54th Annual Student Awards Celebration

May 13, 2020
SPRING 2020 GRADUATES

Acosta, Jessica Alejandra
Adrian, Kasey Suzanne
Anderson, Cole Matthew
Ariate-Jover, Victoria Ariana
Auclair, Noah Tyler
Baier, Raquel R.
Balmaceda, Mikayla
Baricevic, Monica Claire
Cancio, Aida Underwood
Cantor, Alyssa
Cardenas, Vianney Elizabeth
Conger Jr., David Wesley
Cooper, Jack William
Crisara, Matthew Philip
Cropper, Dani Elizabeth
Crowdus, Zoe Ellen
DeCarlo, Michelle (Mish)
Diaz, Ray Alexander
Edelstein, Devyn Sahara
Erickson, Megan Maryann
Ford, Adrian Allen
Fredde, Ashley J.
Gambee, Hayden Rae
Gleason, Nicole Angela
Gray, Javaughn Alik Edward
Haliburton, Brooke Ashley
Hanna, Chad David
Hart, Catherine Marie
Henderson, Jessica Lynne
Hughes, Savannah Taylor
Humston, Elizabeth Kathleen
Hurd, Elisabeth Bracken
Jaeger, Katelin Rose
Jaramillo, Lee Cameron
Kallin, Allison
Keymer, Julia Rose
Lazarus, Zachary Scott
Ledford, Olivia Claire
Litto, Carla Rose
Markowski, Seth Christian
Martinez, Nathan Robert
McCaslin, John Douglas
McIntyre, Katelyn Shea
Pere, Alexandra Sharon
Pierce, Justina Richard
Quinlan, Elizabeth Juliet
Rice, Jon S.
Rich, Heather Elaine
Riley, Griffin
Roberts, Zoe Etoile
Rodriguez-Elliott, Heaven
Roye, Gabrielle Elizabeth
Schanafelt, Olivia Nicole
Seeloff, Kacey Layne
Stevenson, Ireland Jewel
Tsukada, Nagisa
Urcadez, Maury
Viceconte, Madeleine Elizabeth
Vizcarra, Christopher Lionel
Wallerstedt, Logan Margaret
Wesbrooks, Camila Patricia
White, Alec
Wilfong, Briannon Maria
Yardley, Owen Michael
SPRING 2020
MASTER’S THESSES / PROJECTS

MATT BROCKMAN
“Leveraging Predictive Power to Estimate Intermedia Agenda Setting”

KATELYN CALDWELL

SASCHA FRUEHAUF
“In the Face of Globalization: Exploring Taiwan’s Cram Schools and Endangered Indigenous Languages”

DOMINIKA HEUSINKVELD
“Flying Car: Why Personal Flying Vehicles Never Took Off”

ALISA IVANITSKAYA
“Food and the Desert: Fighting Food Insecurity in Arizona”

NINA KOLODIJ
“Speaking Science-ese: Understanding the Science of Science Communication”

MEREDITH O’NEIL
“A Handful of Spice: A Podcast That Looks at Belonging and Nostalgia Through Food”

TONY PERKINS

JUSTIN WYLIE
“Just a Kid and a Ball”
FALL 2019
MASTER’S THERSES / PROJECTS

ANGELO LAVO
“Entrepreneurial and Hyperlocal Journalism: For Increased Government Accountability and an Informed Low-Income Community”

ANN POSEGATE
“Journey Toward Balance: How Science, Spirituality and Support Got Me Through Years of Having a Vestibular Condition”

ALEXIS RICHARDSON
“Thank You for Your Service: A Look Inside the Life of a Military Child”

JUSTIN SAYERS
“Redistricting Arizona in 2020: Could an Increasingly Politically Diverse Arizona Remain a Republican Stronghold?”

LAUREN TRENCH
“Ironwood Forest National Monument”

SUMMER 2020 GRADUATES
Ash, Janelle Kyla
Dillow, Cole Benjamin
Hartzell, Alexis Renee
Muigai, Emma Wanjiru
Nair, Aditi
Ryan, Marissa Lynn

FALL 2019 GRADUATES
Berto, Katelyn
Bramwell, Phillip
Gleeson, Taylor
Hartmann, Loring Taylor
Huang, Tianjiao
Lawson, Mark
Linn, Leia
Lomax, Ahmaad
McDowell, Maya
Norin, Andrew
Quiroz, Juan
Skinner, David
Stansbury, Adeline
Tarquinio, Shayne
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.
Vanessa Ontiveros

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.
Rocky Baier

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.
Tommie Huffman

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT
Rewards the top master’s student.
Dominika Heusinkveld

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

ALEX PARKER – REPORTING
Named for the longtime copy editor at the Arizona Daily Star and rewards strong, tenacious reporting.
Jamie Donnelly
Sasha Hartzell
Alana Minkler

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.
Samantha Burdette
Jackson Peters
Blake Gephart
Alec White
LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE
Rewards students who have made special contributions to the program through their work outside of class.

