs after a horrible childhood and burned down a house only gets three years for three deaths. Great, sad tale. Super photos too. Online presentation a big plus.	Brian McCrone
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	In the wake of Anchorage's Spice crisis, many are back where they started	Laurel Andrews	Dugged journalism on display. All 52 "Spice" cases reviewed, then voices found in those numbers and their stories told.	Brian McCrone

Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Driver in fatal car crash sentenced to one year	Sam DeGrave	Strong reporting, with all sides covered -- from victims to judge to prosecutor to defendant. Well-written synopsis of ambiguity surrounding "high driving." Left wanting more about how authorities determined his impairment caused the crash.	Brian McCrone
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	First Place	Skagway News	Skagway residents sue business owner over alleged mistreatment of dog	Suzanne Ashe	A well-crafted "dog fight." Good flow. Well-sourced. A story that not every reporter would have seen as worth the time, but that's what separates good journalism.	Brian McCrone
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Second Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	No Word Yet From FBI In Taser Probe	Shannon Haugland, Tom Hesse	Top-notch accountability journalism that keeps the spotlight on the type of case that can fall off the public radar if not for persistent reporters. Keeps pressure on government official to be transparent.	Brian McCrone
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	New knowledge about ancient Arctic life is reshaping understanding of dinosaurs	Yereth Rosen	A fascinating and well-constructed piece that places a novel discovery in all sorts of more familiar terrain.	Matt Miller
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Juneau scientist helps discover new whale species	Lisa Phu	A careful and interesting piece that does a nice job of weaving narrative around the discovery at its center.	Matt Miller
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Tracking Juneaus endangered bats	Kevin Gullufsen	Very detailed reporting, an interesting topic and some nice scene setting.	Matt Miller
All Media	Best Alaska History Story	First Place	Juneau Empire	When terrorism came to Juneau: Solving the mystery behind the Peerless Bakery bombing	James Brooks	A great bit of investigative reporting a century after the fact, but it could have been dry. Instead, the writer brings it to life and builds the scenes in the readers' heads one by one.	Stacey Woelfels
All Media	Best Alaska History Story	Second Place	Forum	Picture Man	Deb McKinney, David Holthouse	A loving portrait of a man who is too important for history to forget. The layout and structure of the piece adds to its value.	Stacey Woelfels
All Media	Best Alaska History Story	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Fort Rousseau	Dan Carpenter, Dave Brooks	Television can have a hard time competing with all the space that can be used in print. But this story takes us to a place no other medium can!	Stacey Woelfels
Radio	Best Ongoing Public Affairs Program	First Place	Alaska Public Media	Talk of Alaska	Lori Townsend, Dave Waldron	Terrific, smart, consistently solid show. I enjoyed the topic selection (history of the permanent fund was fascinating, and the racial equity conversation resonates with so many conversations in our country right now). Nice, well-written ledes and great call-outs (host really gives callers a reason to call). Host has good control of the show throughout. Small suggestion: I'd love to hear some tape in the show, i.e. maybe some archive tape in the permanent fund program. All in all, though, very impressive. Congratulations!	Julie Siple
Radio	Best Ongoing Public Affairs Program	Second Place	KNOM	Story49	Madison Winchester, Lauren Frost	Wonderful storytelling that brought me right to the people and places of Alaska (Ernestine, especially, is so lovely.) Nice musical scoring. Great job finding good characters (and that includes places - Pilgrim Hot Springs was really interesting). Hosts are both warm and comfortable... well-suited for this show. Small suggestion: I'd love to hear the hosts follow up more often on things the guests say (i.e., I was dying to know what Ernestine did in her early work that she tells her students NOT to do). This show is compelling and good listening. Congratulations!	Julie Siple
Radio	Best Ongoing Public Affairs Program	Third Place	KRLA	The Edge Update	Max Jungreis	Well-done! This is solid, efficient news. The hosts sounds great, and the combination of local, national, and international works really well. Clear writing and delivery. Nice work.	Julie Siple
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	First Place	Arctic Sounder	Scientists turn to bowhead whales for biotoxin clues	Shady Grove Oliver	An interesting study explained with depth and context.	Matt Miller
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	Second Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Algal bloom study	Dan Rudy	A detailed account that makes clear this project's importance to the community.	Matt Miller
