School of Journalism
52nd Annual
Student Awards Celebration
May 10, 2018
Spring 2018 Graduates

Airulla, Nathanael Lynn
Baciocco, Dominic John
Bailey, Brenna Kathryn
Begay, Aurora S.
Blach, Christopher John
Blackburn, Jessica Rhea
Bloom, Erika K.
Bloom, Hannah Nicole
Caldwell, Katelyn Michael
Carpenter, Paige Newton
Cohn, Haley Kedzior
Covey, Sarah Rose
Cruz, Maritza Lizette
Davis, Shaquille Montrel
Dawkins, Brandon Jordan
De Fina, Allison Michelle
DeMarzo, Alex David
Einck, Marissa Nicole
Encinas, Ciara Monique
Fenn, Ashlee Renea
Frazier, Anna Mae
Gaines, Derek Thomas
Garcia, Ava Nicole
Gibbs, Megan Elizabeth
Gilchrist, Leah Carole
Godouco, Gabrielle Luise
Gonzales, Genae Rhian
Gonzalez, Elena Isabella
Harelson, Sara Frances
Homa, Judith Emily
Hoston, Devin Elaine
Jones, Page Holter
Kinney, Elizabeth Ann
Knott, Gloria Elizabeth
Koleski, Andres Estaban
Lange, Megan E.
Lara, Genesis
Laskey, Chastity Eva
Leon, Julia
Lindsay, Jamie Monique
Lopez Jimenez, Jireh
McClain, Elise Valentine
Morris, Tirion Rose
Morrissey, Meredith Warner
Noble, Rebecca Elizabeth
O’Brien, Amanda Michelle Faith
O’Connell, Elizabeth Theresa
Oseran, Carly Norine
Prettyman, Jessica Rose
Redmond, Conor Joseph
Reid, Brit Catherine
Rice, Courtney Elizabeth
Ricker, John David
Rodriguez, Miranda Marie
Rounseville, Isaac Joseph
Salazar Mata, Noemi
Schmidt, Tobey Alexandra
Sealy, Briana Synae
Shippen, Savannah Rae
Smith, Zachary William
Soileau, Clayton John
Suarez, Steven Douglas
Suriano, Jessica Nichole
Szpylczyn, Erica Lynn
Talak, Courtney N.
Thomas, Justyn Ray
Todorovich, Jane Elizabeth
Tracy, Syrena Gabryelle
Vera, Angela Teresa
Verwys, Jamie Michelle
Wallace, Elizabeth Reed
Wallen, Alexa Cheyenne
Webb, Michaela
Weir, Jason Thomas
Wesley, Zoe Louise Margaret
Whetzel, Lauren Zoe
Zinn, Emily Nicole
Summer 2018 Graduates

Belcher, Kayla Rosemary
Del Grande, David Joseph
Green, Garrett Sean
Hanna, Chad David
Kolsrud, Erik Clark
Mackenzie, Madison Helen
Manley, Sophia Ashlan
McCarthy, Simone Olivia

Minsk, Samantha Lee
Oien, Amanda Rae
Persichetti, Chloe Ann
Smallwood, Nicholas Allen
Torres, Christian
Valencia, Carmen Esthela
Vargas, Rachael Makena

Master’s Theses/ Projects

Saul Bookman “Sound in Mind and Body: The Gerald Brown Story”

Emily Ellis “Diseased Coverage: Foreign Media Framing of the 2009 Swine Flu Epidemic in Mexico”

Natalia Navarro “Why America? A Citizenship Podcast”

Alyssa Schlitzer Hill “The Spread of Top Misinformation Articles on Twitter from 2017 to 2018: Social Bot Influence and Misinformation Trends”
Awards

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

   Jessica Suriano

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.

   Erik Kolsrud

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.

   Jordan Williams

Outstanding Graduate Student
Rewards the top master’s student.

   Emily Ellis

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

   Andrew Paxton

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

   Dominika Heusinkveld
   Jamie Verwys
   Michelle Jaquette
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.
Brandon Dawkins  Chastity Laskey
Courtney Talak  Michaela Webb

Leadership and Service
Rewards students who have made special contributions to the program through their work outside of class.
Pascal Albright
Zeina Cabrera-Peterson
Carmen Valencia

Excellence in Design
Rewards excellent design in any platform.
Alyssa Schlitzer Hill

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

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.
Nate Airulla
Courtney Rice

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.
Chastity Laskey
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.”*  
Nels Bergeron

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

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

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

Excellence in Multimedia Journalism  
*Rewards a body of work produced for broadcast.*  
Marissa Heffernan  
Elizabeth Liz Kinney  
Carly Oseran  
Nick Smallwood

Excellence in Science and Environmental Journalism  
*Rewards outstanding journalism in the areas of science and the environment.*  
Marissa Heffernan  
Michaela Webb

School Media  
*Rewards outstanding work performed in The Tombstone Epitaph, El Independiente, Arizona Cat’s Eye or Arizona Sonora News Service.*  
Andrew Paxton  
Courtney Talak
Certificates of Merit
Rewards students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom.

Kayla Belcher          Gloria Knott
Eddie Celaya           Andrew Koleski
Maritza Cruz           Kathleen Kunz
Shaq Davis             Elise McClain
David Del Grande       Tirion Morris
Rosalina Emnace        Amanda Oien
Ava Garcia             Lizzie Quinlan
Leah Gilchrist         Marissa Ryan
Elena Gonzalez         Tobey Schmidt
Sara Harelson          Zach Smith

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.

Spring 2018
First – Daniel Young-Miller
Second – Aly Cantor
Third – Alexandra Pere

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 2017
First – Rocky Baier
Second – Zachary Ogden
Third – Owen Zerambo

Spring 2018
First – Betty Hurd
Second – Trent Anderson
Third – Eva Halvax
Diversity in Reporting Award
Honors graduate or undergraduate journalism students who have excelled in one or more of the following areas: Reported exceptionally on underrepresented communities, advanced scholarship about underrepresented communities, performed extensive outreach to expand knowledge about diverse communities, took a leadership role in organizational initiatives in some way related to underrepresented communities. Or worked on diversity and inclusion initiatives/programming in the school or on campus.

   Brenna Bailey
   Zeina Cabrera-Peterson
   Dalal Radwan

Jack Sheaffer – Outstanding News Photography
Named for the UA graduate who wanted to reward “exceptionally fine performance in either investigative reporting or interpretive photography.”

   Steven Spooner

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

   Shannon Conner
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.
   Pascal Albright

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.
   Micheal Romero

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.
   Courtney Talak
Bernice Cosulich Scholarship
*Named for the former Arizona Daily Star feature writer, political reporter and expert on Arizona history.*
   Alexis Hartzell

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.*
   Chandler Donald

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.*
   April Lanuza

Richard Gilman Scholarship
*Named for a UA journalism graduate and the former publisher of The Boston Globe.*
   Marissa Heffernan
   Michelle Jaquette

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

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

Sara and Harold Love Scholarship
*Named for two tireless supporters of the Tombstone community and assists students working on The Tombstone Epitaph.*
   Elise McClain
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.
   Ava Garcia
   Hector Ponce

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

Jon Ruby Scholarship
Named for the longtime vice president and general manager at Tucson’s KVOA-TV.
   Alejandro Muñoz

Society of Professional Journalists Scholarship
Funded by the organization dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press.
   Pascal Albright

Merigay Finnerty Sotomayor Scholarship
Named for a UA journalism graduate and editor with the Arizona Daily Wildcat who believed in public service journalism.
   April Lanuza

Lois Whisler Scholarship
Benefits students with financial need and excellent grades.
   Vivian Colter
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