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All Media	Best Video Journalism	Joan Cartan-Hansen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Heather Hintze - Best Video Journalism	Nice visual storytelling. Good job following action. Well done!	Heather Hintze	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Eric Sowl: Videojournalist	Excellent job. Good use of sequencing	Eric Sowl	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Beth Verge: Video Journalist	Good use of motion	Beth Verge, Photojournalist	
Television	Best Arts Reporting	Jenelle Shriner	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Earrings that can better the world	Didn't want this story to end! Loved seeing this teen's story, the emotion of her mom, beautifully shot and written and the narration was perfect.	Charlie Sokalits	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers - Hiland Lullaby Project: Dads in Yellow	Great topic, very well written. Great characters. Interested from start to finish!	Rhonda McBride, Nick Swann, Will Mader	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Rhonda Scott and her whimsical windows	Nicely shot, great writing. Loved the last sound - this package was so well done I wanted more.	Charlie Sokalits	
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Sports Feature	Paul Keane	Anchorage Daily News	Given a second chance at life, Nome woman runs her way to health and happiness	Great story. You could have glossed over her suicide attempt but you tackled it head on, much like your subject has done with her life. Good job.	Beth Bragg, Marc Lester	Peninsula Clarion	*Inspired to run*	Very inspirational story. This should motivate all of us to do more with our lives.	Jeff Helminiak	Anchorage Daily News	Jason Campau's journey to Nome	Great detail in this story. Nice job of pulling all of the main characters into the story.	Marc Lester	
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Suzan Nightengale Award for Best Columnist	Steve Reed	Anchorage Daily News	Seth Kanther columns	Seth Kanther excels at creating word pictures to preserve and animate the traditions that are the essence of Alaska's culture.	Seth Kanther	Anchorage Daily News	Let's be honest about what the PFD costs - April 25, 2019 / A better way to spend the PFD dividend - June 7, 2019 / The boy who cried socialism - July 22, 2019	Larry Persily consistently appeals to Alaskans to respect the traditions of responsible adults who respect one another despite different values and political leanings. Good advice.	Larry Persily	Alaska Magazine	On the Edge (column name)	Nick Jans brings Alaska to life.	Nick Jans	
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Magazine Feature	Paula Span	Alaska Magazine	One Year Later: Stories from the November 2018 earthquake	Richard Emanuel adroitly combines personal narratives, geological insights, scientific explanation and officials perspective to look at a major magnitude quake and its impact.	Richard Emanuel		John Collett: From DEA bust at gunpoint to legal grower	A lively visit and interview with 72-year-old John Collett, from federal prison after a DEA bust to become a legal grower.	Dorothy Chomicz	Alaska Business Monthly	Alaska and Renewable Energy: A Missed Opportunity?	Many sources in this overview of renewable energy prospects and potential.	Isaac Stone Simonelli	
All Media	Loelia Ann Murray Award for Best Editorial or Commentary	Steve Reed	Alaska Journal of Commerce	The messianic arrogance of isolation	Of 18 entries in this category, no one did a better job pointing out the political absurdities of the budget crisis and pointing toward solutions than Andrew Jensen. Among salient points and witty utterances, Jensen was at his best in characterizing the leadership of Gov. Dunleavy as a "The Godfather" context: "... he has not informed me he is well-heeled and savvy Michael Corleone but as a combination of Sonny and Fredo, lacking vindictiveness with incompetence."	Andrew Jensen	Cordova Times	Cordova Chronicles: -- I have seen the enemy, and he is us	Dick Shellhorn makes a persuasive, localized appeal for "brave legislators, backed by the people of Alaska, to end Alaskans out of the state's budget-crisis wilderness.	Dick Shellhorn	Anchorage Daily News	Big dividend checks at the expense of Alaska's future are irresponsible	Larry Persily's sobering examination of the state budget crisis pinpointed historical problems and the shift to an unpopular but necessary solutions while demonstrating a mastery of the language:	Larry Persily	
Print/Online (Large)	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Betsy Russell	Anchorage Daily News	Alaska groups scramble to rehire and restart programs after funding was vetoed, then restored	Excellent job documenting on-the-ground fallout from state political decisions	Tegan Hanlon	Anchorage Daily News	Anchorage payroll error settlements cost the city an estimated \$16 million	Strong reporting in the face of legal roadblocks	Aubrey Weber	Peninsula Clarion	Satanic Temple invocation prompts protest, walkouts at assembly meeting	Well-written	Victoria Petersen	This is a strong group of entries and shows that good work is being done in Alaska to cover politics and government by all who entered.
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Weekly Newspaper	Christina Myer	Cordova Times	The Cordova Times	Beautiful layout and design, with plenty of good reporting and local news.	Annette Potter, Vivian Kennedy, Zachary Johnson, Margaret Bauman, Emily Mesner, Jane Spencer, Dick Shellhorn	Petersburg Pilot	Best Weekly Newspaper Mar., July & Sept.	Local sports and opinion pieces/letters to the editor are essential for a community newspaper.	Pilot Staff	Wrangell Sentinel	Best Weekly Newspaper Mar., Sept. & Nov.		Wrangell Staff	
All Media	Best Sports Photo (Small)	Barrett Stinson	Daily Sitka Sentinel	olympic kick	Brilliant peak action shot of a kick. Would be a stronger image as a vertical cropping in most of the left and just outside his fingers on the right.	James Pouson	The Northern Light	Hooper-turned-trainer Jhadye Zamora adapts his love for the game	Next best action shot would be better if cropped in from left just beyond the beam, from the side, so as his head and feet from the bottom to just below his left foot.	Joey Carreon	Petersburg Pilot	Vikings lose home games to Juneau-Douglas	Nice dive. Could have score better if could see the ball and image was cropped tighter.	Brian Varela	Only the third-place winner was game-action shot. All three winning photos could have benefited from tighter editing.
All Media	Best Sports Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Anchorage Daily News	State cross country running	This one stood out as the best example of seeing the photo before it was taken. Nicely framed and good use of layering. It's a beauty.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	UAA volleyball team takes down Central Washington	Best reaction shot for sure. Perhaps cropping in just a bit on the side of the top would make for a clearer image, really taking the eye into the center of the frame for the ball and the two jumping teammates in the background.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Anchorage Christian caps perfect season by capturing Class 4A and Class 3A girls basketball championship	Nice action shot. Couldn't decide if it would be better cropped in from left just beyond the beam and above the elbow on top, or not.	Loren Holmes	One photographer swept the category, and deservedly so. Very clean and well-framed entries overall. Well done!
