

Best Podcast

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Justin Mitchell and Amanda McCoy

"Out Here in America"

Second Place

KEDM-FM, Monroe

Kelby Ouchley, Josh Madden and

Ashish Dev

"Bayou-Diversity"

Insightful, in-depth and informative look at the LGBTQ community in the Deep South.

Louisiana Newsperson of the Year

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Tristan Baurick

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

Juliana Mazza

Mississippi Newsperson of the Year

The Meridian Star

Whitney Downard

First Amendment Award of Excellence

(Lake Charles) American Press

"Industrial Tax Exemptions"

A great example of digging deeper and telling the "whole truth." Outstanding work.

Louisiana-Mississippi APBME Hall of Fame (Broadcast)

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Avis Landry

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Sally-Ann Roberts

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Mike Evans

WTOK-TV, Meridian

Lindsey Hall

DIVISION III:**Multimedia Package***First Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Richard Webster, Jonathan Bullington
and Katherine Sayre

"A Fragile State: Louisiana's Broken
Mental Health Care"

Demonstrates commitment for bringing positive change to vulnerable citizens. The organization, superb photojournalism, invitation to share stories, interactive graphics and solutions-based journalism make this a clear winner.

*Second Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Jonathan Bullington, Richard Webster
and Haley Correll

"The Children of Central City: The
Devastating Effects of Exposure to
Violence on Children"

Video*First Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Aaron Fisher

"Preston's Gone"

Amazing, powerful, shocking look through the eyes of a family who has suffered a tremendous loss. The ending was so moving and sad it brought tears to my eyes. Technically impressive.

*Second Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Frankie Prijatel

"Commander's Palace: Restaurant of
the Year for 2018"

Beautiful, fun, historic, touching, top notch quality. I felt that I could almost taste and smell the amazing food.

Features

First Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Katherine Sayre

"Fighting for Kevin: A Father Struggles to Keep his Son Alive in Louisiana's Mental Health Care System"

A heartbreaking story, well written and good narrative structure.

Second Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Keith Spera

"Profile of Blaine Kern"

Great story. A fascinating profile of a man that also chronicles a slice of Mardi Gras history. A fun read.

Breaking News Photography

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Mathew Hinton

"Mass Shooting"

This image delivers an emotional power that stand above. The viewer instantly knows that these women are facing something they cannot comprehend.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

David Grunfeld

"Heartbreak in Treme Double Killing"

Comfort in a time of heartbreak. The emotion and the stark surroundings of this photograph are powerful.

General News Photography

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Max Becherer

"Grieving Widow"

He beautifully captured the grief and strength of a widow during this heartbreaking moment.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

David Grunfeld

"D-Day Commemoration"

He took what could have been a routine assignment and made it special by capturing the wonderful expression on this military man's face.

Feature Photography

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Sophie Germer

"Barkus Queen"

Captures a perfect moment in time.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Michael DeMocker

"Aretha Franklin Second-Line"

Great composition.

Multi-Photo

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Matthew Hinton

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Brett Duke

"An Army Vet in Crisis. A Family Calls for Help. What Happened Next, Shouldn't Have."

Matthew Hinton reveals the faces of emotional suffering that invite compassion and sympathy from the hearts of viewers.

The essence of this visual narrative is deftly portrayed through Brett Duke's sensitivity to this victim's family.

Portrait/Personality Photography

First Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Brett Duke

"From Foster Care to Homeless Shelter to Prison"

Second Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Sophie Germer

"Femme Fatales"

This is a beautifully composed shot. The subject's sadness, hurt and vulnerability are palpable. It draws the viewer to want to know more.

She's as powerful as the barracuda, and proud of herself. The perspective and composition make the viewer look.

Sports Feature Photography

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Travis Spradling

"Celebration"

A moment of jubilation caught in perfect synchronicity. A striking image.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Michael DeMocker

"Saints Fan Helps Giants Fan"

Illuminates a touching example of putting aside rooting interests for something more rooted in humanity.

