**All Media Special Awards**

***First Amendment Award***

**First Place**

FOI commission: Schools can't use students as shield; New Haven Independent; Christopher Peak

***Stephen A. Collins Public Service Award***

**First Place**

From deaths to lost jobs to health care, the coronavirus has changed our way of life in Connecticut; Hartford Courant; Hartford Courant staff

***Theodore Driscoll Award for Investigative Reporting***

**First Place**

Death by gun; Connecticut Post; Bill Cummings, Ed Stannard, Ethan Fry, Tara O'Neill, Brian Lockhart, Claire Dignan, Ben Lambert, Mark Zaretsky

**Arts & Entertainment**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

What can happen when you disregard normal; The Sound; Pem McNerney

***Regional A***

**First Place**

A Connecticut rock band may have figured out how to ‘tour’ — and make money — during the pandemic; Hartford Courant; Michael Hamad

**Second Place**

Recent experiences have inspired North Stonington artist Alfredo Carlson in new ways; The Day; Rick Koster

**Third Place**

Up through the atmosphere: Stonington High School Drama sends students flying in ‘Mary Poppins’; The Day; Kristina Dorsey

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Connecticut's 1st state troubadour; Middletown Press; Cassandra Day

**Second Place**

Norwalk band Goose virtually 'gigs'; The Hour; Andrew DeRosa

**Third Place**

Hill-Stead porch; Journal Inquirer; Tim Leininger

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

At 50, Hartford’s Cinestudio keeps projecting into the future; Connecticut Magazine; Randall Beach

**Second Place**

Songwriter for the heart: Michael Kelly Blanchard reflects on musical journey; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

**Third Place**

A new chapter, Cheshire author, radioanchor publishes first mystery book; Seasons Magazine; Cindy Simoneau

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

The impossible dream: Terrence Bogan living out loud; NBC 30; Heidi Voight, Gregg Monte

**Audio Storytelling**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Coping with pandemic, 3 part series; Connecticut Health I-Team; Colleen Shaddox

**Second Place**

Capitol Watch Podcast; Hartford Courant; Michael Hamad

**Third Place**

StoryLine Podcast; The Day; Carlos Virgen, Rick Koster, Sten Spinella

**Breaking News**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

5,000 march for racial justice; New Haven Independent; Thomas Breen, Maya McFadden, Courtney Luciana, Sam Gurwitt

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Steve Bannon arrested; Hartford Courant; Edmund H. Mahony

**Second Place**

Abuse at American School for the Deaf; Hartford Courant; Zach Murdock

**Third Place**

Nora Dannehy resigns; Hartford Courant; Edmund H. Mahony

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Fotis Dulos clings to life; The Hour; Pat Tomlinson, Lisa Backus

**Second Place**

Police: Teen thought killings would make his life better; Journal Inquirer; Alex Wood

**Third Place**

Remembering Eli; Journal Inquirer; Joe Chaisson

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Opposing protestors clash during New Haven Christopher Columbus statue removal; NBC 30; Caitlin Burchill, Maura Murphy

**Second Place**

Tracking Isaias; WFSB; Elliott Polakoff

**Business**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Barbering brothers hang up the shears after 60 years in Trumbull; Trumbull Times; Donald Eng

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Ideanomics; Hartford Courant; Emily Brindley

**Second Place**

Eversource was on a victory lap. Then came Isaias; Connecticut Mirror; Mark Pazniokas

**Third Place**

‘There’s pain everywhere.’ Hospitals stand to lose $1.5 billion amid COVID-19 crisis; Connecticut Mirror; Jenna Carlesso

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Analyst: Pratt HQ may stay; Journal Inquirer; Zachary F. Vasile

**Second Place**

CT largest companies want to diversify ranks; Stamford Advocate; Paul Schott

**Third Place**

Restaurants in Little Poland struggling to survive amid coronavirus restrictions; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

As baby boomer retirement wave nears, family biz weigh pros, cons of outside leadership; New Haven Biz; Michelle Tuccitto Sullo

**Second Place**

Frontier justice? In wake of April bankruptcy, telecom hopes new CEO and new direction will reverse; New Haven Biz; Natalie Missakian

**Third Place**

New life for poisoned properties?; New Haven Biz; Michelle Tuccitto Sullo

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Eversource rates breakdown; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, David Mulligan, Jonathan Wardle