All Media	Best Scenic Photo (Large)	Barrett Stinson	Alaska Magazine	Alaska Exposed: Spectacular Sawyer	Nice composition and sense of scale provided by the size of the raft.	Emily Mount	Anchorage Daily News	Arctic Tern gets a meal	A beautiful moment well captured with clean tight framing. Only beat the third-place photo because of the peak moment. Both are beautiful.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Wildfire smoke obscures mountains	Love the minimalist nature of this photo. Stark and clean with a sense of scale.	Loren Holmes	
All Media	Best News Photo	Barrett Stinson	Anchorage Daily News	Family stands to lose supportive housing under state budget proposal	A sweet moment captured in the middle of a snowfall.	Loren Holmes	Anchorage Daily News	Judge expresses frustration in "hoveboard dentist" trial	Nice catch! A tight clean moment of frustration that matches the headline.	Loren Holmes	Ketchikan Daily News	Alaska Shakeout	Tells the story of concern with this boy's expression. Brings back memories.	Dustin Safranek	
Print/Online (Small)	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Betsy Russell	Daily Sitka Sentinel	Sell the SJ Museum? State Plan Stirs Fury	Broad reporting on the local impacts of a legislative decision	Shannon Haugland	The Midnight Sun	Nearly two-thirds of all legislators claimed at least one retroactive per cent. Four claimed the max.	Strong, factual, records-based reporting	Matt Buxton	Homer News	Fish and Game proposes repeal of ban on personal watercraft in areas of Kachemak Bay	Well-framed and comprehensive look at this issue	Megan Pacer	
Television	Best Breaking News Story	Devon Sayers	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A daughter's disappearance, a father's world turned upside down	Jill Burke, Leah Schwartz	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Brian Smith now indicted in the murders of 2 Alaska Native women	Daniella Rivera, Rachel McPherson	No Winner						
Television	Best Education Reporting	Devon Sayers	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Loss of UAA accreditation impacts all district schools	Rebecca Palsha, Shawn Wilson	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Hatchery 101	Grant Robinson	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	How safe are Anchorage schools should another large earthquake hit?				Scott Gross	
All Media	Best Alaska Outdoors Reporting	Christina Myer	KTUU.com	Spearfishing hall-of-world record smashed by Florida man in Homer	Wonderfully written to draw the reader into the play-by-play.	Lex Treinen	Alaska Magazine	Bob's Country: A journey through one of the nation's last wildernesses	Certainly makes one want to visit Bob's Country.	Michael Engelhard	KTOO Public Media	Is there gold in them thar beaches?	Fun bait and switch with the true focus of the story.	Jeremy Hsieh	

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All Media	Best Investigative Reporting	Cheryl Thompson	Anchorage Daily News	Lawless	This series had all the elements of a classic, well-told investigation into a two-tiered public safety/justice system affecting Alaska Natives. It holds public officials accountable: good characters, solid records, and compelling interviews, and reaction and action from government officials, including the U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Attorney's Office, the Alaska governor and others. Overall, this was an amazing piece of journalism and a smart collaboration. Bravo!	Kyle Hopkins	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	An overburdened staff and Alaska's most vulnerable children	The statistics are startling. Wonderful job of telling viewers about the troubled child protective system.	Jill Burke, Leah Schwartz, Eric Sowl	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Justice Delayed: Alleged serial rapist known to authorities roamed Anchorage freely for months	Daniella Rivera, Matt Faubion, Rachel McPherson, Cody Sowl, Shayne Nuesca	There were really good entries in this category: scofflaws, child abuse and hate crimes. Good reporting, including terrific records and interviews. One, though, stood out and that was "Lawless." This series had all the elements of a classic, well-told investigation into a two-tiered public safety/justice system affecting Alaska natives.	
All Media	Best Series	Lois Norder	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Financing Alaska	This entry stood out for its enterprise and its public service. This segment details the impact of budget cuts, but the station also looked at other issues, such as taxes and fees to address the revenue issue.	Rebecca Palsha , Leah Schwartz, Taylor Perez, Matt Leseman, Beth Verge	Anchorage Daily News	"Shaky Ground: A year after the 7.1 earthquake"	While anniversary stories can be pro forma, the Anchorage Daily thoughtfully examined not just the impact of the earthquake, but what Alaska can do to better prepare for the next tremors.	Aubrey Weber, Morgan Krakow, Alex Demarban, Matt Tunseth	One Year Later: The Quake, the Aftermath, the Recovery	Overall, this entry receives some extra credit for degree of difficulty.	Tracy Sabo, Kristen Duran, Rebecca Palsha, Hank Davis, Joshua Maxwell, Mike Ross, Beth Verge		
All Media	Best Solo Journalism	Lois Norder	KYUK	Not Enough Kids in Red Devil	KYUK's Katie Basile entry was a clear standout. She not only provides a feel for the tiny town of Red Devil and its residents, she also illuminated the complex baselines of its success.	Katie Basile/KYUK	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Newtok: A sprint against Climate Change	From the opening voice intro to the final, Blake Essig has crafted a well-paced and compelling story. It also provides powerful imagery.	Blake Essig	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Solo Journalist: Same Solina	Resilience is the theme in all three of Same Solina's stories. Her stories reflect communities and allow people to tell their own stories.	Same Solina	
Radio	Best Reporting on Health	Tom Banse	KYUK	What Happens When A Community Gets Running Water? People Get Healthier	Superb opening and closing scenes. Judicially sprinkling of health stats made this a compelling story. The Alaska village relevant to all. Superb job.	Anna Rose MacArthur	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Petersburg veterinarian floats his clinic to Southeast communities	Technically proficient recording and audio editing combined with an unusual profile subject made this feature memorable.	Ari Snider	KTOO Public Media	How hospital ERs in Alaska are helping patients with opioid use disorder	Hearing directly from a person in recovery made this story stand out.	Elizabeth Jenkins	Good to see reporters traveling in some cases to remote places to get on-scene interviews. Audio production values across the board were better on average than in prior years in this category.