Sports Action Photography

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Scott Threlkeld

"High Score"

Sharp focus and perfect anticipatory action really make you want to see the rest of this play.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Brett Duke

"LSU Tigers Quarterback Goes Down"

The unusual positioning caught at precisely the right moment and its use with the material in the supplemental information was perfect.

Breaking Sports

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

"Wayde Sims"

The gravity of the event, and the completeness of the storytelling set this entry apart from its tough competition.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Jeff Duncan, Chris Dabe and

Katherine Sayre

"The Death of Saints Owner Tom

Benson"

The death of a Louisiana icon was covered from every angle, with strong perspective and no sugar-coating.

Sports Enterprise/Feature

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Luke Johnson

"The Smile Hunters *** Amid
Leukemia Diagnosis, BR Family Finds
Light with Help from LSU's Smith"

A powerful story enhanced by the ability to get the interview subjects to share their deeply personal thoughts. Well-written and compelling.

Second Place

(Jackson) Clarion Ledger

Wilson Alexander

"Out of the Darkness: How Nathan
Pickering Overcame Suicidal
Thoughts, Substance Abuse"

A story that grabs you with a compelling lead and shows the ability to get to the heart of the story and write it well.

Personal Columns

First Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Jarvis DeBerry

Simply amazing stories, colorful writing, powerful use of words; you feel like you're experiencing the circumstances with the people.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Haley Correll

"Raising a Toddler in New Orleans"

Very relatable, readable column, the writer brings warmth and wisdom to each subject.

Editorials

First Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Danny Heitman

"10-2 Juries"

An important issue. Demonstrates the negative impact on minority communities and persuasively argues why it must change.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Terri Troncale

"Abusers Finally Will Have to Give Up
Their Guns"

Clearly explains the problem and the solution that could help save lives.

Headlines*First Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

James Karst

*Second Place***The (Baton Rouge) Advocate**

Cassandra Brown

Inspired, edgy headlines, especially EXPLETIVE. EXPLETIVE. EXPLETIVE. Bravo!

Layout & Design*First Place***The (Baton Rouge) Advocate**

Jay Martin

*Second Place***The (Baton Rouge) Advocate**

Dan Swenson

"Drew Brees Passing Record"

Superb design concepts.

Business*First Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Brett Anderson

"Sexual Harassment Allegations

Preceded Sucre Co-Founder Tariq

Hanna's Departure"

*Second Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Tristan Baurick

"An Airport in a Wildlife Refuge?

State-Backed Plan Shocks

Conservationists, Scientists"

An excellent deep dive into a poisonous culture and disturbing harassment by a star chef. The behavior exposed is shocking even in an age of #MeToo.

An excellent job.

Investigative/Public Service

First Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Jonathan Bullington, Katherine Sayre and Richard Webster

"Louisiana's Broken Mental Health Care and how it Impacts Families"

A thorough and compelling series. This is the kind of journalism that one hopes can inspire much needed change.

Second Place

The (Baton Rouge) Advocate

Gordon Russell, Jeff Adelson and John Simerman

"Tilting the Scales"

Everything you needed to know, an impressive undertaking.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Tristan Baurick

"The Race to Save Louisiana's Coast"

Unbelievable coverage, well written, thorough, and never fails to include the impact on the community. This top-notch package is greatly enhanced by the use of photos, videos and illustrations.

Second Place

The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune

Kim Chatelain, Drew Broach and Manuel Torres

"57 Clergy Members Credibly Accused of Abuse in New Orleans Area"

This powerful series is well written, amazingly thorough, and captures the emotional toll, the attention to detail is impressive.

General News*First Place***The (Baton Rouge) Advocate**

Ramon Vargas

"Jesuit High Sex Abuse Settlements Kept Quiet; 1 Victim Speaks Out for the First Time"

Ramon Vargas' respectful handling of this story, visceral writing style and ability to refocus public awareness elevate this entry.

*Second Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Richard Webster and Katherine Sayre

"Our Streets are our Mental Wards': New Orleans Homeless Deaths are Rising"

Breaking News*First Place***The (Baton Rouge) Advocate**

John Simerman, Ramon Vargas and Matt Sledge

"Sins of the Fathers"

This is an amazing package of stories, photographs and graphics. The presentation is powerful and complete. The Advocate rose to the challenge.