**Continuing Coverage**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

History corner; Easton Courier; Bruce Nelson, Elizabeth Boyce

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Shootings in Hartford; Hartford Courant; Zach Murdock, Rebecca Lurye, Jesse Leavenworth

**Second Place**

Bridgeport chief probe/arrest; Connecticut Post; Tara O'Neill, Dan Tepfer, Brian Lockhart

**Third Place**

Connecticut's declining prison population; Connecticut Post; Kaitlyn Krasselt

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Police officer disciplined; Journal Inquirer; Olivia Regen

**Second Place**

Police shoot, kill Jose Soto; Journal Inquirer; Skyler Frazer, Olivia Regen, Erika M. Prudy, Alex Wood, Abigail Brone

**Third Place**

Racial justice in New Britain; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

11-year-old girl abducted by stranger found safe after Amber Alert; NBC 30; Caitlin Burchill

**Second Place**

Beyond the Collision Course...; WNPR; Frankie Graziano

**Third Place**

Covid in CT prisons; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle, Katherine Loy, Patrick Arnold, Olivia Schueller, Sarah Willson

**Courts/Crime**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Federal gun strategy goes on trial; New Haven Independent; Christopher Peak

**Second Place**

Best friends murdered, 5 years apart; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

**Third Place**

'Don't talk to the police': Details from fill pile affidavits; Fairfield Patch; Anna Bybee-Schier

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Tony Todt confessed to killing his family; Hartford Courant; Emily Brindley

**Second Place**

Justice off the rails; Waterbury Republican-American; Brigitte Ruthman

**Third Place**

Dulos, money bail and an ongoing conversation about bond reform; Connecticut Mirror; Kelan Lyons

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Newtown’s woodchipper killer to walk free; News-Times; Rob Ryser

**Second Place**

Stamford jewelry store case; Stamford Advocate; John Nickerson

**Third Place**

COVID, addiction, and crime; Journal Inquirer; Alex Wood

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

The great Connecticut pharma heist; Connecticut Magazine; Erik Ofgang

**Second Place**

Attorney Norm Pattis: Defender of the despised; Connecticut Magazine; Christopher Hoffman

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Cold case arrest; NBC 30; Nicholas Doscher, Jamie Ratliff

**COVID-Investigative**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

City COVID rent fund so far pays out ... $0; New Haven Independent; Thomas Breen

**Second Place**

Debt collector dogs “free” COVID testee; New Haven Independent; Thomas Breen

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Coronavirus stresses nursing home infection-control practices; Connecticut Health I-Team; Cara Rosner, Susan Jaffe

**Second Place**

Six months into pandemic, just two families have received aid from state’s rental assistance program; Connecticut Mirror; Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Evergreen cited for low staffing; Journal Inquirer; Anthony Branciforte

**Second Place**

‘We have no safety net’; The Hour; Justin Papp

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Genesys; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle

**Second Place**

Companies cut staff even after getting PPP; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle

**COVID-News**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Coronavirus takes 3 lives from same CT family in 5 days; Patch.com; Ellyn Santiago

**Second Place**

'Wartime nursing'; Darien Times; Susan Shultz

**Third Place**

After ICU shift, coming home to family; New Haven Independent; Emily Hays

***Regional A***

**First Place**

The night COVID-19 silenced the slots at Foxwoods; Connecticut Mirror; Mark Pazniokas

**Second Place**

An eviction tsunami is on the horizon, and with it comes more COVID cases; Connecticut Mirror; Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

**Third Place**

Connecticut eclipses 5,000 coronavirus deaths,with many families unable to say goodbye to loved ones; Hartford Courant; Daniela Altimari, Eliza Fawcett

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Wallingford health officials investigated 75 COVID-19 complaints since March; Record-Journal; Lauren Takores

**Second Place**

He thought COVID was ‘baloney’; The Hour; Abigail Brone

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Opportunity vs. disaster: How COVID-19 strengthened one company, destroyed another; New Haven Biz; Michael Bingham

**Second Place**

Student’s-eye view of school during COVID; Today Magazine; Noelle Blake

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

A Connecticut COVID Milestone- looking back at a two month shutdown; NBC 30; Siobhan McGirl

**Second Place**

Coronavirus in Connecticut: Story of our lifetime; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, Ron DeLucia

**Third Place**

"We're angry, we're sad, we're patient": Pandemic forcing families apart; NBC 30; Heidi Voight