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	Third Place	Cordova Times	AquaHarmonics wins \$1.5 million grand prize	Cynthia Gibbens-Stimson	Good explanations of a fascinating technology.	Matt Miller
All Media	Best Food Reporting	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Beer Boom High-tunnel gardening is booming on the Kenai Peninsula.	Steve Quinn	Terrific reporting, and great attention to detail. A very engaging read. It made me thirsty for Alaskan beer.	Gretchen McKay
All Media	Best Food Reporting	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Here's why. AK: Food trucks forging way into Anchorage downtown dining scene	Suzanna Caldwell	The writer took what could have been a very dry story and made it extremely interesting. Well reported. A very likable voice.	Gretchen McKay
All Media	Best Food Reporting	Third Place	Alaska Public Media		Josh Edge	Engaging, and a delightful read/listen. Full of personality.	Gretchen McKay
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Reporting	First Place	Alaska Commons	Alaska Baseball: A minor Obsession or a Miner Obsession?	Daniel Grota	Great first-person perspective on your love of baseball and finding a team and league in Alaska to call your own. Great job!	Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Reporting	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Two hospitalized as Ketchikan forfeits over safety concerns	Kevin Gullufsen		Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports Reporting	Third Place	Alaska Commons	World Wrestling Entertainment Plans LGBTQ Representation in Future Programming	John Seiler		Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	First Place	Skagway News	Fish This!	Andrew Cremata		Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Off the Beaten Path	Bjorn Dihle		Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Third Place	Capital City Weekly	Woodshed Kings	Dick Callahan		Elizabeth Walters
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Column by Charles Wohlforth	Charles Wohlforth	Wohlfort's prose is imbued with both importance and poignancy. He offers a clear view of his subject, making it interesting and approachable for the reader.	Cynthia Sewell
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Second Place	Alaska Business Monthly	HR Matters by Kevin Dee	Kevin Dee	Practical and matter-of-fact writing distinguishes Dee's columns, offering the reader an in-depth look at the characteristics of HR practices with humanity at their core.	Cynthia Sewell
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Third Place	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Editor's Column	Matt Hickman	The anecdotal approach to his columns characterizes Hickman's writing. His commingling of new-to-Alaska folksiness with informative writing makes his work stand out.	Cynthia Sewell
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	First Place	Capital City Weekly	On Writing	Jim Hale	Hale's pieces are strikingly funny and reveal a writer so centered and confident in his craft that readers find themselves laughing out loud and knowingly nodding.	Cynthia Sewell
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Second Place	Homer News	Kachemak Gardener	Rosemary Fitzpatrick	Great stuff!	Cynthia Sewell
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Third Place	The Sun Star	Letters from the Editor	Spencer Tordoff	Fitzpatrick's columns are both informative and wholly personal. Every word comes from her heart, allowing such lines as, "I have done a tremendous disservice to my rugosa roses" to fall naturally and honestly on the page.	Cynthia Sewell
Television	Best Feature	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska Youth Orchestras Man convicted of killing Anchorage police officer in 1975 finds new life after prison	David Brooks	Tordoff writes with passion and verve. He has the columnist's eye always tapered for trouble and he's not afraid to dig in and dig deep.	Cynthia Sewell
Television	Best Feature	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)		Austin Baird, Kenny Knutson, Dave Brooks	Beautifully told story. Loved it in every way.	Deborah Horne
Television	Best Feature	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska's World Beneath the Waves	Blake Essig, Mike Nederbrock	Terrific!	Deborah Horne
All Media	Best Online Video Journalism	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	UAA dancer with limited eyesight creates beauty	Tara Young	Nice!y done. The standup was particularly noteworthy. Not sure what he would have done if he didn't dive. But he does. And it worked beautifully!	Deborah Horne
All Media	Best Online Video Journalism	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	The man who collects sounds	Loren Holmes	Nice reveal. The portion about choreographing love stories was interesting on its own. Then we find out it's a cancer story and the second portion is also told well.	Wes Pope
All Media	Best Online Video Journalism	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Ira Edwards can't slow down	Tara Young	Beautifully shot and solid audio (on a piece about audio). Nicely done letting scenes play out. A good effort overall.	Wes Pope