*Second Place***The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune**

Kim Chatelain, Drew Broach and Manuel Torres

"57 Clergy Members Credibly Accused of Abuse in New Orleans"

Coverage shows the effective way that the reporters and editors handled the evolving story. The collection of biographies reveals the importance of preparation before the major news of the day is delivered.

DIVISION II:**Multimedia Package***First Place***(Gulfport) Sun Herald**

Margaret Baker and Amanda McCoy

"She was Salutatorian, he a Star Athlete. But a Tragic DUI Crash Left Two Families Devastated."

Very touching human grief and acceptance captured in this heartbreaking story. Pitch-perfect capturing of emotions in video and written word.

*Second Place***The (Lafayette) Advertiser**

Kristin Askelson and Kevin Foote

"The Unsolved Murder of Lafayette's Red Cross Director"

Super in-depth look into this cold case with photos that truly capture an emotional timeline.

Video*First Place***(Gulfport) Sun Herald**

Amanda McCoy

"The Untold Story of the Alleged 1973 Pascagoula Alien Abduction"

*Second Place***The (Lafayette) Advertiser**

David D'Aquin and Kevin Foote

"The Unsolved Murder of Lafayette's Red Cross Director"

Features

First Place

Hattiesburg American

Lici Beveridge

"25 Years of Waiting: 'We Will Never Stop our Search for Angela'"

Loved the detail. Great storytelling that captures emotion and tugs on the heartstrings of readers. Made me want to know more and more as I read. Great job!

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Megan Wyatt

"Do you Know What's in that Vending Machine?"

Very unique topic, thoroughly researched and interesting to read.

Breaking News Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Unusual Rescue"

It's difficult to capture a moment like this.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"Tornado Damage"

This photo perfectly captures the ordinariness of an extraordinary moment.

General News Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Trooper Funeral"

This photo captures perfectly the emotion of what clearly is one of the most difficult moments of her life.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Pearl Harbor Funeral 77 Years Later"

Love this clear, tight shot that gives us access to the moment with this family.

Feature Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"Tree Coming Down"

Second Place

(Lake Charles) American Press

Hard to tell who is braver in these shots.

Donna Price

"Cat & Crawfish"

Multi-Photo

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"The Mechanic"

Loved the variety of views that captured the breadth of this man's work.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

A spectacular job capturing this event from several different angles.

Adam Robison and Thomas Wells

"Trump Visits Mississippi"

Portrait/Personality Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Hanging up his Robe"

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Great image of a surgeon in his elements.

Adam Robison

"Surgeon Retires"

Sports Feature Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Onto the Super Regionals"

An amazingly crisp shot of a celebration that seems well-earned, every player is doing something interesting. Dynamic sense of movement is well-captured.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"Taking the Lead"

Excellent timing was needed to capture this as every player in the shot seems to have a different yet equally awesome reaction.

Sports Action Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"Facemask"

Sports photos are characterized by their dynamism, and this photo certainly has that, with its forward AND backward movement.

Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

John Fitzhugh

"Biloxi Football"

Breaking Sports

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Brad Locke

"Jim Drewry Obit"

Comprehensive final tribute to a legacy coach.

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

Chris Singleton

"On Cloud 9: Terriers Beat Rival Cardinals in Penalties to Win Ninth State Title"

Exciting coverage of a close game with risks, heart and all the elements of a good game.

Sports Enterprise/Feature*First Place***(Tupelo) Daily Journal**

Brad Locke

"Taylor Made"

A powerful story told with a style that blends knowledge of athletic competition with an insightful understanding of the human condition. The writing is tight, the topic is poignant, and the impact is powerful. Well done.

*Second Place***The (Monroe) News-Star**

Cory Diaz

"Meek Amik: How Life Changed,
Made Star LA Tech Corner Grow up
Fast"

An important story written in a casual and accessible way. Good writing and good storytelling.

Personal Columns*First Place***(Tupelo) Daily Journal**

Derek Russell

Fun to read while still being immensely informative and thought-provoking.

