To whom it may concern:

Please consider this strong recommendation for the nomination of Becca Most for the Dave Pyle New Journalist of the Year award.

Since joining the St. Cloud Times just a few months ago as a replacement for a veteran city beat reporter who was hired away by the Star Tribune, she’s made her mark as a dedicated, smart, talented journalist who is more than holding her own – she’s making the beat her own.

I have worked with dozens of early career reporters over 30 years as an editor. It’s rare to found one with Becca’s innate sense for news, touch for storytelling, command of the language and feel for working with sources in one person, let alone someone who is just getting started.

Dare I say we traded up? (Don’t quote me on that. But we did.)

Sincerely,

**Lisa Schwarz**

Minnesota state editor

**Anna Haecherl**
Content Coach

