



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
School of Journalism

56TH ANNUAL

*Student
Awards
Celebration*

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SPRING 2022 B.A. CANDIDATES

Balota, Paige Elizabeth

Barron, Isabella Maria

Betz, Amanda Marie

Beveridge, Madison Hungerford

Bookspan, Asher Alexander

Bryan, Olivia B.

Clement, Margaux Andree

Curry, Taylor Raymond

Dyer, Johnny Alan

Epstein, Haley Elizabeth

Faigus, Jake Michael

Flood, Emma C

Flores, Sophia Ariel

Froitland, Autumn R.

Jacques, Brendan

Janos, AJ Jeffrey

Jobson, Cameron Elizabeth

Koslow, Ari

Kosoc, Abbie Amanda

Lala, CJ Michael

Leonard, Maxwell

Lex, David Benjamin

Lu, Jinqi

McCaslin, Johnny Douglas

McCormick, Madison Mae

McVeigh, Quinn Alexander

Mennuti, Jacob Christopher

Nelson, Bellah

Peterson, Emma Hames

Pirola, Chris

Potts, Ryan Scott

Reyna, Arianna I.

Rivera, Jenna Nicole

Russell, Chloe Georgia

Sciortino, Alaina Michelle

Smith, Jenna Marie

Stenchever, Delaina Mae

Strano, Julianna Michell

Wales, Austin John

Yares, Karl O.

SUMMER 2022 B.A. CANDIDATES

Adan, Elise Marie

Alvarado, Christian Alexander

Arias, Lizette

Dominguez, Katie Elise

Fain, Capri Arden

Gillman, Sam Parker

Gomez, Frida Sophia

Martinez, Alexzandria Dolores

Recupero, Caroline Rose

Savic, Bryan

Sternad, Justin Anthony

Vilasevic, Adin

SPRING 2022 M.A. CANDIDATES

MASTER'S THESES / 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

McClellan, 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 Joyahnnah

Moore, Russell Beresford

Phan, Mekayla Mac

FALL 2021 M.A. GRADUATES

MASTER'S THESES / PROJECTS

RANDA SAMIH ABDU

“Citizens of Two Worlds: Identity Issues among First-Generation Arab-Americans in Tucson”

MANDY LOADER

“The Human Side of Migration Policy: How U.S. Policies Impact Guatemalan Asylum Seekers at the U.S.-Mexico Border.”

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 McCarville

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 – Teresa 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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