



2021 Connecticut Press Club Communications Contest Winners

News Story

ONLINE PUBLICATION

- First place – Thomas Hopkins, The Letters – Lawsuits allege human right violations in DOC Security Risk Group program
- Second place – Carol Dannhauser, CT Health I-Team – Financially Challenged But Fierce, Griffin Hospital Innovates Its Way Through Pandemic

Editorial/Opinion

- First place – Chandra Bozelko, USA Today – After Britney Spears' Abusive Conservatorship, Don't Reform the System - Abolish It
- Second place – Chandra Bozelko, Stat News – Vaccine Mandates Should Cover the Incarcerated, Too, Not Just Prison Guards and Workers
- Third place – Geoffrey Morris, Connecticut Post – Abolish the Income Tax to Save CT
- Honorable mention – Tory Cenaj, Blockchain in Healthcare Today – It's Time for an Integrity Throwdown: Conflicts of Interests in Scientific Communications
- Honorable mention – Chandra Bozelko, Gannett media – Columnists Are Journalists; Keep the Columnists

Feature Story

PRINT-BASED NEWSPAPER

- First place – Ashley Winchester, New Haven Register – Living History: New Haven Museum curates accounts of life during pandemic
- Second place – Faith Tyldsley, The Granby Drummer – Meet Me at the Bridge

MAGAZINE, NEWSLETTER/OTHER PUBLICATION

- First place – Nancy McMillan, Litchfield Magazine – Living the Holiday Spirit
- Second place – Elizabeth Keyser, Ocean House/Moffly Media – Adventures in Dining
- Third place – Amanda Duff, Ridgefield Magazine – America the Beautiful

ONLINE PUBLICATION

- First place – Carol Dannhauser, Connecticut Health I-Team – For Some Transgender People, Pandemic Paves Path To Transition



Personality Profile

MORE THAN 500 WORDS

- First place – Jill Johnson-Mann, Westport Magazine – Nile Rodgers: The Power of Turbulence Beneath the Ever-Current Titan of the Music Industry
- Second place – Jessica Glynn, Connecticut Super Lawyers Magazine – The Bulldog & The Scholar
- Third place – Jane Gordon Julien, Glastonbury Life – For the Love of Caring
- Honorable Mention – Timothy Dumas, Greenwich Magazine – Escaping Tomorrow
- Honorable Mention – Megan Smith-Harris, Ridgefield Magazine – Striking a High Note: Dave Brubeck's Life and Legacy

Writing

Specialty Articles

AGRICULTURE

- Second place – Ashley Winchester, Go Magazine – Rent the Chicken

BUSINESS

- First place – Susan Antilla, Type Investigations, The Nation – The Dangers of Working While Black on Wall Street
- Second place – Chandra Bozelko, Barron's – Don't Ban Private Prisons. Make Them Part of the Solution
- Third place – Phil Hall, Fairfield County Business Journal – Inventory shortage continues to dampen Fairfield County housing market
- Honorable Mention – Julie Jason, Forbes – Taxpayers Are Asking IRS: "Where is My Refund?" and "Where is My Stimulus Payment?"

EDUCATION

- First place – Julia Bruce, Ridgefield & Wilton Magazine – College Applications During Covid: How the Pandemic Has Impacted the Path

FOOD

- First place – Elizabeth Keyser, Stamford Magazine – 8 Latin Restaurants
- Second place – Mary Kate Hogan, Greenwich Magazine – Flavor & Flair
- Third place – Phil Hall, Fairfield County Business Journal – The American Story: Khaled H. Khaled, owner of Fairfield-based Nutcracker

GOVERNMENT / POLITICS

- First place – Chandra Bozelko, Connecticut Mirror – Blame for Coronavirus Spread in Prisons Belongs to Guards Who Don't Wear Masks
- Third place – Chandra Bozelko and Ryan Lo, NBC News Think – Joe Biden's First Steps Should Be To Fix Donald Trump's Broken Criminal Justice Reform



- Honorable Mention – Chandra Bozelko, Leominster Champion – Hyperfederalism and Science Can't Easily Co-Exist

GHOST-WRITTEN

- Second place – Thomas Renner, Catalyst Marketing Communications – In The Loop

GREEN/ENVIRONMENTAL

- First place – Thomas Renner – Catalyst Marketing Communications – Sarasota Project Hurricane-Proofs Sewage Spills
- Third place – Faith Tyldsley, The Granby Drummer – Bee A Hero

HOBBY (BUILDING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION)

- First place – Thomas Renner – Catalyst Marketing Communications – A New Day: 5-year, \$500 million project transforms Chicago's historic Willis Tower

PERSONAL ESSAY

- First place – Jane Gordon Julien, Literary Mama – Waiting to Shine again
- Second place – Chandra Bozelko, Prison Diaries – The Unmet Obligations of Prison Food

RELIGION

- Honorable Mention – Phil Hall – Going Where the Spirit Leads – WAG Magazine

REVIEWS

- First place – Elizabeth Keyser – A Taste of Italy – Stamford Magazine

SOCIAL ISSUES

- First place – Chandra Bozelko and Ryan Lo, USA Today – What Prosecutors Did to the Tiger King Shouldn't Happen to Anyone
- Second place – Chandra Bozelko, The Crime Report – Could Separate Facilities for Transgender Inmates Save Lives?

