

Category	Judges	First Place Organization	First Place Entry	First Place Comments	First Place Credit	Second Place Organization	Second Place Entry	Second Place Comments	Second Place Credit	Third Place Organization	Third Place Entry	Third Place Comments	Third Place Credit	
Best Profile	Paula Span	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	For some Alaskans, music brings healing	Kirsten Swann understands how scenes, description, dialogue and comment from other sources enliven profiles.	Kirsten Swann	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Blind, but with a vision			Hope Miller	Anchorage Press	Grandpa's Kitchen	Susy Buchanan	
Best Long Feature	John Ruch	Anchorage Daily News	Call him 'Minimum Mike' if you like	An exemplary piece of feature reporting. Deftly written and well-organized, it navigated me through a complex subject with the right balance of fine detail and general orientation. I always knew where I was and why the story mattered. The prose is colorful, even playful, but always in service to the story's specific surprises and quirks. (The light lede is a good example, surprising us with the unexpectedly friendly courtroom atmosphere while introducing us to a form of disability that may be unfamiliar.) Quotes are well-chosen and used sparingly for illustrative impact. At the end, I was left not only with a pleasurable read, but also with information that empowered me to do something about the FASD/court issue if I so chose. This writer put his personal talents in constant service to the reader. Like all good journalism, it sounds simple to do and is easy to readbut surely challenging to craft.	Kyle Hopkins	The Magazine on Medium	How to Move a Wood Bison	This years competition had several pieces engaging cultural tensions that, it seems, underlie Alaska's identity: the past versus the present, the traditional versus the modern, the individual versus government and/or big business. This piece was the best at taking those tensions by the horns, so to speak. In a style that appears conversational yet is tightly controlled, the writer presents this curious creature, the wood bison, as an incarnation of Alaskan future. The struggle of manipulating the beasts down the chute parallels a struggle over conservation and exploitation; the former is finely observed, while the latter could have been more explicitly drawn.	Jenna Schnuer	Anchorage Press	Animal House: A Furry Rendezvous	A fine example of how to paint a subculture's portrait. The writer begins with cultural immersion, then pulls back the focus to show us both the international context and this specific local incarnation. She managed the difficult feat of remaining objective about some of the rough edges and internal disputes while also being respectful of the countercultural interviewees and their world. Crucially, the writer wrote to her hip readership, knowing just what to explain (i.e. g. Japanese animal names) and what not to (e.g., polyamory). The typo in the first line I chose to blame on editing rather than writing, but spelling does count in a pieces strength.	Susy Buchanan	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Denver Press Club	Peninsula Clarion	'Working Title'	Classic watchdog reporting. Remembering what public officials say and then holding them accountable is the mainstay of government and political reporting. This is a textbook example of beat reporting at its finest.	Rashah McChesney	Alaska Dispatch News	Knock by knock, groups try to 'move the needle' in Alaska's US Senate race	Excellent analysis of how candidates use language and metaphor to advance their careers. Nice bit of history as well.	Nathaniel Herz	Anchorage Daily News	Study: Banning alcohol in Alaska villages doesn't reduce suicide. But more jobs might.	Fascinating study that shed new light on a vexing problem.	Kyle Hopkins	
Best Alaska Outdoor Story	Mike Edgerly	KNOM	Attack of the Musk Ox!	An original and fine mix of science and outdoor reporting. An 'only in Alaska' story that featured good mix of research and anecdote. Good writing and overall presentation.	Zachariah Hughes Bonney Bowman, Rachel McPerron	KTOO TV-Radio KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Voices of Glacier Bay: An Adventure in Sound Tanana Trooper Murder	Good outdoor reporting takes the listener outdoors. This report does that quite well, taking advantage of the stunning recordings from Glacier Bay and the result is good radio.	Lisa Phu	KHNS	Eagles Up Close		Emily Files	
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brad Hicks	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Tears, Forgiveness at Deadly DUI Sentencing						Heather Hintze	None Selected				
Best General News Story	Brad Hicks	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Town Square Trees	Lauren Maxwell, Rick Rysso, John Thain	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	"After a standoff"			Abby Hancock, Albert Lutan	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Family, friend remember Eagle River murder victim		Shannon Ballard, John Thain	
Best Portrait (Small)	Stephanie Mullen	Capital City Weekly	Faith Duncan / Verushka Arts	Beautiful colors and layers, nicely done	Mary Catharine Martin	The Delta Discovery	Yup'ik Way	Love seeing the connection between the generations here.	Greg Lincoln	The Northern Light	Sensi Sholita Girl		James Evans	
Best Portrait (Large)	Stephanie Mullen	Alaska Dispatch	20 years cancer-free	Nice use of her supporters to frame this subject	Loren Holmes	Juneau Empire	JAMM	Love the joy caught here.	Michael Penn	Ketchikan Daily News	Morris delivers retirement papers		Taylor Balkom	
Best Picture Story	Stephanie Mullen	Alaska Dispatch	State Troopers killed in village of Tanana	Beautifully told story. Oozed with emotion. Well done	Loren Holmes	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Fairbanks Rocked By Trooper Shootings	Incredibly emotional story and images. Very well done.	Eric Engman	Alaska Dispatch	Farm to Fork	Really well done on a process that few people really think about.	Loren Holmes	
Best Profile	Mike Edgerly	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	At 81, STA's Elder of the Year is Busy	A powerful, lovely story of one man's role in his family and community. The writing is vivid with just the right touch of humor. An excellent listening experience.	Emily Kwong	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	The Unlikely Path of Alaska's New Orthodox Bishop	A fascinating story well told.	Emily Forman	KBBI Radio, Homer	Renn Tolman, Renowned Boat Builder and Musician, Dies at 80	The unconventional, non-narrated approach works well to illuminate a singular individual who was vital to his community.	Shady Grove Oliver	
Best Magazine Cover	Scott Griffin	First Alaskans Magazine	First Alaskans Magazine Spring 2014 Cover		Dean Potter, Apayo Moore	Alaska SnowRider	SnowRider Dec. 14 cover		John Woodbury, Melissa Devaughn, Meranda Carter, Jill Tillion, Rob Alford	Alaska Coast Magazine	COAST February 2014 cover		John Woodbury, Melissa Devaughn, Meranda Carter, Jill Tillion	
Best Sports Feature	Scott Griffin	Anchorage Press	The Knockout		Aurora Ford	Juneau Empire	The teammate he never met			Klas Stolpe	Anchorage Press	Demolition Man		Susy Buchanan