**COVID-Photo**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Parking lot ballet; The Day; Dana Jensen

**Second Place**

FoodShare at Rentschler; Hartford Courant; Mark Mirko

**Third Place**

Visiting through the glass; Connecticut Mirror; Cloe Poisson

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Front line worker; Greenwich Time; Tyler Sizemore

**Second Place**

Memorable sendoff; News-Times; John Voorhees

**Third Place**

Car COVID test; News-Times; John Voorhees

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Love in the time of COVID; Seasons Magazine; Todd Fairchild

**COVID-Series**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

The road ahead; Connecticut Post; Hearst Connecticut staff

**Second Place**

Confronting the coronavirus; The Day; Erica Moser, Taylor Hartz, Brian Hallenbeck, Julia Bergman

**Third Place**

Food access during Covid-19; Connecticut Mirror; Jan Ellen Spiegel

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Meeting students' needs in-person and remotely in Meriden; Record-Journal; Michael Gagne

**Second Place**

How coronavirus has impacted life in New Britain area; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

COVID series; Connecticut Magazine; Erik Ofgang, Mike Wollschlager, Theresa Sullivan Barger

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

First Wave: Three Months Of Coronavirus In Connecticut; WNPR; Tucker Ives, Harriet Jones, Connecticut Public News Team

**Second Place**

What's on your mind?: Your thoughts during COVID-19; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, David Michnowicz, Ron DeLucia

**Data**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

At one time, Connecticut was true GOP; Waterbury Republican-American; Ed Daigneault, Paul Hughes, Lee Lewis

**Second Place**

Data shows prison coronavirus reduction plan not what it appears; Connecticut Post; Kaitlyn Krasselt

**Third Place**

His hospital is about 80% full. But he’s not alarmed — yet.; Connecticut Mirror; Kasturi Pananjady

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

How much CT school districts spent to reopen amid COVID-19; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran. Garett Allison

**Second Place**

Climate change & superfund sites; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle, Katherine Loy, Thea DiGiammerino

**Third Place**

Passenger levels plummet 95% at Bradley Airport amid COVID-19 pandemic; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, Ron DeLucia

**Diversity Coverage**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Public outcry follows Stratford cop's Facebook post targeting BLM; Fairfield Patch; Anna Bybee-Schier

**Second Place**

Youth-led BLM rally brings Madison into national conversation; The Source; Jesse Williams

**Third Place**

Fairfield, racism and the woman behind the signs at old Town Hall; Fairfield Patch; Anna Bybee-Schier

***Regional A***

**First Place**

What is it like to be transgender?; Hartford Courant; Susan Dunne

**Second Place**

Achievement gaps for English learners linger, troubling CT’s first Hispanic education chief; Connecticut Mirror; Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

**Third Place**

Black women react to the exoneration of the police officers who killed Breonna Taylor; Hartford Courant; Susan Dunne

***Regional B***

**First Place**

‘Why do they hate us so much?; Greenwich Time; Tatiana Flowers

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Speaking their truths; Connecticut Voice; Jane Latus

**Second Place**

George Floyd: Valley reaction + next steps; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

**Third Place**

Swipe rights & wrongs; Connecticut Voice; Dawn Ennis

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

What's on your mind?: Protests, police reforms in Connecticut; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, David Michnowicz, Ron DeLucia

**Second Place**

Hidden history: America's atomic veterans; NBC 30; Heidi Voight, Gregg Monte

**Third Place**

What's on your mind?: Anger, demands for change after death of George Floyd; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, David Michnowicz

**Editorial**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Don't be a jerk; The Day; Paul Choiniere

**Second Place**

The fight to restore an insulting nickname; The Day; Lisa McGinley

**Third Place**

COVID toll in nursing homes a scandal; The Day; Paul Choiniere

***Regional B***

**First Place**

State Rep. Fishbein’s racist retweet; Record-Journal; Jeffery Kurz

**Second Place**

Fire Trump, hire Biden; Record-Journal; Glenn Richter

**Editorial Cartoon**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Ted's take; New Haven Independent; Ted Littleford

***Regional B***

**First Place**

CIAC football; Record-Journal; Kevin Markowski

**Second Place**

Preparing for mass vaccine distribution; Record-Journal; Justin Piccirillo

**Third Place**

Lead fishing; Record-Journal; Kevin Markowski

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

When tricks were treats; Seasons Magazine; Sean Wang

**Education**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Remote students double as “3rd parents”; New Haven Independent; Emily Hays

