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I would like to nominate Danielle DuClos as Rookie Reporter of the Year in the 2023 Wisconsin Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest.

This is her first reporting position since graduating college in May 2022. She started with the Press-Gazette shortly after graduation. She has been employed by the Press-Gazette for fewer than 18 months.

Danielle covers education in Brown County, which means covering the third largest school district in the state as well as 5 other school districts in Brown County. We also have a state college, a private college, and a technical college.

Danielle quickly established herself in the education community by meeting with key administration officials, teachers, and school board members throughout Brown County as well as reporting hard-hitting stories and news features.

Her investigation into a Green Bay School District teacher charged with sexually abusing students found the district botched its investigation. She spent 8 months on the investigation and pored over hundreds of pages of documents. She double- and triple-checked facts, ran information by several experts in Title IX law that was in effect at the time of the offenses, talked to a victim's parents and a victim. There was not one request for a correction or clarification.

The investigation is emblematic of her dogged determination, great journalistic instincts and intelligence. She has set herself apart as a leader in the newsroom, with thorough reporting, insightful writing and a positive attitude. She also takes part in our Digital Advisory Committee, which we set up to reach out to underserved communities. She is a consummate professional and a reporter any editor would love to have on his/her staff.



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