All Media	Best Multimedia Presentation	First Place	KNBA Radio	Frontier of Change - Shaktoolik Soundwalk	Isaac Kestenbaum, Joaquin Estus, Josephine Holtzman, Frank Chytlouk, James Donmek, Jr, Loren Dixon, Sue Schardt, John Saltee, Holly Nordlum, Joel de Jesus, Vikram Patel	Very nicely shot, straightforward piece about a paraplegic skier/athlete. The skiing footage is especially strong.	Wes Pope
All Media	Best Multimedia Presentation	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska 360	Kyle Hopkins, Sidney Sullivan, Mike Nederbrock, Albert Lutan	The audio production excellent and so is the story it tells. The piece challenges my notions of multimedia -- but the documentation of the walk solidified this as an engaging winner.	Wes Pope
All Media	Best Multimedia Presentation					Great idea to collect 360 shots from these interesting places already visited by your staff. Good implementation of this technology.	Wes Pope

All Media	Best Multimedia Presentation	Third Place	Alaska Public Media	The Pulses Overhead: remote radars still tie Alaska together	Zachariah Hughes, John Norris	The radio report is solid and the photos add to the report. Beautiful images, though perhaps not as dynamic as they could have been.	Wes Pope
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	First Place	Cordova Times	Culture camp seeks to resurrect Eyak language	Cynthia Gibbens-Stinson	This strong piece connected a relatively small event/news hook to a bigger, broader theme; nice weaving of basic event facts with storytelling; an important story to tell.	Margaret Littman
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	Second Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Names given to faces on some stored totems	Dan Rudy	Nice evocative detailed descriptions; good ability to link historical information in newspaper format.	Margaret Littman
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	Third Place	Capital City Weekly	Going home	Mary Catharine Martin	Solid reporting; nice use of details; nice use of quotes; important cultural and news topic; an important story to tell	Margaret Littman
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Feature	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Meat Lovers: The butchers behind Alaska's prime cuts	Bailey Berg	This article harkens back to the best of Jimmy Breslin in that the author found an interesting, hard-working character and portrayed his life with wit and respect.	Michael Taylor
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Feature	Second Place	Snowboard Magazine	A Pilgrimage: The People of Tailgate	Cody Liska	The writing creates a relationship between the use of image and prose that improves the reader experience—as does this story. The wild experience at its heart is well conveyed with rich quotes and great relationship between word and image.	Michael Taylor
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Feature	Third Place	Alaska Business Monthly	Winter Energy in Rural Alaska	Julie Stricker, Dan Bihn	It's tough for business articles to compete with narrative features aimed at general audiences, but this article comes close with an interesting topic, thorough reporting, solid quotes, and good organization.	Michael Taylor
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	First Place	KYUK	Tuullu! Are You Ready For This Yup'ik Rap Single?	Anna Rose MacArthur	Non-narrated pieces are often hard to pull off, but this producer does a great job with it! The audio production is really smooth and the narrative flow works. I was hooked the whole way through and even checked out the rappers videos online.	Tanya Ott
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	Second Place	AKAW Public Media	Lower 48 ivory bans hit Alaska Native carvers	Zachariah Hughes	Nice work!	Tanya Ott
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	Third Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Cabaret empowers, supports women	Brielle Schaeffer	Nice job framing the economic and conservation issues in a real and compelling way. Solid writing and good audio editing.	Tanya Ott
Radio	Best Daily News Program	First Place	KHNS	KHNS News	Emily Files, Abbey Collins, Jillian Rogers	The program covers a lot of different issues and I can tell the producer worked very hard to incorporate a lot of interviews and sound.	Tanya Ott
All Media	Best Solo Journalism	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Loren Holmes	Loren Holmes	Holmes's features are well-reported and well-written, and his photo essays, particularly of the Alaskan audio hunter, have a great mix of images - overalls, details, portraits and expressive moments. But it was his videos that really made for a complete package. The videos visually cover the same scenes as his still photos, but bring a together his subjects' voices, storytelling audio and moving action to give online readers a much richer experience and a sense that they're in Denali backcountry or at the prison's Christmas program.	Michael Kodas
All Media	Best Solo Journalism	Second Place	KUUU TV (Anchorage)	Dan Carpenter	Dan Carpenter	Carpenter's classic voiceovers work well with his pieces. His camerawork is what sets his pieces apart, with lots of storytelling moments and details to pair with his well-composed and well-crafted interviews. His audio is solid, with good uses of dialogue and natural sound.	Michael Kodas
