National Society of Newspaper Columnists

2021 Columnist Contest Award Winners
Thank you...

...to our amazing judges!

Gene Collier          Cassie McClure
Mary Beth Earnheardt  Dan O'Brien
Lori Duff             Clarence Page
Christy Heitger-Ewing Rob Rogers
Curtis Honeycutt      Suzette Standring
Chuck Keller          Mark Sweetwood
Ginny McCabe          Craig Wilson
Special thank you...

...from contest chair, Adam Earnheardt to...

...our contest intern, Jamie Fisher.
...to Bonnie and Suzette.
Thank you all for your service,
charisma and leadership.
Thank you...

...to you, for entering the contest.

Over 200 entries from more than 120 publications. We couldn't do this without your amazing columns and content.
New in 2021: 10 Categories

- General (print)
- General (online)
- Humor (print)
- Humor (online)
- Team
- Sports
- Lifestyles
- Crisis Commentary
- Social Justice
- Editorial Cartoon
Editorial Cartoon

FIRST PLACE: Student

Alexandra Bowman, The Lincoln Project Newsletter
The SERPENT eating DEMOCRACY

Harder to get absentee ballots
Expanded voter ID rules
No mobile voting facilities
Political influence over election boards
Illegal to give water to voters in line
Restrictions on drop boxes
Editorial Cartoon

SECOND PLACE

Sage Stossel, The Boston Globe
THIS ELECTION season, with its unprecedented virus spikes and poten
tious moment of truth for the future of our coun
try...

...has been perhaps the most anxi-ty-inducing per
iod...

...of the most distinctly traumatic year...

2020

...of a surpassingly stressful presidency.

Indeed, at various times since 2016, every-thing from our very lives...

...to our livelihoods...

...and the social fabric...

...which, as of this writing, seems likely to be the banishment of Trump himself, but not of Trumpism...

...it may be worth looking back over this period just passed, and recognizing that, bleak though it has been...

...the darkness has not been entirely unwitting.

...countered by the elevation of record-breaking num-bers of women into office.

But now, as we prepare to move forward into what comes next...

...to the rule of law...

...have felt palpably in jeopardy, with much feeling beyond our control.

It's been a time, after all, when we saw unshaven misogyny...

"When you're a star, they let you do it... Grab 'em by the..."
Editorial Cartoon

FIRST PLACE

Jen Sorensen, jensorensen.com
(work appeared in Politico, Daily Kos, The Nib)
OBLIVIOTS
NOT REALLY THINKING ABOUT IT. TENDENCY TO FORM GAGGLES.

THE POLITICIZER
MY NOSTRILS ARE FREE AND WILL STAND THEIR GROUND!

THE CONSPIRACIST
MASKS ARE A TOOL OF THE ILLUMINATI TO KEEP US COMPLIANT FOR THE NEW WORLD ORDER.

THE MISGUIDED MASCULINIST
MAN STRONG. NOT NEED MASK LIKE WOMAN.

THE ARMCHAIR EPIDEMIOLOGIST
THROUGH MY OWN EXTENSIVE INTERNET RESEARCH, I'VE LEARNED THAT ALL I NEED TO BE SAFE IS THIS TEA MADE FROM MULEWORT.

THE VICTIM
AT LEAST HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WEAR A MASK!
Social Justice
Social Justice

SECOND PLACE: Student

Greta Maras,
The John Hopkins News-Letter
John Hopkins University
Social Justice

FIRST PLACE: Student

Jonathan Zhang,
Wayland Student Press Network
Wayland High School
Social Justice

HONORABLE MENTION

Mary C. Curtis, *Roll Call*
Ken Dixon, Hearst Connecticut Media Group
Rose Carmen Goldberg, freelance
(work appeared in *The Hill, Orlando Sentinel*)
Social Justice

THIRD PLACE

Dave Lieber, The Dallas Morning News
Social Justice

SECOND PLACE

Naomi Ishisaka, The Seattle Times
Social Justice

FIRST PLACE

Derrick Z. Jackson, Union of Concerned Scientists and Grist
Crisis Commentary
Crisis Commentary

FIRST PLACE: Student

Rudy Gabriel Malcom, *The Johns Hopkins News-Letter*
John Hopkins University
HONORABLE MENTION