Best Magazine Design	Scott Griffin	Forum (the magazine of the Alaska Humanities Forum)	Forum Spring/Summer 2014	Wonderfully written, with great detail. Entrant treats her subjects with respect, even as she acknowledges the bizarre aspects of the experience.	Dean Potter, David Holthouse	First Alaskans Magazine	First Alaskans Magazine Spring 2014 Issue		Dean Potter	Alaska Coast Magazine	COAST April 2014 best magazine		John Woodbury, Melissa devaughn, meranda carter, jill tillion		
Best Commentary Blog	Boyd Huppert	The Mudflats	My Militia Weekend	Sophisticated social-issue reporting that brings home the rich-vs-poor, what's-best-for-my-child dilemma. The reporting is deep, detailed and on-the-ground -- a model for contemporary audience engagement. Cheers to Michelle Theriault Boots.	Jeanne Devon	What Do I Know? blog	What Do I Know? (blog)		Steven Aufrecht	Alaska Robotics	Alaska Robotics		Patrick Race, Aaron Suring, Lou Logan, Jamie Karnik, Andy Kline		
Best Education Reporting	Steve Reed	Alaska Dispatch News	Charter, alternative programs drain neighborhood schools of middle class students	MtView Post is a gem; tightly focused on the neighborhood by someone who clearly knows the neighborhood. Great mix of topics. A blog such as this is a terrific asset to a neighborhood.	Michelle Theriault Boots	Alaska Dispatch News	Alaska university campuses adapt to fast-growing veteran enrollment		Tegan Hanlon	Juneau Empire	A 'mixed blessing': Private schools hopeful but leery of voucher impact	Solid explanatory journalism focused on how school vouchers might play in Juneau readers' back yards.	Katie Moritz		
Best Current Events/News Blog	Tom Condon	Mountain View Post	MtViewPost.com	Winner - a power and personal indictment of child sexual abuse. The piece is well-paced as it moves to a reform recommendation that would clearly help break the silence that surrounds this heinous crime.	Kirsten Swann	What Do I Know? blog	What Do I Know? blog		Steven Aufrecht	None Selected					
Leslie Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Tom Condon	Anchorage Press	It's Never Too Late to Tell	Jillian Rogers led with government process, which was important and well-written but less compelling than the human experiences that followed. Alcohol abuse in Alaska is about people. Leading with Kobuk's Maureen Wilson or charter flight operators Mary Ames and Ken Jouppi, or Ambler's Martin Cleveland would have engaged readers sooner and more solidly. A blue ribbon explanatory story nevertheless.	David Holthouse	Alaska Commons	Right to Work, Unions, Slavery, and Other Things Dan Sullivan Doesn't Understand		Craig Tuten	Alaska Commons	A Win for Marriage Equality not an Automatic Ride Over the Rainbow in Alaska	Honorable mention for Ivan Moore's "Legalize It."	John Aronna		
Best General News Story	Steve Reed	Arctic Sounder	Communities debate lifting the Local Option laws on alcohol	Very nicely shot and edited. Well thought out structure and great use of cuts. Did a good job using the moment. Makes every angler want to be there. Nice job!	Jillian Rogers	Daily Sitka Sentinel	USFS Trailer Park is Needed, Sitkans Say	This comprehensive explanation of how federal bureaucracy creates hardship would have been even stronger with a lead that focused on someone at risk.	Tom Hesse	Chilkat Valley News	Man ran into burning home to save friend	Readers could smell the smoke and feel the heat in this well-told tribute to house-fire hero.	Karen Garcia		
Best Reporting on Science	Press Club of Cleveland	Capital City Weekly	Unplugged: What happens when the Internet goes out in Southeast Alaska	An engaging read. Satisfying elements of drama, action and exposition. Enjoy this paper's coverage of the Iditarod. Being from the south, it's fun to read about Alaska's unique sporting event.	James Brooks	Skagway News	Area study aims to track migration patterns of bats for the first time	Informative, well structured and well written.	Katie Emmets	None Selected					
Best Sports News Story	Elizabeth Zaremba	Nome Nugget	Dallas Seavey wins second Iditarod championship	Very nicely shot and edited. Well thought out structure and great use of cuts. Did a good job using the moment. Makes every angler want to be there. Nice job!	Diana Haecker	None Selected		Nicely told story. Creative use of stills to cover where video wasn't possible. Nice variety of shots. Well edited.		None Selected		Liked the way you explained this sport and what makes it work. Prompts the viewer to go out and give it a try. Nice pacing.			
Best Sports Reporting	Joan Cartan-Hansen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Fishing Report - Reel Fly Adventurez	Kari Bustamante, David Brooks	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Community comes together for basketball			John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Get Out - Disc Golf	Minecraft in the classroom: When learning looks like gaming	Brett Shepard, Rick Ryssy		
Best Education Reporting	Bob Collins	KSKA Radio	Teacher's Pet: A Four Legged Educator Retires	Zachariah Hughes	KBBI Radio, Homer	Candlelight Vigil Raises Awareness About Homeless Students			Shady Grove Oliver	KTOO TV-Radio			Lisa Phu		
Best Graphic	Susie Cagle	Capital City Weekly	Sharing Salmon	This was a close one -- a lot of creative visual storytelling formats here. All three of the winners used graphics not just to decorate their information but to actually convey it more effectively and in ways that wouldn't have been possible in a text-only story. Well done.	James Brooks	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Marijuana: Where did the 'yes' votes come from?		Joe Fox, Matt Buxton	The Northern Light	LGBT Community at Risk		Stefanie Vigoren, Poorva Kelkar		

Best Media Website	Susie Cagle	The Northern Light	http://thenorthernlight.org	It may be a student publication, but the Northern Light's web presence looks more professional and sophisticated than that of many established media outlets.	Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	1964 Alaska Earthquake	Lacie Grosvold, Grace Jang, Jeff Rivet, Scott Smith, Corey Young, Austin Baird, Chris Klint, Joshua Staab	Juneau Empire	juneaumempire.com		Juneau Empire web team		
Best Reporting on Health or Science	Boyd Huppert	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	A Message of Life	Story showed commitment over time. Such a story demanded strong photojournalism, and this one had it. Great work. Reporter did a nice job of weaving personal stories about President Obama's health law and the many policy details. Strong lead anecdote helped grab your attention. Many good specifics about the health law and how Alaska was dealing with it.	Joe Vigil, John Thain, Ken Kulovany	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Using Her Eyes to Talk	Garrett Turner, Kuba Wuls	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Living Donor		Heather Hintze		
Best Government or Political Reporting	Boyd Huppert	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Run, Forrest, Run	John Thain	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Sullivan Struggles for Words	Well focused and well paced.	Caslon Hatch, Dave Brooks	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Last Minute Push		Caslon Hatch, Dave Brooks		
Best Reporting on Health	Phil Galewitz	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Health Care Dilemma Hits Home for Sitkans	Tom Hesse	Petersburg Pilot	Making sisters out of strangers: A kidney transplant brings two Petersburg women together	Nicely told tale of kidney transplant in a small town. Clear, concise writing that let the two women tell their story from their view.	Mary Koppen	None Selected					
