

Kenosha News

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To: Wisconsin Newspaper Association

2022 Better Newspaper Contest

Category: Rookie Reporter of the Year

Greetings!

I would like to take this time to nominate Joe States of the Kenosha News for the 2022 BNC Rookie Reporter of the Year Award. He has been an outstanding addition to our reporting staff and has quickly become more than just a reporter, but a leader in our newsroom.

Joe began working for the Kenosha News while an intern in the summer of 2021, covering such things as a murder trial, major local/international businesses and local protests/activism. Still at student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as his senior year of college approached, he was offered a part-time position while finishing up college, which began Sept. 27, 2021. He would come back to Kenosha from Madison every other weekend while also working from his college apartment.

After he finished college, he was offered a full-time position, which began on May 23, 2022, and he now lives in downtown Kenosha.

Since joining the Kenosha News, he's worked on stories ranging from children's toys selling out to murders. He's covered wakes, protests, court hearings, speeches and press conferences. He's created data graphics to visualize where crimes were happening within the city, speaking with city leaders and local activists to gain a wide perspective on the issues facing Kenosha. He has also stepped up to learn more about our production system so he could assist in page loading and proofing.

He is an outstanding young man and is highly deserving of this award.

Thank you.

John Sloca, Local News Editor

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