

Contest name	Date time	PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT JUDGES						
Circ Group(s)	Category Name	Judge	Award	Organization	Entry Title	Comments	Credits	Competition Comments
Print-Small	Best Profile	Paul Keane	First Place	Chilkat Valley News	Student business owner born to sell	Nice story, even though the tagline for the entry is not what the story is about. Goes into a lot of detail about what all her survived after the crash and paints a good picture of what good humor and a positive attitude can do when facing tragedy and illness.	Kyle Clayton	
Print-Small	Best Profile	Paul Keane	Second Place	UAF Sun Star	Survivor of Nazis, Soviets, discusses modern parallels	Interesting how the professor draws parallels between Trump and Hitler, even though I don't agree with it. I would have liked to have seen that explored deeper in the story.	Tomas Vrba, Mason Schoemaker	
Print-Small	Best Profile	Paul Keane	Third Place	Skagway News	Digging into the past: Skagway archaeologist tells his own history	Just a good, solid feature on a subject that could have easily bogged down with all of the history and archealogy.	Dan Fox	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports Feature	Paul Keane	First Place	Freelance, Gavin Kentch	Dont Overfill Your Cup: APU Coach Erik Flora and the Complete Athlete	Very nicely done. In-depth and really digs deep into the subject matter.	Gavin Kentch	Very tough category to judge, as all of the entries were good and well done. Nice job by everyone who entered.
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports Feature	Paul Keane	Second Place	Snowboard Magazine	The reluctant super-pro: A Kevin Jones Interview	Very well done and doesn't pull a lot of punches. I like the fact that you had the short story first, followed by the "Q&A."	Cody Liska	Very tough category to judge, as all of the entries were good and well done. Nice job by everyone who entered.
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports Feature	Paul Keane	Third Place	Peninsula Clarion	Getting His Hall Call	Good story about someone who's exploits on and off the field had probably never been mentioned in that community.	Joey Klecka	Very tough category to judge, as all of the entries were good and well done. Nice job by everyone who entered.
Print-Small	Best General News Reporting	Jason Patterson	First Place	Chilkat Valley News	Family must pay \$52K in Lutak access suit	Great job of getting both sides of a difficult subject and explaining the court case in a manner that is easy for the reader to understand.	Natalie Helms	
Print-Small	Best General News Reporting	Jason Patterson	Second Place	Chilkat Valley News	Group rescues sole survivor of plane crash		Tom Morphet	
Print-Small	Best General News Reporting	Jason Patterson	Third Place	Homer News	Short search ensues after truck found fallen off Baycrest Hill; driver had crashed days earlier		Michael Armstrong, Megan Pacer	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Education Reporting	Jason Patterson	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Anchorage students with disabilities get out-of-school suspensions 3 times more often than peers	This was the best of a category with strong entries. The writer does a great job of telling the story from an individual's perspective and then breaking down the data of how suspensions are used in the district.	Tegan Hanlon	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Education Reporting	Jason Patterson	Second Place	Chilkat Valley News	Habra's departure remains a mystery		Natalie Helms	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Education Reporting	Jason Patterson	Third Place	Homer News	Retired educator uses veterans archives to teach history about WWII		Megan Pacer	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Series	Jason Patterson	First Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Tongass in Transition	This series is well-written and does a great job of explaining the issues in a manner that is both informative and interesting.	Elizabeth Jenkins	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Series	Jason Patterson	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Going home: Alaska Native offenders stranded in Anchorage		Charles Wohlforth	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Series	Jason Patterson	Third Place	Crude Magazine	Deconstructing Alaska: Nixle		Cody Liska	
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Jenelle Shriner	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Live: Trench Collapse Rescue in Butte		Daniella Rivera, Andy Nitchman, Joe Vigil	
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Jenelle Shriner	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Missing Snake		Lauren Maxwell, John Thain	
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Jenelle Shriner	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Avalanche stops feet from Juneau home		Liz Raines, Cale Green	
Television	Best General News Story	Brad Hicks	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Boy Saves Girl Hanging in Tree	Great job capturing the real time intensity of the moment.	Joe Vigil, Andy Nitchman	
Television	Best General News Story	Brad Hicks	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Plane Crash Aftermath		Daniella Rivera, Nick Swann	

Television	Best General News Story	Brad Hicks	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Elderly Couple Fears Erosion will Destroy Alaskan Home	This story could have gotten first place but it felt just a bit one dimensional. What are their options? How long do they have? And I think the shot out the back door was really the perspective that should have been spotlighted, not the wide shots.	Mike Ross, Michael Nederbrock	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska History Reporting	Stacey Woelfels	First Place	KNOM	Through the Ice Curtain, Episode One: We Shall Overcome	Beautifully done audio piece that really carries the listener back in time. Creatively constructed to make the most use of available sound.	Lauren Frost	Excellent work across media to really bring history to life.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska History Reporting	Stacey Woelfels	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Forgotten Battlefield	The team went the extra mile to get this story and to put it in context for the time the historical events took place.	Kyle Hopkins, Eric Sowl, Lisa Hupp	Excellent work across media to really bring history to life.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska History Reporting	Stacey Woelfels	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Where did the Birdman of Alcatraz commit his first murder?	The enthusiasm had for the topic here is contagious as a minor questions turns into a grand tale. Excellent use of the web component to flesh out the story even more.	Matt Miller	Excellent work across media to really bring history to life.
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Breaking News Story	Steve Reed	First Place	Juneau Empire	Drunk driver crashes bedroom during prom prep	Good reporting on an oddball car crash that could have killed a teen as she prepared for prom in her bedroom. Good color, detail, quotes.	Kevin Gullufsen	Two entries were contest worthy in this or any year, but some entries read like rewrites of press releases or routine news stories. Thus, only first place and second place are awarded.
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Breaking News Story	Steve Reed	Second Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Fairbanks man injured in Las Vegas shooting	Decent job overcoming the challenges of distance and an uncooperative family to explain what happened to a local resident when a sniper began firing on a Las Vegas concert crowd.	Dorothy Chomicz	Two entries were contest worthy in this or any year, but some entries read like rewrites of press releases or routine news stories. Thus, only first place and second place are awarded.
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	Steve Reed	First Place	Anchorage Daily News	Weed on a plane: How Alaska businesses get pounds of pot on board, with police blessing	Great job on a great topic.	Laurel Andrews	This was a competitive category with several quality entries. It was rewarding as a judge to encounter sharp and engaging writing and the initiative in evidence from the winning reporters.
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	Steve Reed	Second Place	Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman	Trap houses a symptom of Valley drug epidemic hidden in plain sight	Fine explanatory journalism.	Mary Lockman	This was a competitive category with several quality entries. It was rewarding as a judge to encounter sharp and engaging writing and the initiative in evidence from the winning reporters.
Print-Large	Best General News Reporting	Steve Reed	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Were gonna have fire: Behind the scenes at the Fourth of July fireworks	Sharp, clever writing that probably worked best as a first-personer.	Alex McCarthy	This was a competitive category with several quality entries. It was rewarding as a judge to encounter sharp and engaging writing and the initiative in evidence from the winning reporters.
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Magazine Cover	Joan Cartan-Hansen	First Place	Edible Alaska	Edible Alaska - Winter 2017	Cover grabs your attention. You want to eat that! Nice job.	Caroline Zhang	
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Magazine Cover	Joan Cartan-Hansen	Second Place	Cordova Times	2017 Prince William Sound Visitor Guide	Nice selection of photos and good choice of fonts and colors.	Annette Potter, Wendy Ranney	
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Magazine Cover	Joan Cartan-Hansen	Third Place	Edible Alaska	Edible Alaska - Summer 2017		Bethany Goodrich	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Video Journalism	Joan Cartan-Hansen	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Heather Hintze--Best Video Journalism	A nice job of telling a story. Nicely paced.	Heather Hintze	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Video Journalism	Joan Cartan-Hansen	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	John Thain - Best Video Journalism	Second only by a hair. Very good job.	John Thain	

Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Climate change science in Alaska	Yereth Rosen covers perhaps the most important beat on the planet - the dire and swift moving consequences of global warming. Her dispatches are adroit, heart-breaking and alarming. Stories like these should be finding there way to a national audience. (I'm looking at you NPR, New York Times, Washington Post.) It is worrisome to me that her tagline states that she "was" a reporter for Alaska Dispatch News. Someone this talented covering a topic this important needs to be read by the largest possible audience.	Yereth Rosen	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Ongoing coverage of Alaska Dispatch News bankruptcy	It's hard to imagine a more stressful situation than covering the demise of your own newspaper. Yet Anne Zak did so with consummate professionalism in this series of stories. Bravo.	Annie Zak	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	Third Place		Homer struggles with political identity in face of national divide	A well-written and interesting set of stories that does a thorough job of explaining the turmoil in an Alaska town.	Carey Restino	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Government or	Betsy Russell	First Place	Homer News	Resolution emails show backstage political process	This reporter performed a public service for the community by sorting through 500+ emails and clarifying a dispute that led to a city recall election, amid much misunderstanding. The separate entry on the eventual decision, "Inclusive resolution proves too divisive for City Council," also is worthy of note, and if there were honorable mentions in this competition, should receive one.	Michael Armstrong	Everyone who submitted in this category is doing a fine job watchdogging their local government, and it's clear that they all understand the important role they play as the news media. Well done!
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Government or	Betsy Russell	Second Place	Chilkat Valley News	Privacy issues at play as borough uses drone for zoning enforcement	Good exploration of an important, and newsy, controversy	Kyle Clayton	Everyone who submitted in this category is doing a fine job watchdogging their local government, and it's clear that they all understand the important role they play as the news media. Well done!
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Radio	Best Education Reporting	Bob Collins	First Place	KNOM	The Ripple Effect	This was a very close competition but the deciding factor was the production values and writing .	Lauren Frost	I think in my four years of judging this competition and category, this was the best group of stories that I've seen. I'd have been comfortable giving any of these an award.
Radio	Best Education Reporting	Bob Collins	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	Nations first group of K-12 Russian immersion students graduates from West Anchorage High	You have a fantastic narrating style and writing ability. Ordinarily this is a first place winner and it should be. It was just too close this year.	Wesley Early	I think in my four years of judging this competition and category, this was the best group of stories that I've seen. I'd have been comfortable giving any of these an award.
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Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or	Betsy Russell	First Place	Anchorage Daily News	Can the isolated Alaska Peninsula town of King Cove get its road under the Trump administration?	Very well-written account of a big political battle over the needs of a very small Alaska town	Nathaniel Herz	
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or	Betsy Russell	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	How an effort to make Homer a 'safety net' divided the town and led to a recall election	Comprehensive and well-reported	Tom Kizzia	
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Government or	Betsy Russell	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Alaska Legislatures mistake may shut down state ferry system	Good digging and explanation of how political actions led to real-world consequences	James Brooks	

Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Weekly Newspaper	Cheryl Thompson	First Place		Homer Tribune	Really interesting and well-written local stories--something for everyone. Fabulous photos, clean layout. Overall, terrific community coverage. The Homer Tribune does exactly what a newspaper should do: inform, educate and entertain.	Carey Restino, Tommy Wells, Sam Kuzmin, Christina Whitting, Taz Tally	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Weekly Newspaper	Cheryl Thompson	Second Place	The Northern Light	The Northern Light	This student-run newspaper is filled with topics not only relevant to students but to the off-campus community. Fun to read. I learned lots. Good journalism; good job.	Staff	
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Weekly Newspaper	Cheryl Thompson	Third Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Best Weekly Newspaper Mar., May & Sept.	The newspaper has strong writing, a plus in my book. Bravo!	Dan Rudy, Ola Richards, Ron Loesch, Anne Loesch, Adrienne M	
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Investigative Reporting	Lois Norder	First Place	KTUU Channel 2	Rep. Westlake was previously investigated / Westlake resigns	The reporter's great digging left the legislator with no option but to acknowledge his behavior and ultimately to resign. Not once did the reporter let Westlake off the hook. He checked out every statement and showed courage in facing the legislator to ask the tough questions.	kyle hopkins, Eric Sowl	What an amazing year for investigative reporting among Alaska media. Several news organizations were relentless in bringing to light important information despite efforts by others to block them. Beyond the three entries that were chosen as winners, there were several more that merit praise. .
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Investigative Reporting	Lois Norder	Second Place	KTUU Channel 2	A Killer Among Us	The station did what the police department did not: raise the issue of whether a serial killer was responsible for a string of murders. It didn't stop there in providing the public with answers. After one woman stepped forward to reveal that a legislator had sexually harassed her, the newspaper revealed that he had victimized a number of other women, and the story called into question the culture in Juneau that overlooks or forgives men who mistreat women.	kyle hopkins, Eric Sowl, Jeff Dowd, Ashleigh Ebert	What an amazing year for investigative reporting among Alaska media. Several news organizations were relentless in bringing to light important information despite efforts by others to block them. Beyond the three entries that were chosen as winners, there were several more that merit praise. .
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Print-Small,Print-Large	Best Sports Reporting	Elizabeth Walters	First Place	Peninsula Clarion	Ostrander nabs Mount Marathon crown	Really enjoyed the detail and history with this story. Great interviews. Very well-written.	Jeffrey Helminiak	
Print-Small,Print-Large	Best Sports Reporting	Elizabeth Walters	Second Place	Anchorage Press	Second Chances and the Beauty of Bucs Baseball		John Aronno	
Print-Small,Print-Large	Best Sports Reporting	Elizabeth Walters	Third Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	66-year-old Roxy Wright takes home Open North American title		Brad Joyal	
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Justin Hinkley	First Place	The Northern Light	Local lingerie: Anchorage millennials create new niche for intimates	This story covered interesting subject matter with language that was both informative and entertaining, with a great selection of quotes and details to draw the reader in and have them rooting for this business.	Victoria Petersen	
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Justin Hinkley	Second Place	Homer News	Commission recommends Spit opens for pot	Clear, concise writing that covers this important issue from every angle, giving the reader all the information they need to judge for themselves the decisions of their leaders. Jam-packed full of information to help readers understand what's happening in their economy.	Megan Pacer, Michael Armstrong	
Print-Small	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Justin Hinkley	Third Place	Wrangell Sentinel	Sales revenues suggest slight slump		Dan Rudy Rudy, Ola Richards, Ron Loesch, Anne Loesch, Adrienne McLaughlin	
Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Justin Hinkley	First Place	Alaska Business Monthly	Kuskokwim Ice Road: New Funding Necessary for Seasonal Highway	An in-depth, authoritative look at an issue at the heart of the economy in the region. The author hit every note just right.	Julie Stricker	
Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Justin Hinkley	Second Place	Laurel Andrews	Weed on a plane: How Alaska businesses get pounds of pot on board, with police blessing	Just when you think every aspect of the burgeoning marijuana industry has been covered in detail, the author here pull out another and tells the reader exactly what they need to know to understand this important issue.	Laurel Andrews	