Best Reporting on Health	Phil Galewitz	Alaska Dispatch News	In Anchorage, November named Menkes Awareness Month for one sick but energetic toddler	Tegan Hanlon	Alaska Business Monthly State	Alaskans Like to Eat Their Cake: Up to a Point: Healthcare overview in the 49th	Comprehensive assessment about the challenges facing Alaska's health system with many good and different voices expressing their perspective.	Natasha Von Imhof	Alaska Dispatch News	The 'quiet health care revolution' that has nothing to do with Obamacare		Laurel Andrews		
Best Page Layout & Design	Heather Goodwin-Henline	The Northern Light	Red Zone: Freshmen at risk at start of semester	Stefanie Vigoren	The Northern Light	NSLS: The details behind deactivation		Tulsi Patil, Stefanie Vigoren, Kiera Hammons, Kelly Ireland	Homer News	Front page, Nov. 20, 2014 Homer News		Lori Evans, Kari Odden		
Best Breaking News Story	Brad Hicks	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Midtown blaze burns six-plex	Shannon Ballard, Stephan Mazurek	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	I hope it happened fast, so that he wasn't scared or hurting		Kyle Hopkins	None Selected					
Best Alaska History Story	Stacey Woelfel	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Unstable Ground	Scotty Smith, Grace Jang, Lacie Grosvold, Steve Mac Donald, Corey Young, Eric Sowl, Rick Schleyer, Gary Lamar, Mike Nederrock, Kim Daenke, Jeff Dowd, Colin Lamar, Felix Rodriguez, Tom Coomer, Brad Hillwig, Tom Orrigo, Tracy Sabo	First Alaskans Magazine	The Other Red Meat		Michael Engelhard	Anchorage Press	The Hired Gun		Mike Gordon		
Best Page Layout & Design	Michael Roehrman	Forum (the magazine of the Alaska Humanities Forum)	Diamonds from Wilderness	Dean Potter, Katherine Ringsmuth, David Holthouse	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	The Big Draw		Deedee Hammond, Gary Black	Juneau Empire	Arts September 11, 2014		Sarah Cannard, Amy Fletcher		
Best Series	Press Club of Cleveland	Capital City Weekly	Urban Decay	Mary Catherine Martin	Mountain View Post	Working in Mountain View	Well-written view of improving economy in this Anchorage neighborhood, told through personal stories of ordinary people who have benefited.	Kirsten Swann	Homer News	Blowing (up) bubbles: The rich Alaska tradition of igniting methane gas for fun		Mckibben Jackinsky		
Best Reporting on Science	Press Club of Cleveland	Anchorage Daily News	How to find a wolf: Scientists use CSI-style tests to count Alaska packs	Kyle Hopkins	Anchorage Press	HAARP plays one last song	Great combination of scientific and human elements.	Mary Lochner	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Just the right tone and a fun read.		Sam Friedman	Lots of talent here. This was an extremely difficult choice.	

Public Service Award	Tom Condon	Anchorage Daily News	State of Intoxication: FASD	Heartbreakingly effective multi-media examination of a complex problem. It does what a newspaper is supposed to do, and that is to hold a mirror up to its community.	Marc Lester, Kyle Hopkins, Pam Dunlap-Shohl, Anne Raup, Patrick Dougherty	Juneau Empire	Preparing for the worst / Playing the victim		Melissa Griffiths	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Public meetings and the firing of the Fairbanks schools superintendent		Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	
Best Series	Press Club of Cleveland	Anchorage Daily News	State of Intoxication	Outstanding journalism. Well-written, informative stories, compelling video and photos rivet the reader's attention. The series paints a sprawling, yet intensely human panorama of the many facets alcohol abuse and attempts to deal with it in Alaska. Stories on fetal alcohol syndrome are especially heartbreakin	Kyle Hopkins, Marc Lester	Ketchikan Daily News	Ketchikan's Drug problem	Well-written, human and compelling look at the devastation of heroin and methamphetamine abuse in Ketchikan and efforts to overcome it. Excellent.	Andrew Sheeler	Juneau Empire	KSM: A river runs through it, and that's the problem	Good comprehensive examination of concerns that a massive proposed mining project in Canada may negatively affect Alaskan fishing and environmental interests.	Mary Catharine Martin, Katie Moritz	
Best News Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	Daily Sitka Sentinel	World Cup Loss		James Poulsen	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Herring Harvest		James Poulsen	KNOM	Watching the Firefighters		David Dodman	
Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Alaska Dispatch	Wilderness marathon	Jumped out immediately as the winner to all three judges. We liked the angle and composition of the photo and how the runner stands out because he's wearing red. Just a clean well seen photo in an unusual setting.	Loren Holmes	Juneau Empire	Mendenhall kayaking		Michael Penn	Juneau Empire	Orca		Michael Penn	
Best Sports Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	Capital City Weekly	Solstice Slam	Nice tight shot with good expression on the fighter's face that's in the headlock. A consensus winner.	James Brooks	The Northern Light	Women's Basketball Fall	Probably the cleanest action photo.	Adam Eberhardt	Petersburg Pilot	Hard sprint to the finish	Nice moment at the end of a foot race with a little tension between the runners. Not sure what the lady with the flag is doing there, but she adds a bit of drama also.	Mary Koppes	
Best Sports Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Alaska Dispatch	Skiers	We like the framing and the lines of the skiers. Nice light and technically well done. Just has a nice feel to it. A consensus winner.	Loren Holmes	Alaska Dispatch	Mount Marathon	Great background and seeing really places the participants in a harsh environment were you know right away why they're struggling.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Gotta Laugh	Best straight action photo with a nice expression on the girl's face. Clean photo well cropped.	Erik Hill	
Best Short Feature	Denver Press Club	Anchorage Press	Big Love: Soldotna pours its heart out for evacuees, fire responders	Great job of capturing the sense of urgency, the worry and the fear that people endure when given an evacuation order. The article also captures the host community's wonderful hospitality.	Mary Lochner	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Fairbanks Demolition Derby celebrates a smashing 10 years		Gary Black	Anchorage Daily News	'There's a nanuq outside!': Kaktovik woman chases polar bear from tent		Kyle Hopkins	
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Elizabeth Zaremba	Juneau Empire	Hero wins game, gets prom date	This was a very difficult group to judge. The top six stories all could have placed. With that said, this one stuck out because of the great detail of the game as well as the human factor. Glad the prom date worked out!	Klas Stolpe	Alaska Dispatch News	Gnarly trail brings top Iditarod mushers like Sorlie, Jonrowe to their knees		Suzanna Caldwell	Juneau Empire	Klakow takes 1A state title		Klas Stolpe	