**Second Place**

Video: Barlow Class of 2020 graduates in historic car procession; Easton Courier; Tomas Koeck, Richard Falco

**Third Place**

Slave play prompts parent outrage; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Two districts, two very different plans for students while school is out indefinitely; Connecticut Mirror; Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

**Second Place**

Police in schools; Connecticut Post; Claire Dignan

**Third Place**

Graduating college seniors are heading into 'the most challenging economic environment’ ever; Hartford Courant; Amanda Blanco

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Coronavirus provides brief respite; Greenwich Time; Jo Kroeker

**Second Place**

Norwalk summer school COVID-19 case; The Hour; Erin Kayata

**Third Place**

‘I made a poor judgment call’; News-Times; Julia Perkins

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Opening doors and minds: Hartford nonprofit inspires girls to pursue careers in tech; Hartford Magazine; David Holahan

**Second Place**

Lessons for life; Seasons Magazine; Cara McDonough

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Education federal aid; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle, Erica Jorgensen, Thea DiGiammerino

**Second Place**

PPP for private schools; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle, Katherine Loy, Thea DiGiammerino, Patrick Arnold

**Third Place**

The stresses and successes of distance learning in Connecticut; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, David Michnowicz

**Feature Photo**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Air hugs; Harbor News; Kelley Fryer

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Easter hope; Hartford Courant; Mark Mirko

**Second Place**

Columbus statue Hartford; Hartford Courant; Brad Horrigan

**Third Place**

A magical merry-go-round, hot yoga and, oh yeah, that much-needed haircut; Connecticut Mirror; Yehyun Kim

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Worker protest; The Hour; Erik Trautmann

**Second Place**

Winter's first snow storm; Record-Journal; Aaron Flaum

**Third Place**

Cooling off; News-Times; John Voorhees

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

New mayor rolls into town; Seasons Magazine; Stan Godlewski

**Second Place**

Graffiti artist; Seasons Magazine; Stan Godlewski

**Third Place**

Humming clearly; Today Magazine; Wendy Rosenberg

**Feature Story**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

ShopRite workers shop...at food pantry; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

**Second Place**

Crime scene team draws viewers, critics; New Haven Independent; Ko Lyn Cheang

**Third Place**

Big time journalist in a small town; East Haddam News; David Holahan

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Fassett’s Farm turns page; Waterbury Republican-American; Tracey O’Shaughnessy

**Second Place**

An insider hones crisis skills at the governor's right hand; Connecticut Post; Kaitlyn Krasselt

**Third Place**

Rumrunners and bootleggers; The Day; John Ruddy

***Regional B***

**First Place**

‘I love you guys’; The Hour; Pat Tomlinson

**Second Place**

Army buddies; Greenwich Time; Rob Marchant

**Third Place**

New Britain mailman retiring after 35 years; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Powder Ridge Rock Festival: The greatest show that never was; Connecticut Magazine; Mike Wollschlager

**Second Place**

The CIA wanted the best and the brightest. They found them at Yale.; Connecticut Magazine; Erik Ofgang

**Third Place**

Strange brews: Connecticut’s creative craft brewers think outside the bock; New Haven Biz; Jean Falbo-Sosnovich

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Hidden history: America's atomic veterans; NBC 30; Heidi Voight, Gregg Monte

**General Column**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

So now we march; The Source; Dylan Richmond, Ethan Richmond

**Second Place**

Burial in the age of COVID-19; New Haven Independent; Paul Bass

**Third Place**

Is this what disaster looks like?; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Labor nurse adds unnecessary pain; Connecticut Post; Stacy Graham-Hunt

**Second Place**

Turmoil rages at new Dalio education partnership; Hartford Courant; Jon Lender

**Third Place**

New Haven's 'Shakespeare Lady'; New Haven Register; Randall Beach

***Regional B***

**First Place**

The pandemic's acceptable statistics; Norwich Bulletin; Chandra Bozelko

**Second Place**

The great stupiding of the United States; Greenwich Time; David Rafferty

**Third Place**

American newspapers deserve a fighting chance; Norwich Bulletin; Chandra Bozelko

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Why being ‘not racist’ is not enough; Today Magazine; Noelle Blake

**Second Place**

The heroes we need right now; Connecticut Magazine; Albie Yuravich

**Government**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Pensioners drank too much COLA; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

