



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

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*Student
Awards
Celebration*

May 13, 2021

SPRING 2021 GRADUATES

Aguirre, Luis Alfonso

Al Qattan, Hayat Abma

Alqattan, Fatemah Adel

Anderson, Bradley Domenic

Anderson, Trenton Michael

Burdette, Samantha Leigh

Camacho, Andrew Joseph

Camacho, Felizardo

Canett, Jacqueline

Chavez, Jordyn Patricia

Danigelis, Nicole Marie

DiDomenico, Amber

Donnelly, Jamie Risa

Dryden, Brody

Elich Castillo, Mickaela

Erro, Jessica Joelle

Esmael, Aziz

Fairall, Damon Blake

Gephart, Blake Bradford

Gonzalez, Angel

Grabinski, Alyssa Rose

Green, Ian Michael

Hall, Brianna Rose

Harrod, Gabriela Rose

Hill, Isabella Nelson

Holman, Riley Ann

Horse, Alexandra Nicole

Horyczun, Kelly Rose

Hubble, Kenan Thomas

Huhta, Madelyn Reece

Jandu, Priya

Jean, Ciara Lynn

Jones, Sydney Marie

Jurgens, Jack Conner

Klein, Joseph Landauer

Litwin, Seth Robert

Lorene, Tommie

Marlatt, Kirsta Marie

Minkler, Alana Nahglabah

Moraga Franco, Sofia Esther

Moreno, Harrison William-McKay

Ontiveros, Vanessa Marie

Pasilis, Anika

Pesavento, Tyler James

Peters, Jackson Ryan

Ramsey, John Carey

Richards, Sara Marie

Rios, Ericka Christina

Rowe, Lauren Elizabeth

Salgado, Lauren Suzette

Seversen, Laura Marlow

Sinek, Quincy McClellan

Smith, Charles Preston Remar

Sneath, Shannon Renee

Sued, Ariday Marie

Sweet-Tomb, Mitchell Ethan

Toole, Jake

Uriarte, Karla

Waller, Rachel Austin

Wells, Sophia Eleanor

White, Marquies Jaquan

SUMMER 2021 GRADUATES

Abbas, Eissa

Holland, Sunday Joyahnnah

Payton, Mackenzie Anne

Phan, Mekayla Mae

FALL 2020 GRADUATES

Contreras, Bivian

Flores, Julianna Elizabeth

Ford, Elainna Isabelle

Garcia, Rosa Dalia

Hartzell, Alexis Renee

Huls, Savannah Victoria

Leone, Frances Grace

Maxwell, Payton Taylor

Minder, Gregory Joseph

Moreno, Rebeca

Parisi, James Nickalji

Pearson, August Victoria

Roderick, Manuel Mickael Kutter

Tellez, Jesse Robert

Torress-Cook, Renee Catherine

Trujillo, Nicole

Tucci, Nicholas Paul

Villegas, Caleb

Williamson, Trevor Michael

Yanez, Kristopher Wayne

Young-Miller, Daniel Max

FALL 2020

MASTER'S THESES / PROJECTS

SAMANTHA BISHOP

“Heroines: Stories of Tucson Female Entrepreneurs”

ANNA MAE LUDLUM

“Standing in the Gap: The Cultural Barrier for Evangelicals Inside Academia and the Church”

NICK SMALLWOOD

“Saving the Last of the Mount Graham Red Squirrels”

SPRING 2021 MASTER'S THESES / PROJECTS

PEIYU LIN

“Hong Kong International Front 2020: How Overseas Hong Kongers Continue the Pro-Democracy Movement in Taiwan and the U.S.”

CLARA MIGOYA

“Dark-Sky Advocacy in Southern Arizona: From Astronomy to Citizen Action”

ALEXANDRA PERE

“The Psychedelic Renaissance: A Podcast Series by Alexandra Pere”

TAYDE ANA SOFIA REVILAK FONSECA

“¿Quiénes Son?: A Critical Discourse Analysis of Media Coverage of the 2018 Central American Migrant Caravans by U.S. and Mexican News Media Outlets”

CONOR VILLINES

“Framing Mineral King: Media, Development and Conservation, 1965-1978”

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.

Sam Burdette

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.

Diana Ramos

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT

Rewards the top master's student.

Clara Migoya

KATHRYN ANNE GOVERNAL – PERSEVERANCE

Named for a UA graduate and given to a student who has persevered in the face of difficult challenges.

Tommie Lorene

ALEX PARKER – REPORTING

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

Sunday Holland

Quinn McVeigh

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.

Yasmin Acosta

Brody Dryden

Sebastian Janik

Mandy Loader

Jackson Peters

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

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

Pascal Albright

Mandy Loader

ABE CHANIN – EXCELLENCE IN SPORTS REPORTING

Named for the longtime journalism faculty member and sports editor of the Arizona Daily Star and rewards outstanding sports journalism.

Sebastian Janik

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.

Sam Burdette

EXCELLENCE IN MULTIMEDIA AWARD

Rewards outstanding visual journalism.

Alexandra Pere

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.”