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Tom Banse	KTOO TV-Radio	Juneau police reach community one cup of coffee at a time	Nice balance of official voices and real people. Best tape quality of the entries in this category by gathering all interviews in person.	Casey Kelly	KNBA Radio	K9 survives stab wounds	The story included the most drama of any of the year's submissions. Nice rhythm in the storytelling and tape cuts, but merits only second place because the whole tale relies on a single source. Good photos to illustrate web text.	Joaquin Estus	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Robiou's Defense Examines School's Party Culture, Relationships	Challenging story to tell since it involved sexual assault allegations. The reporter made good choices in how to bring this story to air.	Robert Woolsey	
Best Investigative Reporting	Lois Norder	Anchorage Press	National Guard Series: "Commander Untouchable," "Three-Headed Monster," General Allegations"	Wow! Anchorage Press built a damning indictment in an almost unbelievable scandal. There is so much here to admire, from its efforts to obtain records to compelling writing that guides readers through the complexities of the case. By laying out evidence for the public to examine, Anchorage Press addresses questions about what the governor knew and when he knew it.	David Holthouse	Alaska Public Radio Network	Alaska National Guard coverage	APR not only provided solid, aggressive coverage of this scandal, it also fought for records and worked to hold public officials accountable. What iced its work was its webpage that sorts through the players, the issues and developments.	Alexandra Gutierrez, Jennifer Canfield	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Courtroom prayers: New confessions, old secrets & the Fairbanks Four	It takes an incredible journalist to continue to dig over years in the cause of justice, as O'Donnoghue has done, working with his journalism students. These stories, built on work in previous years, provides a possible answer to those who ask who committed a 1997 murder, if the teens convicted didn't do it.	Brian Patrick O'Donnoghue, Rod Boyce, UAF Journalism students, Julia Taylor, Kendall Newman Sadlik, Grace Bieber, Kelly Logue	Strong investigative work by various news organizations made this a difficult contest to judge. I'd like to give an honorable mention to KHNS for its entry about the incident commander for the state ferry system.

Best Daily News Program	Corey Flintoff	KNOM	KNOM Update News	KNOM offers a lively, informative news program with lots of local voices. Controversial issues were treated in a fair and comprehensive way. This is really compelling radio. Great use of interviews and archival audio to tell the story.	Matthew Smith, KNOM News Staff	KHNS	KHNS Local News	This was a well-written and well-delivered news program with good attention to local and regional issues.	Margaret Friedenauer, Emily Files	None Selected				
Best Documentary	Corey Flintoff	KSKA Radio	Earthquake Closer Look	Ellen Lockyer	None Selected					None Selected				
Best Alaska Outdoor Story	Christina Myer	Juneau Empire	To camp or not to camp?	Miller's writing is compelling without being unnecessarily fancy. Writer and environment make a fantastic match. Reading Miller's work was a pleasure.	Emily Miller	Alaska Dispatch News	Riding herd on Kenai's wacky, wonderful fish killing rodeo	Excellent ability to bring readers to the event being covered.	Sean Doogan	Chikat Valley News	Wolf kills, eats dog during daylight ordeal	The detail and balance here turned what could have been a blurb into a page-turner.	Tom Morphet	Miller's work was outstanding, and the clear winner. Both Doogan and Morphet, however, did notch detail findings that brought readers into the story. Nice entries from everyone – it was not easy to pick only three deserving of recognition.
Best Arts Reporting	Marriane Combs	KSKA Radio	Anchorage Museum Stays Up Late To Reach New Members	Great piece! It immediately draws in the listener with the marriage scene. The story featured smooth and tight writing and a natural read by the reporter. Loved the museum curator yelling over the rock music - great juxtaposition!	Zachariah Hughes	KTOO TV-Radio	Christy NaMee Eriksen braids words and music to effect change	The reporter did a great job of setting up the interview and then getting out of the way, letting the artist and her work speak for themselves. A skilled mix and an eloquent interviewee made this piece stand out.	Scott Burton	KTOO TV-Radio	Amid modern building construction, Tlingit carver keeps traditional method alive	I enjoyed the contrast between the sounds of the modern tools and the adze. A simple piece with a lot of heart.	Lisa Phu	It was a pleasure to listen to these stories. I was particularly struck by the wealth of native art and culture, from carving to weaving to language. Glad to see so much work being done to document these riches.
Best Talk Program	Atlanta Press Club	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska's Political Pipeline	Very informative and a great use of visuals.	Steve Mac Donald, Tracy Sinclair, Adam Pinsky, Austin Baird, Jason Jeffords	KSKA Radio	Outdoor Explorer	A good variety and very informative.	Charles Wohlforth, Monica Gokee, Pat Yack	KSKA Radio	Line One: Your Health Connection	A wide variety of good information that audience could relate to.	Dr. Thad Woodard, Prentiss Pemberton, Monica Gokee, Pat Yack, Bede Trantina, Kristin Spack	
Best Specialty News Program	Atlanta Press Club	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Last Frontier Honor Flight	Incredible amount of background information. Great following these people through their journeys.	KTUU Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	KTUU Mount Marathon Coverage July 4th 2014	talking to the young athletes was a great inclusion. A lot of effort very obvious.	Ashleigh Ebert, Channel 2 Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	KTUU Iditarod Celebrating Tradition March 2014	Well done on the logistics!	Channel 2 Staff	
Best Multimedia Presentation	LA Press Club	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Election 2014	Within hours following the 2014 state-wide election, KTUU posted an effective, easy to use interactive map of voting returns	KTUU Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	'Mad' Scientist, Senator Fight to Save HAARP		Austin Baird, Kuba Wuls	KYUK	Fire Burns Bethel Alcohol Treatment Center Construction Project		Dean Swope, Daysha Eaton	Highly competitive category with many examples. Great usage of dramatic graphics, videos, still photos and documents
Best Government or Political Reporting	Corey Flintoff	Alaska Public Radio Network	Will Alaskans Vote To Repeal State's Tax Cut On Oil Production?	This well-written, sound-rich piece used next-door neighbors with dueling yard signs to frame an important issue. Excellent radio!	Alexandra Gutierrez	KTOO TV-Radio	Alaska becomes second state to officially recognize Indigenous languages	Good use of sound in this piece about recognition for Alaska's Native languages. It conveyed the emotional impact of the decision very well.	Casey Kelly	KNBA Radio	Could Alaska Natives Decide the U.S. Senate majority?	The candidates for Alaska Senate as seen in the context of Alaska Native issues. Well-written and well-presented.	Joaquin Estus	I know it's a cliche and even a bit of a cop-out for judges to say that the field was strong and the choice of winners was difficult, but in this case, it's true. I am heartened to hear so many reports in which the issues were clearly and fairly laid out for the voting public. It's in the best tradition of public-service journalism.