**Second Place**

Meeting election day challenges; The Source; Pem McNerney

**Third Place**

Voters sent different voters’ ballots; New Haven Independent; Paul Bass

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Lamont is guarding reserves. Critics say he’s prioritizing austerity over COVID response; Connecticut Mirror; Keith M. Phaneuf

**Second Place**

Broken promises to fund transportation defined last 15 years; Connecticut Mirror; Keith M. Phaneuf

**Third Place**

11 Connecticut towns tell the story of the 2020 presidential election; Hartford Courant; Michael Hamad

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Absentee ballot drop boxes and a test of U.S. Postal Service delivery; Journal Inquirer; Matthew P. Knox

**Second Place**

A First Selectman's atypical strategy; Greenwich Time; David Rafferty

**Third Place**

New Britain's Christopher Columbus statue will be removed; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Absentee ballots 101; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle

**Second Place**

Preventing double voting; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle

**Headline**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

A series of good starts; The Sound; Pam Johnson

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Just 'plane' luck/ The sound on the Bannon fury/ Meat supply at stake; Connecticut Post; Linda Levenson

**Second Place**

Headlines; The Day; Joe Turco

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Stable; Brrrr; Ripe; News-Times; Lynn Schnier

**Second Place**

The city that sleeps, And bagels make three, Who is that masked mannequin?; Greenwich Time; Sue Nusbaum

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

A house divided; School of spies: Finally a family; Connecticut Magazine; Albie Yuravich

**Second Place**

Three headlines; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

**Health**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

A fight against cancer; The Source; Maria Caulfield

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Fatal drug overdoses jumped in the first half of 2020; Hartford Courant; Rebecca Lurye

**Second Place**

Connecticut's halfhearted battle: Response to lead poisoning epidemic lacks urgency; Connecticut Health I-Team; Jenifer Frank

**Third Place**

As pandemic wears on, Connecticut prepares to launch its long-awaited health information exchange; Connecticut Mirror; Jenna Carlesso

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Caring for loved ones comes at a cost; Greenwich Time; Tatiana Flowers

**Second Place**

Election, pandemic stressing people out; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Big data: CT bioscience companies use AI to speed up life-saving drug discoveries; New Haven Biz; Natalie Missakian

**Second Place**

Lyme disease: A curable nuisance, or a chronic time bomb?; Connecticut Magazine; Mike Wollschlager

**Third Place**

A mother's vow finds hope in pain: After son dies of opioid overdose, a promise to Jordan is born; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

"We're angry, we're sad, we're patient": Pandemic forcing families apart; NBC 30; Heidi Voight

**Second Place**

Social isolation: Hidden health crisis for older people amid pandemic; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, Jon Wardle, Garett Allison

**Third Place**

‘They get it done': School nurse on front lines of COVID-19 crisis; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, Garett Allison

**Humorous Column**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Dancing in the dark; Guilford Courier; Juliana Gribbins

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Taking in 2020 from catbird seat; Connecticut Post; Ken Dixon

**Second Place**

Hey governor, keep your distance; Connecticut Post; Ken Dixon

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Mind races to exit from 2020; Greenwich Time; David Rafferty

**Second Place**

Love at the landfill; Stamford Advocate; Jerry Zezima

**Third Place**

Cognitive dissonance and the fly of the debate; Record-Journal; Jeffery Kurz

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

When tricks were treats; Seasons Magazine; Matthew Dicks

**In-Depth**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Mandy’s 2020 buying spree tops $37M; New Haven Independent; Thomas Breen

**Second Place**

Hamden "scoops & tosses" $25M; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

***Regional A***

**First Place**

CT keeps losing power when storms strike. But that doesn’t have to happen.; Connecticut Mirror; Jan Ellen Spiegel

**Second Place**

Use of force; Connecticut Post; Bill Cummings

**Third Place**

1919 versus 2020; Connecticut Post; Jordan Fenster

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Domestic violence spike during pandemic; Journal Inquirer; Olivia Regen

**Second Place**

Woman survives being trafficked for sex, held in captivity, now helping others; New Britain Herald; Erica Drzewiecki

**Third Place**

Signs of Lanza’s possible effect emerge; News-Times; Rob Ryser

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Staying safe; Connecticut Voice; Carol Latter

**Second Place**

At age 62, a Bethlehem man's life changed when he took a DNA test—and then it changed again; Connecticut Magazine; Mike Wollschlager

**Third Place**

Giving voice to the Holocaust: Local publisher focuses on diverse authors, issues; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