All Media	Best Solo Journalism	Third Place	Alaska Public Media	Zachariah Hughes	Zachariah Hughes	Hughes's audio storytelling is excellent. His voiceover is conversational, descriptive and clear, he gathers great natural sounds to highlight key points and his interviewing gets appropriate soundbites out of his subjects. At points where the stories might get dry, he adds just the right words and sounds to keep the listener interested.	Michael Kodas
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Cover	First Place	The Northern Light	The Salmon Edition	Jian Bautista		Jim Flynn
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Cover	Second Place	Alaska Contractor Forum	Alaska Contractor Cover, Spring 2016	Rob German		Jim Flynn
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Cover	Third Place	Forum	Cover, Fall 2016	Dean Potter, Shoki Kayamori		Jim Flynn
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Design	First Place	Crude Magazine	Issue 04 / Legacy	Sebastian Garber, Cody Liska		Jim Flynn
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Design	Second Place	Alaska Contractor	Alaska Contractor, Fall 2016	Rob German		Jim Flynn
Print-Large, Print-Small	Best Magazine Design	Third Place	Alaska Contractor	Alaska Contractor, Spring 2016	Rob German		Jim Flynn
Radio	Best Feature	First Place	KTOO Public Media	How Mendenhall Glacier staff explain climate change	Elizabeth Jenkins	The story opens with the perfect scene. The writing is concise and compelling, and the reporter's delivery is excellent. I enjoy the premise of how park rangers can argue about the facts of climate change. Very well done!	Jacob McClelland
Radio	Best Feature	Second Place	KTOO Public Media	Aging Southeast: Seniors find purpose, friendship at The Bridge	Elizabeth Jenkins	The scenes are well-done, and the reporter approaches the subject matter respectfully. Her delivery and writing is excellent. She shines a light on a topic that I presume is under-reported.	Jacob McClelland
Radio	Best Feature	Third Place	KHNS	Among wolverines, lynx and fox, a man finds his pack	Jillian Rogers	This is a very nice bio-piece about an out-sized personality. Good natural sounds, nice writing and easy delivery.	Jacob McClelland
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	First Place	Forum	Gifts of the Ancestors	Deb McKinney, David Holthouse	Though this topic is clearly gripping in and of itself, it feels all the more so for such vivid, fresh writing. There were so many turns of phrase I loved, I lost count.	Abbie Kozolchyk
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	Second Place	Anchorage Press	A Feast of Face Flesh	Ammon Swenson	Thanks for the excellent and educational read. As a vegetarian who's also incredibly squeamish, I'm the worst possible audience for this piece, yet I found myself completely engaged. The writing was so lively and the story so well told, I overcame my natural instincts to turn away from in horror. Thanks for the excellent read.	Abbie Kozolchyk
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Building Bridges for Native LGBTQ: 'You're Not Alone'	Paula Ann Solis	Thank you so much for educating me on a topic I knew literally nothing about. I found the Two Spirit concept particularly moving in this context, and loved that Alaska bested SCOTUS on the gay marriage front.	Abbie Kozolchyk
All Media	Best Comprehensive Coverage	First Place	KNBA Radio	Frontier of Change	Isaac Kestenbaum, Joaquin Estus, Josephine Holtzman, Frank Chythlook, Joel de Jesus, Loren Dixon, Shayne Beatty, Holly Nordlum, Sue Schardt, Jaclyn Sallee, Vikram Patel, James Dommek, Jr	A stunning tour de force. Beautifully designed and expertly executed. An immersive exploration of the very human impact of global warming. The clear winner in this field.	John Ensslin
All Media	Best Comprehensive Coverage	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	An eye on Alaska's nascent marijuana industry	Laurel Andrews	Great job of exploring the cultural, business, legal and agricultural aspects of a burgeoning marijuana business. Well done	John Ensslin
All Media	Best Comprehensive Coverage	Third Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Notes from the Landslide: One year later	Robert Woolsey, Emily Kwong	Nice job of recounting the impact a disaster continues to have on the people affected.	John Ensslin
All Media-Small	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	First Place	The Delta Discovery	Olurvit/Agyat in Bethel	Greg Lincoln	This one really stood out from the other entries. Careful location selection and what looks to be a perfect night combined with technical light-gathering skills makes this the winner.	Ted Warren
All Media-Small	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Second Place	The Delta Discovery	Spring Skies over Bethel	Greg Lincoln	It was very close between 2nd and 3rd place images, but this one edged into second due to the uniqueness of the scene and the dramatic nature of the cloud formation. Points for also showing a different side of scenic Alaska.	Ted Warren
All Media-Small	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Third Place	The Northern Light	Panorama of the northern lights	Young Kim	This photo is really nice, and I'm happy the horizon line was placed where it was to emphasize the reflection.	Ted Warren