Kathy Eliscu, kathyeliscu.com
Derrick Z. Jackson, Union of Concerned Scientists
Renee Schafer Horton, Arizona Daily Star
Crisis Commentary

THIRD PLACE

Theodore Decker, The Columbus Dispatch
Crisis Commentary

SECOND PLACE

Patricia Bunin,
Southern California Newsgroup
FIRST PLACE:
TIE
Ken Dixon, Hearst Connecticut Media Group
&
Rose Carmen Goldberg, freelance
(work appeared in *East Bay Times, USA Today*)
Lifestyles
SECOND PLACE: Student

Jonathan Zhang, Wayland Student Press Network Wayland High School
FIRST PLACE: Student

Sydney Murphy, BLENDtw.com
Wheaton College
Lifestyles

HONORABLE MENTION

Dave Lieber, *The Dallas Morning News*
Phillip Tutor, *The Anniston Star*
Lifestyles

THIRD PLACE

Laurie Stone, *Laurie Stone Writes: Musings, Rants & Scribbles*
lauriestonewrites.com
Lifestyles

SECOND PLACE

Mark Gauert, City & Shore
(the magazine of the South Florida Sun Sentinel)
Lifestyles

FIRST PLACE

Pam J. Hecht, pamjhecht.com
(work appeared in WNC Parent, Asheville Citizen Times, USA Today)
Sports
Sports

THIRD PLACE

Steve Greenberg, Chicago Sun-Times
Sports

SECOND PLACE

Dom Amore, The Hartford Courant
Sports

FIRST PLACE

Derrick Z. Jackson, ESPN's The Undefeated
Team

FIRST PLACE: Student

Rudy Malcom, Katherine Wilner, Laura Wadsten, Marvis Gutierrez, Ariella Shua

The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

John Hopkins University
Humor (Online)
Humor (Online)

FIRST PLACE: Student

Alexandra Bowman, The Georgetown Independent
Georgetown University
Humor (Online)

HONORABLE MENTION

Lee Gaitan, The Bounce Back Blog
&
Elise Seyfried, The Belladonna Comedy
THIRD PLACE

Dave Jaffe, Sleeping Between Giants: Life, If You Could Call It That, With A Terrier
Humor (Online)

SECOND PLACE

Mary Kay Jordan Fleming, NextAvenue.org & NextTribe.com
Humor (Online)

FIRST PLACE

Max McCoy, Kansas Reflector
Humor (Print)
Humor (Print)

HONORABLE MENTION

John Breunig, *The Stamford Advocate*

&

Rebecca Regnier, *Monroe News*
THIRD PLACE: TIE
Heather Buchanan, The Independent
Dan’s Media
&
Gary Yordon, Tallahassee Democrat
Humor (Print)

SECOND PLACE

Steve J. Penhollow,
*Whatzup* (Fort Wayne, Indiana)
Humor (Print)

FIRST PLACE

Kevin McKeever, The Stamford Advocate
General (Online)
General (Online)

FIRST PLACE: Student

Camille M. Daniels, *The Daily Orange*
Syracuse University
General (Online)

HONORABLE MENTION

Lee Cataluna, Honolulu Civil Beat & Max McCoy, Kansas Reflector
General (Online)

THIRD PLACE

Brian Reisinger, freelance
(work appeared in National Review & The Cap Times)
General (Online)

SECOND PLACE

Luis Martinez-Fernandez, The Globe Post
General (Online)

FIRST PLACE

Jill D. Lawrence, USA Today
FIRST PLACE: Student

Ariella Shua

The Johns Hopkins News-Letter

John Hopkins University
General (Print)

HONORABLE MENTION

Mary C. Curtis, Roll Call
&
Norris Burkes, freelance syndicated
(work appears in The Post & Courier)
General (Print)

THIRD PLACE

Pamela Sherman, *Democrat & Chronicle* (Rochester, NY)
SECOND PLACE

Leslie McCarthy, Webster-Kirkwood Times
(Saint Louis)
General (Print)

FIRST PLACE

Mark Brown, Chicago Sun-Times
Congratulations to all our winners!
SAVE THE DATE

2022 NSNC Conference

Birmingham, Alabama
Thursday, June 9, 2022 to Saturday, June 11, 2022