A funeral surprise; NBC 30; Sandra Jones

**Second Place**

5G generation: Is Connecticut ready for the new technology?; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Garett Allison, Ron DeLucia

**Third Place**

Rapid SOS; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Garett Allison

**Infographic Design**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

How Connecticut voter registrations have shifted; Connecticut Post; Derek Turner

**Second Place**

What you can and can't do this summer; Connecticut Post; Sue Nusbaum

**Third Place**

So you think you know the royals?; Hartford Courant; Chris Moore

***Regional B***

**First Place**

COVID-19 daily update; Record-Journal; Richie Rathsack

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Find your match; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Second Place**

Peering into our environmental future; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Infographic Reporting**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Haunted in CT; Connecticut Post; Andrew DeRosa

**Second Place**

Bridgeport Police Chief Armando Perez arrest details; Connecticut Post; Derek Turner

**Investigative**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Charmed scofflaw faces day of reckoning; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

**Second Place**

Students say Amistad faked suspension stats; New Haven Independent; Christopher Peak

**Third Place**

QAnon cop broadcasts conspiracies; New Haven Independent; Paul Bass, Nora Grace-Flood, Ko Lyn Cheang, Thomas Breen

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Testing the USPS; Connecticut Post; Ethan Fry, Tara O’Neill, Brian Lockhart, Ed Stannard, Kendra Baker, Susan Shultz, Emily Olson, Cassandra Day, Paul Schott, Ken Borsuk, Pat Tomlinson, Keila Torres Ocasio, Viktoria Sundqvist

**Second Place**

Separated by design: How wealthy towns keep people with housing vouchers out; Connecticut Mirror; Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

**Third Place**

A federal program lets Connecticut police departments stockpile; Hartford Courant; Alex Putterman

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Battle over hiring retired school official as consultant; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

**Second Place**

Police defer to labor department on complaint against Wallingford massage business; Record-Journal; Lauren Takores

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Car registration crackdown; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, David Michnowicz

**Second Place**

Somers Surge; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle

**Leisure**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

It was precedented; East Haven Courier; Pem McNerney

***Regional A***

**First Place**

We went out to dinner and here’s what we discovered; The Day; Karen Florin, Julia Bergman, Taylor Hartz, Kristina Dorsey, Tim Cotter

**Second Place**

Summertime beach policy; Hartford Courant; Don Stacom

**Third Place**

Tastes of summer in the dead of winter; The Day; Erica Moser

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Vsoulful Eatery; Journal Inquirer; Shawn Rychling

**Second Place**

South Norwalk restaurant’s ‘special spot’; The Hour; Erin Kayata

**Third Place**

Eagle cruise; Journal Inquirer; Tim Leininger

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Tavern on State in New Haven is quickly joining the giants of the state's food scene; Connecticut Magazine; Mike Wollschlager

**Second Place**

Visiting St. Lucia; Hartford Magazine; David Holahan, Kyn Tolson

**Local Reporting**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Amid “moratorium,” 31 eviction cases filed; New Haven Independent; Thomas Breen

**Second Place**

Spike or trend?; Harbor News; Eric O'Connell

**Third Place**

They can fight. Can they function?; New Haven Independent; Sam Gurwitt

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Hartford’s homeless left to wander the streets; Hartford Courant; Rebecca Lurye

**Second Place**

Facebook community forums become controversial; The Day; Erica Moser

**Third Place**

Even superheroes are vulnerable to the pandemic; Connecticut Post; Brian Lockhart

***Regional B***

**First Place**

While overall housing stock increased, affordable units declined in local towns; Record-Journal; Michael Gagne

**Second Place**

Grant allows Meriden to take team approach to national opioid crisis; Record-Journal; Lauren Sellew

**Third Place**

Facebook ‘rant’ from Greenwich paramedic; Greenwich Time; Ken Borsuk

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Somers selectman gives himself raise; NBC 30; Len Besthoff, Jonathan Wardle, Katherine Loy

**Second Place**

Back from the brink: New Britain officer overwhelmed by support; NBC 30; Heidi Voight

**Third Place**

What's on your mind?: Outrage, gratitude over Eversource storm response; NBC 30; Dan Corcoran, David Michnowicz

