



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



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
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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
Goduco, 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
Morrisey, 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, Brieana Synae
Shippen, Savannah Rae
Smith, Zachary William
Soileau, Clayton John
Spooner, Steven Douglas
Suarez, Allison
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

Eddie Celaya

Maritza Cruz

Shaq Davis

David Del Grande

Rosalina Emnace

Ava Garcia

Leah Gilchrist

Elena Gonzalez

Sara Harelson

Gloria Knott

Andrew Koleski

Kathleen Kunz

Elise McClain

Tirion Morris

Amanda Oien

Lizzie Quinlan

Marissa Ryan

Tobey Schmidt

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

With thanks

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