Pascal Albright  Clara Migoya
Sascha Fruehauf  Meredith O’Neil

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.

Nina Kolodij

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH
Rewards outstanding research conducted by an undergraduate, a graduate student or an honors student.

Katelyn Caldwell
Laura Fuchs

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.

Justin Pierce

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.

Pascal Albright

MULTIMEDIA AWARD
Rewards outstanding visual journalism.

Alisa Ivanitskaya
Nick Smallwood
INNOVATION AWARD
Recognizes students who have devised innovative approaches to journalism studies research and general storytelling.
   Matt Brockman

EXCELLENCE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM
Rewards a body of work produced for broadcast.
   Brody Dryden
   Alec White

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM
Rewards outstanding journalism in the areas of science and the environment.
   Brittany Uhlorn

DIVERSITY IN REPORTING 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.
   Clara Migoya

SCHOOL MEDIA
Rewards outstanding work performed in The Tombstone Epitaph, El Independiente, Arizona Cat’s Eye or Arizona Sonora News.
   Laura Fuchs    Nick Trujillo
   Elizabeth Humston    Alec White
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 2019**
- First – Jacqueline Canett
- Second – Sunday Holland
- Third – Nathan McComb

**Spring 2020**
- First – Marison Bilagody
- Second – Madison McCormick
- Third – Mackenzie Payton

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 2019**
- First – Denali Keefe
- Second – Sunday Holland
- Third – Jake Toole

**Spring 2020**
- First – Marison Bilagody
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CERTIFICATES OF MERIT
Rewards students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom.

- Vianney Cardenas
- Dani Cropper
- Amaris Encinas
- Adrian Ford
- Alyssa Grabinski
- Savannah Huls
- Betty Hurd
- Rebeca Moreno
- James Parisi
- Anika Pasilis
- August Pearson
- Jon Rice
- Griffin Riley
- Kacey Seeloff
- Jesse Tellez
- Nick Trujillo
- Maury Urca dez
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.

Yasmin Acosta
Dani Cropper
Amaris Encinas
Gloria Gomez
Tommie Huffman
Betty Hurd
Ciara Jean
Nina Kolodij
Mandy Loader
Donald Merson

Clara Migoya
Rebeca Moreno
August Pearson
Alexandra Pere
Griffin Riley
Kacey Seeloff
Nicholas Smallwood
Maury Urcadez
Elvia Verdugo

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.

Susan E. Swanberg

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.

Kristine Hogeboom
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.

Jesse Tellez

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.

Nick Trujillo

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.

Vanessa Ontiveros

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

Yasmin Acosta
Tommie Huffman

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.

Pei-Yu Lin
Nick Trujillo

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.

Anika Pasilis
RICHARD GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a UA journalism graduate and the former publisher of The Boston Globe.
   Gloria Gomez
   Alana Minkler

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

PEGGY DAUM JUDGE SCHOLARSHIP
Named for a UA journalism graduate who was the longtime food editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.
   Jamie Donnelly
   Pei-Yu Lin

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.
   Sunday Holland
   Mandy Loader

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

DOUGLAS D. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the author, Pulitzer Prize winner and founder of the UA journalism program.
   Yasmin Acosta
   Sunday Holland

WILLIAM MILBURN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Benefiting students with above average scholastic standing.
   Yasmin Acosta
SANDRA ANN KELLY RAMIREZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Named for the wife of a UA journalism graduate who understood the importance of a free press. Benefits indigenous students with good academic standing preparing for a career in news media.
   Alana Minkler

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

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS SCHOLARSHIP
Funded by the organization dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press.
   Jamie Donnelly
   Bryan Savic

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.
   Nick Trujillo

LOIS WHISLER SCHOLARSHIP
Benefits students with financial need and excellent grades.
   Anika Pasilis

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