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Third place – Phil Hall, Wag Magazine – Alighting in a New Winery
- Honorable Mention – Anastasia Healy, Expeditions.com – The World's Newest Body of Water

STYLE

- Second place – Julia Bruce, Ridgefield & Wilton Magazine – Soothing the Soul: Hospice Patients and Families Benefit from Time Outdoors

TRAVEL



- Honorable Mention – Stacy Lytwyn Maxwell – Longed-for Long Weekends: Litchfield County, Salisbury

Columns

GENERAL

- First place – Chandra Bozelko, Gannett Media – When An Absconder Hasn't Absconded; Is Tiger King's Joe Exotic Innocent?
- Second place – Carol Laun (posthumously), The Granby Drummer – Historic Footnotes

HUMOROUS

- Second place – Mark Fiorentino, The Granby Drummer – Waypoints

INFORMATIONAL AND HOW-TO

- First place – Carol Dannhauser, Moffly Media – Gift List and Do the Math
- Second place – David Desiderato, The Granby Drummer – Not Wanted
- Third place – Julie Jason, Hearst – We're Not Done With RMD Changes / Does Your Inherited IRA Have a Deadline for 2021?

Headlines

- First place – Megan Gagnon, Moffly Media – Rinse & Retreat, Splash Pad, Mar's Landing
- Second place – Ashley Winchester, Hearst – Organ Transplant / Full Steam Ahead / Where's the Beef(alo) / 'Mama Mia!' - Theater Goes Again

Writing

BOOKS, SHORT STORIES, FICTION FOR ADULT READERS NOVELS MORE THAN 40,000 WORDS

- First place – Elizabeth Chatsworth – The Brass Queen
- Second place – Veronique Klemow – ShadowCast
- Third place – Ron Blumenfeld – The King's Anatomist
- Honorable mention – Mary Sharnick – The Contessa's Easel
- Honorable mention – Barbara Anne King – Where Flowers Grow
- Honorable mention – Annette Nauraine – Kissing the Kavalier

Nonfiction Book for Adult Readers

GENERAL NONFICTION

- First place – Alan Reznik – The Knee and Shoulder Handbook for All of Us
- Second place – Anastasia Healy – Secret Connecticut: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure

Books, Short Stories, Verse



SINGLE STORY

- First place – Elizabeth Chatsworth – The Widow’s Might
- Second place – Susanne Davis – The Dacha
- Third place – Veronique Klemow – Legacy Employees
- Honorable Mention – Veronique Klemow – Exit 13
- Honorable Mention – Robin Pastore – College in a Box: Covid Chronicles

Creative Verse

SINGLE POEM

- First Place – Robin Pastore – My Affair
- Second place – Robin Pastore – A Mother’s Perdition
- Third Place – Mitzy Sky – Who’s the Boss
- Honorable Mention – Robin Pastore – My Mother

BOOK OF POETRY

- First place – Paul Bluestein – Fade to Black
- Second place – Marlou Newkirk, Vincent Legg, and Laurie Newkirk – This and That and an Ice Cream Sundae

Editing for Print or Online Publication

MAGAZINE/MAGAPAPER (NEWSPAPER FORMAT WITH MAGAZINE-STYLE WRITING AND DESIGN)

- First place – Megan Gagnon, Moffly Media – Mar’s Landing
- Second place – Amanda Duff, Ridgefield Magazine and Wilton Magazine – The A List
- Third place – Amanda Duff, Wilton Magazine – Meet A Better Chance’s 2021 Grads
- Honorable Mention – Diane Sembrot, Moffly Media – Home

Publication Regularly Edited by Entrant

MAGAZINE/NEWSPAPER

- First Place – Diane Sembrot, Moffly Media– Westport Magazine
- Second place – Veronica Schorr and Megan Gagnon – At Home in Fairfield County Magazine
- Third place – Cristin Marandino, Moffly Media – Greenwich Magazine
- Honorable mention– Diane Sembrot, Moffly Media – Stamford Magazine

NEWSLETTER OR OTHER PUBLICATION (NON-PROFIT)



- First place – Rita Isaacson, Christie Levandowski, Amanda Lindberg – The Granby Drummer
- Second place – Christie Fountain and Miriam Kliewe — Glenbrook Neighborhood Association, Neighborhood News

PUBLICATION REGULARLY EDITED BY ENTRANT – NEWSLETTER/OTHER PUBLICATION – CORPORATE OR FOR PROFIT

- First place – Geoffrey Morris – Welcome to the Roaring 20s

Photography

GENERAL NEWS OR FEATURE PHOTO

- First place – John Dewey, The Granby Drummer – No April’s Fool Joke
- Second place – Venera Alexandrova, Moffly Media – Hometown girl