Print-Large	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Journalism	Justin Hinkley	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Mom and pop close bottle shop	A fascinating look at a changing downtown through the lens of one business on its way out.	Kevin Gullufsen
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Arts Criticism	Kerry Clawson	First Place	Anchorage Press	Seward and Trump in Anchorage -- Who Knew?	This is a very interesting review of the museum exhibit Polar Bear Garden that gives thorough detail about the ironic juxtaposition between a painting of the Signing of Alaska Treaty with the Russians and the intertwined political worlds of Putin and Trump today, visualized through a flat projection. It's a striking description and analysis of what certainly sounds like an exhibit that is bold and thought provoking in its political commentary.	Jean Bundy
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Arts Criticism	Kerry Clawson	Second Place	UAF Sun Star	Video (games) killed the storyteller: 'Hellblade: Senua's Sacrifice'	This review does a nice job of explaining the desirable aspects of the video game, using richly descriptive language.	Cheyenne Corty
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Humor	Linda Levin	First Place	Skagway News	Under the Boardwalk: Remains of Elijah and Moses swooped up by secret sect, spread around Skagway gardens	Delightful and fascinating story about pieces of what once were religious statues and where they ended up. Good background research. Well written and worthy of first place.	Jeff Brady
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Humor	Linda Levin	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	What one Alaskan did after dropping her gun into an outhouse toilet	Very funny, although not so funny to the woman who dropped her handgun in the toilet. Resourceful Alaskans retrieved it for her. Well done.	Leroy Polk
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Humor	Linda Levin	Third Place	Cordova Times	Cordova Chronicles: Cordova fisherman scores TKO over brown bear	What do you do when confronted by a brown bear. This is Alaska; you'll know how to fend him or her off. This is a funny little story that leaves the reader smiling.	Dick Shellhorn
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Headline Writing	Heather Henline	First Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Kellogg headlines	The headlines were clever without trying too hard. A good headline still must convey a message, and these struck the right balance between witty and effective.	
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Headline Writing	Heather Henline	Second Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Gut check: X-rays provide insight into Sitka heroin trafficker	The Gut Check headline was the standout in this submission. The others were strong, but none rose to the level of that great zinger.	Robert Woolsey
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Headline Writing	Heather Henline	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Four-legged Frisbee fun on furlough for Douglas' Fourth	The headlines were solid, but a little alliteration goes a long way.	Jeremy Hsieh
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Page Layout & Design	Heather Henline	First Place	Cordova Times	Operation Santa Claus	It's a solid front-page package that clearly takes readers on a journey via effective layout.	Annette Potter
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Page Layout & Design	Heather Henline	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Playground Fire	The artwork pulls this page together, though the second smoke photo is slightly too large and competes with the amazing flames in this otherwise strong design.	Angelo Saggiomo
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Page Layout & Design	Heather Henline	Third Place	Cordova Times	Last-Minute Gift Guide	The page is very nicely balanced with an effective use of modern design and white space for a pleasing combination.	Annette Potter
Television,Radio,All,Print-Large	Best Portrait Large	Stephanie Mullen	First Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Fire Trees	Really beautiful scenery and great use of the natural lines to bring the viewer in	Hall Anderson
Television,Radio,All,Print-Large	Best Portrait Large	Stephanie Mullen	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Alaska's only school shooter	Cold. Stark. Sad. Tells you everything you need to know about this person.	Loren Holmes
Television,Radio,All,Print-Large	Best Portrait Large	Stephanie Mullen	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Jarin and Roxy	Love these two "partners." You can clearly see how important they are to each other. The dog makes the photo.	Michael Penn

Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	Bob Collins	First Place	KYUK	Gray Whale Muktuk On The Kuskokwim	What a great story and tremendous writing, particularly the description of the killing of the whale. I'm anxious to hear how the investigation into the village's actions turned out.	Christine Trudeau, Teresa Cotsirilos
Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	Bob Collins	Second Place	KTOO Public Media	Were just out: Bergmann tenants turn to Salvation Army	Great interview with the man who was homeless. Fine writing enhanced by an understated delivery that let the audio carry the load.	Quinton Chandler
Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	Bob Collins	Third Place	CoastAlaska	Talking Trash: Follow the garbage Southeast ships south	Well told story that started by asking the question that few people want to ask. Always a good indicator of a fine journalist.	Ed Schoenfeld, Ed Ronco, Tom Banse
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Portrait (Small)	Stephanie Mullen	First Place	The Northern Light	Chocolate and a bittersweet goodbye	I love portraits of real people in their real environments. I know what this person does for a living and he is clearly happy in his role.	Young Kim
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Portrait (Small)	Stephanie Mullen	Second Place	The Delta Discovery	2017 Cama-i Dance Festival: Cheri Alstrom	Nice portrait Beautiful light, nice moment	Greg Lincoln
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Health	Bob Ortega	First Place	Alaska Commons	New Proposals in Anchorage Seek to Boost Farmers Markets and Rooftop Gardening	This entry did the best job of providing context for the public-health benefits of the efforts it described.	John Aronno
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Health	Bob Ortega	Second Place	Capital City Weekly	Gustavus girl, paralyzed by disease, needs therapy bike to walk again	Nice use of quotes from the young girl featured in the story, to help up understand the challenges she faces in her recovery.	Clara Miller
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Health	Bob Ortega	Third Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sitka Marshals Grants to Fight Opioid Crisis	Useful explanation for the lack of clear opioid use data in communities such as Sitka.	Abigail Bliss
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Picture Story	Stephanie Mullen	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Mr. Fix It: Korean immigrant builds a life and business in Anchorage	Nice layering in this one. Made for some gritty photos and brought the viewer in.	Young Kim
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Picture Story	Stephanie Mullen	Second Place	Edible Alaska	Spring Fever	Beautiful use of natural light. Great detail shots.	Bethany Goodrich
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Picture Story	Stephanie Mullen	Third Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Swan Lake	I really liked the different views and angles.	Taylor Balkom
Television	Best Sports Reporting	Joe Terrell	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Running Blind	AMAZING... what edged this out over the second place winner was the excellent photography in challenging situations.	John Thain
Television	Best Sports Reporting	Joe Terrell	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Iditarod Love Story	Very heartfelt and well told!	Travis Khachatoorian, Reporter, Albert Lutan, Photographer
Television	Best Sports Reporting	Joe Terrell	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	AK Rock Climbing	Very creative standup!	Dave Leval
Television	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Charlie Haldeman	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Condolence Letters		Rebecca Palsha, Eric Sowl
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Television	Best Education Reporting	Devon Sayers	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Small School Success: Hope, AK Student Wins Competition					Mike Ross, Michael Nederbrock
Television	Best Education Reporting	Devon Sayers	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	FRONTIERS: Bethel Shooting Tragedy					Rhonda McBride, Will Mader, Gina Romero
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Solo Journalism	Devon Sayers	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	When Horses Fly					Blake Essig
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Solo Journalism	Devon Sayers	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Loren Holmes Solo Journalism					Loren Holmes
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Solo Journalism	Devon Sayers	Third Place	Anchorage Press	Aint no sunshine: KONRs long and crazy road to indie radio bliss					O'Hara Shipe
										One of the keys to good news site web design is how it looks on a phone. I think that is a first consideration because it's most likely the most common way the sites will be experienced by users. All of these sites, however, were evaluated on both their desktop and mobile designs. Home pages of some, the traditional news organizations, particularly, suffer from "got-to-have-it-on-the-home-page." Didn't see much effort to push the envelope in any entry.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Media Website	Jack Lail	First Place	Anchorage Daily News	adn.com	Like the large thumbnails on mobile. Best mobile experience of the group. Desktop experience is bit of an information overload. I suspect people often can't find things right on the home page (well-hidden in plain sight).				Staff

Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Media Website	Jack Lail	Second Place	The Northern Light	The Northern Light	Tremendous student-run effort. Site works well on desktop and mobile. Utilitarian. Would love to see larger photos on stories and the home/section fronts and more video.	Staff	One of the keys to good news site web design is how it looks on a phone. I think that is a first consideration because it's most likely the most common way the sites will be experienced by users. All of these sites, however, were evaluated on both their desktop and mobile designs. Home pages of some, the traditional news organizations, particularly, suffer from "got-to-have-it-on-the-home-page." Didn't see much effort to push the envelope in any entry.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Media Website	Jack Lail	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA.com - The Voice of Alaska	Well organized. Good desktop and mobile experience. Surprisingly little video for a TV site and most of that is repurposed broadcast pieces.	KTVA Staff	One of the keys to good news site web design is how it looks on a phone. I think that is a first consideration because it's most likely the most common way the sites will be experienced by users. All of these sites, however, were evaluated on both their desktop and mobile designs. Home pages of some, the traditional news organizations, particularly, suffer from "got-to-have-it-on-the-home-page." Didn't see much effort to push the envelope in any entry.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Blog	Jack Lail	First Place	thespenardian.com	The Spenardian	I think the tightly focused hyperlocal approach of this blog works. One lesson for others: find the interesting stories right around you; they are there.	Victoria Petersen, Samantha Davenport	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Blog	Jack Lail	Second Place		Crude Magazine	Less of central them than the first place winner in this category, but nonetheless an interesting effort, or interesting collection of efforts.	Cody Liska	
Print-Small	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	First Place	The Northern Light	Artist Ray Troll brings to life long-extinct creatures at the Anchorage Museum	This is a lovely, whimsically written story that brings to life the joy of science through the eyes of an artist who has loved dinosaurs since childhood. It reminds us to always hang on to that child-like sense of wonder about the world and its creatures and to continue to learn about them. Bravo.	Ammon Swenson	
Print-Small	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	Second Place	Homer News	Local fisherman enters Homer art scene	This is a charming story about a fisherwoman who is also a painter becoming known in the Homer art scene. We get an intimate inside glimpse of her life as both a deckhand and an artist, and how satisfyingly both pastimes complement each other for the subject. This is a meaningful, female-centric story.	Megan Pacer	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brian McCrone	First Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sitkans Turn Tables on Holiday Market Thief	Really fun tale. Great main characters. Crafted, understandable rundown of events. A grim tale from which the reader reaps great benefit. A fascinating case well worth the front page for complexity and original subject matter. Somewhat overquoted, and would have been nice to have outside experts weigh in on precedents.	Abigail Bliss	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brian McCrone	Second Place	Petersburg Pilot	Attorney represents client months after her demise		Ron Loesch, Anne Loesch, Jessica Owens, Ola Richards, Karrie Malcom, Debbie Lyons, Elly Hegar, Savann Guthrie, Chris Reyes, Joelle Reyes	
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brian McCrone	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Alaskans are deluged with social media posts on crime. What's it doing to us?	Far-and-away the most well-rounded submission of enterprise reporting on a topic of crime and punishment in this year's competition. Delves deep into an issue (use of social media to deal with angst over crime) to find questions readers should be asking themselves.	Michelle Theriault, Bill Roth	
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brian McCrone	Second Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Details emerge in death of local doctor	Well-written, well-reported piece that doesn't wait for police and prosecutors to do the research and, with subtlety, raises questions that authorities need to answer.	Zach Halaschak	



