School of Journalism
51st Annual
Student Awards Celebration
May 4, 2017
Spring 2017 Graduates

Afnan, Mihdi
Bates, Brittan Elizabeth
Berkley, Lilly Catherine
Bertrand, Ryan Timothy
Blumenthal, Cassidy Alyse
Bookman, Saul
Boulter, Mackenzie Lynn
Brestel, Taylor Lynn
Brodsky, Madison Sloane
Brown, Riley Jordan
Bruun-Andersen, Kristine Lee
Burkart, Daniel Joseph
Calderon, Sergio Andres
Carpenter, Jessica Nicole
Cole, Cherie Mireya Lanae
Dayton, Taylor Lynn
Delfs, Nathan James
Delgado, Christopher Jose
Dominguez, Maritza Camila
Elkhalil, Baraha Mohammed
Facchino, Paige Marie
Fidelman, Sheridan Beck
Finegold, Bailey Alexandra
Flores, Mark Anthony
Floyd, Michelle Marie
Ford, Haley Christian
Fork, Danielle Lynn
Glenn, Jordan Michael
Goodman, Allison Paige
Halliday, Spencer David
Hernandez, Michael Joseph
Hewitt, Jaime Elizabeth
House, Ashley Nicole
Hudson, Courtney Anne
James, Brandon Joseph
Johnson, Nicholas Aaron
Katz, Stevie Erin
Lizarraga, Karen
Lobel, Jamie Alexandra
McGowan, Ashley Lynn
McIntyre, Alex Robert
Milkis, Andie Rae
Morales, Elisabeth F
Morrison, Reina Anne
Navarro, Natalia Viviana
Noble, Rebecca Elizabeth
Olson, Ross Tyler
Patterson, Tessa Rae
Pradetto, Ashley Nichole
Rashoff, Carly Ana
Renteria, Lauren Ashley
Ross, Patricia Lee
Ruan, Maxie Elizabeth
Schlitzer, Alyssa Judith
Shiwoko, Fatuma Ali
Silva, Christianna Joy
Silverman, Jacquelyn Nicole
Smith, Gisele Milan
Soroko, Lukas Edmund
Soto, Stephanie Lisette
Spears, Justin Edward
Speth, Konner Marie Daniels
Stanford, Julianne Elizabeth
Stevens, Phoebe Li
Swaney, Mackenzie Rene
Tellez, Jacob
Tran, Loc Minh
Walker, Brandi Michelle
Walo, Devon Patrice
Wolkowitz, Zoe Chaia
Wright, Alexis Marie
Summer 2017 Graduates

Carrera, Marielle Elena
Duran, Christina
Freeman, Hailey Erin
Gibbs, Thomas Joseph
Lennon, Amanda Helene
Mejia, Brandon Ian
Morelli, Alexa Brantner
Morisssey, Meredith Warner
Oakley, Alexis Brittney
Ruiz Barraza, Mar Erisnelida
Sharp, Mary Ann Zohra
Vitiritti, Louis James

Master’s Theses/ Projects

Alexandra Adamson “That’s So Last Season: Fashion Trend Agenda Setting by Bloggers or Journalists During the Summer 2016”

Kendal Blust “Art as Activism on the U.S.-Mexico Border” (‘Mujeres, Arte y Resistencia’)

Steve Choice “Trauma and Resilience in Journalists in Northern Mexico”

Jorge Encinas “Confiscated and Missing: A flawed process fails to return migrants' possessions”


Jennifer Hijazi “Peripheries: Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Storytelling Through Borderland Reporting”

Mikayla Mace “The Framing of Mars News Coverage in U.S. and U.K. Newspapers in 2015”


Bakina Wellars “The Influence of Foreign News Programs on the International Newscast Agenda of Rwandan Media”
Awards

Philip Mangelsdorf – Outstanding Newperson
Named for the former faculty member and head of the UA journalism program and recognizes the top reporter/journalist in the program.

Christianna Silva

Sherman R. Miller – Outstanding Senior
Named for the former faculty member and head of the UA journalism program and recognizes the top member of the senior class.

Chastity Laskey

B.P. Campbell - Outstanding Junior
Named for the former faculty member and head of the UA journalism program and recognizes the top member of the junior class.

