



2013 Excellence in Journalism Awards

Student category

Best Evening Newscast: Iowa Western for the Coach Stroh Show

Best Feature Story –(video): Joe Shearer, University of Nebraska Omaha for “Buggin’: A look into the world of an insect photographer”

Best Feature Story – print: Joe Shearer, UNO for “Photo exhibit more than just pictures”

Best Column: Kiarrah Pleas, Thomas Jefferson High School for “The world at its end”

Best Newsletter: Abraham Lincoln High School for “The Echoes”

Best Sports Photo: Joe Shearer, UNO for “UNO Mavericks Down Northern Illinois 77-64”

Best Feature Photo: Joe Shearer, UNO for “UNO Alum Pours Beer Knowledge”

Best Promotional Video: Vatan Safarov, Iowa Western for “IWCC Culinary Arts Department”

Television category

Best Investigative Story: Ryan Luby, KETV for “Tracking Pedophiles”

Best Spot News: KETV staff for “Tornadoes Strike Region”

Best Videography: John Haxby, 1011 News for “Wheat Harvest”

Best Sports Story: KETV staff for “Tom Osborne Announces Retirement”

Best Evening Newscast: Andrew Bein and the KETV Staff for the 10 p.m. newscast on April 15, 2012

Best Feature Story: Brandi Petersen at KETV for “Breastfeeding Toddlers”

Best Public Service Announcement: Chad Barnhardt and Nikki Bates, 1011 News for “Heartland United Way 2012”

Best Public Affairs Program or Documentary: Julie Cornell, KETV for “KETV NewsWatch 7 Chronicle: “Words to Live By”

Best News Media Website: Amber Smith, 1011 News, 1011now.com

Radio category

Best Radio Newscast: goes to Brandon McDermott, KVNO for the 5 o’clock news.

Best Sports Talk Radio Show: Tim Kruegern, Heath Gunderson, Danny O’Byrne, Michaela Sova , Brett Koeh for Bluejay Banter, an independent production.

Print category

Best Column: Joel Stevens of the Glenwood Opinion-Tribune for “Father, Son, Lessons Learned”

Best Sports Column: goes to Joe Foreman of the Glenwood Opinion-Tribune for “Fun, peeves at the ol’ ballpark”

Best Editorial Cartoon: Bill Dunn, editor of the Grand Island Independent, for “The Iowa Carcass”

Best Editorial: Rob Dump, Cedar County News, for “Senator's actions could hurt his constituents”

Best Special Section: Randy Grosse, the Catholic Voice for “Second Vatican Council 50 Years Later”

Best Feature: Leo Adam Biga, Linda Persigehl, John Gawley, Bill Sitzmann and Scott Drickey of the Omaha Magazine for “Iraq War Vet: Jacob Hausman Battles PTSD And Finds Peace. One Man's Journey Home To Help Others”

Best Layout and Design: John Gawley, Bill Sitzmann, Linda Persigehl, Aaron Carlson and Minorwhite Studios, Omaha Magazine for “Lakeside Luxury: Nestled in the farmland between Omaha and Lincoln is a little piece of Malibu in the Midwest”

Best Magazine Cover: John Gawley, Bill Sitzmann, Linda Persigehl and Minorwhite Studios of Omaha Magazine for “Iraq War Vet: Jacob Hausman Battles PTSD And Finds Peace”

Best Newsletter: Bev Carlson and Jeff Jensen of Lutheran Family Services for “Connections”

Photography category

Best Feature Photo: Joe Foreman of the Glenwood Opinion-Tribune for “Principal Puckers Up to Pig”

Best Sports Photo: Morgan Spiehs, Cedar County News for “State Tourney Action”

Best Photo Essay: Joe Shearer for his photos portraying the Omaha with Lights Bike Ride.

Public relations category

Best Corporate Website: Ryan Shaw of UNMC for the Nebraska Science Festival website.

Best Promotional Video: Bev Carlson and Dan Iske of Lutheran Family Services for the “120th Anniversary Video”

Best Blog: UNMC for “A Day in the Life at UNMC”

Best Brochure / Direct Mail:

The Salvation Army, SKAR Advertising and Bob Ervin for “If These Walls Could Speak”

Best Annual Report: Tom Waples of UNMC for the “Munroe-Meyer Institute Annual Report”

BEST IN SHOW: Leo Adam Biga, Linda Persigehl, John Gawley, Bill Sitzmann and Scott Drickey of Omaha Magazine FOR: Iraq War Vet: Jacob Hausman Battles PTSD And Finds Peace. One Man's Journey Home To Help Others.