Print-Large	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brian McCrone	Third Place	Anchorage Daily News	Two years out, Alaska marijuana criminal cases inch forward	Solid piece on four interesting cases. But doesn't get any of the actual suspects to talk and could have used some explanation on what truly is holding these cases up.	Laurel Andrews, Jerzy Shedlock	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Graphic	Mike Campbell	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	DATA VIZ: Comparing 2017 vs 2015 Iditarod results	Tremendous work presenting all of the incredible amount of comparison data.	Sidney Sullivan	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Graphic	Mike Campbell	Second Place	Juneau Empire	Un New Worry	Classic, strong work. A great example of the power of an infographic to provide context.	James Brooks	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Graphic	Mike Campbell	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Halloween 2017: Top Trending Costume Results	Very classic. What sets this apart is the breakdown of cost of costume, candy and decorations, as well as, the costume category.	Sidney Sullivan	
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or	Corey Flintoff	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Shareholder unrest shapes Shee Atik&#6189;eeting	This story made excellent use of sound and interviews to convey the conflict between Shee Atika board members and dissident shareholders. The issues were very well explained.	Emily Kwong	There are two major challenges in government and political reporting. The first is to clearly and fairly explain the issues involved. The second is to present the material in a lively way that will capture the attention of the radio audience. All of this year's entries successfully met the first challenge. The three winners used the power of sound and skillful editing to make their stories not only clear, but compelling.
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or	Corey Flintoff	Second Place	KRBD Radio (Ketchikan)	Salvage Trash	Trash management is a big issue for local governments in Alaska. This piece used sound and artfully edited interviews to explain Ketchikan's salvage program in a lively and interesting way.	Leila Kheiry	There are two major challenges in government and political reporting. The first is to clearly and fairly explain the issues involved. The second is to present the material in a lively way that will capture the attention of the radio audience. All of this year's entries successfully met the first challenge. The three winners used the power of sound and skillful editing to make their stories not only clear, but compelling.
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Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Food Reporting	Gretchen McKay	First Place	Arctic Sounder	After the last sigluaq	The reporter did a terrific job of integrating meticulous reporting on the traditions of indigenous peoples with scientific and environmental issues. Great descriptions, and a nice voice. Made me not only feel the atmosphere, but want to know more about the topic.	Shady Grove Oliver	So many well-written and fascinating stories about Alaska and its people. I really loved the wide variety of topics.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Food Reporting	Gretchen McKay	Second Place	Edible Alaska	Paula, Ann, and the Octopus	A lovely sense of time and place in this story. The writer quickly set the scene, and painted an engaging picture of the characters and their world. Actually made me want to eat octopus -- no small feat! The recipe as a nice touch.	Miranda Weiss, Ash Adams	So many well-written and fascinating stories about Alaska and its people. I really loved the wide variety of topics.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Food Reporting	Gretchen McKay	Third Place	Edible Alaska	Feeding Alaska	Solid reporting and really nice storytelling, I felt like I got to know these farmers.	William Koeppen, Shannon Kuhn	So many well-written and fascinating stories about Alaska and its people. I really loved the wide variety of topics.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Illustration	Mike Campbell	First Place	The Northern Light	Colin Kaepernick	Great illustration. The composition, concept, execution was all completed at a high level. Well done.	Levi Brown	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Illustration	Mike Campbell	Second Place	UAF Sun Star	News Leek	Very clever concept.	Mason Schoemaker	

Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Karen Larsen	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Prison Inmates Crochet to Help Community and Themselves	This is a wonderfully written, unique story with a surprising reveal. Great job setting up the story with pigs and potatoes and then transitioning into the feature. Nice writing and delivery from the reporter supported by solid photography and editing.	Mike Ross, Shawn Wilson	This is always a difficult category to judge because Alaska has so many talented reporters, anchors and photographers with a wide range of topics they've sought out and brought to their viewers.  We must give thanks to quality photographers for helping provide the video and sound that make for great stories. It's all in the teamwork!  Congratulations to all who entered their work.
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Karen Larsen	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Kindness can be grown	Cute kids working on a community project plus great video, natural sound and editing provide viewers with a sweet feature.	Rebecca Palsha, Shawn Wilson	This is always a difficult category to judge because Alaska has so many talented reporters, anchors and photographers with a wide range of topics they've sought out and brought to their viewers.  We must give thanks to quality photographers for helping provide the video and sound that make for great stories. It's all in the teamwork!  Congratulations to all who entered their work.
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Karen Larsen	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Geothermal farm-to-table	One man's journey through life in farming proves fascinating. Very well written and good choice of sound to support the story.	Beth Verge, Reporter, Ben Gauthier, Photographer	This is always a difficult category to judge because Alaska has so many talented reporters, anchors and photographers with a wide range of topics they've sought out and brought to their viewers.  We must give thanks to quality photographers for helping provide the video and sound that make for great stories. It's all in the teamwork!  Congratulations to all who entered their work.
Television	Best Feature	Deborah Horne	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Reporter's Notebook: A Christmas Keepsake	Very powerful. And courageous. Such a personal story told in a unique way.	Victoria Taylor, Michael Nederbrock	Some very nicely told stories. And wonderful video.
Television	Best Feature	Deborah Horne	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Welcome to the Sheldon Family Chalet	Very nicely done.	Lauren Maxwell, John Thain	Some very nicely told stories. And wonderful video.
Television	Best Feature	Deborah Horne	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Royal Suite fire blanket donation	Beautiful.	Rebecca Palsha, Shawn Wilson	Some very nicely told stories. And wonderful video.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best News Photo	Barrett Stinson	First Place	Juneau Empire	Playground Fire	Nice moment and good composition with the fireman in the arch. Unusual to see a playground on fire, much less an engulfed playground.	Michael Penn	The three winners jumped out quickly. Surprised by the number of entries that did not include caption information. The order of the winners would be spectacle, humor and moment.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best News Photo	Barrett Stinson	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Bear gets into trash	An unusual moment with a snacking bear takes second place. An unusual (for Nebraska anyway) sight cropped tightly.	Loren Holmes	The three winners jumped out quickly. Surprised by the number of entries that did not include caption information. The order of the winners would be spectacle, humor and moment.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best News Photo	Barrett Stinson	Third Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Healthcare Hug	Well composed with nice expressions while being wide enough to give a sense of place to the viewer.	James Poulson	The three winners jumped out quickly. Surprised by the number of entries that did not include caption information. The order of the winners would be spectacle, humor and moment.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	First Place	Juneau Empire	Tram in the Fog	Nice mysterious mood created in this image. Good composition, from a good angle, and well cropped.	Michael Penn	Not many really weak photos in this category, but the winners stood out quickly for us. Again, surprised that some entries had no caption info.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Roundabout	Very graphic and nicely done shooting down to make the ordinary extraordinary. We would have cropped in a little from the left and the bottom.	Loren Holmes	Not many really weak photos in this category, but the winners stood out quickly for us. Again, surprised that some entries had no caption info.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Third Place	Anchorage Press	That Gorilla, Depression: An open and personal look at dealing with mental illness	The best straight up scenic photo entered in the category. Just a beauty.	Young Kim	Not many really weak photos in this category, but the winners stood out quickly for us. Again, surprised that some entries had no caption info.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	First Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Alpine Race	Nice angle, and dare I say peak action. Just a well thought out and composed image with a great sense of place.	James Poulson	The top image jumped out immediately, Not a real strong category overall with late action and/or lack of tighter cropping.

Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	Second Place	The Delta Discovery	1A Coastal Regional Basketball Action	The best straight action shot that suffers greatly from not being cropped tighter.	Greg Lincoln	The top image jumped out immediately, Not a real strong category overall with late action and/or lack of tighter cropping.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	Third Place	The Northern Light	Seawolf Rugby	An interesting take on this subject that also could be cropped in from the top to just below the roofline and in from the right to just outside the larger windows.	Jay Guzman	The top image jumped out immediately, Not a real strong category overall with late action and/or lack of tighter cropping.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Sports Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	First Place	Juneau Empire	Hard Loss	The best loser is the winner here, as this image is just well composed and clean with a good moment.	Michael Penn	All the winners were not action shots, but were solid photos. Surprised there weren't better peak action photos entered in the category. There were a couple good action shots that could be cropped tighter or been more unusual, but they just couldn't compete with the winners.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Sports Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Second Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Agony of defeat	A tableau of despair across the frame. Not sure if the people in the foreground help the image or not, but it's a good image replete with emotion.	Taylor Balkom	All the winners were not action shots, but were solid photos. Surprised there weren't better peak action photos entered in the category. There were a couple good action shots that could be cropped tighter or been more unusual, but they just couldn't compete with the winners.
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Sports Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Third Place	Anchorage Daily News	State Football Championship	This winner is third. Nice emotional moment, but not as clean as the first two photos.	Loren Holmes	All the winners were not action shots, but were solid photos. Surprised there weren't better peak action photos entered in the category. There were a couple good action shots that could be cropped tighter or been more unusual, but they just couldn't compete with the winners.
Television	Best Culture Reporting	David Thompson	First Place	360 North TV	Lineage: Tlingit Art Across Generations	Very well done. flowed nicely	Ishmael Hope, Scott Burton, Cheryl Snyder	
Television	Best Culture Reporting	David Thompson	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	FRONTIERS: Time to Dance Again	well shot and edited	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	
Television	Best Culture Reporting	David Thompson	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	ANMC Nativities	Great story well shot	Eric Sowl	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	First Place	The Northern Light	Alaska bat researchers brace for white-nose syndrome	Lively writing, a clear articulation of the issue at hand and good sources explaining what's at stake.	Ammon Swenson	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	Second Place	Skagway News	Skagway feels back-to-back magnitude 6.2, 6.3 earthquakes	A very complete account of how and why earthquakes happen in Alaska, the damage they've wrought in the past and the damage they might do. Kudos for bringing context to a news event.	Dan Fox	
Print-Small	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	Third Place	Chilkat Valley News	Beware 'woolly bear'; look-alike critter stings	This story has good detail, some good voices and an appealingly odd-looking subject.	Kyle Clayton	
Television	Best Newscast	Aaron Ellis	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	First Take at 5: June 14, 2017		Adam Nicely	
Television	Best Newscast	Aaron Ellis	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	KTUU Late Edition 10:00 pm newscast 11/16/2017		Mike Ross, Rebecca Palsha, Daniel Kirby	
Television	Best Newscast	Aaron Ellis	Third Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	KTUU Late Edition 10:00 p.m. newscast 7/31/2017		Caslon Hatch, Juan Montes, Ashleigh Ebert	
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Long Feature	Michael Roehrman	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	The strange tale of how an Anchorage hedgehog missing for 2 months finally came home	A fascinating story that started with an item in an ombudsman's annual report. The topic may seem light, but the reporting behind it was anything but.	Devin Kelly	
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Long Feature	Michael Roehrman	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	A beating heart: How a transplant united two families at the Eagle River High graduation	A truly affecting story that was well told.	Tegan Hanlon	
Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Long Feature	Michael Roehrman	Third Place	Chilkat Valley News	Longtime heroin addict shares struggle for sobriety		Kyle Clayton	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska Outdoors Reporting	Christina Myer	First Place		Broken Record, Broken Dreams	Absolutely mesmerizing. Very well done.	Albert Lutan, Dave Brooks, Kyle Hopkins	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska Outdoors Reporting	Christina Myer	Second Place	Chilkat Valley News	A vertical realm: Hidden granite towers could draw a gold rush of Alaska big wall climbing		Kyle Clayton	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Alaska Outdoors Reporting	Christina Myer	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Zirkle, King and all of Nulato try to move past terrible memories of Iditarod attack		Tegan Hanlon	

Print-Large	Best Short Feature	Michael Taylor	First Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Man redeems 1965 drink coin	The winning piece from the Ketchikan Daily News edged out the competition with colorful local dialog and supplemental reporting from multiple sources, all to relate the 50-year journey of a wooden nickel.	Alaina Bartel	Not only all three top finishers, but all of the short features submitted, exemplified the category with interesting characters, unusual topics, and a light, entertaining writing style. Choosing winners from this field was exceptionally tough.
Print-Large	Best Short Feature	Michael Taylor	Second Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Yukon Quest checkpoint manager provided shelter, weather reports and bacon	This profile provides a living of history of a major Alaskan event along with one man's unusual story.	Sam Friedman	Not only all three top finishers, but all of the short features submitted, exemplified the category with interesting characters, unusual topics, and a light, entertaining writing style. Choosing winners from this field was exceptionally tough.
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Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Magazine Feature	Michael Taylor	First Place	Alaska Magazine	Subsistence Tradition	Steven Quinn marries evocative language with his beautiful photography to create a memorable portrait of ancient Alaskan tradition.	Steve Quinn	All features submitted were well reported with strong writing, and each had a flavor that was uniquely Alaskan.
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Magazine Feature	Michael Taylor	Second Place	Southern Poverty Law Center	Benefit or Burden? Alaska Militias Prep for Inevitable Challenges, Worst Case Scenarios	The very thorough level of research made this feature stand out above other reporting on Alaska's militia movement.	Cody Liska, Ammon Swenson	All features submitted were well reported with strong writing, and each had a flavor that was uniquely Alaskan.
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Magazine Feature	Michael Taylor	Third Place	Crude Magazine	The Anchorage Press Is Dead: Far From Its Roots	The writing is full of attitude and style, which matches the alt-weekly subject matter perfectly.	Cody Liska	All features submitted were well reported with strong writing, and each had a flavor that was uniquely Alaskan.
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best	Cynthia Sewell	First Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Reality Check: Bike Safety	Sharp, innovative, funny, and informative, this short video spot offers important tips and guidelines in an entertaining way.	John Tracy, Nick Swann	
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best	Cynthia Sewell	Second Place	Anchorage Press	Our Anchorage is Nazi-Free	Shines a thoughtful spotlight on an ominous event, with frightening national and local repercussions.	John Aronno	
Television,Radio,Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best	Cynthia Sewell	Third Place	Petersburg Pilot	Experience necessary	Revealing and compelling, this story pulls back the curtain on local politics, offering some cogent insight and color.	Ron Loesch, Anne Loesch	
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	First Place	UAF Sun Star	When good men can do nothing, Self-preservation, Coping mechanisms	Smart, conversational, and full of voice, these pieces are thought provoking, captivating and utterly readable.	Kyrie Long	
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	Second Place	Homer News	Kachemak Gardener	Dispatches from the end of the spit, with the spirit and voice of the hearty backyard garden battler.	Rosemary Fitzpatrick	
Print-Small	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	Third Place	The Northern Light	College Cookbook	A fine mix of story and ingredients, these pieces are a recipe for great reading.	Victoria Petersen	
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	First Place	Anchorage Daily News	Charles Wohlforth column	Wohlfort teases out the people among us with these poignant, powerful profiles. The writing moves effortlessly along the razor's edge between storytelling and sentimentality.	Charles Wohlforth	
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	Second Place	Anchorage Press	A Hot Mess -- And a Charade, Our Anchorage is Nazi-Free, Pride vs. Pride	Great, straight-forward prose, Aronno paints the scene and peoples it with a deft touch and obvious heart.	John Aronno	
Print-Large	The Suzan Nightingale Award for	Cynthia Sewell	Third Place	Anchorage Press	Editor's Note	Slick and pointed snark that reveals the absurdities of everyday life.	Matt Hickman	
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	First Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Starbucs makes amends: Fairbanks rapper Michael Cofey addresses his past on his latest album	This is an inspiring story about an Alaskan rap artist who has reached a level of self realization and sees the influence his life and career has on others. The writer makes Cofey come alive on the page.	Gary Black	

Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	Second Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	One big brawl for it all: Fairbanks Ladies of Wrestling hit the big time	The writer opens our eyes to how entertainment-based this women's wrestling team is and does a great job tying it in with current pop culture through the Netflix dramedy GLOW. This is a fun, quirky story that captures the humor and excitement of an art form stemming from athletics. And the headline is great!	Gary Black
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Folk Fest, after hours	This is a very interesting story about the traditions of this long-running folk festival and how exciting it is each year for the community. The most vivid description was of late-night music making at the Alaskan Hotel.	Alex McCarthy
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Erin Hennessey	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	150 years in the making, Kiks.&#6441; gather to commemorate loss of land	Excellent job of documenting the tension and sadness around "Alaska Day" with local tribes. Well voiced. Strong use of tape. Captured complex history.	Emily Kwong
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Erin Hennessey	Second Place	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Archaeologists shed light on Tlingit culture near Petersburg, before Europeans	Captured the culture. Educational and entertaining. Nicely voiced and mixed.	Angela Denning
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Erin Hennessey	Third Place	KYUK	Science And Culture Merge As One At Summer Camp On The Kwethluk	Well done. Excellent use of tape and strong sense of place. Really tapped the culture.	Christine Trudeau
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Elizabeth Walters	First Place	Skagway News	Fish This!	Such great detail and so well written. Particularly enjoyed the tourist video story.	Andrew Cremata
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Elizabeth Walters	Second Place	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Daily News-Miner outdoors column		Sam Friedman, Kevin Baird, Kevin Baird
Print-Small,All,Print-Large	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Elizabeth Walters	Third Place	The Northern Light	Radical Recreation		Brenda Craig
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	Tanya Ott	First Place	KTOO Public Media	They Dont Talk Back comes home to Southeast with Perseverance Theatre premiere		Scott Burton
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	Tanya Ott	Second Place	KTOO Public Media	Brooklyns Defibulators bring Honkey Tonk heart attack to Jazz & Classics Festival		Annie Bartholomew
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	A glacier in Interior Alaska is a testing ground for equipment intended for use in space	Remarkable work making planetary science accessible to a general audience. Lively, well-researched and well-written.	Yereth Rosen
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	Second Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Could this giant polar bear skull be the legendary 'weasel bear'?	With context and strong writing, this piece makes absolutely clear why this fascinating discovery is fascinating and why the circumstances around its discovery are disconcerting.	Yereth Rosen
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Science	Matt Miller	Third Place	Juneau Empire	Invasion from Borg of the ocean baffles scientists	An interesting account of an interesting phenomenon. Well-written with a nice combination of sources.	Kevin Gullufsen
Radio	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Tanya Ott	First Place	Alaska Public Media	Building a future after prison through vocational education		Anne Hillman
Radio	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Tanya Ott	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	Vigilantes or heroes? Anchorage group takes to streets, reuniting owners with stolen vehicles		Casey Grove
Radio	Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Tanya Ott	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Investigators learn new language of fire behavior to find origin, cause		Matt Miller

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Television, Radio	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	First Place	KYUK	The Gray Whale That Took The Kuskokwim, And Then The Kuskokwim Took The Whale	A marvelous story and the clear winner of this competition. This is a remarkable account of a wildlife tragedy that also manages to be about the heart of a community as it responds. Great details like berry picking, Crisco and hand-made hooks. Very creative use of multimedia tools to tell this story from several different perspectives. Especially liked the bilingual broadcast. This is a textbook example of excellent comprehensive coverage of an important topic.	Teresa Cotsirilos, Christine Trudeau, Katie Basile, Anna Rose MacArthur	Once again, I am impressed by the overall quality of the reporting in both these entries and in the print category. This is inspiring journalism.
Television, Radio	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	Second Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Newtok coverage	Newtok coverage is another in a line of great stories in this contest that detail the impact of global warming in clear, human and immediate terms. Wished more people in the lower 48 were reading and listening to these stories.	Rachel Waldholz	Once again, I am impressed by the overall quality of the reporting in both these entries and in the print category. This is inspiring journalism.
Television, Radio	Best Comprehensive Coverage	John Ensslin	Third Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Alaska Gasline Development Corporation coverage	Alaska Gasline Development Corporation is an entity that deserves close scrutiny. These stories provide that. Good enterprising watchdog journalism.	Rashah McChesney	Once again, I am impressed by the overall quality of the reporting in both these entries and in the print category. This is inspiring journalism.
Radio	Best Feature	Kirk Siegler	First Place	KYUK	Community Members And Archeologists Race Against Time At Nunalleq	Nice descriptive writing that matched scenes and sounds well and I enjoyed being taken on a "journey" with surprises along the way.	Teresa Cotsirilos	Some excellent entries in this category and very hard to choose - especially between the top 3. Most of the pieces - and topics - were great and important local and regional issues, but just didn't include as much creative use of AMBI as the top 3.
Radio	Best Feature	Kirk Siegler	Second Place	KNOM	Dearest Alaska: B.T.C.U.s Pick Nome Every Year	Nicely structured with well placed ambi as the piece takes the listener on a journey to some remote places most of us have never been. There was some nice tape from one of your birders that gave us the "a ha, this is why this matters" moment which is sometimes lacking in our stories.	Karen Trop	Some excellent entries in this category and very hard to choose - especially between the top 3. Most of the pieces - and topics - were great and important local and regional issues, but just didn't include as much creative use of AMBI as the top 3.
Radio	Best Feature	Kirk Siegler	Third Place	KTOO Public Media	Mod Carousel brings boylesque world premiere to Juneau	Nice piece with creative use of sounds and excellent production qualities - reporter in her tracking strikes the right balance between professional and conversational. I would have only liked to have a little community reaction as the artist mentions there is a void for this sort of more provocative art in his hometown.	Annie Bartholomew	Some excellent entries in this category and very hard to choose - especially between the top 3. Most of the pieces - and topics - were great and important local and regional issues, but just didn't include as much creative use of AMBI as the top 3.
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	Michelle Maxwell	First Place	Chilkat Valley News	Chicken loses wing after hawk attack; adjusts to life indoors	An entertaining, humorous slice-of-life story filled that many would have passed on writing. Well-structured, great quotes.	Kyle Clayton	
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	Michelle Maxwell	Second Place	Skagway News	Dolled up for the holidays	Successfully uses the voices and memories of participants to describe the strong connection the community has with the event.	Dan Fox	
Print-Small	Best Short Feature	Michelle Maxwell	Third Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Paperwork Fight Won, Pot Shop Opens	Well-written continuing coverage story with good background and sourcing.	Brielle Schaeffer	
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Bus	Ashley Gross	First Place	KTOO Public Media	Return to sender: Juneau pot business blocked from mailing tax payments	Excellent piece about something very surprising - the fact that the U.S. Postal Service won't let a pot business ship its cash through the mail to pay its state taxes. Told in an entertaining and lively way. The state tax director is a particularly good character who sums up the absurdity of the situation. Too bad there's quite a bit of phone tape, but otherwise a really good story that could be pitched nationally.	Jacob Resneck	

Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business	Ashley Gross	Second Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Seeking investment, Alaska goes open source with oil & gas data	Loved the writing and delivery in this piece that took what could be a very dry topic and gave it the 007 treatment. Only thing I missed was more live tape instead of phone tape - also would have liked to have heard from one of the oil companies making use of all this valuable data. But otherwise, great job. Interesting piece about a very important topic. I like how Berett fleshed out a report with examples from real life showing the differences between the generations of fishermen. One thing, though - the Beatles broke up in 1970, not 1971.	Rashah McChesney
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business	Ashley Gross	Third Place	KHNS	Rural Alaska losing access to fisheries, report says		Berett Wilber
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	First Place	The Delta Discovery	Proton Arc Aurora	Really nice and different aurora photo. Great job getting buildings and other elements in the frame to help with the context of the image.	Greg Lincoln
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	Second Place	The Delta Discovery	H-Marker Lake Auroras in Bethel	A shot very cleanly captured. My full understanding of the image would have been helped by a caption.	Greg Lincoln
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	Third Place	Skagway News	It's about the journey, not the destination	Sharp and glass-like reflection, and nice work waiting for the human element to create the ripples on the water. The quality of the reflection was so high that I found myself looking for ripples in the upper portion of the image as well!	Tobey Schmidt
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	First Place	Chilkat Valley News	Playing Air Guitars at the Fair	This is a true feature, and a nice moment. Having the person playing the real guitar in the background is an important element.	Kyle Clayton
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	Second Place	The Northern Light	Tree swallows	A nice image that perhaps could have been cropped tighter to really emphasize the scale of the bird and the hands. This is a reminder that features don't have to just be moments. They can also be interesting details or a new way of seeing something.	Jay Guzman
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	Third Place	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Pulling Up the Powhatan	Although better placed in the news division, this is nicely planned and photographed and has some really great layers. It's very nice to see good composition and technical (fstop) planning for a photo.	James Poulson

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Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Ted Warren	First Place	Anchorage Daily News	Bore tide surfer	Wonderful simple image featuring great light and scale. Perhaps the only improvement would have been a horizon closer to a 1/3 position instead of directly in the middle, and possibly the surfer more to the left for a rule of thirds approach, although in this case, the symmetry and centering also works well. Great caption too, which really helps give the viewer even more information.	Loren Holmes	<p>It was a pleasure to judge this category. I liked that several of the features were tied to solstice, a protest march, and other events, making them relevant as well as pretty to look at.</p> <p>Kudos to the 3rd place winner for seeing and waiting for the visual similarity between the worker and the angler on the sign. That's a good way to make a feature get noticed.</p> <p>First place is just a really simple, beautiful image, and the frame was carefully selected to show the surfer in a graphically pleasing and action-telling position. I hope this ran nice and big to show off the scale of the moment.</p>
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Ted Warren	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	Moose encounter	A nice moment captured cleanly and clearly. There's both some fun and tension in this photo. I hope this was shared with the AP wire, as the rest of the country is not accustomed to these situations.	Loren Holmes	<p>It was a pleasure to judge this category. I liked that several of the features were tied to solstice, a protest march, and other events, making them relevant as well as pretty to look at.</p> <p>Kudos to the 3rd place winner for seeing and waiting for the visual similarity between the worker and the angler on the sign. That's a good way to make a feature get noticed.</p> <p>First place is just a really simple, beautiful image, and the frame was carefully selected to show the surfer in a graphically pleasing and action-telling position. I hope this ran nice and big to show off the scale of the moment.</p>
Television, Radio, All, Print-Large	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Ted Warren	Third Place	Ketchikan Daily News	Angling for cheer	Taking a simple situation and making it visually interesting is a hallmark of a good feature, and this fits that bill.	Hall Anderson	<p>It was a pleasure to judge this category. I liked that several of the features were tied to solstice, a protest march, and other events, making them relevant as well as pretty to look at.</p> <p>Kudos to the 3rd place winner for seeing and waiting for the visual similarity between the worker and the angler on the sign. That's a good way to make a feature get noticed.</p> <p>First place is just a really simple, beautiful image, and the frame was carefully selected to show the surfer in a graphically pleasing and action-telling position. I hope this ran nice and big to show off the scale of the moment.</p>
Radio	Best Profile	Cara Hetland	First Place	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Petersburg couple cares for their baby with brittle bones	This was a lovely story about a difficult subject. Nicely done.	Angela Denning	<p>It's so much fun to hear about the locals from another state. These stories were all fascinating and well told. Great writing and the best stories are these about someone doing something for a reason.</p>
Radio	Best Profile	Cara Hetland	Second Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Made for me: An Alaskan couple looks back at romance and upheaval in the wilderness	I love a good love story. This was fun.	Elizabeth Harball	<p>It's so much fun to hear about the locals from another state. These stories were all fascinating and well told. Great writing and the best stories are these about someone doing something for a reason.</p>
Radio	Best Profile	Cara Hetland	Third Place	KYUK	Rocking One Last Time With Peter Twitchell's "Geezer Rock"	Loved the music.	Anna Rose MacArthur	<p>It's so much fun to hear about the locals from another state. These stories were all fascinating and well told. Great writing and the best stories are these about someone doing something for a reason.</p>
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	Cara Hetland	First Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Culturally valuable yellow cedar on the decline	Very interesting and told well.	Elizabeth Jenkins	<p>This was a tough competition. All of the reporting here was done well, explained to understand, and drew me in to care. Nice work by all of the participants.</p>
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	Cara Hetland	Second Place	KYUK	As Permafrost Thaws, Village Cemeteries Sink Into Swamp	Nice story - took me there	Teresa Cotsirilos	<p>This was a tough competition. All of the reporting here was done well, explained to understand, and drew me in to care. Nice work by all of the participants.</p>
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Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Tom Banse	First Place	KYUK	In Kwethluk, A Team of Vets Treat Dogs And Look For Solutions	Drama, sound, action and visuals. Draws you in quickly. Emotion carries throughout. Strong narration. Investment of time spent on scene paid off.	Teresa Cotsirilos	This category was very competitive this year. Glad to hear so many quality reports from so many places. Honorable mention to AK Public Media's Anne Hillman for "Books and buses fight summer hunger."
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Tom Banse	Second Place	KHNS	E. Coli present in popular Haines drinking water source, but residents continue to fill up	Showed a lot of enterprise. Nice action, in person tape. Reporting seems to have caused officials to pay attention to a potential problem.	Abbey Collins	This category was very competitive this year. Glad to hear so many quality reports from so many places. Honorable mention to AK Public Media's Anne Hillman for "Books and buses fight summer hunger."
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Tom Banse	Third Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	In Angoon, a rural water system gets help from beavers	Solid reporting. Mostly in-person tape. Not much action during the tale, but good soundbites. Funny premise.	Elizabeth Jenkins	This category was very competitive this year. Glad to hear so many quality reports from so many places. Honorable mention to AK Public Media's Anne Hillman for "Books and buses fight summer hunger."
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	First Place	Capital City Weekly	After almost a century absence, sacred objects return to the Tlingit people of Hoonah		Mary Catharine Martin	
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	Second Place	Arctic Sounder	Residents rally behind teenage Gambell whaler		Shady Grove Oliver	
Print-Small	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	Third Place	Alaska Commons	Travel Ban Hits Home for Refugees in Alaska		John Aronno	
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Tom Goldman	First Place	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Kotzebue volleyball digs deep to play Sitka's Lady Braves, Wolves	Sarah did a wonderful job of giving us a broader look at Alaskan life through the experience of the Kotzebue volleyball team. Well written, well structured, nice use of sound.	Sarah Gibson	Great to hear so many female voices reporting on sports.
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Tom Goldman	Second Place	KYUK	Bethels Homegrown Womens Powerlifter Has Broken A National Record... Again	Again, the reporter, Christine, did a great job of taking something specific - the story of one powerlifter - and broadening it into an important story about women and body image. i would've liked for her to get in-studio or in-person tape (not on the phone) and I would've liked to have heard some action. The structure of the piece was a little too repetitive: voice tracks, actuality, voice tracks, actuality, etc. STILL, I think the story of Natalie was important enough to warrant this second place prize.	Christine Trudeau	Great to hear so many female voices reporting on sports.
Radio	Best Sports Reporting	Tom Goldman	Third Place	KHNS	Snow derails bike race, but not unicyclists	A fun and quirky story. it would've benefited from closer editing (the Chip Lende section at the top was too long) and some more creative production (could Abbey have given us some sound of the unicyclists out on the road and not just at the finish, for instance), but all in all an entertaining piece and a nice slice of Alaskan life.	Abbey Collins	Great to hear so many female voices reporting on sports.
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	First Place	Anchorage Press	Through the Eyes of an Addict		Cody Liska, Ammon Swenson	
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	Second Place	We Alaskans	Metlakatla's Mission		Steve Quinn	
Print-Large	Best Culture Reporting	Abbie Kozolchyk	Third Place	Crude Magazine	Alaska Preppers: The Obligation of Citizenry		Cody Liska, Ammon Swenson	
Print-Large	Best Reporting on Health	Bob Ortega	First Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Can a 'miracle shot' called Vivitrol break the prison-heroin cycle in Alaska?		Michelle Theriault, Marc Lester	The winning entry offered a strong mix of views, from addicts struggling with recovery to those trying to find, and finance, effective treatments. It was helped by an engaging lead, and by offering solid context for the developments it described. The second-place entry similarly offered useful context for how global warming is spreading new diseases to vulnerable species, such as moose, and what that can mean for humans. All three winners benefitted from good use of details and thorough reporting.