*Second Place***(Tupelo) Daily Journal**

Caleb Bedillion

Not afraid to deliver hard truths and challenge the way people think.

Editorials*First Place***The (Houma) Courier**

Michael Gorman

*Second Place***(Gulfport) Sun Herald**

Paul Hampton

Headlines

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Derek Russell

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

John Pitts

Layout & Design

First Place

(Lake Charles) American Press

Donna Price

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Katherine McCully

Business

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Mary Perez

"What Happened to the Mega-Million Dollar Jackpots at Coast Casinos?"

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

Dan Copp

"Oil and Economy"

A fantastic example of writing that looks at a significant question and tries to answer it using statistics. Understood on a human level.

Nice collection that provides context to the area's dependence on the oil industry.

Investigative/Public Service

First Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Kristin Askelson and Kevin Foote

"The Unsolved Murder of Lafayette's Red Cross Director"

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

Dan Copp

"Hospital CEO Salary"

Continuing Coverage

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Caleb Bedillion

"Tupelo Mayor Orders Mississippi Flag Removed from Police Department Headquarters"

Objective reporting of a sensitive issue.

Second Place

(Lake Charles) American Press

Lisa Addison

"Pastor Shooting Trial"

A story captured in detail that provided a new turn with every article, keeps the reader on their toes.

General News

First Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Herman Fuselier and Kristin Askelson

"Family Mourns Slain Boxer"

A good job turning a hard news article into a storytelling piece, draws the reader in immediately. The family's voice came across strongly and their emotion was felt. Great job.

Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Robin Fitzgerald

"Grandmother Speaks Out"

A good job at spotlighting an issue that needs more attention. Great job.

Breaking News

First Place

The (Houma) Courier

Bridget Mire

"School Threats"

This story went the extra mile with deeper sourcing and a sidebar that lent greater context to the overall event.

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

Dan Copp

"Car Crashes Through House"

Well-packaged story with photo and fantastic lead of an extraordinary event.

DIVISION I:

Multimedia Package

First Place

The Meridian Star

"Mississippi Arts + Entertainment

Experience Opens in Meridian"

Second Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Julia Arenstam

"Analysis: Local School Board Size"

Features

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Gopika Nair

"Remembering Rosenwald"

Wonderful story, well-researched, well-written and so interesting. This story stood out in a very strong category. Both educational and entertaining.

Second Place

The Meridian Star

Dave Bohrer

"Clooney the Clown"

Nice, entertaining and interesting piece. Well-written.

Breaking News Photography

First Place

The Natchez Democrat

Nicole Hester

"Fire Claims Life"

Easy choice in this category. Raw emotion in the middle of a tragedy. Great timing, great composition. Well done!

Second Place

The Natchez Democrat

Ben Hillyer

"Car Flips Over Bridge, Lands Beside Creek"

Well-composed, interesting angle.

General News Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Deadlocked"

The voter exiting the draped booth was handled very nicely and the other two images added to the drama of the first photo.

Second Place

The Natchez Democrat

Ben Hillyer

"Large Voter Turnout Expected"

I like how the photographer focused on the hand of the employee and the large number of absentee votes still waiting to be counted. Keeping the people in the background slightly out of focus keeps the viewers eyes on the large number of files.

Feature Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Splashing into Summer"

The use of aperture keeps the background out-of-focus to perfectly capture the joy in the child and the shutter speed stopped the water in a graceful movement. A real joy to look at.

Second Place

The Natchez Democrat

Nicole Hester

"No Balloons, No Problem"

The use of shutter speed, ISO and waiting for the right moment makes this image beautiful. The "movement" of the lights, while the lighting on the subjects' faces are not easy to do and she pulls it off very nicely.

Multi-Photo*First Place***(McComb) Enterprise-Journal**

Matt Williamson

"History Re-Scripted"

*Second Place***The Natchez Democrat**

Ben Hillyer

"Natchez Pop-Up Show"

Portrait/Personality Photography*First Place***(McComb) Enterprise-Journal**

Matt Williamson

"Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler!"