Television	Best Specialty News Program	Jenelle Shriner	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Climate Changed								Road Trippin' in the Land of the Midnight Sun: "Eat, Play, Sleep, Repeat"		Rebecca Palsha, Tracy Sindare, Tracy Sabo, Hank Davis, AJ Lucero	
All Media	Best Travel Reporting	Jenelle Shriner	Alaska Magazine	Where Bears and Humans Converge: Protecting both is a full-time job	beautifully captures Alaska life in a stunning setting	Michelle Theall	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	A road trip through Alaska's treasured tiny towns	Liz Raines, Will Sandridge	Alaska Magazine	A Capital Idea: Visit Juneau for a prime time		Susan Sommer		
All Media	Best Feature Photo (Small)	Stephanie Mullen	Cordova Times	Bike ride on a glacier	Emily Mesner	Daily Sitka Sentinel	sea lion harvest	James Poulsen	Cordova Times	Survival races			Emily Mesner		
All Media	Best Feature Photo (Large)	Stephanie Mullen	Ketchikan Daily News	Children's Christmas bells	Super sweet moment.	Dustin Safranek	Anchorage Daily News	Dead whale comes apart piece by piece	Loren Holmes	Ketchikan Daily News	Pigeon Whisperer			Dustin Safranek	
Print-Large	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	Alaska Business Monthly	Off the Cuff - Jason Hodges	The writer asked fun and thoughtful questions that were insightful and helped us get to know the subject, Jason Hodges, in a creative way.	Tasha Anderson	No Winner				No Winner				
All Media	Best Alaska History Reporting	Tom Condon	KUCB Unalaska Community Broadcasting	Tanadgusun Adan Chilulic: A Journey Home	important story well told. Excellent photography, strong editing, emotional interviews. Compelling piece.	Lauren Adams, Hanna Craig, Laura Kraegel, Chrissy Miles, Zoe St. Lawrence, Peterson, Moses Dirks, Ray Hudson, Rachel Mason, Shayla Shaishnikoff, Lauren Snyder	Crude Magazine	Crude Conversations EP 049 with David Reamer	Draws out a lot of deep and nuanced information about the social history of Alaska. In short, does what interviews are supposed to do.	Cody Liska	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers - Dick Proenneke: At Home in the Wilderness	Amazing story of a self-reliant Alaskan - an uplifting tale well told.	Will Mader, Rhonda McBride	Also liked "A strong Foundation." if I can send an honorable mention.
Radio	Best Sound-Rich Feature	Corey Flintoff	KTOO Public Media	Where does Juneau's cruise ship head tax money go?	This piece uses sound very effectively to discuss an important topic: where tax money goes. Good sound editing and good editing continuity with breezy dialogue.	Jeremy Hsieh	KYUK	Bethel Gives Hero's Welcome To Island Champion Pete Kaiser	This piece uses sound effectively to capture a moment of community triumph, the return of a champion. Good interplay of voices, sound effects, cheers, chants and fire trucks.	Anna Rose MacArthur	KYUK	How Sailors Are Working To Recover Napaskiak Man Who Drowned In Kuskokwim	This was a moving and culturally sensitive piece about searching for a missing person. It uses sound effectively to take us to the scene and the use of local voices to tell the story.	Greg Kim	If's heartening to hear such effective use of sound to enrich very good reporting. These reporters clearly understand the value of sound to place us on the scene, the power of work narrative that the reporter have acute sound awareness, along with the technical skill to record and edit good audio. Fine work!

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All Media	Best Humor	Linda Levin	Peninsula Clarion	Unhinged Alaska: You think this is cold?	How cold does it get in Alaska? You'll be shivering in your shoes as you read this funny, well-researched piece.	Nick Varney	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Meet Joe: The Mount Marathon Gumbys	Good camera work made this a clever piece about a runner who becomes Gumby during the Mount Marathon. Good footage of the race and funny interview with "Gumby."	John Train	Cordova Times	Cordova Chronicles: Just who has the biggest moose of all?	A really funny piece about Norway and Canada's biggest moose statues. Made this judge chuckle.	Dick Shellhorn	A lot of excellent (and funny) entries this year made this contest both easy and difficult to judge and come up with three winners.
Radio	Best Single Story Reporting	Bob Collins	KYUK	After 20 Year Wait, New Residents Leave Home To Pioneer Mertarvik	Really great use of sound that takes of people who "feel happy and sad at the same time." Your description of Alaska Charles was heartbreaking.	Greg Kim	The Neighbors: Midnight Oil	The writing and delivery here is just fantastic. The history that provides the history of the village is well told. Audio moves seamlessly.	Elizabeth Harball, Annie Feidt, Jennifer Pemberton	KMXT Radio, Kodiak	Ketchikan city plans to close game range after their elk were allegedly let out and shot	You don't hear what you don't hear a lot of in Public Radio anymore? Package him in under three minutes that seem to tell the story completely. This was a really good piece, direct, the piece kept moving in a direction and the audio was perfect. I'm pretty passed on this one, but it wasn't until you mentioned that people on Facebook that people thanked her for the meal that started to think there was another angle that I'm missing - that people say they have to break out the elk, as opposed to just engaging in sport. Meticulous work. But it did leave me with an unanswered question.	Kavitha George	Great piece.	
Radio	Best Education Reporting	Bob Collins	KTOO Public Media	In Sitka, a teacher wants her classroom to know who's responsible for climate change	Love the description of the kids sloshing into the water followed by a great cut in which the teacher says science is not the only place in but what we can prove (paraphrasing). The writing is tight and conversational. The piece moves nicely and logically along, including to the interesting acknowledgement that because of Alaska's oil and gas interests, the teacher can't walk a fine line." Ugh. Wonderful piece.	Elizabeth Jenkins	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Starved of funding, Mt. Edgecumbe Aquatic Center to be shuttered in December	I think the scene setting in the beginning went a little long before you got to the lede of the story, which came in 12 minutes in. Having done it, though, you did a really nice job of explaining why this is such a tragic loss and of the value the pool has to the community. Your use of the last and cut is a great example of the "Top Block" (broadcast writer for CBS back in the day) advice that the last piece of information is the one you want people to hear. In this case, "it's just brutal."	Katherine Rose	Alaska Public Media	Students remain frustrated when UAA works to resolve education accreditation debacle	What an awful situation these students. I felt you left a little bit on the table with your paragraph on why the accreditation was not renewed, owing to the lack of data that the school was well prepared. What they say there is no voice to address that. How on earth are these students going to have a teaching career, even with Anchorage's teaching requirements. I really think you needed Dybdahl's voice in the piece, though, just to confirm that the fears and the frustration of the students are well-founded and lack any real solution.	Wesley Early	
All Media	Best Blog	Bob Collins	The Spenderian	The Spenderian	What a wonderful blog to read. It covers humanity and the life of the neighborhood, which is a focus that I know requires great dedication and an amazing effort to seek out people with a story to tell. I would want to read this constantly if I lived in this neighborhood. It reminds me the fact that people are just an incredibly interesting species.	Samantha Davenport, Victoria Petersen, Levi Brown, Young Kim, Yosilina Okamoto	The Midnight Sun	The Midnight Sun Political Blog	Very comprehensive site. I enjoyed the informal, conversational and informal style and the ability to prick holes in the news (I actually would push you to be even more so).	Matt Buxton, Pat Race, Amanda Frank, TJ Presley	No Winner				
Television	Best Same-Day Feature	Karen Larsen	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	If only the rain fell sooner...	This is an excellent example of MMJ work. This MMJ carefully sequenced the shots, collected subjective natural sound - wrote to the video... and left the viewer with a bittersweet ending and a glimpse at this veteran's true resilience in the face of adversity. Very well done!	Samie Solina	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Faces of Iditarod	When this story begins, you think it's kind of the usual focus piece on one character involved in the Iditarod. But it wasn't - the photographer's new interest - was delightfully unexpected. It was wonderfully shot with great nats and a terrific ending.	Dave Goldman, John Train	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Free as the wind	This story was nicely shot with terrific use of natural sound. Loved the ending where the happy camper's set to the group photo. Nice visual punctuation mark to wrap the story.	Beth Verge, Multimedia Journalist	This was a difficult competition to judge as there were many well-qualified entries. Great job, MMJ's and reporter/photographer teams.