Best Sports Columnist	Elizabeth Zaremba	Skagway News	Fish This!	Very enjoyable story to read and overall great coverage of the annual event.	Andrew Cremata	Alaska Coast Magazine	COAST Toast		John Woodbury, Melissa devaughn, meranda carter, jill tillion	Juneau Empire	Pure Sole columns by Klas Stolpe		Klas Stolpe	
Best Sports Game/Event Story	Elizabeth Zaremba	Nome Nugget	Iditarod 42 is underway	Very interesting topic to have to cover. The story was extremely detailed and informative. Great work!	Diana Haecker	Nome Nugget	Collins first to emerge from fog at 36th Anvil Mountain run		Keith Conger	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sitka Wins State Championship		Tom Hesse	
Best Sports News Story	Elizabeth Zaremba	Juneau Empire	Yakutat superintendent defends canceling season	Good variety of stories, great use of graphics and file video.	Klas Stolpe	Anchorage Daily News	Dallas Seavey pushes through windstorm to win Iditarod	Good variety of stories and a clean look. I find some of the graphics, like the moving ones behind the anchors a bit distracting.	Casey Grove, Beth Bragg, Kyle Hopkins	Juneau Empire	Yakutat cancels boys basketball season		Klas Stolpe	
Best Newscast	Atlanta Press Club	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Channel 2 NewsHour- Nov. 10, 2014	Reba Lean, Carly Schreck, Maria Downey, Steve Mac Donald, KTUU Staff	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA Evening News Nov. 19	18-year-old charged in connection with youth facility riot	A lot of good information.	KTVA Staff	None Selected	Tanana teen arrested in connection with trooper murders		KTVA Staff	
Best Online Breaking News	Atlanta Press Club	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Funny River fire scorches thousands of acres	Good sense of urgency along with the facts.	KTVA Staff	KTVA TV (Anchorage)			Hope Miller	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Magistrate waives waiting period for first Haines same-sex wedding		Margaret Friedenauer	
Best Breaking News Story	LA Press Club	CoastAlaska	BCs KSM mine nears environmental approval	Breaking environmental story with wide array of sources	Ed Schoenfeld	KTNA Radio (Talkeetna)	Magnitude 6.2 Earthquake Shakes Upper Valley		Phillip Manning	KHNS				

Best Comprehensive Coverage	Jeff Stein	Anchorage Daily News	State of Intoxication: Alcohol in Alaska	Wonderful personalization, great writing and a fascinating piece with lots of research. Well done.	Kyle Hopkins, Marc Lester	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Season of Sacrifice	Great story-telling, great personalization, wonderful writing. Nicely done.	Rhonda McBride, Jacob Curtis	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Fairbanks schools superintendent fired over handling of sex assault case	I loved reading and following along as this story unfolded. Well written pieces.	Weston Morrow
Best Single Story Reporting	Bob Collins	KYUK	Tragedy Renews Faith for Bethel Family		Daysha Eaton	KRBD Radio (Ketchikan)	Black bear interrupts Southeast cross country race		Emily Files	CoastAlaska	Yakutat prepares to try out wave power		Ed Schoenfeld
Best Business Reporting	Phyllis Fletcher	KSKA Radio	AK: Amazon in the Arctic	Business stories pop when someone deftly explains someone doing something for a reason we can all understand: money! Would have sounded great on Marketplace or NPR. Congratulations, Zachariah.	Zachariah Hughes	KTOO TV-Radio	Alaskan Brewing Co. now selling beer in cans	The taste test is a great idea, because that's what people want to know: is it any good? The practical aspect of cans was also explained well and in a sonically memorable way. Congratulations, Casey.	KUCB Unalaska Community Broadcasting	Aleutians East Scrambles for Cheaper Link to Akutan Airport	It's very important in rural areas to have journalists willing, able and emboldened to dig. Congratulations, Annie.		Annie Ropeik
Best News Photo (Large)	Ted Warren	Alaska Dispatch	Inauguration day	I kept coming back to this photo because it captures a genuine "moment" that sometimes isn't present in news photos. There is also a strong level of visual reporting going on, and this photo conveys information about Alaska and Alaskan government that would take many words to so artfully explain. Kudos also to the photographer for getting the behind-the-scenes access and yet working in a way that allowed the subjects to appear to be not camera conscious.	Loren Holmes	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Uncasing Ceremony	Difficult to select 2nd over third, but this photo won out for lens use and composition that simply and directly lined up all of the elements needed to tell this story. A nice framing of the eyes of the child with the salute as well.	Eric Engman	Alaska Dispatch	Firefighter memorial	As mentioned, it was difficult to choose between 2nd and 3rd places here. A nice photo from a memorial that doesn't center on the usual flag-transfer or other official activity, yet carries a lot of emotion and information through the careful composition.	Loren Holmes
Best Scenic Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	The Delta Discovery	H-Marker Lake Auroras	Very nice first place winner. Working on or being fortunate to find something visually interesting and complimentary for the foreground such as this cabin really pays off, as does the composition that put the horizon line in the lower third and the cabin not dead center helped this great image stand out from the pack.	Greg Lincoln	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Whale Sunset	Love the layers of this as well as the contribution of the whale tail. Perhaps a slightly tighter crop would make the tail a quicker read, but still a nice moment hoped for and captured.	James Poulson	The Northern Light	Sea Kayaking: A weekend at sea	A nice frame showing the world that your state has to offer. Perhaps a more horizontal crop would have strengthened the visual appeal, but I love the fact that you took this from your own boat, and you kept it's nose in the photo. Might try a few frames where the boat is even more prominently represented.	Evan Dodd
Best Same-Day Feature	Karen Larsen	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Lumberjacks	Fun, light-hearted story made even stronger with great video and natural sound. Nice live intro with food "prop". Great use of Go-Pro. Photographer helped make the piece along with reporter's writing and pacing.	Dave Leval, Emily Landeen	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Return to Mt. Marathon	Great pacing, nats and use of sound to deliver the emotion of the day.	Emily Carlson, John Thain	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Memorials bring back Emotional Memories	Wonderful use of natural sound and file footage at appropriate places. Reporter let interview "breathe" and develop compelling sound.	Joe Vigil, John Thain, Bert Rudman
