

Here are the winners of the 2026 Associate Newspaper Contest

Class	Division	Winner	Newspaper
Target Audience Publication General Excellence	Associate	3rd Place	Eugene Weekly
Target Audience Publication General Excellence	Associate	2nd Place	Our Town
Target Audience Publication General Excellence	Associate	1st Place	Capital Press
Best News Photo	Associate	3rd Place	Sandpoint, Bonner City Daily Bee
Best News Photo	Associate	2nd Place	Smoke Signals
Best News Photo	Associate	1st Place	Smoke Signals
Best News Writing	Associate	3rd Place	Eugene Weekly
Best News Writing	Associate	2nd Place	Eugene Weekly
Best News Writing	Associate	1st Place	Eugene Weekly
Best Feature Writing	Associate	3rd Place	Portland Tribune
Best Feature Writing	Associate	2nd Place	Eugene Weekly
Best Feature Writing	Associate	1st Place	Eugene Weekly
Best Editorial Column	Associate	3rd Place	Capital Press
Best Editorial Column	Associate	2nd Place	Our Town
Best Editorial Column	Associate	1st Place	Our Town
Design	Associate	3rd Place	Sandpoint, Bonner City Daily Bee
Design	Associate	2nd Place	Smoke Signals
Design	Associate	1st Place	Eugene Weekly
Graphics	Associate	3rd Place	Smoke Signals
Graphics	Associate	2nd Place	Eugene Weekly
Graphics	Associate	1st Place	Our Town

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Class	Division	Winner	Newspaper
Best Special Section or Issue	Division EFG	1st Place	Pendleton East Oregonian
Best Special Section or Issue	Division AB	1st Place	Oregonian

Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division HIJ	1st Place	Woodburn Independent
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division G	1st Place	South County Spotlight
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division F	1st Place	Columbia Gorge News
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division E	1st Place	Kennewick Tri-City Herald
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division D	1st Place	Yakima Republic
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division B	1st Place	Eugene Register Guard
Best Coverage of Business or Economic Issue	Division A	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Editorial	OPEN	1st Place	News-Register
Best Editorial Page	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Educational Coverage	Division HI	1st Place	The New Era
Best Educational Coverage	Division G	1st Place	South County Spotlight
Best Educational Coverage	Division F	1st Place	News-Register
Best Educational Coverage	Division E	1st Place	Mid-Valley Media
Best Educational Coverage	Division D	1st Place	Rogue Valley Times
Best Educational Coverage	Division BC	1st Place	Eugene Register Guard
Best Educational Coverage	Division A	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division HJ	1st Place	Argus Observer
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division G	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division F	1st Place	News-Register
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division E	1st Place	Mid-Valley Media
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division D	1st Place	Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division BC	1st Place	Bend Bulletin
Best Enterprise Reporting	Division A	1st Place	Spokesman-Review
Best Feature Story	Division HIJ	1st Place	Wilsonville Spokesman
Best Feature Story	Division G	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Feature Story	Division F	1st Place	News-Register
Best Feature Story	Division E	1st Place	Kennewick Tri-City Herald
Best Feature Story	Division D	1st Place	Idaho Statesman
Best Feature Story	Division BC	1st Place	Bend Bulletin
Best Feature Story	Division A	1st Place	Oregonian

Best Feature, Personality	Division HI	1st Place	West Linn Tidings
Best Feature, Personality	Division G	1st Place	South County Spotlight
Best Feature, Personality	Division F	1st Place	Tigard Tualatin Times
Best Feature, Personality	Division DE	1st Place	Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Best Feature, Personality	Division BC	1st Place	Lewiston Tribune
Best Feature, Personality	Division A	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Headline Writing	OPEN	1st Place	News-Register
Best Lifestyle Coverage	Division HI	1st Place	The Graphic
Best Lifestyle Coverage	Division G	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Lifestyle Coverage	Division F	1st Place	Pendleton East Oregonian
Best Lifestyle Coverage	Division ABDE	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Local Column	Division FG	1st Place	Pendleton East Oregonian
Best Local Column	Division ABDE	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Sports Story	Division HIJ	1st Place	The Chronicle
Best Sports Story	Division G	1st Place	South County Spotlight
Best Sports Story	Division F	1st Place	News-Register
Best Sports Story	Division E	1st Place	Longview Daily News
Best Sports Story	Division D	1st Place	Yakima Republic
Best Sports Story	Division ABC	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Spot News Coverage	Division HIJ	1st Place	The Chronicle
Best Spot News Coverage	Division G	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Spot News Coverage	Division F	1st Place	Columbia Gorge News
Best Spot News Coverage	Division E	1st Place	Longview Daily News
Best Spot News Coverage	Division D	1st Place	Klamath Falls, Herald and News
Best Spot News Coverage	Division BC	1st Place	Lewiston Tribune
Best Spot News Coverage	Division A	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Writing	Division HI	1st Place	The Chronicle