Jamie Verwys

Outstanding Graduate Student
Rewards the top master’s student.

Jennifer Hijazi

Kathryn Anne Governal - Perseverance
Named for a UA graduate and is given to a student who has persevered in the face of difficult challenges.

Sergio Calderon

Alex Parker – Reporting
Named for the longtime copy editor at the Arizona Daily Star and rewards strong, tenacious reporting.

Jessica Carpenter  Erik Kolsrud
Taylor Dayton  Tobey Schmidt
Danyelle Khmara  Julianne Stanford
William Hattich – Professionalism
Named for the former owner of The Tombstone Epitaph and Tombstone Daily Prospector and rewards students who represent the program well outside the classroom.
  Jordan Glenn
  Mikayla Mace
  Justin Spears
  Bakina Wellars

Douglas Martin – Courage and Integrity
Named for the founder of the UA journalism program and rewards students who show courage or stand up to the powers that be.
  Jacob Molinary

Leadership and Service
Rewards students who have made special contributions to the program through their work outside of class.
  Brenna Bailey
  Jordan Glenn
  Andrew Paxton
  Courtney Talak

Excellence in Research
Rewards outstanding research conducted by an undergraduate, a graduate student or an honors student.
  Mikayla Mace

Abe Chanin - Excellence in Sports Reporting
Named for the longtime journalism faculty member and sports editor of the Arizona Daily Star who died in 2014 and rewards outstanding sports journalism.
  Saul Bookman
Donald Still – Arizona Daily Wildcat
Named for the UA graduate who wanted to recognize students who juggle their studies with the demands of working for The Arizona Daily Wildcat and rewards the top student at the Wildcat as selected by the Student Media adviser.

Justin Spears

J.Y. Bryan Prize for Interpretive Photography
Named for the UA graduate who wanted to reward “exceptionally fine performance in either investigative reporting or interpretive photography.”

Alex McIntyre

Excellence in International Journalism
Rewards contributions to border reporting or the overseas work of a student.

Bakina Wellars
Jennifer Hijazi

Innovation Award
Recognizes students who have devised innovative approaches to journalism and storytelling.

Alex Devoid

Excellence in Broadcast Journalism
Rewards a body of work produced for broadcast.

Brandon Mejia

Excellence in Science and Environmental Journalism
Rewards outstanding journalism in the areas of science and the environment.

Michaela Webb

Jack Sheaffer Award for Outstanding News Photography
Named for the longtime photographer at the Arizona Daily Star and recognizes a photo or body of work that shows a strong news sense.

Rebecca Noble
Diversity in Reporting Award
Honors a journalism student who has excelled in reporting on under-represented communities.
Kendal Blust

Excellence in Multimedia Journalism
Rewards outstanding visual journalism.
Maritza Cruz
Jordan Glenn

School Media
Rewards outstanding work performed in The Tombstone Epitaph, El Independiente, Arizona Cat’s Eye or Arizona Sonora News Service.
Christopher Delgado
Emily Ellis
Angelo Lavo
Andrew Paxton
Maxie Ruan
Alyssa Schlitzer
Gisele Smith

Certificates of Merit
Rewards students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom.
Brittan Bates
Riley Brown
Christina Dura
Danielle Fork
Ava Garcia
Leah Gilchrist
Marissa Heffernan
Michelle Jaquette
Betsy Kaplan
Gloria Knott
Leah Merrall
Natalia Navarro
Amanda Oien
Lauren Renteria
Patricia Ross
Mar Ruiz
Stephanie Soto
Jessica Suriano
Drew Gyorke – Photojournalism
Named for a UA journalism student and aspiring photojournalist who died in a 2013 car accident. The award recognizes the best photos of Jour 203 students in a twice-annual competition.

Fall 2016
First – Michelle Jaquette
Second – Elizabeth Kinney
Third – Carmen Valencia

Spring 2017
First – Nels Bergeron
Second – Simon Garelick-Mettler
Third – Cory Kennedy

Mark Finley Gold Pen
Named for a UA graduate and journalist who was an assistant to the publisher of Hearst’s Boston newspaper and rewards the best beginning newswriters in the program through a twice-annual competition among selected Jour 205 students.