Best Ongoing Public Affairs	Tom Banse	KNOM	KNOM's Story49	Displays enterprise. High quality sound recording and production design. Comprehensive coverage of a breaking business news story. Excellent team reporting.	Emily Bieniek, Kristin Leffler	KMXT Radio, Kodiak	The Alaska Fisheries Report	Thoroughly professional.	Jay Barrett	KSKA Radio	Addressing Alaskans	Segment featuring the biographer of a WWII Attu teacher and POW was particularly memorable.	Monica Gokey, Evan Erickson, Kristin Spack, Bede Trantina, Connie Huff, Pat Yack
Best Business Reporting	LA Press Club	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Shell suspends 2014 Arctic offshore drilling in Alaska	Excellent team reporting.	Chris Klint	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Beeswax Beauty	Excellent videography. An intelligent look at what many Alaska residents are probably talking about.	Lauren Maxwell, Nick Swann	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Alaska grown potato sales decline		Shannon Ballard, John Thain
Best Arts Reporting	Ashley Parrish	Anchorage Press	A Voice Heard	A gripping profile. Well-written.	Debra McKinney	Anchorage Daily News	Alaska Natives 'escape' from the state in new TLC reality show	Big Love: Solidota pours its heart out for evacuees, fire responders	Kyle Hopkins	Juneau Empire	Behind the camera	Interesting historical piece.	Amy Fletcher
Best Breaking News Story	Ashley Parrish	Alaska Dispatch News	Pair of state troopers shot, killed in Tanana; local man arrested after standoff	Clear retelling of events with interesting narrative details. Solid effort.	Jerzy Shedlock, Loren Holmes	Anchorage Press	Car slides into lake after train derails on summit	Interesting narrative approach. Impressive reporting.	Mary Lochner	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Two troopers killed: What happened in Tanana?		Sam Friedman
Best Breaking News Story	Ashley Parrish	Alaska Commons	The Struggle for Marriage Equality Comes Home to Alaska		John Arnono	Skagway News			Katie Emmets, Aimee O'Connor, Jeff Brady	Homer News	Man injured in house fire Home total loss; cause unknown		Mckibben Jackinsky
Best Feature	Atlanta Press Club	KTOO TV-Radio	When missing person isn't found, Juneau SEADOGS search for happy ending	This story was very powerful, because of it's creative use of sound to tell a rather tragic story. The writing was strong and the tape emotional. It kept the listener engaged.	Lisa Phu	CoastAlaska	Large crowd greets Celebration paddlers	This story surprised in its simplicity and creativity. The sound and interviews were strong and the non-narrated format really worked for the piece. Wonderful sense of place.	Ed Schoenfeld	KTOO TV-Radio	Koocheetah: Teaching the Tlingit language through basketball	This story was insightful and well produced. Some wonderful tape gives this story a lot of dimension. Nice use of sound.	Casey Kelly

Best Magazine Feature	Michael Taylor	Alaska Coast Magazine	COAST Adventure Unlimited	Excellent imagery and organization.	John Woodbury	Alaska Business Monthly	Ketchikan's KPU Local Television Goes National	This article had everything readers like in a good business feature—an interesting profile, good quotes from many sources, evidence of strong reporting, and loads of surprising facts, with some of the best held back for the end of the piece.	Will Swagel	Every Day with Rachael Ray	Cruise Alaska for Less		Jenna Schnuer
Best Feature Photo (Large)	Ted Warren	Juneau Empire	Horsing around	Just a great feature. Crazy kids, a funny mask, making memories. It's a clicker as soon as you see the horse mask, and the spirit of being young and just doing something like this because you can keep the view.	Michael Penn	Peninsula Clarion	Fishing in the Dark	Nice work in little to no light and showing readers something they may not know is happening at night. Kudos for not just blasting away with the flash and trying to make it work. I imagine there was some patience involved in waiting for two good fish silhouettes as well.	Rashah McChesney	Alaska Dispatch	Runners	Working with shapes and reflections such as this can make a photo of a routine race visually compelling and interesting.	Loren Holmes
Best Feature Photo (Small)	Ted Warren	Capital City Weekly	Bobbing for fish heads		James Brooks	None Selected			Petersburg Pilot	Fourth of July fun in Petersburg			Mary Koppes
Best Feature	Deborah Horne	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Aurora Wish List	I so loved this piece. What a wonderful marriage of words and pictures. So moving. So beautifully told.	Blake Essig, David Brooks	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	1st Jump, Last Jump	This story was very nicely done. Beautiful pictures. But a terrific story, too.	Bonney Bowman, John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Homer Cartoonist	This story was a very nice surprise. I thought it was just about laughter—but it was much more.	Shannon Ballard, John Thain
Best Sports Reporting	Tom Goldman	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Sitka Sound Slayers: A Women's Movement on Wheels	So much good about this piece: voicing, production, good tape, interesting foray into roller derby history with archival tape and a great ending. Loved the detail throughout especially the final character with the tattoo of the little girl praying to Barbie. I really liked that Emily focused on the motivations for these non-athlete/athletes, instead of the nuts and bolts of the competition. She brought out some really important issues about girls and women who didn't consider themselves "athletes" but now did through this experience. Excellent. Wonderful slice of Alaskan life with great detail. Humor category easy to judge—does the entry make you laugh, or at least smile often? answer is "yes" to both with this piece. Well done Laurell and thanks for the primer on chainsaws. Not that we use them much in the lower 48. Mainly used in horror movies.	Emily Kwong	KSKA Radio	Six-Day Race at the Alaska Dome Goes Heavy on the Ultra	Monica had it all going on in this piece as well. Her voicing was really nice. Putting herself in running and interviewing Dave Johnston worked really well - she didn't overdo it...just enough to give us something different. I liked the writing and the way she balanced the pace of the script with a quick track between two acts. Nice humor throughout and the puking at the top was very...real shall we say? Really great piece	Monica Gokey	KHNS	Tough Travel Schedules For Alaskan Sports Teams	This piece was really interesting and provided the listener with a great look into a unique part of Alaskan sporting life. I particularly liked the section about the challenges of playing opponents and then housing with them. great tape throughout. well done.	Emily Files