*Second Place***(McComb) Enterprise-Journal**

Matt Williamson

"Fire Razes Summit Home"

Sports Feature Photography*First Place***The (Cleveland) Bolivar Commercial**

Andy Collier

"NSA Rebels"

*Second Place***The Natchez Democrat**

Nicole Hester

"Wacky Wednesday"

I love the intense struggle caught at just the right moment.

There is a lot of fun going on in this photo.

Sports Action Photography

First Place

The Vicksburg Post

Courtland Wells

"Twilight Touchdown"

This may be the prettiest sports photo I've ever seen, the sky paired with the action is incredible.

Second Place

The Natchez Democrat

Nicole Hester

"Messy End to Season"

What a way to show what the game was really like. This is a great shot.

Breaking Sports

First Place

The Meridian Star

Elton Hayes

"Lamar Beats Pillow"

Very well written, felt like I was right there.

Second Place

The (Cleveland) Bolivar Commercial

Andy Collier

"Cleveland Loses Star Athlete in Shooting"

Mix of news and sports, very stark and very sad.

Sports Enterprise/Feature

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"Chief Export"

This was very well done and interesting.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"Ready to Roar"

Refreshing and fascinating.

Personal Columns

First Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Kelly McElroy

Second Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Chris Singleton

Editorials

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Jack Ryan

Second Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Michael Gorman

Great diversity in topics. Very competitive competition.

Very well-written editorials the newsroom should be proud of, very informative.

Headlines

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson and Mack Spencer

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley and Matt Williamson

Layout & Design

First Place

The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader

"Brookhaven Police Slain"

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

Business*First Place***Jackson Free Press**

Arielle Dreher

"A Private Prison on Trial"

*Second Place***The Meridian Star**

Ida Brown

"Eddie Kelly-Citizen of the Year"

Investigative/Public Service*First Place***The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader**

Adam Northam

"Browder"

A thorough, well-researched and well-written piece. Great read.
Nicely displayed.*Second Place***The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader**

Adam Northam

"Smith"

Interesting and thorough, an award-winner!

Continuing Coverage*First Place***The Meridian Star**"Mississippi Arts + Entertainment
Experience Opens in Meridian"*Second Place***Jackson Free Press**Ashton Pittman, Donna Ladd and
Amber Helsel"Hyde-Smith: From 'Public Hanging'
to Segregation Academies"

General News

First Place

The Vicksburg Post

Cody Thomason

"Downtown Eddie"

It's a beautiful story.

Second Place

The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader

Donna Campbell

"Gov. to Appoint Hyde-Smith to Senate"

A great piece, well done.

Breaking News

First Place

The Vicksburg Post

Brandon O'Connor

"House Fire"

A great job gathering the details talked to the homeowner, then took it a step further and talked to a woman who previously owned the historic house. Well done.

Second Place

The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader

Adam Northam and Donna Campbell

"Brookhaven Officers Shot"

Handled with respect and dignity, without sensationalizing or overloading the reader. Well researched. Nice job and teamwork.

TELEVISION I:

Multimedia Story

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Blane Skiles and Christian Piekos

"Louisiana's Budget Crisis"

Comprehensive, easy to follow and grabbed my attention, with touches that made the urgency and massive scope of the story stand out.

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

John Snell, Chris Finch and

Brent Ledet

"Coast in Crisis"

Good overall look and treatment of a major story, with maps that helped explain the problem more clearly.

Digital Presence*First Place***WWL-TV, New Orleans**

Best overall selection.

*Second Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

Nice range of apps.

Chris Finch and Brent Ledet

Feature*First Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

"Schooled"

Off the charts good. Great use of creative graphics and the child's voice. Super compelling and emotional topic. Great interviews, photography, writing. Amazing impactful journalism.

*Second Place***KSLA-TV, Shreveport**

Doug Warner

"One Heart Beats for Two"

Extremely well told, no thought left unspoken, captured all sides of the story from a true place of emotion. Excellent.

News Videographer*First Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

Eric Desrosiers

Wonderful blend of artistry and discipline. You are a gifted photojournalist.