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Long Feature	Michael Roehman	Cordova Times	Cordova steals itself for seven months of isolation	Behind the Lens: Iditarod photographer makes memories for a lifetime	Zachary Snowden Smith	Alaska Magazine			Jeff Schultz	KTUU.com	Linguist's death leaves dream of a lost language revived		Lex Treinen	

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All Media	Best Social Media Presence	Jenelle Shriner	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Social Media Presence: Channel 2 News		KTUU Staff	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA Social Media		Joe Stugelmayer, Angela Krenzien, Shayne Nuesca, Daniella Rivera, Melissa Frey, Jeremy LaGoo, Aaron Morrison, Elizabeth Roman	Alaska Business Monthly	Facebook	Vanessa Orr
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Magazine Cover	Mike Campbell	Alaska Business Monthly	Best of Alaska Business	Fantastic illustration. Great execution of the concept. The cover has many images that engages the reader for a long time.	Jontue Hollingsworth	Alaska Business Monthly	Happy Healthcare	Very clever concept and excellent illustration.	Monica Sterchi-Lowman	The Spenardian	The Spenardian Issue 6	Arie Henry
Print/Online (Small)	Best Arts Reporting	Kerry Clawson	First Alaskans Magazine	Molly Comes Home	This wonderful first person narrative brings life the excitement of an Alaska Native who is a writer for the TV show "Molly of Denali" and makes clear why creating an animated show about an authentic Alaska Native girl is so important.	Vera Starbard	Chilkat Valley News	Afterthoughts' Land to rest in marbles	The writer strikes a nice balance in this description of an artist honoring the dead while at the same time bringing a whimsical touch to creating memorial marbles and beads.	Jenna Kunze	Alaska Journal of Commerce	Joe Nichols, Cody Jinks kick off 2019 Backyard Country BBQ music series	Levi Brown
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Page Layout & Design	Heather Henline	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Override	This compelling front page yields the full power of the message. It's strength is its simplicity. The page designer made excellent choices to showcase the message and the words! Love it!	Caitlin Miller	Cordova Times	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill -30 years of healing	This is wonderful treatment of a very core, sensitive topic for the state. The designer gave this the respect it deserves and creates a compelling historic front page and section.	Annette Potter	Alaska Business Monthly	Oil & Gas: The Private Collection	Monica Sterchi-Lowman
Print/Online (Small)	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Bob Ortega	Chilkat Valley News	Pollen Apocalypse made worse by rising global temperatures	The story, lengthened by the reporter's efforts to reach out to a wide array of sources and provide deeper context than other entries.	Jenna Kunze	KTUU Online (Anchorage)	The sun set at 1:49 p.m. on November 18 in Unalaska. Or is it?	Lex Treinen	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	A crack in The Door: Youth shelter struggling after budget cuts	Erin McGroarty	
Print/Online (Large)	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Bob Ortega	Alaska Business Monthly	Serving Alaska's Smallest Patients	These headlines drew me into the stories. They transcended having to be a local to be interested, and then they took of being a compelling headline.	Isaac Stone Simonelli	Alaska Magazine	Humpback Harmony: Researcher questions health of Alaska's most visible whales	Emily Mount	No Winner			
All Media	Best Headline Writing	Heather Henline	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Flicked Bics help hunters in a fix	Robert Woolsey	KTOO Public Media	Why some locals...over new bathroom signs	Really enjoyed the progression approach to headlines. It was a refreshing twist on a news staple.	Jeremy Hsieh	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	One family's pirate home is Sitka's hidden treasure	Katherine Rose	
All Media	Best Media Website	Heather Henline	Alaska Business Monthly	akbizmag.com	Vibrant, bright and engaging.	Tasha Anderson, Arie Henry	The Northern Light	http://www.thenorthernlight.org/	TNL Staff	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA.com	Jes Stugelmayer, Angela Krenzien, Elizabeth Roman, Shayne Nuesca	
All Media	Best Portrait (Small)	Michael Taylor	Cordova Times	Dockside delivery	Excellent use of composition and color to supports spread and story.	Emily Meeser	The Northern Light	Saving the environment, one pop-up book at a time	John Novotny	The Northern Light	Education students seek community — and answers	Chase Burnett	
All Media	Best Portrait Large	Michael Taylor	Alaska Business Monthly	Off the Cuff - Patrick Lampi	A stunning captured moment, full of emotion and personality.	Kerry Tasker	Anchorage Daily News	Fairbanks land: The Avery Wolves brings psychollogy rock, harrowing musical stunts to Anchorage	O'Hara Shipe	Ketchikan Daily News	Veterans Day	Dustin Safranek	
Print/Online (Large)	Best Profile	Michael Taylor	Alaska Magazine	Farewell Putuk: The passing of an Upper Kobuk legend	"Farewell Putuk" is a compelling reading story, well told with narrative description and a touch of humor. The ending is sheer perfection, a poetical summary of its subject. In over a decade of judging, I think this may be the first time I will give a profile the full 10 points.	Nick Jans	Alaska Business Monthly	Patrick Lampi	This is a great example of carefully arranged studio photographs that say anything but static, capturing the energy and exuberance of the subject.	Kathryn Mackenzie	Anchorage Daily News	As Alaska's budget upturn rolls on, a top Dunleavy adviser has seen it before	Michelle Theriault Boots
All Media	Best Illustration or Graphic	Mike Campbell	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Gray whales are dying on their way to Alaska	Nicely executed. Great illustrations and breaking the story into visual chunks really helped to keep the reader engaged.	Shayne Nuesca	Wrangell Sentinel	The Greatest Bite of All Time!	Nice work. I can see the illustrator had fun with this concept and it's refreshing to see hand drawn illustrations in these days.	TAWNEY FLORES	The Northern Light	Spring Commencement 2019	Levi Brown
All Media	Best Food Reporting	Gretchen McKay	Alaska Magazine	Farmers on the Half Shell: The art and flavor of oyster cultivation in Kachemak Bay and beyond	Very thorough reporting and such engaging writing, I felt like I was there.	Eric M. Beeman	Juneau Afternoon: Foodie Friday	The last great radio reporting--the reporter is completely drawn in, and the guests are so informative and fun. The host, filled with personality, knows how to steer a conversation.	Scott Burton, Shelli DeLaney, Cheryl Snyder, Andy Kline	Edible Alaska	"Our Way of Life," Keweenaw Culture Camp	Bethany Sonsini Goodrich	

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Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Magazine Design	Jim Flynn	The Spandanian	The Spandanian Issue 5	Samantha Davenport, Victoria Petersen, Levi Brown, Young Kim, Yoshina Okamoto	Alaska Cannabis magazine			Julie Stricker	Cordova Times	Prince William Sound Visitor Guide		Annette Potter	
