

PAUL DUMONT-FRENETTE OUTSTANDING JOURNALISM AWARD

QCNA's top individual writing award was established in memory of the first QCNA (then AQREM) executive secretary, Paul Dumont-Frenette. This award is given to the journalist who has shown the best overall performance in the year as determined by judges in reviewing all entries. The number of winning entries in the writing categories determines the winner.



JESSICA DEER & DANIEL J. ROWE

The Eastern Door



The Eastern Door is lucky to have such a dynamic duo on staff – the best one-two punch we've ever had in our 26-year history.

Every day we witness the efforts Jessica Deer and Daniel J. Rowe put into their work, the going above and beyond with pieces that that need to be done off-hours, the constant strive to be better, the owning up to mistakes and standing up to bullies.

Daniel won the Paul Dumont-Frenette two years ago, and afterwards I told Jessica it would one day be her turn.

Today is the day, and the fact she gets to share it with Daniel is all too fitting.

They work hard on their own beats but they also work as a team, keeping the wherewithal a journalist must, in covering everything from court cases to human interest to sports, investigative pieces to features and so much more.

They also represent The Eastern Door with such professionalism and decorum; they are often approached by community members for scoops

because they're trusted and respected.

And they never back down from a story.

As you saw tonight with the amount of awards won across so many categories, Daniel and Jessica are reporters through and through.

Add to it the work Jessica does on the website, her fill in as a part-time graphic designer, and Daniel's copy editing and other important tasks as assistant editor, and it's really not a big surprise they're sharing the QCNA's biggest annual award.

I take my hat off to both of them, to all of our staff, and to everyone who shares their vision of what reporters should be.

The Eastern Door is what it is today because of Jessica and Daniel, and I know there are much more accolades to come for both of these intrepid ass-kicking journalists.

Congratulations to both of you on such a well-deserved honour!



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OUTSTANDING PHOTOJOURNALISM AWARD

Created in 2001, the Outstanding Photojournalism Award is given to the individual who has shown the best overall performance in photojournalism in the year as determined by judges in reviewing all entries. The number of winning entries in the photography categories determines winner.

CHRIS LOWREY

The Equity