Lexi Horsey

Lauren Salgado

EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISM

Rewards contributions to border reporting or the overseas work of a student.

Peiyu Lin

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.

Tommie Lorene

INNOVATION AWARD

Recognizes students who have devised innovative approaches to journalism studies research and general storytelling.

Pascal Albright

Don E. Merson

Sam Burdette

Alexandra Pere

EXCELLENCE IN BROADCAST JOURNALISM

Rewards a body of work produced for broadcast.

Brody Dryden

EXCELLENCE IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM

Rewards outstanding journalism in the areas of science and the environment.

Madison Beal

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION 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.

Jesse Tellez

EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

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

Sofia Revilak

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 2020

First – Tanya Ence
Second – Jessica Hunter
Third – Caitlin Claypool

Spring 2021

First – Kate Ewing
Second – Sophia Heemsbergen
Third – Sohi Kang

MARK FINLEY GOLD PEN BEST BEGINNING NEWS WRITERS

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.

Spring 2020

First – Capri Fain
Second – Grant Hoover
Third – Sara Davis
Hon. Mention –
Gloria Gomez
Bryan Savic

Fall 2020

First – Jane Florance
Second – Jake Higginson
Third – Noah Cullen
Hon. Mention –
Sebastian Leyva

Spring 2021

First – Katie Thuemling
Second – JT Thorpe
Third – Maggie Rockwell
Payton Toomey

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Rewards students who distinguish themselves inside and outside the classroom.

Fatemah al-Qattan
Paige Balota
Amanda Betz
Jamie Donnelly
Amaris Encinas
Emily Fuchs
Blake Gephart
Frida Gomez
Gabriela Harrod
Riley Holman
Sydney Jones
Kat Kennedy

Ella McCarville
Jacob Mennuti
Sofia Moraga
Harrison Moreno
Bellah Nelson
Theresa Palmquist
Ryan Potts
Rebecca Thompson
Lisa Urban
Elvia Verdugo
Conor Villines
Marquies White

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.

Madison Beal

Julia Blumberg

Hannah Cree

Jamie Donnelly

Megan Ewing

Autumn Froitland

Emily Fuchs

Alyssa Grabinski

Sunday Holland

Priya Jandu

Sebastian Janik

Bennito Kelty

Jelena Lukic

Quinn McVeigh

Giorgia Menetre

Bellah Nelson

Vanessa Ontiveros

Wenei Philimon

Diana Ramos

Katie West

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.

Fred Brock

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.

Debbie Cross

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.

Yasmin Acosta

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.

Yasmin Acosta

Madison Beal

Jillian Bartsch

Katya Mendoza

MINNETTE DORIS BURGES SCHOLARSHIP

In memory of UA journalism alumnus and fearless past editor of the Arizona Wildcat, Minnette "Toby" Burges. Recognizes a female journalism graduate student investigating issues from the border with Mexico into Central America.

Mandy Loader

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.

Pascal Albright

Sam Cibulka

JT Thorpe

CONCERNED MEDIA PROFESSIONALS SCHOLARSHIP

Selected by a group of Tucson media professionals to promote diversity in newsrooms.

Christian Alvarado

Noah Cullen

Katya Mendoza

COSULICH SCHOLARSHIP

Named for the former Arizona Daily Star feature writer, political reporter and expert on Arizona history.

Karin Arlene Canedo Moreno

Julianna Strano

Payton Toomey

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.

Brendan Jacques

Denise Meeks

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.

Mar Erisnelida Ruiz

RICHARD GILMAN SCHOLARSHIP

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

JT Thorpe

HANK HUBBARD SCHOLARSHIP

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

Madison Beal

PEGGY DAUM JUDGE SCHOLARSHIP

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

Jillian Bartsch

Amaris Encinas

RUTH A. & DONOVAN M. KRAMER SR. 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.

Adrian Encinas

Kerigan Greeson

Sunday Holland

SARA AND HAROLD LOVE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Named for two tireless supporters of the Tombstone community and assists students working on school media.

Yasmin Acosta

DOUGLAS D. MARTIN SCHOLARSHIP

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

Julianna Strano

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

Benefits students with above average scholastic standing.

Madison Beal

NATAS ROCKY MOUNTAIN SOUTHWEST CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Recognizes students majoring in journalism with a broadcast emphasis.

Bryan Savic

Devin Legarde

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.

Jordan Chin

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.

Kynzie Watahomigie

JON RUBY SCHOLARSHIP

Named for the longtime vice president and general manager at Tucson's KVOA-TV.

Jordan Chin

SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS SCHOLARSHIP

Funded by the organization dedicated to the perpetuation of a free press.

Christian Alvarado

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 enrolled in the Bilingual Journalism master's program.

Mar Erisnelida Ruiz

JANE SWICEGOOD STUDENT EXPLORATION GRANT

Named for a UA graduate and given to aspiring journalists to broaden the scope of their professional portfolio.

Alisa Ivanitskaya

Meredith O'Neil

Sofia Moraga

LOIS WHISLER SCHOLARSHIP

Benefits students with financial need and excellent grades.

Pascal Albright

Amaris Encinas

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