

Yankee Quill

Awards Luncheon



March 14, 2026

The Venue at Portwalk Place, Portsmouth, NH

12 p.m. Luncheon and Awards Presentation

The Academy of New England Journalists, founded by Sigma Delta Chi in 1960, honors extraordinary newspaper men and women for their lifetime of achievement and distinction in New England journalism. Please join us as we pay tribute to this year's Yankee Quill Award winners for their exceptional contributions to their communities and our industry.

This year's honorees



Wayne Braverman will receive the award for a nearly half-century career that exemplifies the very best of community journalism. As a reporter and editor across Eastern and Central Massachusetts, he dedicated himself to informing residents about the issues that most directly affect their lives — from local government and schools to accountability in public office — ensuring that democracy thrives at the grassroots level. A multiple award-winning editor, he also created and led an internationally recognized internship program that mentored hundreds of aspiring journalists, shaping the next generation of the profession.



Katherine McCabe is honored for her three decades of outstanding service to The Boston Globe and her extraordinary impact as both a newsroom leader and mentor. As the Globe's night city editor, she has overseen breaking news coverage during the paper's most demanding hours, guiding reporting on homicides, fires, political developments, and other major events with precision, calm, and unwavering standards for accuracy. A former reporter who contributed to the Globe's Pulitzer Prize-winning coverage of the Boston Marathon bombing, she pairs deep reporting experience with exceptional editorial judgment. She has mentored generations of young journalists, instilling in them rigor, resilience, and a commitment to ethical reporting.



Judy Meyer is recognized for her extraordinary, decades-long commitment to excellence in reporting, newsroom leadership, and unwavering defense of the First Amendment. Over nearly 35 years, she has led multiple Maine newsrooms with integrity and courage, producing award-winning investigative journalism that has exposed government failures, strengthened communities, and held the powerful accountable. A fierce advocate for public access, she has shaped right-to-know laws and championed open courts, becoming one of Maine's most trusted authorities on freedom of information. She has mentored generations of journalists, inspired colleagues, and consistently demonstrated that rigorous, ethical journalism is essential to democracy.



Rex Rhoades receives the award for a 40-year career defined by fearless watchdog reporting, visionary newsroom leadership, and an unwavering commitment to public service journalism. As executive editor of the Sun Journal in Lewiston, ME, for nearly two decades, he led award-winning investigations that exposed government secrecy, strengthened public access laws, improved school safety statewide, and informed readers on issues ranging from economic development to public health. His work not only elevated the quality and impact of local journalism in Maine but also demonstrated the transformative power of a free press in shaping stronger, more informed communities.



The Yankee Quill Award's historical honoree is **Nathan Hale**, the influential 19th-century Boston journalist and publisher whose leadership helped shape American journalism during a formative era for the nation and the press. As editor of the Boston Daily Advertiser, Hale championed thoughtful public discourse, civic responsibility, and the vital role of a free press in a democratic society. His enduring legacy reflects the highest ideals of journalism — integrity, intellectual rigor, and a steadfast commitment to informing the public — making him a fitting recipient of this prestigious honor.

YANKEE QUILL AWARDS LUNCHEON RESERVATION FORM

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YANKEE QUILL RESERVATIONS

\$ 89 per person

Reserved tables available

Name _____ Newspaper/Organization _____

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Will you be bringing a guest? Yes No Guest name(s) _____

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Enclosed

Yankee Quill Luncheon Reservations _____ x \$89 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed = \$ _____

We will reserve a table for parties of 6 or more for the Yankee Quill Dinner.



Please make reservations by February 27, 2026

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