Print/Online (Small)	Best Short Feature	Justin Hinckley	No Award	No Award	No Award	Cordova Times	Decades-old errors put property owners at odds with road project	This is broad-and-butter journalism, a solidly reported and well-written piece on a topic readers care about.	Zachary Snowdon Smith	Chilkat Valley News	Town beaver's lair discovered	The perfect balance of humor and straightforward reporting to demand a cult-like story with an important public works story.	Jenna Kunze	
All Media	Best Legal Affairs Reporting	Justin Hinckley	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	The Mentally Ill, Alaska Psychiatric Institute and D.O.C.	Jill Burke , Sean Maguire	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Death in Detox: Kellsie Green's Story	Fantastic reporting from start to finish, and told in a beautiful, sensitive, but tough way.	Daniella Rivera, Gina Romero, John Thain, Rachel McPherson, Cody Sowl	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A system failure: A sex predator re-offends while being monitored	Riveting storytelling of unbelievable facts obtained through hard-nosed reporting.	Jill Burke	Judging this contest felt like a near-impossible task. Almost all of the entries could have earned first-place recognition. It's comforting to know the residents of Alaska have such capable watchdogs holding the criminal justice system accountable.
Print/Online (Large & Small) (Print)	Best Sports Reporting	Elizabeth Walters	Chilkat Valley News	ALCAN 200 celebrates 50 years of speed	Jenna Kunze	Ketchikan Daily News	Ketchikan wins Bill Weiss Tournament		Spencer Gleason	Ketchikan Daily News	Lady Kings round Region V champs		Spencer Gleason	
Print/Online (Small)	Best Culture Reporting	Kerry Clawson	Capital City Weekly	Planet Alaska: Encounters with the giant Pacific octopus	Vivian Faith Prescott, Vivian Mork Yelik	Chilkat Valley News	Is an ancient species of Fremont squash growing in a Haines garden?	Is an ancient species of Fremont squash growing in a Haines garden?	Kyle Clayton	Cordova Times	Taking home a piece of the CoHo history	The author illustrates the impact of the author's personal memories of the building, such as the Cordova Hotel and Bar, or the CoHo, to numerous people. Her details about the cafe's signature sourdough pancakes are excellent, and she does a clear job of explaining this history and its impact today.	Jane Spencer	
Radio	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Corey Flintoff	KTOO Public Media	What's up with the Mat-Su, and why is it steering Alaska's politics?	Jeremy Hsieh	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Proposed land trade may turn the tide for Sitka's maritime industry	Robert Woolsey shows Sitka officials and citizens grappling with a complicated economic choice. It's a good, clear exposition of the issue.	Robert Woolsey	KMXT Radio, Kodiak	Kodiak villages brace for reduced ferry service this fall and winter	Kavitha George examines the impact that cuts in ferry service will have for two Kodiak villages. She rightly focuses on the impact of policy on individual people.	Kavitha George	Reporting on government and politics is difficult, because it requires clear exposition of the issues and stakes, while maintaining strict fairness for all sides. All the entries in this year's category met those very high standards.
Television	Best Culture Reporting	Deborah Home	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers - Unangan Tunuu: More Than Just Words	Will Mader, Rhonda McBride	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	WEIO: Changing lives and preserving culture	Patrick Enslow	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Rain Yu'pik masks reunited in Alaska after 100 years		Eric Sowl		
Television	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Deborah Home	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Forty More Years	Nicely shot. Nicely written.	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Ransoming the Dead	Jill Burke, Eric Sowl	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Alaska Railroad trains on people skills		Liz Raines, Matt Faubion		
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Education Reporting	Margaret Littman	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Frozen scholarship funds leave UAF students in the cold	Kyrie Long	KTVA.com	Title IX investigation reveals decades of sexual misconduct by former UAA professor	Daniella River, Janis Harper, Jes Stuigelmayer, Cody Sowl	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Sharing the journey	Nice energy and genuine emotion captured in the subjects.	Shawn Wilson	This was a diverse set of articles, with every different approaches. Together they demonstrate how diverse education reporting can be.	
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Arts & Culture Criticism	Margaret Littman	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Control mixes 'X-Files' and 'Men in Black' into an incredible achievement in video games	Matt Buxton	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Theater review: 'Evil Dead: The Musical' is a kick-Ass gory good time	Gary Black	No Winner					
Television	Best General News Story	Deborah Home	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A mother's grief	Jill Burke	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A shifting wind	Captures the energy of the event well. I feel like I was there.						This was a very difficult category. Any of the stories could have won. They were all so well done. But I had to choose and so I did. It was a pleasure to watch such terrific work.
Television	Best Newscast	Paul Keane	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Channel 2 NewsHour: From Wednesdays to the State Fair	Rebecca Palsha, Mike Ross, Jackie Purcell, Ellyn Batty, Carly Pfutz, Hank Dally, Grant Robison, Derek Minermyer, Kyle Burke, Phil Walczak, Paul Baynes, Kristin Schwartz, AJ Lucero, Kristen Durand, Patrick Enslow, Joshua Maxwell, Jill Burke, Eric Sowl, Kim Denehira	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA News at 10	Nice, tight package of stories that keeps us interested. Even with it being so close to Christmas, feel there could have been some type of sports segment.	Makayla Clark, Megan Mazzoni, Aaron Morrison, Noah Dean	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	KTVA 11's Daybreak	Nice morning show without too much "fluff." Good information and stories, especially with it being the Friday before Christmas when news can sometimes be scarce and morning shows turn into cheesy holiday specials.	Jennifer Summers, Liz Raines, John Thompson, Jeremy Lago	
Radio	Best Culture Reporting	Christina Myer	KNOM	A Day at Camp in Solomon	JoJo Phillips	KTOO Public Media	Alaska Native men gather to explore culture, identity, dominance, violence and building healthy communities	Jeremy Hsieh	KYUK	Yup'ik Elders Revive Traditional Baby Parka		Krysti Shallenberger		
Radio	Best Reporting on Science	Cara Hetland	KHNS	Experimental tilapia skin burn treatment heals Haines dog	Claire Stremple	KSTK	With 12 gray whale deaths in Alaska waters, biologists race to find the cause	June Leffler	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Second summer savvy outbreak browns hemlock trees around Southeast	educational, good audio	Joe Viechnicki	I learned so much and loved each story. All told well and creatively.	