*Second Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

Lance Washington

Works hard to get the best possibly angles.

Sports Story*First Place***KSLA-TV, Shreveport**

Doug Warner

"Heroes of Haughton High"

This entry stood out in a really tough category.

*Second Place***WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge**

Carmen Farrish

"Dunham Kicker"

Inspiring story.

High School Football Program*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

"Football Friday"

*Second Place***KTBS-TV, Shreveport**

Alex Anderson and Daniel Brown

Sports Anchor*First Place***WJTV-TV, Jackson**

TJ Werre

*Second Place***WLBT-TV, Jackson**

Rachel Richlinski

Sportscast*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

"Final Play: Saints vs Steelers"

*Second Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

"Tailgate: Saints vs Cowboys"

Breaking Weather*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

"Severe Weather Brings Floods and
Wind Damage"

*Second Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

"April Flooding"

Great team coverage, especially going the extra mile to get a live interview with a woman rescued from a flooded car.

Weather Anchor*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

David Bernard

*Second Place***WLBT-TV, Jackson**

Dave Roberts

Engaging and easy to follow.

Weathercast*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

David Bernard

*Second Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

Bruce Katz

Engaging, energetic and easy to follow.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and
Nancy Decorte

"Misjudged"

Investigative journalism at its finest. Well-written, beautifully edited and well-explained throughout. Kudos to this enterprise reporter!

Second Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Stacey Cameron

"Food Truck Sex Offender"

Solid, wear-out-the-shoe-leather reporting. Loved your tease at the top, letting us know there was so much more to just your crew being there to film the arrest!

Special Report

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Shelley Brown

"Blighted Pools Year-End"

This series of reports covered all angles. Photography was great, writing clear and concise, and coverage comprehensive.

Second Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Elizabeth Vowell

"Chasing a Fix"

This entry took a common story and made it their own. Graphics helped the story pop - extremely creative.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and Kristen
Palestina

"Medical Waste"

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Kimberly Curth, Matt Gosciminski
and Kia Callia

"Windmann Church Abuse"

General News

First Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

Candace Coleman

"The Kaelin Kersh Act"

A nice, complete, well told report with strong use of elements. Nice job.

Second Place

WAPT-TV, Jackson

Lee Neely and Mike Neelly

"Sen. Hyde-Smith's Response After

Making "Public Hanging" Comment"

Strong reporter. Good use of editing and story concept. Nice, strong day turn. Well done.

Breaking News

First Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

"May Flooding"

Love the reporter's energy. Good shots, great interviews, loved feeling like I was along for the ride.

Second Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

"Ice Storm"

Great way to start the composite! Loved the 6-way boxes. Amazing production value and good angles.

TV Reporter

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Stacey Cameron

Strong storytelling, nice pacing and resourcefulness -- all of which put him ahead of a strong field.

Second Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Doug Warner

Strong reporter whose experience and depth come through on camera. Great story telling across a variety of stories. Good Stuff.

News Anchor*First Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

Juliana Mazza

Showed energy in her delivery and had command of the content. She also had excellent camera presence and showed her range as an anchor.

*Second Place***WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge**

Lauren Westbrook

Has a natural camera presence and delivery. Her ad lib segment on a serious topic was especially strong.

Achievement-Louisiana*First Place***WVUE-TV, New Orleans**

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed and

Kristen Palestina

"Medical Waste"

*Second Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

Akili Franklin

Achievement-Mississippi*First Place***WLBT-TV, Jackson**

"2 Children Shot/UMMC Active

Shooter Alert Issued"

*Second Place***MPB-TV, Jackson**

Kathryn Rodenmeyer

"Hooked: Mississippi's Opioid

Hangover"

Extensive team coverage, with elements and views from different angles.

Good use of people to help tell a story, with a nice mix of addicts from different backgrounds.

Daytime Newscast*First Place***WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge**

Great job. Strong coverage, great talent, live shots and traffic information for commuters. Good energy and strong presentations.

