56th Annual Student Awards Celebration

May 5, 2022
SPRING 2022 B.A. CANDIDATES

Balota, Paige Elizabeth          Leonard, Maxwell
Barron, Isabella Maria          Lex, David Benjamin
Betz, Amanda Marie             Lu, Jinqi
Beveridge, Madison Hungerford  McCaslin, Johnny Douglas
Bookspan, Asher Alexander       McCormick, Madison Mae
Bryan, Olivia B.                McVeigh, Quinn Alexander
Clement, Margaux Andree         Mennuti, Jacob Christopher
Curry, Taylor Raymond           Nelson, Bellah
Dyer, Johnny Alan               Peterson, Emma Hames
Epstein, Haley Elizabeth        Pirolo, Chris
Faigus, Jake Michael            Potts, Ryan Scott
Flood, Emma C                   Reyna, Arianna I.
Flores, Sophia Ariel            Rivera, Jenna Nicole
Froitland, Autumn R.            Russell, Chloe Georgia
Jacques, Brendan                Sciortino, Alaina Michelle
Janos, AJ Jeffrey               Smith, Jenna Marie
Jobson, Cameron Elizabeth       Stenchever, Delaina Mae
Koslow, Ari                     Strano, Julianna Michell
Kosoc, Abbie Amanda             Wales, Austin John
Lala, CJ Michael                Yares, Karl O.

SUMMER 2022 B.A. CANDIDATES

Adan, Elise Marie               Gomez, Frida Sophia
Alvarado, Christian Alexander   Martinez, Alexzandria Dolores
Arias, Lizette                  Recupero, Caroline Rose
Dominguez, Katie Elise          Savic, Bryan
Fain, Capri Arden               Sternad, Justin Anthony
Gillman, Sam Parker             Vilasevic, Adin
SPRING 2022 M.A. CANDIDATES
MASTER’S THESIS / PROJECTS

MADISON BEAL
“Talking Trash: Stories of Pollution on the Santa Cruz River.”

JULIA BLUMBERG (Bilingual Journalism)
“Ecologies of Care: How Cross Border Humanitarian Organizations Support Asylum Seekers”

SAM BURDETTE
“Avian Enthusiasts: An Exploration of Birdwatching in Tucson — the Craft and its Practitioners.”

SEBASTIAN JANIK
“The Final Skate” (a documentary film)

JELENA LUKIC (Studies of Global Media)
“Building Bridges – Eight Years into the Yemen Conflict”

KATYA MENDOZA
“La Milenaria: Developing a Book Proposal”

WENEI PHILIMON
“Till Shiloh Comes: A Podcast about the Jesus People, Their Music and the Movement”
FALL 2021 B.A. GRADUATES

Acosta, Yasmin Guadalupe  
Aguilar, Itsel Jacqueline  
Bartsch, Jillian Elizabeth  
Cobian, Gabriella Michelle  
Dryden, Brody Evan  
Encinas, Amaris  
Grano, Gabriel Alejandro  
Hajizadeh-Amini, Parisa K

Hislop, Chloe Jacqueline  
Klonowski, Averie Anne  
Lore, Maxwell Hogan  
McClean, Jack Wellington  
McComb, Nathan James  
Payton, Mackenzie Anne  
Squire, Amanda Lee  
Verdugo, Elvia

SUMMER 2021 B.A. GRADUATES

Abbas, Eissa Adel  
Green, Ian Michael  
Holland, Sunday Joyahnna

Moore, Russell Beresford  
Phan, Mekayla Mae

FALL 2021 M.A. GRADUATES

MASTER’S THESES / PROJECTS

RANDA SAMIH ABDU

MANDY LOADER

JULIE LUCHETTA
“Rabbitstick: Lessons in Self-Reliance, Sustainability & Salvation from the Primitive Skills Community”
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.
  Gloria Gomez

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.
  Diana Ramos

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.
  Ella McCrville

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT
Rewards the top master’s student.
  Julia Blumberg
  Mandy Loader

KATHRYN ANNE GOVERNAL – PERSEVERANCE
Named for a UA graduate and given to a student who has persevered in the face of difficult challenges.
  Chris Pirolo

ALEX PARKER – REPORTING
Named for the longtime copy editor at the Arizona Daily Star and rewards strong, tenacious reporting.
  Sam Burdette

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.
  Giorgia Menetre
  Samantha Larned
  Isabella Maria Barron
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
Rewards students who have made special contributions to the program through their work outside of class.
   Ana Teresa Espinoza

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.
   Delaina Stenchever

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.
   JT Thorpe

MULTIMEDIA AWARD
Rewards outstanding visual journalism.
   Sebastian Janik

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.”
   Marison Bilagody

RESEARCH AWARD
Rewards outstanding research conducted by an undergraduate, a graduate student or an honors student.
   Julia Blumberg

EXCELLENCE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM
Rewards a body of work produced for broadcast.
   Jordan Chin

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM
Rewards outstanding journalism in the areas of science and the environment.
   Madison Beal
DIVERSITY IN JOURNALISM AWARD
Honors students who have excelled in one or more of the following areas: reported exceptionally on underrepresented communities, advanced scholarship about underrepresented communities or performed extensive outreach to expand knowledge about diverse communities.