Best Writing	Division G	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Writing	Division F	1st Place	Columbia Gorge News
Best Writing	Division D	1st Place	Walla Walla Union-Bulletin
Best Writing	Division AB	1st Place	Salem Statesman Journal
Best Government Coverage	Division HIJ	1st Place	Argus Observer
Best Government Coverage	Division G	1st Place	South County Spotlight
Best Government Coverage	Division F	1st Place	Tigard Tualatin Times
Best Government Coverage	Division E	1st Place	Kennewick Tri-City Herald
Best Government Coverage	Division D	1st Place	Yakima Republic
Best Government Coverage	Division AB	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Page One Design	Division FGHI	1st Place	Lake Oswego Review
Best Page One Design	Division ABCDE	1st Place	Spokesman-Review
Best Graphics	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Feature Photo	Division EFHI	1st Place	The Chronicle
Best Feature Photo	Division ABCD	1st Place	Roseburg News-Review
Best News Photo	Division GHI	1st Place	The New Era
Best News Photo	Division DEF	1st Place	Kennewick Tri-City Herald
Best News Photo	Division ABC	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Photo Essay	Division FHI	1st Place	News-Register
Best Photo Essay	Division ABD	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Sports Photo	Division HI	1st Place	West Linn Tidings
Best Sports Photo	Division FG	1st Place	News-Register
Best Sports Photo	Division ABCD	1st Place	Eugene Register Guard
Best Overall Web Site	Division HIJ	1st Place	The New Era
Best Overall Web Site	Division AD	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Web Project	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian
Best Online Multimedia Element	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian

Best Online Coverage of Breaking News	OPEN	1st Place	Argus Observer
Best Story of the Year	OPEN	3rd Place	Rogue Valley Times
Best Story of the Year	OPEN	2nd Place	Oregonian
Best Story of the Year	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian
General Excellence	Division IJ	3rd Place	McKenzie River Reflections
General Excellence	Division IJ	2nd Place	Canyon Weekly
General Excellence	Division IJ	1st Place	Springfield, The Chronicle
General Excellence	Division H	3rd Place	Woodburn Independent
General Excellence	Division H	2nd Place	Sweet Home, The New Era
General Excellence	Division H	1st Place	Ontario, Argus Observer
General Excellence	Division G	3rd Place	Lake Oswego Review
General Excellence	Division G	2nd Place	Scappoose, South County Spotlight
General Excellence	Division G	1st Place	Prineville, Central Oregonian
General Excellence	Division F	3rd Place	Beaverton, Tigard Tualatin Times
General Excellence	Division F	2nd Place	Columbia Gorge News
General Excellence	Division F	1st Place	McMinnville, News-Register
General Excellence	Division E	2nd Place	Astoria, The Astorian
General Excellence	Division E	1st Place	Albany/Corvallis, Mid-Valley Media
General Excellence	Division D	2nd Place	Klamath Falls, Herald and News
General Excellence	Division D	1st Place	Medford, Rogue Valley Times
General Excellence	Division AB	3rd Place	Eugene Register Guard
General Excellence	Division AB	2nd Place	Grants Pass Daily Courier
General Excellence	Division AB	1st Place	Oregonian
Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	3rd Place	Coeur d Alene Press
Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	2nd Place	Idaho Statesman
Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	1st Place	Idaho Statesman
Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	3rd Place	Oregonian

Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	2nd Place	Grants Pass Daily Courier
Baker Family Public Service Journalism	OPEN	1st Place	Oregonian

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