**News Photo**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

United we stand; The Sound; Kelley Fryer

***Regional A***

**First Place**

A mock funeral for George Floyd; Connecticut Mirror; Cloe Poisson

**Second Place**

I can't breath; The Day; Sarah Gordon

**Third Place**

Overheated firefighters; The Day; Sean D. Elliot

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Black Lives Matter rally in Wallingford; Record-Journal; Dave Zajac

**Second Place**

Fotis Dulos; The Hour; Erik Trautmann

**Third Place**

BLM protest; The Hour; Erik Trautmann

**Non-Page 1 Layout**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Inner workings; The Day; Scott Ritter, Paul Choiniere

**Second Place**

November 29, 2020 - 1C; Waterbury Republican-American; Bill O'Brien

**Third Place**

A&E; New Haven Register; Lynn Schnier

***Regional B***

**First Place**

March sadness; Record-Journal; Eric Heredia

**Second Place**

Love of the game; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

The great pharma heist; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Second Place**

Healthy from the inside out; Seasons Magazine; Stacy Murray

**Third Place**

School of spies; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Page 1 Layout**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Take me way back to the ballgame; Connecticut Post; Sue Nusbaum

**Second Place**

November 10, 2020; Waterbury Republican-American; Jim Flynn

**Third Place**

One small step for Connecticut; The Day; John Ruddy

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Taking a stand; Stamford Advocate; Sue Nusbaum

**Second Place**

No justice, no peace; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

**Third Place**

'I feel like the real thing'; News-Times; Lynn Schnier

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

School of spies: The secret history of how Yale men helped build the CIA; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Second Place**

World war II redux; Today Magazine; Bruce Deckert

**Third Place**

The big score; Connecticut Magazine; Greg Moody

**Photo Essay**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Orange residents go to the polls; Milford-Orange Times; Chandra Bozelko

**Second Place**

Easton Farms; Easton Courier; Rick Falco

***Regional A***

**First Place**

BLM on I-84; Hartford Courant; Brad Horrigan

**Second Place**

2020; New Haven Register; Arnold Gold, Brian A. Pounds, Peter Hvizdak, Christian Abraham

**Third Place**

Despite COVID shutdowns, arts organizations keep the holiday spirit going; Connecticut Mirror; Yehyun Kim

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Stamford police order encamped protesters to leave Latham Park; Stamford Advocate; Tyler Sizemore

**Second Place**

The city that sleeps; Greenwich Time; Sue Nusbaum, Tyler Sizemore

**Third Place**

BMX racers back in action at Falcon Field in Meriden; Record-Journal; Aaron Flaum

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

A treasure trove for all; Seasons Magazine; Tony Bacewicz

**Second Place**

Finding her Rhythm; Seasons Magazine; Winter Caplanson

**Religion**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Millennial minister; Guilford Courier; Pam Johnson

***Regional A***

**First Place**

State’s Black leaders and pastors react with dismay to suggestion by Connecticut governor; Hartford Courant; Michael Hamad

**Second Place**

Proposal to split United Methodist Church over gay marriage may hit hardest at local level; Hartford Courant; Emily Brindley

**Third Place**

New Haven Catholic schools merging; New Haven Register; Ed Stannard

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Parishioners flock back to church for the first time since shutdown; New Britain Herald; Erica Drzewiecki

**Second Place**

New Britain church leaders create multi-faith prayer services; New Britain Herald; Catherine Shen

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

A whale of a tale; WAG Magazine; Phil Hall

**Reporting Series**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Farm series; Easton Courier; Kelly Wendt, Karen Brewer, Nancy Doniger, Jane Paley, Rick Falco

**Second Place**

Students seeking and creating social justice; Guilford Courier; Pam Johnson

***Regional A***

**First Place**

A better deal: Inclusive economic recovery; Connecticut Mirror; Tom Condon, Kelan Lyons, Keith Phaneuf, Jenna Carlesso, Mark Pazniokas, Jacqueline Rabe Thomas

**Second Place**

Police accountability; The Day; Staff

**Third Place**

2020 bright lights; The Day; Staff

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Fairfield University case; The Hour; Justin Papp

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Three types of loss; WNPR; Ryan Lindsay

**Sports Column**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Connecticut idol George Springer must find a way to repair his reputation as Astros cheating scandal; Hartford Courant; Dom Amore

**Second Place**

Room in lineup for No. 42; Connecticut Post; Ken Dixon

**Third Place**

Born with one hand, this Connecticut high school basketball player is defying the odds; Hartford Courant; Dom Amore

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Paying tribute to the late great Ted Moynihan; Record-Journal; Bryant Carpenter

**Second Place**

It's time to create the Mets way; Greenwich Time; David Rafferty

**Third Place**

Attending New Britain Bees baseball game during pandemic; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

**Sports Feature**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Area baseball players savor the chance to play again; CollinsvillePress.com; Gerry deSimas, Jr.