GENERAL PHOTO

SINGLE PHOTOGRAPH

- First place – Garvin Burke, Moffly Media – In The Bag
- Third place – Venera Alexandrova, Moffly Media – Fresh Flavors
- Honorable Mention – Garvin Burke, Moffly Media – The Beat

PHOTO ESSAY

- Second place – Venera Alexandrova, Moffly Media – Turning the Tide

Graphics & Design

MAGAZINE OR NEWSPAPER

- First place – Garvin Burke, Moffly Media – In The Bag
- Second place – Garvin Burke, Moffly Media – House of Blues
- Third place – Garvin Burke, Moffly Media – Nile Rodgers: The Power of Turbulence Beneath the Ever-Current Titan of the Music Industry
- Honorable Mention – Venera Alexandrova, Moffly Media – Art Meets Food

On the scene report

- Third place – Lisa Wexler, WICC – Two Good Samaritans Try to Save Drowning Swimmers

Prepared Report

TELEVISION

- First place – Patricia Del Rio, WFSB – Path of a Vaccine



Special Programming

TELEVISION

- First place – Tom Gallagher, Religion Media Company – Amen-Amen-Amen: A Story of Our Times

Radio & Television

INTERVIEW

- First place – Robin Pastore, WGCH – White Christian Privilege
- Second place – Robin Pastore, WGCH – Interview with Lieutenant Colonel Bree Fram
- Third place – Lisa Wexler, WICC – Lucie Arnaz on unearthed radio interviews of Lucille Ball, with composer David Friedman

Talk Show

- Second place – Lisa Wexler, WICC – Lisa talks with Sen. Blumenthal, Maritza Bond, Callers and features - You Be The Judge

Best Newscast

RADIO

- First place – Lisa Wexler, WICC – Congressman Himes Hours After Capitol Was Stormed

Website Edited or Managed by Entrant

CORPORATE OR FOR PROFIT

- Honorable Mention – Diane Sembrot, Moffly Media – I Love FC

Personal Website

- First place – Gabi Coatsworth – A Writer's Life

Web & Social Media – Podcast

- Second place – Carolyn Cohen – Wellness While Walking

Web & Social Media – Blog

PERSONAL

- First place – Stacy Lytwyn Maxwell – In the Heights of Father's Day
- Second place – Jane Gordon Julien – A Saving Cake

Electronic Newsletter



CORPORATE OR FOR-PROFIT

- Third place – Lisa Wexler – December News & Views
- Honorable Mention – Diane Sembrot, Moffly Media – Indulge Us

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER – PERSONAL

- Third place – Laurie Newkirk – Feel better

Web & Social Media

VIDEO FOR NONPROFIT OR GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

- First place – Linda Avellar, Ferguson Library – Why I Love the Library

Marketing Program or Campaign

- First place – Gabi Coatsworth and Kiana Stockwell – Pre-launch book marketing
- Second place – Kerry Ann Ducey – HamletHub — Why Small Business Matters sponsored by Fairfield County Bank

Information for the Media

- First place – Aline Weiller – Author Galia Gichon to Appear at Westport's Barnes & Noble July 3

Media Pitch

- First place – Thomas Renner, Catalyst Marketing Communications – Pitch for solar industry project

Collegiate/Education

Writing

NEWS

- Second place – Hannah Docter-Loeb, Wesleyan University – Middletown Common Council Passes Resolution to Support Connecticut Transportation Climate Initiative

FEATURES

- First place – Hannah Docter-Loeb, Wesleyan University – Wesleyan Collaborates with National Education Equity Lab to Offer College Classes to Title 1 High Schools

High School

Reviews

- First place – Spencer Elkind (Greenwich), The Harvey School – Tales of the Multiverse

Feature story



- First place – Lucy Santora, Stamford High School – The History of Stamford’s Hateman
- Second place – Shreya Prabu, Greenwich High School – A Salute to the Feminist Moms in my Indian Family
- Third place – Harper Treschuk, Fairfield Ludlowe High School – For the Love of Crochet

Opinion

- First place– Harper Treschuk, Fairfield Ludlowe High School – In Place of “Gone with the Wind,” a New Book on the Old South
- Second place – Shreya Prabhu, Greenwich High School – Here’s what racism looks like
- Third place – Chase Alexander, Granby Memorial High School – My Freshman Year Amid a Pandemic
- Honorable mention: Harper Treschuk, Fairfield Ludlowe High School – The Class of 2022 is Hurting
- Honorable mention – Harper Treschuk, Fairfield Ludlowe High School – A Student Perspective on Historical Perspective: Approving Black/African American and Latino/Puerto Rican Studies

Broadcast or video newscast

- First place – Ivana Nique, Stamford High School – La Voz Del Sur

Radio/Television interview or talk show

- First place – Claire Cody, Stamford High School – Mayoral Candidates Discuss Education

Prepared report

- First place – Lucy Scorziello, Stamford High School – WGCH News Segment