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Print-Large	Best Reporting on Health	Bob Ortega	Third Place	Juneau Empire	New treatment makes opioid addiction treatment easier for some	Alex McCarthy	The winning entry offered a strong mix of views, from addicts struggling with recovery to those trying to find, and finance, effective treatments. It was helped by an engaging lead, and by offering solid context for the developments it described. The second-place entry similarly offered useful context for how global warming is spreading new diseases to vulnerable species, such as moose, and what that can mean for humans. All three winners benefitted from good use of details and thorough reporting.
Television	Best Specialty News Program	Jenelle Shriner	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A Killer Among Us	Kyle Hopkins, Eric Sowl, Jeff Dowd	
Television	Best Specialty News Program	Jenelle Shriner	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	The Pipeline at 40: Past, Present and Future (30-minute special)	Mike Ross, Michael Nederbrock, Jeff Dowd	
Television	Best Specialty News Program	Jenelle Shriner	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	FRONTIERS: Alaska Spirit of Giving	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	
Radio	Best Audio Program or Podcast	Amy Robinson	First Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Midnight Oil	Annie Feidt, Jennifer Pemberton, Rachel Waldholz, Elizabeth Harball, Rashah McChesney, Elizabeth Jenkins, Zoe Sobel, Liz Ruskin	Sorry for the delay in getting you these results. And thank you for your patience and for the reminders! It would be helpful for all entries to contain only selected segments. Off Panel simply linked me to an iTunes page and I chose three clips myself. I didn't see anything in the rules prohibiting that, but I will say it's more user friendly for the judge to have selected segments ready to go. I also think it would benefit the contestant to be able to select what they consider their best work.
Radio	Best Audio Program or Podcast	Amy Robinson	Second Place	Alaska Public Media	Talk of Alaska	Lori Townsend, Dave Waldron, Wesley Early	Thank you for inviting me to judge again this year!  Sorry for the delay in getting you these results. And thank you for your patience and for the reminders! It would be helpful for all entries to contain only selected segments. Off Panel simply linked me to an iTunes page and I chose three clips myself. I didn't see anything in the rules prohibiting that, but I will say it's more user friendly for the judge to have selected segments ready to go. I also think it would benefit the contestant to be able to select what they consider their best work.
Radio	Best Audio Program or Podcast	Amy Robinson	Third Place	SKTCHD	Off Panel	David Harper	Thank you for inviting me to judge again this year!
Television	Best Reporting on Government or	Charlie Haldeman	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Westlake previously investigated for harassment	Kyle Hopkins, Eric Sowl	
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Bus	Charlie Haldeman	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Tourist Trap	Kyle Hopkins, Eric Sowl, Shawn Wilson	
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Bus	Charlie Haldeman	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	FRONTIERS: Faces of the Future, Alaska Entrepreneurs	Rhonda McBride, Will Mader	

Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Bus	Charlie Haldeman	Third Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Norton Sound Crabbing		Heather Hintze	
Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Charlie Haldeman	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Kasaan Kids' Year-round Harvests		Travis Khachatoorian, Reporter, Ben Gauthier, Photographer	
Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Charlie Haldeman	Second Place	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	FRONTIERS: Blindsided by Heroin		Rhonda McBride, Will Mader, Gina Romero	
Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Charlie Haldeman	Third Place	Alaska Public Media	Project Buhay (Life): Colon Cancer and Filipinos in Alaska		Joy Chavez Mapaye, Howdice Brown II, Luke Magnusson	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Environmental Reporting	Erik Anderson	First Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Village on the edge: Newtok's race against climate change	writer found real characters to tell real world story about impacts of climate change. Excellent videography enhanced compelling story telling,	Blake Essig	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Environmental Reporting	Erik Anderson	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	The curious popularity of a water pipe on the Seward Highway	Great collection of characters that use the remote water source to tell a bigger story about rural Alaska. Well done.	Marc Lester	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Environmental Reporting	Erik Anderson	Third Place	Alaska Dispatch News	Retreating Exit Glacier has become an icon of climate change	Good storytelling about the steady retreat of Alaska's heritage. Chilling tale about global warming.	Yereth Rosen	
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Online Video Journalism	Wes Pope	First Place	KYUK	Video: Gray Whale Harvest on the Kuskokwim River	Good access and respectful reporting given the controversial nature of the story. Important coverage of a story with regional and even national interest.	Katie Basile	Overall: good community based reporting. Enjoyed seeing reports from many of the places I visited earlier in my career.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Online Video Journalism	Wes Pope	Second Place	Anchorage Daily News	A summer of ski jumping	Sweet little story. Cool use of drone and GoPro to make us experience what it feels like what it's like. The interviews are a little dry for how crazy scary this looks.	Loren Holmes	Some excellent shooting and solid editing in the top entires. Some others need to work on better editing to tell a story.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Online Video Journalism	Wes Pope	Third Place	Alaska's Energy Desk	Kodiak's 99% Renewable Grid	"Grid like no other on the planet." Good, solid explanatory report that will hold general interest beyond the local community.	Rachel Waldholz, Eric Keto	Overall: good community based reporting. Enjoyed seeing reports from many of the places I visited earlier in my career.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Multimedia Presentation	Wes Pope	First Place	Alaska Public Media	Longline: Deep Signals	Fun, fascinating visit to this cold war relic on the edge of the universe. I appreciate the way the solid, long-form piece of writing and still photographs compliment the audio report, rather than just repeating the same information.	Zachariah Hughes, Emily Kwong, Ben Matheson, Vikram Patel	Small category, but the three winners were all compelling.
Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Multimedia Presentation	Wes Pope	Second Place	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Multimedia Map: KTUU's ALCAN Roadtrippin' Adventure	Fun series and a fun way to present this as a map. Map navigation is a little clunky. I wish the design allowed bigger photos and bigger videos and integrated the daily video reports more seamlessly – but overall it works. Fun stuff.	Sidney Sullivan, Blake Essig, Nikki Carvajal, Albert Lutan, Tracy Sabo	Small category, but the three winners were all compelling.

Television, Radio, Print-Small, All, Print-Large	Best Multimedia Presentation	Wes Pope	Third Place	KTUU Channel 2	Forgotten Battlefield - Interactive tour	Good application of 360, but I produce 360 video and took me awhile to realize what I was looking at. Could use a prompt in your description and title at least noting it's 360 and telling viewers to look around. Biggest problem with this piece was the nat sound - terrible wind noise here that sometimes drowned out the voiceover. I know the audio is rough out there, important to gather sound separately and do some more work creating rich soundscapes (if not, at least lower the wind noise in the final mix).  TV report: fairly solid historic piece. Maybe too long on the Korea intro before getting to the heart of the story?	kyle hopkins	Small category, but the three winners were all compelling.
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