School of Journalism
49th Annual
Student Awards Celebration
May 14, 2015
2014-2015 Graduates

Fall 2014

Reham A. Alawadhi
Shekhah M. Al Dosary*
Courtney R. Avon
Zachary J. Baker
Connie E. Coles
Lucas M. Della
Gabriela C. Diaz
Alison R. Dorf
Akram Kateregga
Harrison B. Leff
Kyle M. Mittan
Nicholas R. Nollenberger
Mark A. Rodriguez
Madeline L. Ruth

Caitlin C. Schmidt
Jessica K. Schrecker
Mary S. Simpson
Maddison M. Sinclair
Brian C. Valencia
Cole M. Malham

Spring 2015

Jacquelyn C. Abad*
Alexandra M. Aguilera
Alexandra P. Aldrete
Jordan R. Allison
Cecilia L. Alvarez
Mark J. Armao
Yara B. Askar
Molly E. Baker
Michael L. Beckwith
Crystal Bedoya
Kathryn G. Berge
Katie A. Bickell

Sterling A. Blum
Whitney M. Burgoyne
Danielle Carpenter
Jacob D. Cavanah
Razanne Chatila
Rachel E. Cohen
Nicole M. Cousins
Amanda M. Crandall-Correll
Leah E. Cresswell
Joseph A. D'Andre
Daniel R. Desrochers
Claudia M. Eastwood
Shahrazad M. Encinias*

*Denotes M.A. candidates
Spring 2015 (cont.)

Gareth L. Farrell
Gabrielle R. Ferreira
Joey N. Fisher
Ryan C. Foley
Sarah J. France
McKinzie N. Frisbie
Malcolm Fuller
Katelyn Galante
Fernando A. Galvan III
Kianna C. Gardner
Natalie A. Grum
Noelle R. Haro-Gomez
Spencer K. Higgins
Amy M. Johnson
Yoohyun Jung
Michaela Kane
James D. Kelley
Margaret M. Kessler
Eric W. Klump
Kimberly C. Kolliner
Rachel D. Leinson
Alexyz Liggins
Shannon M. Lilly
Tania S. Mashkoory
Tyler J. McDowell-Blanken
Thomas P. McGinnis
Megan Mohler
Alexis B. Montano
Jacquelyn C. Montano
Micah B. Montiel
Jade Nunes
Jaime L. Odom
Linda B. Padilla
Daniel Passovoy
Nicolina M. Patin

Roberto M. Payne
Joseph E. Putrelo
Rosie E. de Queljoe
Christopher D. Real
Holly M. Regan
Ryan J. Reyes
Christa E. Reynolds*
Juliana Romeo
Stephanie M. Romero
Catherine J. Rosenberg*
Liza E. Rubin
Kayla S. Samoy
 Briana A. Sanchez
Natalie J. Sanchez
Rebecca Sasnett
Erin E. Shanahan
Kaleigh R. Shufeldt
Brittney N. Smith
Rebekah R. Syler
Amer A. Taleb
Larissa Teran
Brittany D. Theodora
Nicole Thill
Kelsi A. Thorud
Desiree Y. Valenzuela
Daniela Vizcarra
Torsten N. Ward
Kalli R. Wolf
Casey A. Woollard
Megan A. Zamiska

*Denotes M.A. candidates
Summer 2015

Angeline A. Carbajal
Amanda M. Crandall-Correll
Alan S. Davis
Allie S. Gilliland
Brianna M. Holm
Emily A. Kirschenheuter
Thomas P. McGinnis
Chelsee A. Moe
Ann Posegate*
Justin Sayers*

*Denotes M.A. candidates

Master’s Theses/Projects

Jacquelyn C. Abad “We Are Hir: Transgender Community in Arizona”
Expected completion: May 2015

Shahrazad M. Encinias “Freedom of expression in Guatemala”
Expected completion: May 2015

Expected completion: August 2015

Christa E. Reynolds “Illegal Children’: Metaphors and Terminology Used in Newspaper Coverage of Central American Minors during summer 2014”
Expected completion: May 2015

Catherine J. Rosenberg “Home Bittersweet Home: Restoring Species to Their Historical Habitat”
Expected completion: May 2015