Radio	Best Profile	Cara Hetland	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	One family's pirate home is Sitka's hidden treasure	Katherine Rose	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Petersburg middle school student puts daredevil skills to work	Ari Snider	KYUK	Kipnuk Celebrates The Life Of Keoni Alairia At Graduation	Emotional - love the unity in this story	Greg Kim	The people profiled here are all winners - I learned so much	
Radio	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Ashley Gross	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	New generation of fishermen continues Petersburg presence in Bristol Bay	Ari Snider	KYUK	At The Moment, Donlin Gold Isn't Building A Mine. But It Is Building A Church	Krysti Shallenberger	Alaska's Energy Desk	As BP exits Alaska, 1,600 employees are waiting to find out what's next	Something as major as BP leaving Alaska impacts a lot of lives, and she did a nice job of bringing such a big economic story down to the human level. Moving tape.	Elizabeth Harball		
All Media	Best Multimedia Presentation	Matt Miller	KYUK	Watch: Can Bethel Afford The Costs Of Climate Change?	Krysti Shallenberger, Katie Basile, Joey Mendiola	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Interactive timeline: The murder of Cynthia Hoffman	Angela Krezen, Shayne Nuesca, Elizabeth Roman	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Timeline: Gov. Dunleavy's first year in office	Another good wrap up of a pretty substantial body of coverage. Lots to take in, but nicely summarized and augmented with photo and video.	Shayne Nuesca, Steve Quinn		

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Radio	Best Same-Day Feature	Amy Robinson	KYUK	Bethel Gives Hero's Welcome To Iditarod Champion Pete Kaiser		Anna Rose MacArthur	KTOO Public Media	Juneau police report shooting and killing a man on Cinema Drive		Rashah McChesney	KYUK	New George Atta Documentary Brings Together Community And Sled Dog Racing		Winning entry did a great job conveying the energy of the day. Good writing, delivery and use of ambi sound. An all around strong piece. Second place had fantastic writing and delivery.	
														Krysti Shallenberger Third place used some ambi sound, writing and delivery were satisfactory	
All Media	Best Picture Story	Ted Warren	Alaska Magazine	In the Village of Polar Bears: Kaktovik's life on the edge	Great nature photography, and work that shows the various aspects of polar bear life. This was well done, and had the best visual quality of all the entries. I would have liked to have seen a photo of the village included in the mix, as well (if possible) something showing a tour boat, visitors with binoculars, etc. All those elements were a big part of the text. In all, the clear winner of this category.	Michelle Theall, Steven Merritt	Anchorage Press	In concert at the Alaska State Fair	O'Hara Shipe	The Northern Light	Anchorage's 42nd PrideFest in 42 Pictures	A nice gallery of photos here, but lost was the chance to really tell a story about him. It's like the full story-path of the entire day, or perhaps the preparation, plus the fun after-party of just one entry. Another idea would be to take out the set-ups, signs, make-up, fancy dress, and build an essay around that. As it is, this is a great gallery, but I think there are real visual stories to be found here next year.		It's important to remember the difference between a photo story (and it's deep roots in photojournalism) and a photo gallery (with it's current roots in web volume and the search for clicks).	Christina Swayney
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Sports or Outdoors Column	Cheryl Thompson	Homer News	Out of the Office	Terrific writing style; I feel like I'm along on the trip. Great writing. Glacier, with her in the garden... I think readers love coming along with the writer. I enjoyed the dotted her columns with humor. Brava.	Megan Pacer	Peninsula Clarion	Out of the Office: "Power of the Culture of the North": "Taking our time on the Alaska Backdoor Trail"; "Best place on the peninsula"	Jeff Helminiak	Homer News	Reeling 'Em In: "Learn the difference between kings and silver," "Folks who have specific hat requirements, doncha know." "Alas, poor Thimble - it's time for Nick's revered fishing rod to retire"		This was a fun category to judge. Each writer had their own unique voice and brought their own style to the columns. I learned so much. I even know what a hooligan is! Nice work all around.	Nick Varney	
Television	Best Reporting on Health or Science	Brian McCrone	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Surviving Sepia	Good personal story, with great access. But could have incorporated more science.	Dave Goldman	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Stranded whale head goes for a ride	Lauren Maxwell, Kevin Kelleher	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Keeping them wild	Context of the report wasn't fully explained.	Grant Robinson		
All Media	Best Online Video Journalism	Brian McCrone	KYUK	Video: A Record Breaking Finish in the 40th K300	Clear by the delivery that the video was edited for the web. Quick-paced and on-the-ground reporter kept it exciting and competitive, like a sports announcer.	Katie Basile, Kathy Burke, Matt Evan, Angela Denning, Zachariah Hughes, Kaylee King, Anna Rose Matheson, Joey Mendola, Gabby Saigado, Dean Swope	The Alaska Landmine	This is Anchorage	Jeff Landfield, Scott Jensen, Carolyn Hall	Anchorage Daily News	Life in Russian Mission, Alaska in 360 VR	Awarded for good use of on-camera talent, well-reported and felt candid, as the camera wasn't there.	Loren Holmes		
Television	Best Reporting on Government or Politics	Kathy Mykleby	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers - Dunleavy Recall Campaign: Voter's Response		Will Mader, Rhonda McBride	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Toothless in Alaska, after elimination of Medicaid dental coverage	Rebecca Palsha, Leah Schwartz	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Alaska's senior Senator (S) and McConnell's vow of "total coordination" with White House for impeachment trial		Sean Maguire		
Television	Best Public Safety Reporting	Kathy Mykleby	KTVB TV (Anchorage)	Frontiers - Violence: Alaska's Invisible Epidemic		Will Mader, Rhonda McBride	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	Justice Delayed	Daniella Rivera, Matt Faubion, Rachel McPherson, Cody Sowl	KTVA TV (Anchorage)	We want answers		Daniella Rivera, Rachel McPherson		
Television	Best Feature	Kathy Mykleby	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A choir like no other	Encore! Beautifully written, produced, narrated and photographed.	Samie Solina	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Faith is grown in a garden	Samie Solina	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	A brief visit	Loved the playful element of suspense. The photography was exquisite.	Eric Sowl	Having judged countless competitions, I am not exaggerating in saying that viewers of television news in Alaska are the beneficiaries of some of the finest feature reporting anywhere.	
