

# National Society of Newspaper Columnists



## 2021 Columnist Contest Award Winners

# Thank you...

...to our amazing judges!

Gene Collier

Mary Beth Earnhardt

Lori Duff

Christy Heitger-Ewing

Curtis Honeycutt

Chuck Keller

Ginny McCabe

Cassie McClure

Dan O'Brien

Clarence Page

Rob Rogers

Suzette Standring

Mark Sweetwood

Craig Wilson

# Special thank you...

...from contest chair, Adam Earnhardt 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

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General (print)

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Team

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Lifestyles

Crisis Commentary

Social Justice

Editorial Cartoon



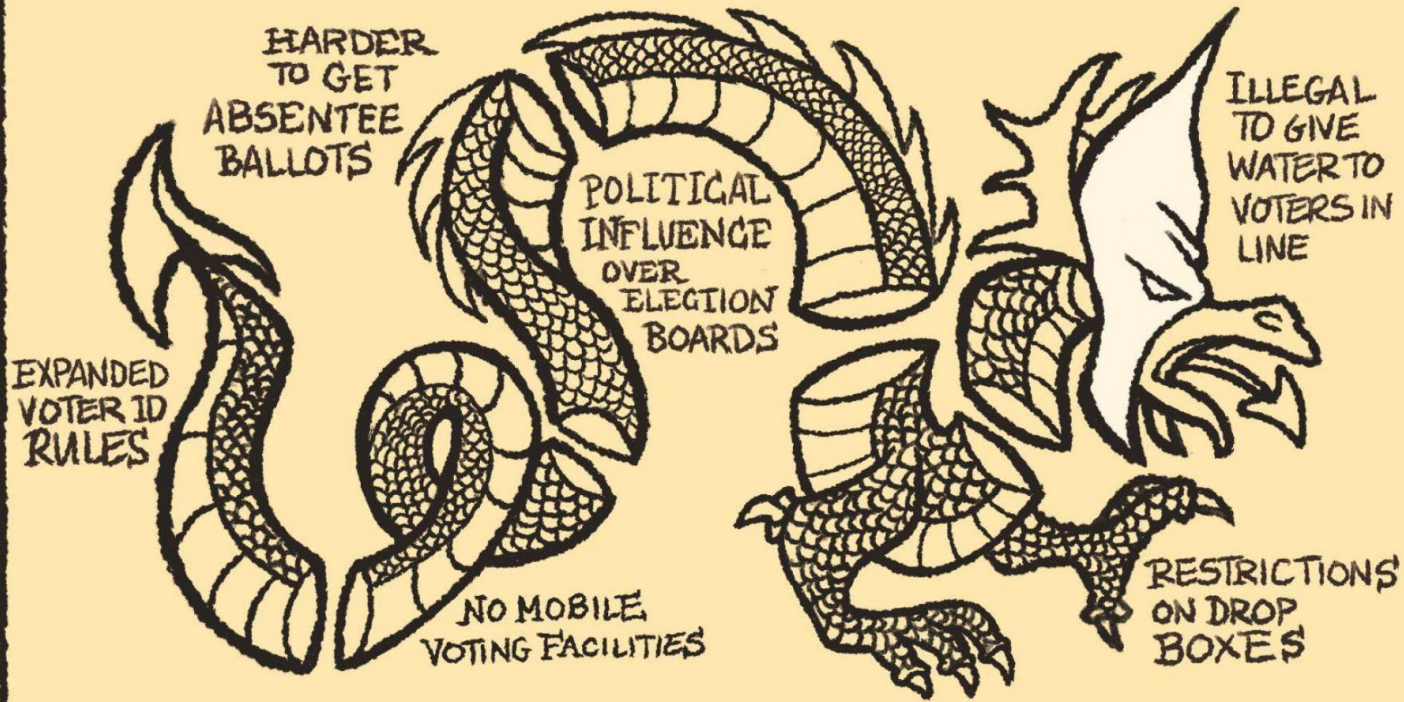
# Editorial Cartoon

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**FIRST PLACE: Student**

Alexandra Bowman, *The Lincoln Project  
Newsletter*



THE SERPENT eating DEMOCRACY



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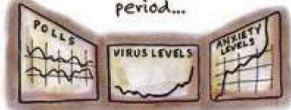
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**SECOND PLACE**

Sage Stossel, *The Boston Globe*

THIS ELECTION season, with its unprecedented virus spikes and portentous moment of truth for the future of our country...

...has been perhaps the most anxiety-inducing period...



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



...of a surpassingly stressful presidency.

Indeed, at various times since 2016, everything from our very lives...



...to our livelihoods...



...to the rule of law...



...and the social fabric...



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

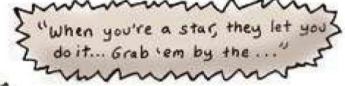
But now, as we prepare to move forward into what comes next...

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

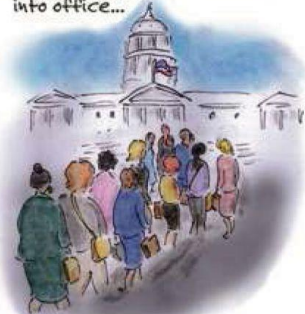
...it may be worth looking back over this period just passed, and recognizing that, bleak though it has been...

...the darkness has not been entirely unremitting.

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



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



...and forthright racism...



...countered by an overwhelming groundswell of opposition.



Antidemocratic machinations, meanwhile, spurred legions of the formerly apathetic...