Fall 2016
First – John Ricker
Second – Elise McClain
Third – Jordan Williams

Spring 2017
First – Hannah Dahl
Second – Gabrielle Mix
Third – Michaela Webb

Kappa Tau Alpha
A college honor society that recognizes academic excellence and promotes scholarship in journalism and mass communication. Members must rank in the upper 10 percent of their class.

- Maritza Cruz
- Michelle Jaquette
- Isaac Rounseville
- Jessica Suriano
- Jason Weir

Hugh and Jan Harelson Excellence in Teaching Award
Rewards an excellent member of the UA Journalism faculty as voted on by students.

- Carol Schwalbe
Scholarships

Generous donations by alumni and friends enable the school to award thousands of dollars in scholarships to students each year.

**Arizona Daily Star Scholarship**
*Funded by Tucson’s daily newspaper to assist students pursuing a degree in journalism.*
  Natalia Navarro  
  Jamie Verwys

**Edith Auslander Scholarship**
*Funded by an anonymous donor and named for a UA journalism graduate and member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists Hall of Fame.*
  Hector Ponce

**John Barnett Scholarship**
*Named for the former UA student, Wildcat reporter and editor with the Wall Street Journal and awarded to a top performer with The Tombstone Epitaph.*
  Erik Kolsrud  
  Elisabeth Morales

**Concerned Media Professionals Scholarship**
*Selected by a group of Tucson media professionals to promote diversity in newsrooms.*
  Ciara Encinas  
  Leah Merrall  
  Natalia Navarro  
  Jamie Verwys

**Bernice Cosulich Scholarship**
*Named for the former Arizona Daily Star feature writer, political reporter and expert on Arizona history.*
  Gloria Knott  
  Leah Merrall
D.C. “Darn Cat” Scholarship
Named for UA journalism graduates Mildred and Gordon Gordon, the couple who wrote 20 novels, including “That Darn Cat,” which was made into a Disney movie.

Elizabeth O'Connell
Carly Oseran

Steve Emerine Scholarship
Named for a Tucson journalist and former UA journalism faculty member with a keen interest in public affairs reporting. Funded by a UA journalism alumna who considered Emerine a mentor.

Betsy Kaplan

Richard Gilman Scholarship
Named for a UA journalism graduate and the former publisher of The Boston Globe.

Chastity Laskey
Jamie Verwys

Hank Hubbard Scholarship
Named for a longtime TV news journalist and intended for students interested in broadcast or investigative journalism

Michelle Jaquette

Peggy Daum Judge Scholarship
Named for a UA journalism graduate who was the longtime food editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Ava Garcia
Danyelle Khmara

Sara and Harold Love Scholarship
Named for two tireless supporters of the Tombstone community and assists students working on The Tombstone Epitaph.

Andrew Paxton
Donovan M. Kramer Sr. Entrepreneurial Scholarship
Named for Ruth A. and Donovan M. Kramer Sr. who published newspapers throughout Arizona. Assists students who have an entrepreneurial spirit and a true understanding of the importance of newspapers.
   Danyelle Khmara
   Andrew Paxton

Douglas D. Martin Scholarship
Named for the author, Pulitzer Prize winner and founder of the UA journalism program.
   Marissa Heffernan

William Milburn Memorial Scholarship
Benefiting students with financial and above average scholastic standing.
   Syrena Tracy

Lois R. Nelson Scholarship
Supports upper division female students with financial need, a record of academic achievement and commitment to nonfiction writing, editing or journalism.
   Elizabeth O'Connell

Jon Ruby Scholarship
Named for the longtime vice president and general manager at Tucson’s KVOA-TV.
   Ciara Encinas
   April Lanuza

Society of Professional Journalists Scholarship
Funded by the organization dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press.
   Andrew Paxton
Merigay Finnerty Sotomayor Scholarship

Named for a UA journalism graduate and editor with the Arizona Daily Wildcat who believed in public service journalism.
   Danyelle Khmara

Lois Whisler Scholarship

Benefits students with financial need and excellent grades.
   Alexa Wallen
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