

Gazette COVID-19 coverage wins Apex Award

Gazette Chicago's 2020 coverage of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has won an Award of Excellence from Communications Concepts in the COVID-19 Media-Newspaper/Magazine Articles category in the organization's Apex 2021 competition.

"Although *Gazette Chicago*, like other businesses, lost a significant amount of revenue in 2020 due to COVID-19, we not only continued to publish but included a host of coronavirus/COVID-19 related articles from April through November—25 articles in all," explained Mark J. Valentino, editor and publisher



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Gazette Chicago won an Apex award for its coverage of coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on local communities.

These included articles on resources for services during the pandemic; how COVID-19 became a factor in activists' fight to lift the ban on rent control; how local schools were adapting; how the pandemic changed the college experience; how COVID-19 affected immigrants; how businesses struggled during the pandemic; a community group calling for abolishing tax-increment financing zones because of the pandemic; how the pandemic affected the census; and the City and State halting evictions because of COVID-19.

Gazette Chicago also covered business owners questioning the City's policy of closing streets to help restaurants suffering from COVID-19 losses; how COVID-19 made the homeless crisis worse; how the pandemic affected the St. Matthew soup kitchen; coronavirus testing; the impact on students; the impact on the Fair Tax (progressive income tax) amendment; the local eviction moratorium because of the pandemic; how the pandemic worsened the opioid crisis; how Alivio Medical Center handled the crisis; and how entertainment venues struggled because of the pandemic.

Working on *Gazette Chicago's* COVID-19 coverage were Bonnie Jean Adams, Dan Baron, William S. Bike, Liv Brown, Mallory Cheng, Claire Cowley, Madeline Makoul, Tyra Patterson, Ivette Sandoval, Igor Studenkov, Mark J. Valentino, Monica M. Walk, Peter Winslow, and Nathan Worcester.

"No community publication in Chicago covered COVID-19 more thoroughly than *Gazette Chicago*," Valentino said. "Our reporters did great work, and those articles helped a lot of people in our readership area and beyond. I want to thank our reporters for their diligence in providing resources to our readers and to the many advertisers who stuck by us during the pandemic so that we could continue to publish. Their confidence in us allowed us to be a viable resource during a devastating time for our community."

Communications Concepts is a journalism and communications organization based in Williamsburg, VA, that advises professionals on best practices to improve publications and public relations programs. This year's Apex competition was the 33rd annual.

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achieve overall communications excellence," said Ken Turtoro, executive editor of the Apex Awards. "With some 1,200 entries, competition, as always, was exceptionally intense."

Gazette Chicago has been honored with 74 journalism and excellence awards since 1993. The publication has won at least one Apex Award in 22 out of the last 26 years.

The international Apex 2021 awards competition featured winners from Canada, India, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Awardees came from such well known companies and institutions as AARP, the American Heart Association, the Daughters of the American Revolution, Duke University, Ford Motor Co., and the National Football League.

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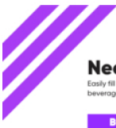
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