Radio	Best Arts Reporting	Julie Siple	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	https://www.kfsk.org/2018/03/16/what-can-students-learn-about-the-cost-of-plastic-through-hands-on-lessons/	Sweet! Those kids - compelling and well-told - and an important issue to boot. I loved the variety of tape in the piece, and the energy and context and facts, creating an altogether solid story. Nice work.	Angela Denning	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Fluffy-tailed Siskin hops into 'Tonight Show' spotlight	Katherine Rose	KNBA Radio	Baby Yoda captures the hearts of Alaska Native artists	This is a terrific piece. The multitude of voices and thoughts on why Baby Yoda has captured the hearts of Alaska Native artists was the key. Memorable and well-done!	Tripp Crouse		
Radio	Best Audio Program or Podcast	Julie Siple	KTOO Public Media	Cruise Town	Terrific storytelling. It's beautifully written and produced - each episode is compelling and I learned so much. The host is great, so too the reporters throughout. They're informative and also casual - people you want to accompany on a leisurely journey. Good music, good structure, well-reported, and a great idea for a limited-run podcast. Congratulations!	Jennifer Pemberton, Elizabeth Jenkins, Rashah McChesney, Ryan Cunningham, David Purdy, Adelyn Maxine, Jeremy Jephcott, Zoe Gruskin, Matt Miller	Crude Magazine	Crude Conversations	Cody Liska	Alaska Public Media	Alaska News Nightly	This show is such a great public service. The variety of stories, reporters, perspectives, and issues is really impressive. Together, these stories allow listeners to really get to know both those guests and their work - and by extension, life in Alaska. Congratulations!	Casey Grove, Mayowa Aina, Wesley Early	WOW - what an amazing collection of shows and podcasts. I listened to hours and hours of audio, deeply immersed in Alaskan life and conversation and journalism.	
Radio	Best Sports Reporting (Radio)	Tom Goldman	KYUK	How Bethel Created Four-Time K300 Sled Dog Race Champ Pete Kaiser	see private note	Krysti Shallenberger	KFSK Radio (Petersburg)	Esports is growing in Alaska's high schools	Angela Denning	No Winner				I agonized over which three to choose. So many more deserve an award. Thank you to everyone who submitted. I so enjoyed listening.	

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Television	Best Sports Reporting	Kevin Wells	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	One last run: Phi Karl completes Iron Dog 36	<p>"Very good job introducing us to the story subject despite the lack of time to work with. Good use of utilizing photos, bib numbers, standings sheets. We were never given context as to who this guy was."</p> <p>"Good interview with the racer's wife. The viewer gets a sense that the race meant a lot to her."</p> <p>"I think it should have been explained why the wife chose Brad George to carry his ashes. There's a generation gap there, so it's unclear as to how they know each other."</p> <p>"It would have also been nice to have Brad George on camera earlier. I don't see his face at all, including the race video, until midway through his third bye."</p> <p>"Sports stories are all about capturing the moment, so it is nice to see Brad actually spread the ashes as well."</p>	Beth Verge, MMJ, Patrick Enslow, MMJ, AJ Lucero, Photographer, Josh Maxwell, Photographer	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	The Alaska Aces: From history to heartbreak	<p>"Good overall writing and storytelling, especially the segment about the early years."</p> <p>"A lot of nuggets in there that even long time residents never knew about this team."</p> <p>"Good editing and use of archival footage"</p> <p>"Poor choice for the black backdrop for the sit down interview."</p> <p>"I feel the final segment was rushed. The race and the team were in the same block. The team was winning and having all this success, and all of that was lost. The extinction. Dividing those two would have given the piece better pace. Some added insight into the financial stress of having a franchise in Alaska would have given some context to the decline."</p> <p>"Overall, this entry receives some extra credit for degree of difficulty."</p>	Patrick Enslow	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Ben Schultz: Beating the odds...	<p>"I'm glad this story was contained to training. Schultz has gotten a lot of coverage since his injury so focusing on something specific makes this work in the context of the amount of air time you have for this kind of story."</p> <p>"Good variety of shots and pacing of editing. Training stories aren't always fun to put together, but this one moves."</p> <p>"I do think some Mount Marathon file would have worked better though when he starts talking about '4 percent change.' It's unusual to hear the new voice track that he's talking about the race later. People in Ben's position are often told of the odds of survival / walking / etc. and I wasn't sure what he was referring to at first."</p> <p>"Try to edit out the interviewer asking a question off-camera. I feel you can write into the story and get the spontaneity from the trainer in his answer."</p> <p>"I think the ideal finishing line is 'longshot' in the middle man. The final burst and the hat pop from the group huddle are unnecessary."</p> <p>"A lot of story award submissions leave out the anchor intro and tag, but in this case they add substance. Good inclusion about Ben wearing the helmet."</p> <p>"Overall, solid product. The reporter's performance and delivery in the intro and tag add something to it as well."</p>	MK Burgess
Print/Online (Large & Small)	Best Education Reporting	Michelle Maxwell	Peninsula Clarion and Education Week	A Perennial Challenge in Rural Alaska: Getting and Keeping Teachers	<p>Very revealing and well-organized with sourcing that emphasizes the problem. Videos hearing from the teachers added depth and the story.</p>	Victoria Petersen	Anchorage Daily News	Meet an Alaska Graduating Class of One	<p>The reporter did a fine job of using this single grad senior class to represent all others, and not just on senior. The photo gallery slideshow added to the richness and detail to the story.</p>	Marc Lester	Anchorage Daily News	<p>Documents leading up to accreditation fees for UAA teacher programs show significant concern were raised about the teacher ratios.</p>	<p>Watchdog reporting and use of documents reveal an amazing lack of communication that had harsh consequences.</p>	Tegan Hanlon
Print/Online (Large)	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Michelle Maxwell	Arctic Today	As sea ice melts, momentum grows for Nome's Arctic port plan	<p>Well-organized, structurally and reporting was solid, exploring the many facets of the issue.</p>	Yereth Rosen	Alaska Cannabist	Budtender Do's and Don'ts	<p>Illuminating look at how to be good at a type of job that's relatively new.</p>	Julie Stricker	Anchorage Daily News	<p>Bar wars: Proposal to limit activities in Alaska breweries and distilleries stirs tension inside state's alcohol industry</p>	<p>Good explainer of an evolving issue, good sourcing.</p>	James Brooks, Annie Zak