*Second Place***KTBS-TV, Shreveport****Evening Newscast***First Place***KSLA-TV, Shreveport***Second Place***WDSU-TV, New Orleans**

Jaune Jackson

TELEVISION II:**Multimedia Story***First Place***KPLC-TV, Lake Charles**

Jillian Corder and Sophia Landry

"Southwest Louisiana Year in Review
2018"

Innovative way to incorporate storytelling with background information on social media and web.

*Second Place***KPLC-TV, Lake Charles**

"Vail of Silence"

Quite interesting, creative, very good effort.

Digital Presence*First Place***KPLC-TV, Lake Charles**

Impressive social media site. There are many choices, which shows hard work and creativity to give options to keep viewers engaged and clicking. Nice job.

*Second Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Matt Segura

Your pages are full of information and I really like the graphics and expanded news coverage.

Feature*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Jim Hummel and Justin Terro

"Coffee with Mr. Lester"

Captivating from beginning to end. Good writing and editing, great story, very well done.

*Second Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Mike Carter

"Patrick the Pole"

Good job finding a story where others would have just driven past it. Really creative writing and editing.

News Videographer*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Justin Terro

*Second Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Jonathan Monte

You have a great eye for sequencing and varying the shots.

Nice job, compelling video!

Sports Story*First Place***WTOK-TV, Meridian**

Jessica Hunt

"Local Woman's Fitness Journey Goes

Viral"

*Second Place***WCBI-TV, Columbus-Tupelo**

Tom Eble

"Diamond Dreams League "

Terrific story extending the sports brand into something that even non-fans can appreciate.

High School Football Program*First Place***WTOK-TV, Meridian**

Chris Turner and Jessica Hunt

*Second Place***WTVA-TV, Tupelo-Columbus**

"Friday Night Fever"

Sports Anchor*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Andrew Clay

Creative, very smooth, good storytelling.

*Second Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**

Patrick Clay

Creative, good delivery.

Sportscast*First Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Aaron Dietrich and Zack Rickens

"High School Football Week 3"

Great effort and energy, solid information. The rare example of where the link was sent to our sports team saying "wow, look how they do this!".

*Second Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Aaron Dietrich and Zack Rickens

"High School Football Semifinals"

Breaking Weather*First Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

"April Tornadoes"

*Second Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**

"Spring Break Storm"

Weather Anchor*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Rob Perillo

*Second Place***KALB-TV, Alexandria**

Adaleigh Rowe

Weathercast*First Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**

Eric Jeansonne

Good overview with people-oriented observations.

*Second Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**

Wesley Williams

Personable, even presentation.

Investigative Reporting*First Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Nick Picht

"Escape Route"

*Second Place***KPLC-TV, Lake Charles**

Rhonda Kitchens and Tim Bourgeois

"Vail of Silence"

Special Report*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**Daniel Phillips and Justin Terro
"The Dead Zone"

Good graphics. Let people tell the story. Great video. Well edited. Good overall picture of the issue showing the impact and solutions.

*Second Place***KPLC-TV, Lake Charles**Jillian Corder
"Rebuilding Continues One Year After
Harvey"**Continuing Coverage***First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**"Teacher Arrested at School Board
Meeting"*Second Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

"Priests Accused of Sex Abuse"

General News*First Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**Jim Hummel and Jonathan Monte
"Vets Homecoming"

Good storytelling with lots of emotion and good visuals. Well done!

*Second Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**Patrick Clay
"Kaylee Foster"

Breaking News*First Place***WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport**

Hugh Keeton and Robert Allen

"Biloxi Schools Lockdown"

*Second Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Jim Hummel

"Priest Removed Following Abuse
Accusations"**TV Reporter***First Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Nick Picht

*Second Place***KATC-TV, Lafayette**

Mike Carter

News Anchor*First Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Nick Picht

*Second Place***KALB-TV, Alexandria**

Sherman Desselle

A commanding presence. Passionate and knowledgeable about a variety of topics. He's transparent with his viewers. A dynamic anchor with graphics to compliment his storytelling.

Achievement-Louisiana

First Place

KPLC-TV, Lake Charles

An incredible collection of investigative reporting, storytelling, and the station's involvement in the community. Their utilization of video, sound, and writing to capture these incredible stories earned them first place. Wonderful job, folks.