**Second Place**

Dan Rooney inducted into Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame; Glastonbury LIFE; Mara Dresner

***Regional A***

**First Place**

This Suffield couple attended thousands of Connecticut high school basketball games; Hartford Courant; Lori Riley

**Second Place**

Where are they now? Montville girls’ cross country put together a long run of dominance; The Day; Vickie Fulkerson

**Third Place**

It was 25 years ago when the 1995 UConn women beat Tennessee for their first title; Hartford Courant; Alexa Philippou

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Thanksgiving memories burrow deep, and they’ll resume next year; Record-Journal; Bryant Carpenter

**Second Place**

CCSU quarterback Aaron Winchester prepares for NFL Draft; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

**Third Place**

Former Aquinas, St. Paul soccer star Bajek talks recovery, redemption; New Britain Herald; Ryan Chichester

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Staying the course; Seasons Magazine; John Torsiello

**Second Place**

A horse of another color; WAG Magazine; Phil Hall

**Third Place**

Eyes on the prize; Connecticut Voice; John Torsiello

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

A hawk flying high; WFSB; Elliott Polakoff

**Second Place**

Believe: Farmington's toughest opponent; NBC 30; Matt Finkel

**Third Place**

Setting the standard; WFSB; Elliott Polakoff

**Sports News**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

Canton outlasts Granby for historic conference championship win; CollinsvillePress.com; Gerry deSimas, Jr.

**Second Place**

Claiming the title; Guilford Courier; Dean Bibens

**Third Place**

CIAC cancels state tournaments; North Haven Courier; Chris Piccirillo

***Regional A***

**First Place**

Dealing with travel restrictions; Hartford Courant; Alexa Philippou

**Second Place**

Steve Dalkowski, flame-throwing figure of baseball lore, dies of coronavirus in New Britain; Hartford Courant; Dom Amore

**Third Place**

Black runners in Connecticut didn’t need Ahmaud Arbery as a warning: ‘You’re a target’; Hartford Courant; Lori Riley

***Regional B***

**First Place**

In coda to perfection, Southington ends season with CCC regional crown; Record-Journal; Bryant Carpenter

**Second Place**

Jack Cochran talks New Britain football job, the controversy surrounding him applying; New Britain Herald; David Glovach

**Third Place**

No. 4 Xavier rallies to beat No. 2 Simsbury for Class L championship; Connecticut Wrestling Online; Gerry deSimas, Jr.

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

A special meeting; WFSB; Elliott Polakoff

**Sports Photo**

***Hyperlocal***

**First Place**

The winner; The Sound; Kelley Fryer

***Regional A***

**First Place**

League champions; The Day; Sean D. Elliot

**Second Place**

Finish line emotion; Hartford Courant; Brad Horrigan

**Third Place**

Hearts fend off Crusaders; Waterbury Republican-American; Bill Shettle

***Regional B***

**First Place**

"Wrestling: 10, 9, 8, 7 — boom! Carr lands late takedown to capture State Open crown"; Record-Journal; Aaron Flaum

**Second Place**

Headed for home; Journal Inquirer; Jim Michaud

***Regional B***

**Third Place**

Volleyball player; The Hour; Erik Trautmann

**Video Storytelling**

***Regional A***

**First Place**

After the storm; Connecticut Post; Derek Turner

**Second Place**

Alzheimer's choir goes virtual; The Day; Peter Huoppi, Taylor Hartz

**Third Place**

Volleyball with masks; GameTimeCT.com; Pete Paguaga

***Regional B***

**First Place**

Urgency around in-person learning in Meriden rooted in data, experience; Record-Journal; Aaron Flaum

**Second Place**

‘Let us play!’ is the cry heard ‘round Hartford as players rally at Capitol; Record-Journal; Aaron Flaum

***Regional C (Magazine)***

**First Place**

Misgendering; Connecticut Voice; Dawn Ennis

**Second Place**

Eva Gold; Connecticut Voice; Dawn Ennis

***Regional D (Broadcast)***

**First Place**

Governor's reopen CT plan; NBC 30; Nicholas Doscher, Jamie Ratliff