All Media-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Future Cop	Bob Hallinen	Capturing a moment, of emotion, action, or reaction is a huge part of a successful feature, and this one delivers. Great expressions on both people's faces, and the interaction and chemistry between the two is obvious. Nice work.	Ted Warren
All Media-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Faith walk	Loren Holmes	Creativity in making the ordinary a little different visually should be rewarded, and even something as simple as working with a reflection shows the drive to capture a good feature and gives readers a creative view of a scene that hopefully will inspire them to read the story as well and dig deeper into what's going on.	Ted Warren

All Media-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Coat and tie	Michael Penn	A solid feature that benefits greatly by the supposition of the worker wearing the suit and the regularly attired garbage worker at left. This was a good anticipation of moment to get them both in the same frame.	Ted Warren
All Media-Small	Best Feature Photo (Small)	First Place	Skagway News	Kindergarten Class of 2016	Elise Giordano	The photographer really found a nice clean moment here in what I'm sure was a chaotic event. The depth and layers of the photo are nice, and the angle shows off both the expressions of the graduates but also their small caps and gowns. Nice choice of a telephoto lens and some shallow depth of field that sets this apart in addition to the nice moment.	Ted Warren
All Media-Small	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Second Place	Nome Nugget	Tough run	Nils Hahn	This is a very beautiful photo. Perhaps the same isolation, scene, and scale could have been achieved with a 25% tighter crop that would lead the eye to the sled and dogs a little more quickly. This feature also shows that black and white can be very effectively used.	Ted Warren
All Media-Small	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Third Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	The Proposal	James Poulson	This is a wonderful moment and nicely captured. It was tough to drop it to third, but I'm left wondering if there were other frames showing more faces or expressive emotion. The water drops, the flag, all of the elements here work well together and the cropping is nice to show the environment around them. Third place means I'm just left wanting a bit more facial expressions from this photo of such a special moment, even if it was technically captured and cropped so well.	Ted Warren
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Health	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Arctic gene that poses risks when fasting is found in many more infants now that DNA testing has begun	Yereth Rosen	A fascinating story that was reported thoroughly and written engagingly.	Bob Ortega
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Health	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	After a young woman's death from a heroin overdose, an Alaska village looks inward	Lisa Demer	Nice lead into a well-told story that is effectively explanatory.	Bob Ortega
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Health	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	A longtime Alaska developmental pediatrician is retiring, and there's no one to replace him	Tegan Hanlon	Well-observed details in this piece help make it engaging.	Bob Ortega
All Media	Best Environmental Reporting	First Place	Courthouse News Service	A Myth No More: Global Warming Opens Up the Northwest Passage	Julie St. Louis	The story highlights two disparate events that highlight the impact of a warming climate. Moving an indigenous village and welcoming tourists aboard a huge cruise ship. Appreciated the context that made the stories relevant and related.	Erik Anderson
All Media	Best Environmental Reporting	Second Place	KTVA	Toxic Attu Cleanup	Bonney Bowman, John Thain	Excellent look at a clean-up out of the public eye. Engaging look at correcting a mess that was buried years earlier.	Erik Anderson
All Media	Best Environmental Reporting	Third Place	KTUU	On thin ice: Alaskans adapt to changing environment	Blake Essig	Compelling examination of a changing way of life and how climate is playing a role.	Erik Anderson
Radio Radio	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Second Place Third Place	Alaska Public Media KBBI Radio, Homer	Outdoor rec area at Goose Creek might violate prisoners' rights Kenaitze Tribe Launches Joint-Jurisdiction Court	Anne Hillman Daysha Eaton	Displayed enterprise to present voices that you don't normally hear on the radio. Thorough explanation of a complex topic drawing on many sources.	Tom Banse Tom Banse
Television Television Television	Best Specialty News Program Best Specialty News Program Best Specialty News Program	First Place Second Place Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage) KTUU TV (Anchorage) KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Steve Watkins: Pursuit and Peril Postpartum Depression: More than the baby blues Earthquake Drill 7.1	Blake Essig, Scotty Smith, Tracy Sabo Ariane Aramburo Ashleigh Ebert, Maria Downey, Mike Ross, Carly Schreck		Devon Sayers Devon Sayers Devon Sayers