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THE ALLIANCE ANNOUNCES 2019 EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS FOR LEADING BUSINESS PUBLICATIONS

NORWALK, CT—The Alliance of Area Business Publishers (AABP) presented 116 Editorial Excellence awards to newspaper and magazine business periodicals on June 29, 2019, at the closing celebration of its three-day annual Summer Conference in Atlanta, GA.

With 511 entries from 41 publications in the U.S., Canada and Australia, the competitive field was both impressive and diverse.

As in past years, the most popular categories were Best Feature and Best Explanatory Journalism. This year, submissions for Best Ancillary Publication and Best Scoop also topped the list, with superb pieces from writers in all circulation categories.

"The high-quality journalism being done by these publications keeps readers thoroughly up-to-date and, importantly, includes a lot of data, context and historical perspective that are especially important as truth increasingly gets drowned in a flood of social media snippets," said Reuben Stern, who coordinated the judging by faculty members at the University of Missouri School of Journalism. "The winning entries once again combine solid research, great sourcing, excellent on-the-ground reporting, deep community knowledge, and creative thinking."

By uncovering news of business expansion and related economic impacts, keeping an eye on how public dollars and tax incentives are allocated, and providing guidance for business people trying to navigate a host of modern complexities, regional business publications continue to offer a vital information resource in print and online.

The annual AABP Editorial Excellence competition recognizes excellence in journalism, photography and design achieved by regional business publications. Twenty-four judges, faculty members from the University of Missouri School of Journalism, bring their expertise to the selection process.

Some highlights from this year's awards include: Best Magazine to Hawaii Business; Best Newspaper: Small Tabloids to Greater Wilmington Business Journal; Best Newspaper: Medium Tabloids to BizTimes Milwaukee; Best Newspaper: Medium Tabloids to Crain's Detroit Business; Best Cover: Magazines to Hawaii Business; Best Front Page: Newspapers to Crain's Cleveland Business; Most Improved Publication to Hartford Business Journal; Best Website to Crain's Chicago Business; Best Daily E-mail to Business North Carolina; and Best Specialty E-newsletter to Indianapolis Business Journal. A complete list of award winners and the awards presentation can be found at <u>www.bizpubs.org/awards</u>.

Headquartered in Norwalk, CT, the Alliance is a nonprofit national organization representing 55 independent magazine and newspaper members in the United States, Canada and Australia. For more information about the Alliance, call 203-515-9294 or visit <u>www.bizpubs.org</u>.

2019 EDITORIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNERS

DESIGN CATEGORIES

1. Best magazine cover Bronze: Insight on Business Silver: Twin Cities Business Gold: Hawaii Business 2. Best feature layout – magazine Bronze: Florida Trend Silver: Twin Cities Business Gold: Hawaii Business 3. Best overall design – magazine Bronze: Business North Carolina Silver: *dbusiness* Gold: Hawaii Business 4. Best front page – newspaper Bronze: Crain's Chicago Business Silver: Crain's New York Business Gold: Crain's Cleveland Business 5. Best feature layout – newspaper Bronze: Crain's Chicago Business Silver: BizTimes Milwaukee Gold: Crain's Cleveland Business 6a. Best overall design: small tabloids No bronze or silver award. Gold: Greater Wilmington Business Journal 6b. Best overall design: medium tabloids Bronze: Mainebiz

Silver: San Fernando Valley Business Journal

Gold: BizTimes Milwaukee

6c. Best overall design: large tabloids

Bronze: Indianapolis Business Journal Silver: Crain's Detroit Business Gold: Crain's Chicago Business

7. Best Use of Photography/Illustrations

Bronze: D CEO

Silver: Crain's Chicago Business

Gold: Hawaii Business

ONLINE CATEGORIES

8. Best use of multimedia

Bronze: Des Moines Business Record Silver: Indianapolis Business Journal Gold: Crain's Chicago Business

9. Best daily email

Bronze: Journal of Business

Silver: Des Moines Business Record

Gold: Business North Carolina

10. Best specialty e-newsletter

Bronze: Crain's Detroit Business

Silver: Des Moines Business Record

Gold: Indianapolis Business Journal

JOURNALISM CATEGORIES

11. Best scoop

SMALL No awards.