Wenei Philimon
Paula Diaz Soet

SCHOOL MEDIA
Rewards outstanding work performed in The Tombstone Epitaph, El Independiente, Arizona Cat’s Eye or Arizona Sonora News.

Aziz Esmael
Capri Fain

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.

Fall 2021
First – Allison Burgess
Second – Anna Maynard
Third – Gracie Lordi

Spring 2022
First – Teressa Enriquez
Second – Payton Rutkowski
Third – Gracie Sleeman

MARK FINLEY GOLD PEN
Named for a UA graduate and journalist who was an assistant to the publisher of Hearst’s Boston newspaper. Rewards the best beginning news writers in the program through a twice-annual competition among selected Jour 205 students.

Fall 2021
First – Ana Teresa Espinoza
Second – Vic Verbalaitis
Third – Sohi Kang

Spring 2022
First – Erika Howlett
Second – Ainsley Thomas
Third – Paige Johnson
CERTIFICATES OF MERIT
Rewards undergraduates or graduate students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom

Asher Bookspan
Allison Burgess
Taylor Curry
Jane Florance
Autumn Froitland
Sohi Kang
Vanessa Lucero
Jelena Lukic
Katya Mendoza
Theresa Palmquist
Ryan Potts
Jacob Mennuti
Vic Verbalaitis

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.

Paige Balota
Sam Burdette
Capri Fain
Ryan Potts

HUGH AND JAN HARELSON EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD
Rewards an instructor (faculty or adjunct) who exemplifies the highest quality of teaching, based on nominations from students.

Shannon Conner

CAROL AND CECIL SCHWALBE STAFF AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE
Recognizes a staff member who has performed his or her job meritoriously during the past year.

Michael Chesnick

HEARST JOURNALISM AWARDS PROGRAM
2021-2022 Writing Contest — Personality/Profile — third place nationally: “Creating community through the power of food”

Elvia Verdugo
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.

   Catherine Hill

EDITH AUSLANDER SCHOLARSHIP
Funded by an anonymous donor and named for a UA journalism graduate and former faculty member who is in the school’s and NAHJ Hall of Fames.

   Ella McCarville

JOHN R. BARNETT SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the late UA alum, Daily Wildcat reporter and Wall Street Journal editor. The award honors a top performer in school media.

   Capri Fain
   Diana Ramos

JOHN G. CARLTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a longtime journalism teacher at Tucson’s Catalina High School who helped launch the careers of hundreds of journalists, including many UA alums.

   Ella McCarville

CONCERNED MEDIA PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP
Selected by a group of Tucson media professionals to promote diversity in newsrooms.

   Emma Brocato
   Dani Cazares
   Catherine Hill
   Isabela Gamez
   Mar Ruiz Barraza

COSULICH SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the late UA alum, Daily Wildcat reporter and Wall Street Journal editor. The award honors a top performer in school media.

   Theresa Palmquist
D.C. “DARN CAT” SCHOLARSHIP
Named for UA journalism grads Mildred and Gordon Gordon, a couple who wrote 20 novels, including one made into the Disney movie “That Darn Cat.”

Bryan Savic

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.

Tatyana Johnson

RICHARD GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a UA journalism graduate and the former publisher of The Boston Globe.

Dani Cazares

HANK HUBBARD SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a longtime TV news journalist and intended for students interested in broadcast or investigative journalism.

Theresa Palmquist

PEGGY DAUM JUDGE SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a UA journalism graduate who was the longtime food editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Megan Ewing

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.

Mar Ruiz Barraza

JT Thorpe

SARA AND HAROLD LOVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Named for two tireless supporters of the Tombstone community and assists students working on school media.

Frida Gomez
DOUGLAS D. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the author, Pulitzer Prize winner and founder of the UA journalism program.

Devin Lagarde

NANCY & BOB MAYNARD DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
Honors the late pioneering African American journalists Robert C. Maynard and his wife, Nancy Hicks Maynard, who had close ties to the UA School of Journalism through the Editing Program for Minority Journalists, which was held at the university for 20 years.

Devin Lagarde

WILLIAM MILBURN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Benefiting students with above average scholastic standing.

Devin Lagarde

NATAS ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOUTHWEST CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP
Recognizes students majoring in journalism with a broadcast emphasis.

Devin Lagarde

LOIS R. NELSON
Supports upper-division female students with financial need, a record of academic achievement and commitment to nonfiction writing, editing or journalism.

Ella McCarville

ODD ENVIRONMENTAL & MULTIMEDIA SCHOLARSHIP
The Olesen Davis de Dios (ODD) scholarship recognizes the efforts of Director Carol Schwalbe in creating and building out the science journalism program. Given to a student interested in science reporting using longform multimedia storytelling.

Emma Brocato

JON RUBY SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the longtime vice president and general manager at Tucson’s KVOA-TV.

Devin Lagarde
STEPHANIE C. SAMOY SCHOLARSHIP
Benefits a student in need in honor of retired Prof. Edith Sayre Auslander.
   Isabela Gamez
   Vanessa Lucero

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS SCHOLARSHIP
Funded by the organization dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press.
   JT Thorpe

FRANK O. SOTOMAYOR SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a UA journalism graduate and editor at the Los Angeles Times to benefit a student who believes in public service journalism. Benefits a student who attended the Donald W. Carson Diversity Workshop for Arizona High School Students.
   Vanessa Lucero

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