Best Humor	Tom Goldman	Alaska Dispatch News	Who needs a man once an Alaska girl has mastered the chainsaw?		Laurell Ivanoff	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Santahack!	This one tickled my funny bone. Some good deadpan humor, especially from host Rob Woolsey.	John Straley, Finn Straley, Robert Woolsey	Juneau Empire	Slack Tide columns by Geoff Kirsch	Great observations! learned a lot (both good and bad) about the great city of Juneau.	Geoff Kirsch
Best User-Submitted Online Package	Tom Goldman	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Gallery: Whaling In Alaska	Fascinating photo gallery of something few of us rarely see. Interesting detail illustrates a unique way of life.	Jeff Rivet, Chris Klint, Staff	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	December in Alaska	Gorgeous photos. Well done.	Kyle Hopkins, Jeff Rivet, Chris Klint, Staff & Viewers	None Selected			
Best Editorial Cartoon	Tom Goldman	Homer News	Editorial cartoons by Michael O'Meara		Michael O'Meara	The Mudflats	The Palins' Drunken Rumpus		Jeanne Devon	None Selected			
Best Solo Journalism	Lam Vo	Alaska Commons	John Aronno - Alaska Commons	John Aronno's work not only spans various media but also incorporates an approach to delivering the news that is both approachable and very effective. He knows when to break from traditional article formats to make information more accessible, strikes different tones in his writing to engage his audience and is a talented photographer.	John Aronno	Peninsula Clarion	Rashah McChesney Solo	Rashah McChesney is a truly gifted photographer, who's not afraid to get close to get the best shots. Her writing brings to life stories that are of importance to her community!	Rashah McChesney	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Lacie Grosvold Solo Reporter	Lacie Grosvold is a true storyteller. Her writing paints wonderful portraits of her characters, her shooting is as beautiful as it is informative and her skilled and at times playful editing gives her stories a nice flow.	Lacie Grosvold

Best Business Reporting	Ashley Parrish	Homer News	"Homer boasts marine trades of world-class proportions"	Great personal detail interwoven with story of the evolution of Homer's maritime trade industry. Enterprising and informative. Informative, well-written story that clearly identifies the historic nature of the event. Additionally, the story includes enough personal information that the reader gets a clear picture of the student and school community.	McKibben Jackinsky	Chilkat Valley News	Leaders explain support, opposition of power rate increase	Karen Garcia	Alaska Commons	Supreme Court Checks Executive Recess Power, NLRB and Anchorage Hotel Workers Caught in Crossfire	Craig Tuten			
Best Education Reporting	Ashley Parrish	Homer News	Nikolaevsk celebrates historic moment	Very revealing piece of journalism that delves into the little-known practice resulting in static board membership.	McKibben Jackinsky	Alaska Commons	Pencils, Books, and No Home: Alaskans Homeless Students Number in the Thousands	Rebecca Barker	Catholic Anchor	Alaska's school choice advocates answer critics	Joel Davidson			
Best Business Reporting	Ashley Parrish	Juneau Empire	Costly candidates	The Alaska Coastal Journal's Halibut illustration really pops, and made me curious enough to go read the accompanying story. An easy-to-read design, quality presentation and an interesting topic made this an easy choice for top honors.	Matt Woolbright	Alaska Dispatch News	Donlin gold mine brings hope of jobs -- and fear of destruction	Lisa Demer		As films disappear, state subsidies explode for Alaska-based reality shows	Kyle Hopkins			
Best Illustration	John McCabe	Alaska Journal of Commerce	Halibut Deep Freeze	This was a well-constructed, visually fascinating report on a subject that isn't that well-known. We loved the clear, concise explanations.	Nadya Gilmore	Alaska Journal of Commerce	Nadya Gilmore-Politicos playing poker	Nadya Gilmore	The Northern Light	Star Wars Commencement Cover	Stefanie Vigoren, Jenna Roosdett			
Best Food Story	Brad Wilson	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Homer Oyster Farm	Fleener's Club Starts Avalanche of Fail in Governor's Race Hey, Alaska: It's Phil Donahue. From the '90s. I'd Like to Talk to You About Pot, Alaska's Wild Ride to Marriage Equality Continues, and No One's Quite Sure Why A Win for Marriage Equality not an Automatic Ride Over the Rainbow in Alaska Alaska Votes 2014: Begich Down, Walker Up, and Everybody Wants to get Stoned	Lauren Maxwell, John Thain	Anchorage Press	Seafood Sublime	Almost the perfect restaurant review. A treat to read.	Susy Buchanan	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Tamale making becomes a family event in North Pole	Good feature on a food most would be unfamiliar with. Flowed nicely.	Gary Black	
Best Headline Writing	Brad Wilson	Alaska Commons	Natalie Duleba's Headline Writing entry	Headlines that caught eye and made us want to read the stories. Clear and crisp.	Natalie Duleba	Ketchikan Daily News	Lime Aid	The horrible puns are very much to our taste but perhaps not to all's. Still, love the cleverness.	Alex Bosworth	Ketchikan Daily News	Huffing a habit K-town hasn't whipped		Alex Bosworth	
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Brad Wilson	Alaska Dispatch News	Death behind bars: Corrections officials keep investigations shrouded in secrecy	A comprehensive, compelling story, extremely well-sourced, on a heartbreaking, important, and infuriating topic. This is public-interest journalism at its absolute best. Prisoners are not a sympathetic subject but this story makes us care deeply about what happened to them. Coverage like this would make any branch of government better.	Michelle Theriault Boots	Anchorage Daily News	Call him 'Minimum Mike' if you like	What's heartbreaking here is having to award this terrific, colorful and sympathetic tale second place. In any other year this would a winner. Loved the videos as well. It was SO close between this and first prize.	Kyle Hopkins	Anchorage Daily News	State of Intoxication: Daily Breathalyzer to be used statewide	The sourcing and depth of reporting are terrific and it's such a smooth read.	Kyle Hopkins	WOW! A lot of very, very powerful stories here. Wish there were Honorable Mentions. Some really fine work did not make the top three.
Best General News Story	Brad Wilson	Anchorage Daily News	After 14 years, Russians boat across Bering Strait to visit Alaska relatives	The reporting here is absolutely first-rate. The depth of historical detail provides context. Listening to these people tell their stories is simply a joy. This could not have been an easy story to report. A real pleasure in every way to read.	Kyle Hopkins	Alaska Dispatch News	Woman says she tried to cross avalanche-clogged road to Valdez to save her cat	Absolutely riveting story, kept me reading just pulling me along. The detail in the story made it come alive.	Laurel Andrews	Juneau Empire	High school hazing series	Well-sourced read on a timely and important topic.	Klas Stolpe	Strong competition. Hard to choose.