Justin Sayers “The Effects of Twitter on Journalism: Tool or Weapon?”
Expected completion: Summer 2015
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.*

Michael Hernandez  
Amber White

**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.*

Amanda Martinez

**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.*

Gareth Farrell  
Liza Rubin

**Concerned Media Professionals Scholarship**  
*Selected by a group of Tucson media professionals to promote diversity in newsrooms.*

Paloma Haro  
Alexa Portillo  
Kassandra Manriquez  
Jacob Tellez  
Maxie Ruan
Bernice Cosulich Scholarship
Named for the former Arizona Daily Star feature writer, political reporter and expert on Arizona history.
Corina Gallardo
Anna Ludlum

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.
Alex Devoid
Hannah Gaber
Jessie Webster

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.
Jennifer Hijazi

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

Hank Hubbard Scholarship
Named for a longtime TV news journalist and intended for students interested in broadcast or investigative journalism.
Seth Pines
Peggy Daum Judge Scholarship

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

Taylor Brestel
Karen Schaffner
Jessie Webster

Sara and Harold Love Scholarship

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

Daniel Desrochers
Gabrielle Ferriera

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.

Julian Cronen
Ethan McSweeney

Douglas D. Martin Scholarship

Named for the author, Pulitzer Prize winner and founder of the UA journalism program.

Brittan Bates
Emily Lai

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.

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

Mark Flores  
Sydney Richardson

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

Amanda Martinez

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

Maxie Ruan

**Lois Whisler Scholarship**  
*Benefits students with financial need and an excellent grades.*

Kassandra Manriquez
Awards

Certificates of Merit
Rewards students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom.

Yara Askar
Skyler Brandt
Kimberly Cain
Angelina Carbajal
Elizabeth Eaton
Hannah Gaber
Emily Gauci
Sydney Haliburton
Shannon Higgins
Spencer Higgins
Jennifer Hijazi
Kethia Kong
Emily Lai
Rachel Leinson

Anna Ludlum
Kathryn Mailliard
Kassandra Manriquez
Ashley McGowan
Cali Nash
Jade Nunes
Hannah Palaniuk
Rosie de Queljoe
Christa Reynolds
Liza Rubin
Justin Sayers
Karen Schaffner
Julianne Stanford
Nicole Thill

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 2014
First – Jordan Fowler
Second – Maxie Ruan
Third – No third place was given.

Spring 2015
First – Brandi Walker
Second – Brandon James
Third – Alyssa Schlitzer

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.
Gabrielle Ferreira
Anna Ludlum
Kassandra Manriquez
Megan Mohler
Catherine Rosenberg
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.

Megan Canterbury
Natalie Grum
Juliana Romeo
Natalie Sanchez
Amer Taleb

Leadership and Service
Rewards students who have made special contributions to the program through their work outside of class.

Kassandra Manriquez
Juliana Romeo
Kayla Samoy
Briana Sanchez

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.

Silvia Sanchez

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

Reham Alawadhi
Mark Armao
Gabrielle Ferreira
Ethan McSweeney
Kyle Mittan
Kaleigh Shufeldt
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.

Joseph Putrelo

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.

Joey Fisher
Nicole Thill

Excellence in Design
Rewards excellent design in any platform.

Joey Fisher

Excellence in Multimedia Journalism
Rewards outstanding visual journalism.

Kyle Mittan

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

Kimberly Kolliner

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

Arizona Sonora News
Daniel Passovoy (fall 2014)
Gareth Farrell (spring 2015)

Cat’s Eye
Jessica Schrecker (fall 2014)
Kelsi Thorud (spring 2015)
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.”

Rebecca Sasnett

Jack Sheaffer – 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.

Noelle Haro-Gomez

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 2014
First – Ashley Summerset
Second – Skyler Brandt
Third – Kristine Bruun-Andersen

Spring 2015
First – Baraha Elkhalil
Second – Jordan Glenn
Third – Joshua Rojas

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

Ann Posegate

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

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

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.
Ethan McSweeney

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.
Kayla Samoy

Outstanding Graduate Student
Rewards the top master’s student.
Catherine Rosenberg

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

Hugh and Jan Harelson Excellence in Teaching Award
Nancy Sharkey

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.
Daniel Desrochers
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