MEDIUM Silver: Hartford Business Journal

Gold: Arkansas Business

LARGE

Silver: Indianapolis Business Journal

Gold: Crain's Detroit Business

12. Best feature

SMALL Silver: Vermont Business Magazine

Gold: Corridor Business Journal

MEDIUM Silver: *BizTimes Milwaukee*

Gold: Worcester Business Journal

LARGE Silver: Crain's New York Business

13. Best personality profile

SMALL Silver: *The Business Journal, Fresno*

Gold: dbusiness

MEDIUM Silver: *Columbus CEO*

Gold: Rochester Business Journal

LARGE Silver: *D CEO*

Gold: Florida Trend

14: Best body of work, single writer

SMALL Silver: GSA Business Report

Gold: dbusiness

MEDIUM Silver: Twin Cities Business

Gold: Business North Carolina

LARGE Silver: Baton Rouge Business Report

Gold: Crain's New York Business

15. Best recurring feature

SMALL Silver: *dbusiness*

Gold: Insight on Business

MEDIUM Silver: *BizTimes Milwaukee*

Gold: Biz New Orleans

LARGE Silver: *Florida Trend*

Gold: D CEO

16. Best coverage of local breaking news

SMALL Silver: No award.

Gold: Vermont Business Magazine

MEDIUM Silver: Virginia Business

Gold: Worcester Business Journal

LARGE Silver: Crain's Detroit Business

Gold: Indianapolis Business Journal

17. Best investigative reporting

SMALL Silver: New Hampshire Business Review

Gold: dbusiness

MEDIUM Silver Hartford Business Journal

Gold: Worcester Business Journal

LARGE Silver: Indianapolis Business Journal

Gold: Crain's Chicago Business

18. Best explanatory journalism

SMALL Silver: New Hampshire Business Review

Gold: dbusiness

MEDIUM Silver: Providence Business News

Gold: Biz New Orleans

LARGE Silver: *Florida Trend*

Gold: Crain's Chicago Business

19. Best local coverage of a national business/economic story

SMALL Silver: *dbusiness*

Gold: Vermont Business Magazine

MEDIUM Silver: *Mainebiz*

Gold: Providence Business News

LARGE Silver: *Hawaii Business*

Gold: Indiana Business Journal

Category 20: best auxiliary publication

SMALL Silver: Delaware Business Times

Gold: Insight on Business

MEDIUM Silver: *BizTimes Milwaukee*

Gold: Arkansas Business

LARGE Silver: Indianapolis Business Journal

Gold: Baton Rouge Business Report

21. Best bylined commentary

SMALL Silver: No award.

Gold: Columbia Regional Business Report

MEDIUM Silver: San Fernando Valley Business Journal

Gold: Twin Cities Business

LARGE Silver: Crain's Detroit Business

Gold: Baton Rouge Business Report

22. Best editorial

SMALL No awards.

MEDIUM Silver: *BizWest* Gold: Hartford Business Journal

LARGE Silver: Indianapolis Business Journal

Gold: Crain's Detroit Business

BEST OF SHOW CATEGORIES

23. Most improved publication

Winner: Hartford Business Journal

24. Best website

Bronze: Providence Business News

Silver: BizTimes Milwaukee

Gold: Crain's Chicago Business

25. Best magazine

Bronze: Florida Trend

Silver: D CEO

Gold: Hawaii Business

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Bronze: The Business Journal, Fresno
Silver: Daily Herald Business Ledger
Gold: Greater Wilmington Business Journal
26b. Best newspaper: medium tabloids
Bronze: San Fernando Valley Business Journal
Silver: Worcester Business Journal
Gold: BizTimes Milwaukee
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Bronze: Indianapolis Business Journal

Silver: Crain's Chicago Business

Gold: Crain's Detroit Business