Best Arts Reporting	Brad Wilson	Alaska Robotics	Latitude: 2014 Alaska Arts Convergence	Dazzling creativity, colorful, well-crafted. Tells story better than any story would.	Patrick Race	Homer News	Ray DeMeo, Anchor Points hidden lutherier	Simple, straight-forward storytelling, using more than one source, on a very interesting subject. Good read.	Sarah Richardson	What Do I Know? blog	AIFF-2014-Questions (and-answers) People Should Be Asking About The Festival.		Steven Aufrecht	
Best Government or Political Reporting	Brad Wilson	Alaska Commons	A Win for Marriage Equality not an Automatic Ride Over the Rainbow in Alaska	A really thorough review of a complex and contentious issue. Well-localized and nicely sourced.	John Aronno	Petersburg Pilot	Who's on the hook for PMC building? A look at borough-hospital relationships around the state	Good, solid, traditional reporting, well-explained and well-sourced.	Kyle Clayton	Catholic Anchor	Faith can't help but inform politics, governor tells teens		Joel Davidson	

Best Arts Criticism	Brad Wilson	Alaska Dispatch News	'Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike' misses mark, but offers big laughs	The hardest reviews to write are the in-between ones; pans and praises are simple, but when the judgment is more nuanced the task of the reviewer is more complex. That complexity is well-handled here. Here the writer makes it clear the production has problems but also makes it clear the audience enjoyed the play and the difference is split well. A fair and fun review.	Egan Millard	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Theater review: To fu or not to fu? Yes, definitely go fu.	A terrific job of explaining just what the unusual piece is.	Gary Black	Daily Sitka Sentinel	The Movie Review: The LEGO Movie	Could use a little more editing. But the enthusiasm of the author is infectious and might actually make us see the film. Loved (most) of the humor here.	Daniel Olbrych	
The Suzan Nightingale Award for Best Columnist	Press Club of Cleveland	Homer News	Best Bets	Very much enjoyed your writing style...short and sweet often is the best way to go...especially in the fast-paced world we all live in. You gave me a nice flavor of Alaska.	Michael "The Betster" Armstrong	The Northern Light	Orange Rhymes With	Keep writing. You have a nice style. A unique voice is what all writers aspire to.	Evan Dodd	The Mudflats	Alaska Girls/Cruz to Wasilla/Palin Brawl it.	Loved your style. You told great stories without trying to over-awe the reader with "hey, look how smart I am." Enjoyed it.	Jeanne Devon	
Best Profile	Brad Wilson	Alaska Commons	Faces of Equality: Susan Tow and Chris Laborde	Compelling work on a difficult subject. Puts faces on an abstract subject (discrimination). The reporter's ability to get the family to open and discuss their lives in detail makes this story a terrific read.	John Aronno	Catholic Anchor	Deacon finds God's grace at death's doorstep	Good story, told directly. Well-sourced.	Joel Davidson	Homer News	Students, coaches fondly remember Steve Wolfe	Lovely remembrance that makes the man come alive to an unfamiliar reader.	McKibben Jackinsky	
Best Short Feature	Brad Wilson	Chilkat Valley News	Pampered fowl gets girlfriend, moves out of house	This is such a charming story and so well-told that it can overcome some writing and editing faults. The level of detail is impressive, and the author has an eye for good nuggets of information. Just the kind of story that will brighten up any issue of the newspaper.	Eileen McIver	Alaska Contractor	University Construction Management Programs Build Dreams, Lifelong Careers	Makes a potentially deadly-dull subject interesting.	Van Williams	Skagway News	Arizona pit bull finds solace with Skagway family		Elise Giordano	
Best Reporting on Crime or Courts	Abraham Hyatt	Chilkat Valley News	One year later, no charges in car break-ins	Tenacious reporting, good writing, public officials being held accountable — Garcia's investigation has all the elements of great journalism.	Karen Garcia	Alaska Commons	Superior Court Judge Says Panhandling Laws Violate Free Speech	An exhaustive analysis of a court case that on the surface is mundane but in fact has important free speech implications.	Craig Tuten	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Trial Defense Attacks Credibility of Accuser	Well-written court coverage on a very tight deadline.	Tom Hesse	
Best Sports Feature	Scott Griffin	Alaska Commons	Feeling the Burn: Intense Bodybuilding Pays Off For Extreme Muscle Girls		Kokayi Nosakhore	Homer News	Ski your age proves valuable in reversing post-holiday slump		McKibben Jackinsky	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sitka Debater Now Mixed Martial Arts Pro		Tom Hesse	
Best Social Media Package	Abraham Hyatt	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	News-Miner social media	It's 2015 and it's surprising to see news organizations still treat social media as a one-way conversation. Almost none of the social media entrants in this year's contest directly engage with commenters on a day-to-day basis. The exception: the News-Miner's reporters and editors. Twitter analytics show the journalists with staff accounts interact with their followers 10 times, sometimes 15 times, more than other news sites in the contest. Their approach is genuine, conversational and above all... social.	Staff	None Selected				None Selected				
Best Reporting on Health	LA Press Club	KSTK	Paddle Making Workshop Illuminates State's High Suicide Rate	This story tackles a very important public health issue in Alaska (suicide and mental health) by looking at a unique way citizens are getting helped and being empowered. It has a "what is working" vibe and some quirky charm, but that doesn't undermine the gravity of the issue. Good writing and editing throughout.	Shady Grove Oliver	KTOO TV-Radio	Should e-cigarette vapors be treated like tobacco smoke?	Well-reported story with both national/universal scope and key local news pegs/color. Includes range of perspectives while maintaining healthy skepticism. Web story adds additional elements and "shows homework" by linking to research.	Jeremy Hsieh	KYUK	Spay and Neuter Clinics Improve Village Safety	Relatable story that reminds listeners of a practical solution to a problem they may not always think about. Helps put the impacts of animal control on a community into perspective. Fun use of nat-pops.	Ben Matheson	

Best Education Reporting TV	Devon Sayers	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Reviving Inupiaq	Well flowing story telling via a first person. Good use of track to weave in the different characters. Logical story line from young to old students, allows packing in the full rounded story of the school teaching the language.	Heather Hintze	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	School Supply Guy	Well shot, good usage of nats, and character development.	Lauren Maxwell, John Thain	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Rural Education: Student Success	Corey Allen-Young, Mike Nederbrock		
Best Alaska Outdoor Story TV	Devon Sayers	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	74 year-old tackles Mt. Marathon	Well told story, good transitions between elements in story. Good work by team to get elements while on the move in hard conditions to work in.	Emily Carlson, John Thain	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Sights on the Summit	Well shot, good use of nats, strong central characters.	Heather Hintze, Andy Nitchman	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Photographer captures decades of Iditarod History	James Gaddis, Rick Trujillo		