Print/Online (Large)	Best Public Safety Reporting	Cynthia Sewell	Anchorage Daily News	She leapt from a van on the Kenai Peninsula to escape her rapist. Then she waited 18 years for an arrest.	<p>A fine mix of human interest and crime reporting, this story ultimately sheds an important light on the missteps and foot-dragging of a court and public safety institutions. Powerful and compelling journalism that the author is particularly strong.</p>	Kyle Hopkins	Anchorage Daily News	'This town is just exhausted': Cooper Landing wrestles with aftermath of a summer lost to wildfire	<p>A series of well-written vignettes brings the story of this town's experience with a huge wildfire roaring back to life. Punchy writing at its best.</p>	Tegan Hanlon, Anne Raup	First Alaskans Magazine	Taking Matters into Our Own Hands	<p>A well researched piece about a national crisis, providing important information, background and context with Alaska, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest at its epicenter.</p>	Mary Kathryn Nagle
Print/Online (Small)	Best Profile	Cynthia Sewell	Chilkat Valley News	Rocket-fuel-making student wins state tech award	<p>A delightful profile! It captures the boundless curiosity, eccentricities, and passions of its subject. And it does what all great profiles do: make the subject come alive for the reader.</p>	Kyle Clayton	Alaska Journal of Commerce	A Bull's Eye on Alaska	<p>This is a complete and thoroughly cogent profile that ties together two generations of Alaska business leaders — father and son — and the ever-changing field of business technologies.</p>	Andrew Jensen	Petersburg Pilot	<p>Local veteran responded to Cuban Missile Crisis</p>	<p>This profile does a great job revealing the fascinating, almost fantastical nature of its subject. Great use of quotes and storytelling.</p>	Brian Varela
Print/Online (Small)	Best Public Safety Reporting	Cynthia Sewell	Chilkat Valley News	Local smokejumper details record season	<p>The opening reads like the start of a cut of an Alaskan action movie. Great writing; compelling imagery.</p>	Jenna Kunze	Chilkat Valley News	Man killed in wreck had earlier contact with police	<p>This fine piece of detailed reporting offers a step-by-step series of exceptionally revealing moments in a tragic escapade</p>	Kyle Clayton	No Winner			

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Radio	Best Public Safety Reporting	Tom Goldman	Alaska Public Media	Will a new policing strategy make a dent in Anchorage's crime?	Zachariah Hughes	KTOO Public Media	Adululikap, which Scientists, Juneau officials waiting for Suicide Basin's glacial dam release	Matt Miller	KCAW Radio (Sitka)	Four years after deadly landslides, Sitka has a warning system	Robert Woolsey	<p>Robert did a really nice job and this could've been a great piece. I think he did a great job for a few shortcomings. I really liked opening with the scientist to give the science a little feel before diving into the science. But right after, it very seemed to bog down for some reason. The archival tape from the 2015 landslide - I'm not sure if he went somewhere, then he could've made a nice transition up to the science. I think going there with the scientists, but after the first bit of sound on the interview, it kind of took us away from the scene...but then back again. If he kept the audience engaged in the first part and kept us there, I think it would have made things sound more seamless. I thought the story bogged down just a little bit. The Nobel laureate - he seemed a bit out of place. But then the piece finished up with a great nod to the workers on the mountainside. And Robert's writing was really good. "...is in our brain...is us..." is a line that lingers for me. And the ending was still very important...reminding us of the tragedy. All in all a very good story and worthy of a top-3 finish.</p>		
All Media	Best Comprehensive Coverage	Amy Robinson	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Iditarod 2019	Daniella Rivera, Elizabeth Roman, Dave Goldman, Scott Gross, John Thain, Angela Krenzien, Jeni Hirsch, Lauren Maxwell, Jes Stugelmayer	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	2019 Wildfire Coverage	Heather Hintze, John Thain, Shayne Nuesca, Elizabeth Roman, Daniella Rivera, Jes Stugelmayer, Angela Krenzien	Alaska Journal of Commerce	Elwood Brehmer-Port of Alaska	Elwood Brehmer	<p>This was a TOUGH category to judge. Wow! There were a lot of very strong entries.</p> <p>The winning entry did an outstanding job of both presenting facts and data about the Iditarod and depicting the culture and the people who make the race so unique. Fantastic pictures and video too!</p> <p>Second place focused on real time fire information that viewers would need in order to stay safe, and also supplemented with human interest stories highlighting the impacts of the fire.</p> <p>My third place selection had fewer photographs and lacked the production value of the first two, but it demonstrated impressive, consistent, high quality reporting over time. The stories spanned the entire year and the reporter regularly did an excellent job of taking a viewer through a story and making it understandable and relevant to readers.</p> <p>My apologies for the two entries I was unable to judge. One I was unable to access even copying and pasting the ID and password provided. The other one would not open on my computer (more information is in the judge's notes). I will say, while I'm sorry I was unable to view particularly this second of the two, which was notably better than the first, I was unable to view the third as well. It seemed to be an extremely strong entry to even be in the top five. Since it appeared to be solely PDF files, I would be surprised if it would have risen to that level. At the same, I'm sorry I couldn't view it.</p>		
All Media	Best Environmental Reporting	Heather Henline	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Warming Ocean, Changing Lives	Tracy Sinclair, Beth Verge	Alaska Public Media	With ANWR drilling on its doorstep, an Alaska Native village is poised to profit	Nathaniel Herz	KTUU TV (Anchorage)	Newtok: A sprint against Climate Change	Blake Essig	<p>I've been a contest judge for more than 15 years and in multiple states. This is the most compelling, robust environmental reporting I have ever seen. I am so impressed with the reporting and the writing. I really had hoped to watch, listen to or read as a judge. I must salute all of the journalists who submitted entries in this category. Your work goes beyond Alaska to issues about which all Americans should be informed. Really well done!</p>		
Print/Online (Small)	Vern McCorkle Award for Best Business Reporting	Emily Mieure	Alaska Journal of Commerce	Elwood Brehmer: Environmental losses boost premium for Alaska oil	This was a well-sourced and easy-to-read article on a complex and important topic.	Elwood Brehmer	Homer News	Fritz Creek General Store told resident cat violates code	Megan Pacer	Petersburg Pilot	Crab run outshines salmon harvest in SE	Brian Varela	<p>Loved this story. The only thing that could have made it better were interviews with the general store owner (not for lack of trying) and a photo of Stormy.</p>	
Print/Online (Large)	Best Short Feature	Paul Flahive	Anchorage Press	Local musicians to play benefit concert Saturday night at Willowview for baby girl stricken with rare Tay-Sach's disease	O'Hara Shipe	Juneau Empire	Meet the rescuers: Together locals help visitor, save dog	Alex McCarthy, Michael Penn	Fairbanks Daily News-Miner	Santas cruise in to North Pole for a wedding	Kyrie Long	<p>Great job making sense of a ton of numbers and prices.</p>		