...to zealous participation...



...while even the grim onset of a pandemic... brought home for many just how adaptive and resilient they could be.



And so, whatever's coming next... one hopes we might take away from these tumultuous last four years...

...a feeling, not only of trauma... but also of readiness and resolve...



...for the work—which is clearly considerable—still to be done.

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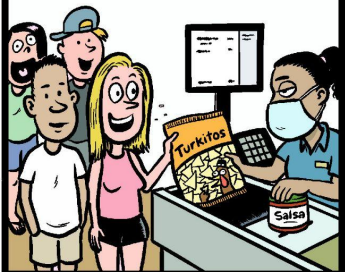
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**FIRST PLACE**

Jen Sorensen, [jensorensen.com](http://jensorensen.com)  
(work appeared in Politico, Daily Kos, The Nib)

## FACES of the MASKLESS

**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.



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## THE VICTIM



AT LEAST HE DOESN'T HAVE TO WEAR A MASK!





# **Social Justice**

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**SECOND PLACE: Student**

Greta Maras,  
*The John Hopkins News-Letter*  
John Hopkins University

# Social Justice

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**FIRST PLACE: Student**

Jonathan Zhang,  
Wayland Student Press Network  
Wayland High School

# Social Justice

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## 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

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## THIRD PLACE

Dave Lieber, *The Dallas Morning News*

# Social Justice

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**SECOND PLACE**

Naomi Ishisaka, *The Seattle Times*

# Social Justice

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**FIRST PLACE**

Derrick Z. Jackson, *Union of Concerned  
Scientists and Grist*



# Crisis Commentary

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## **FIRST PLACE: Student**

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

# Crisis Commentary

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## HONORABLE MENTION

Kathy Eliscu, [kathyeliscu.com](http://kathyeliscu.com)

Derrick Z. Jackson, *Union of Concerned Scientists*

Renee Schafer Horton, *Arizona Daily Star*

# Crisis Commentary

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## THIRD PLACE

Theodore Decker, *The Columbus Dispatch*

# Crisis Commentary

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**SECOND PLACE**

Patricia Bunin,  
Southern California Newsgroup



# Crisis Commentary

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**FIRST PLACE:  
TIE**

Ken Dixon, Hearst Connecticut Media Group

**&**

Rose Carmen Goldberg, freelance

(work appeared in *East Bay Times*, *USA Today*)



# Lifestyles

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## **SECOND PLACE: Student**

Jonathan Zhang,  
Wayland Student Press Network  
Wayland High School

# Lifestyles

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**FIRST PLACE: Student**

Sydney Murphy, [BLENDtw.com](https://blendtw.com)  
Wheaton College

# Lifestyles

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## HONORABLE MENTION

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

# Lifestyles

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## THIRD PLACE

Laurie Stone, *Laurie Stone Writes: Musings,  
Rants & Scribbles*  
[lauriestonewrites.com](http://lauriestonewrites.com)

# Lifestyles

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## SECOND PLACE

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

# Lifestyles

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**FIRST PLACE**

Pam J. Hecht, [pamjhecht.com](http://pamjhecht.com)

(work appeared in *WNC Parent*, *Asheville Citizen Times*, *USA Today*)





# Sports

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## THIRD PLACE

Steve Greenberg, *Chicago Sun-Times*

# Sports

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**SECOND PLACE**

Dom Amore, *The Hartford Courant*

# Sports

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## FIRST PLACE

Derrick Z. Jackson,  
ESPN's *The Undefeated*



**Team**

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**FIRST PLACE: Student**

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

*The Johns Hopkins News-Letter*

John Hopkins University



# Humor (Online)

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**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

# Humor (Online)

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## THIRD PLACE

Dave Jaffe, *Sleeping Between Giants: Life, If You Could Call It That, With A Terrier*

# Humor (Online)

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**SECOND PLACE**

Mary Kay Jordan Fleming,  
[NextAvenue.org](http://NextAvenue.org) & [NextTribe.com](http://NextTribe.com)

# Humor (Online)

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**FIRST PLACE**

Max McCoy, *Kansas Reflector*



# Humor (Print)

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## HONORABLE MENTION

John Breunig, *The Stamford Advocate*  
&  
Rebecca Regnier, *Monroe News*

# Humor (Print)

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**THIRD PLACE:  
TIE**

Heather Buchanan, *The Independent*  
Dan's Media

**&**

Gary Yordon, *Tallahassee Democrat*

# Humor (Print)

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**SECOND PLACE**

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



# Humor (Print)

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**FIRST PLACE**

Kevin McKeever, *The Stamford Advocate*



# General (Online)

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**FIRST PLACE: Student**

Camille M. Daniels, *The Daily Orange*  
Syracuse University

# General (Online)

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## HONORABLE MENTION

Lee Cataluna, *Honolulu Civil Beat*  
&  
Max McCoy, *Kansas Reflector*

# General (Online)

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**THIRD PLACE**

Brian Reisinger, freelance

(work appeared in *National Review* & *The Cap Times*)

# General (Online)

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**SECOND PLACE**

Luis Martinez-Fernandez, *The Globe Post*

# General (Online)

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**FIRST PLACE**

Jill D. Lawrence, *USA Today*



# General (Print)



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**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)

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**THIRD PLACE**

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

# General (Print)

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**SECOND PLACE**

Leslie McCarthy, *Webster-Kirkwood Times*  
(Saint Louis)

# General (Print)

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**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