Second Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

I really enjoyed that their entry got their weather and other departments involved in bigger events and storytelling. Well done.

Achievement-Mississippi

First Place

WCBI-TV, Columbus-Tupelo

Keith Gibson, Alex Puckett and

Jacob Dickey

"Thunder and Ice"

Very creative way to use extensive graphics to tell a weather story and teach the viewers, without feeling like a lesson. Great way to showcase a weather team. Good job!

Second Place

WTOK-TV, Meridian

"Arts and Entertainment Experience

Special"

Unique way to show a station's commitment to the community. Great example of field anchoring for an important event.

Daytime Newscast

First Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Barrie Oliver, Sherman Desselle and

Andrea Finney

"Jambalaya"

Anchors & meteorologist have great personality's and work well together. Good job handling the breaking news. Good teases.

Second Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

"Good Morning ArkLaMiss"

Evening Newscast*First Place***WTOK-TV, Meridian**

Good storytelling, pacing, reads.

*Second Place***KNOE-TV, Monroe**

Good energy, good variety of news.

"Kill List Found"

RADIO:**Digital Presence***First Place***KEDM-FM, Monroe**

Lots of great content.

*Second Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko****Short Feature Story***First Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

A well-crafted story.

Desare Frazier

"Protesters Demand More
information about the Deaths of 16
Inmates"*Second Place***WJSU-FM, Jackson**A good collection of strong voices speaking to a historical
tragedy, and its resonance more than half a century later.

Eric Walker

"Medgar Evers 55 Years Later"

Long Feature Story*First Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Desare Frazier

"Mississippi Man's Museum Becomes
International Attraction"What a sweet, well told story. Good use of sound and
descriptive writing.*Second Place***WJSU-FM, Jackson**

Dwain Doty

"Victims of Crime Tree Lighting
Ceremony"A sensitive handling of a sad, but hopeful story of the triumph
of the human spirit over tragedy.**Use of Sound***First Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

Mina Mooney

"Union Shooter Drill"

Interestingly done!

*Second Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

Breck Riley

"Kosciusko Big Red Band Wins State
Championship"

Fun to listen to!

Sports Story*First Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

Breck Riley, Josh West and

Phillip Palmertree

"2018 Year in Review"

Sportscast or Sports Program

First Place

WJSU-FM, Jackson

Rob Jay

Excellent production, good use of sound and music.

Second Place

KPEL-FM, Lafayette

Ian Auzenne, Brandon Comeaux and
Mark Pope

Solid teamwork. Good production, compelling reporting, and excellent play by play. Good local sports coverage.

"Acadiana Wreckin' Rams Football:
Class 5A Quarterfinals at Denham
Springs"

Documentary or Series of Stories

First Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Desare Frazier

A well-sourced examination with good use of voices.

"Thousands of Grandparents Facing
Challenges Raising Grandchildren"

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Interesting topic, well reported.

Ashley Norwood

"Why aren't as Many Black Students
Choosing HBCUs?"

Public Affairs

First Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

Breck Riley

"Minute with the Mayor"

Second Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

Mina Mooney

Breaking News*First Place***KEDM-FM, Monroe**

Cory Crowe and Jay Curtis

"Tornado Outbreak Hits North
Louisiana"*Second Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

"November 6 Election Coverage"

Radio Reporter*First Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

Breck Riley

This station puts out top quality content, truly a role model for community radio. It's great to hear the management is committed to its city.

*Second Place***WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko**

Mina Mooney

News Anchor*First Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Karen Brown

Pleasant voice to listen to. Good radio presentation and use of sound not ordinarily heard anymore.

*Second Place***KEDM-FM, Monroe**

Cory Crowe

Good newscast.

Achievement*First Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Karen Brown and Kendra Wright

*Second Place***WJSU-FM, Jackson**

Eric Walker

"Cindy Hyde-Smith Controversy"

A well-produced and balanced regional mini-news magazine.

Followed an election controversy that garnered national attention with a focus on local concerns.

Newscast*First Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson***Second Place***Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**