



2019 Winners and Judges' Comments

NEWSPAPERS DIVISION III:

Multimedia

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Anita Lee and Justin Mitchell
"'Brain drain' on the Coast has
Potential to Get Worse, Experts
Warn. Can it be Fixed?"

A solid effort and a textbook example of how multimedia can expand the story well beyond the printed page. The videos -- hearing the voices of millennials for perspective -- and the graphic showing the hard numbers were a great use of resources.

Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Anita Lee and Alyssa Newton
"The Power to Open Bonnet Carré
Spillway Rests 200 Miles from
'Struggling' Gulf Coast"

This report really brought home the impact of the spillway's opening -- an event that has become the new normal. The video of the oyster farmers gave the issue a personal impact, and the video about why the Gulf Coast is powerless -- presenting the history -- was important, too, answering the policy "why".

Features

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Margaret Baker
"'There is a way out.' After Cycle
of Abuse Nearly Killed Her, Coast
Woman Shares Her Story."

Baker had a great source with a grisly but important story to tell. And she made the most of it, unfolding the story in her own voice while making sure that Courtney Schouest's voice was front and center. "I kept thinking he would change," she said. "I wanted to believe him. I kept going back. I don't want this to happen to anyone else." And Baker did the legwork, verifying elements of the story through police reports and text messages Schouest saved. What resulted was a report that has the potential to save lives, to convince women in similar, dire circumstances to take that step and flee a dangerous relationship.



Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Keith Spera

"New Orleans Music"

The breadth of Keith Spera's coverage -- and the power and authority of his voice -- is impressive. He knows the New Orleans music scene -- and its movers and shakers and music makers.

Third Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Justin Mitchell

"'We're just like them.' Meet the
Drag Queens Changing Minds and
Hearts on the Coast"

Justin Mitchell did it all on this story about drag queens appearing outside the realm of gay clubs, in a compelling story, video and images.

Breaking News Photography

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Scott Threlkeld

"Hard Rock Collapse"

Captured the urgency in the panicked faces of workers escaping the debris from the collapsed building in the background.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

David Grunfeld

"NOPD Investigates"

The number of yellow numbered placards dotting the crime scene showed the enormity of the shooting. The stillness of one investigator on the sidewalk captured the solemnity of the crime.

Third Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Alyssa Newton

"Coroner Identifies Three Teens
Pulled from Biloxi River After
Accidental Drowning"

Captured the sorrow and grief on the riverbank.



General News Photography

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Travis Spradling
"Brees Visit"

Great reaction in this photo that captures a moment this young lady will remember for years to come! Smart composition to include the doctor's reaction as well.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Scott Threlkeld
"Family Members React"

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-
Picayune/New Orleans Advocate**

Scott Threlkeld
"Bad Call"

Feature Photography

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Bill Feig
"Pond Jump"

Strategic placement of photographer to capture the joy on the kids faces as they jump into the lake -- unicorn intertube and all.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Brett Duke
"Birthday Kiss"

The love and tenderness expressed on the nuns faces is priceless.

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Bill Feig
"Tiger Reacts"

Nice timing to get the tiger jumping up in the water.



Sports Feature Photography

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

David Grunfeld

"Home Run Celebration"

Great reactions all around in this photo that captures the heart and spirit of college athletics.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Max Becherer

"It's All About the Hair"

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

David Grunfeld

"Comforting Coach"

Sports Action Photography

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Hilary Scheinuk

"Airborne"

Crisp and clean peak action with a great expression to go along with it. Solid sports shooting!

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Hilary Scheinuk

"Safe at Second"

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

David Grunfeld

"In Your Face"



Breaking Sports

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Wilson Alexander

"Steve Ensminger's Strength
After Tragic Accident"

So many voices and so much detail on a tough story told on deadline. Terrific reporting.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Brooks Kubena

"Hiring of Scott Woodward
at LSU"

Some really nice background and explanations in here.

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Bryn Stole

"Will Wade Suspended"

Good use of public records request, good context both within the LSU community and the broader NCAA investigation.

Sports Enterprise/Feature

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Brooks Kubena

"NCAA Transfer Portal"

Really clean, simple and interesting explanation of college transfers and how they've evolved. Clean.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Brooks Kubena

"Joe Burrow"

Amazing and impressive number of sources/interviews for this story.

Third Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Nathan Brown

"The Pelicans' David Griffin"

Some really nice color and detail in a well-reported profile.



Personal Columns

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Stephanie Grace

Stephanie Grace writes with authority and a great voice. In one of the winning columns, she wrote about President Trump saying: "Nobody knew health care could be so complicated." Then she wrote: "Actually, a lot of people knew. Pretty much everyone who had seriously considered the subject - and who understood that providing health benefits that most people want is expensive - knew."

Editorials

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Hard-hitting but conversational writing style to keep the reader engaged. Loved the 'Where's Waldo' approach to one, and the what could money buy approach to a second one. Well done!

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Business

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Mary Perez

"Camille Cut is No More. A Look at New Changes to the Barrier Islands of the Mississippi Coast."

Mary Perez knows that the barrier islands are important to her readers. She took the opportunity to tell that story, and the story of the other islands. Her lede: "It's time to order new signs and update the brochures, because for the first time in 50 years, there's no longer a Camille Cut or an East and West Ship Island."



Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Mary Perez

"Will Anyone Restore Biloxi's
Saenger Theatre Like They Did in
New Orleans and Mobile?"

Mary Perez also wrote about efforts to save the historic Saenger Theater in Biloxi, the neglected sibling of grander venues in New Orleans and Mobile. She chronicled the history - it was believed to be Biloxi's first building with air-conditioning - but also the present, addressing the thriving theater community in the area.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

"Polluters Paradise"

In "Louisiana: Polluter's Paradise," The Times-Picayune and The Advocate, with ProPublica, looked at an alarming rise in emissions from chemical plants and its impact across Louisiana. They found that some of the areas already at high risk will bear the greatest burden of the building boom. The series of stories looked at the issue through macro and micro lenses, from tax incentives that fueled the boom to lax enforcement that made it work. It is a stunning work of journalism, told with breadth, depth and authority.

Second Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

Andrea Gallo, John Simerman and
Katie Moore

"Judge Jeff Hughes"

John Simerman, Andrea Gallo and Katie Moore told the story of a state Supreme Court justice who was the subject of a five-year FBI probe into his actions in a child-custody case. A tale of twists and turns that had everything, including two judges named Hughes.

Third Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Margaret Baker

"Mississippi Lawmaker Was Drunk
When He 'Punched' His Wife in
the Face Over Sex, Report Says"

Margaret Baker doggedly pursued the story of a state lawmaker arrested on a domestic-violence charge. She fought for, and won, access to 911 tapes and video footage from police officers' response to the scene. The lawmaker's wife eventually testified on her husband's behalf, resulting in a not-guilty decision, but the judge pointed out that the woman was obviously afraid of her alleged abuser.



Continuing Coverage

First Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

"Biloxi Officer 'Ambushed'
and Shot to Death Outside
of Police Station"

After reporting the shooting death of Patrolman Robert 'Mac' McKeithen, the Sun Herald staff was everywhere the story took them: the manhunt; a solid profile of the officer; an arrest; the funeral; and an interview with a family he helped to save during Hurricane Katrina. The Sun Herald gave its readers every twist and turn of the story, producing photo galleries and videos that parlayed their access to officials who wanted to share the story. A staff of fewer than 10 cranking out story after riveting story to cover an event that tore at their community's heart. Exceptional work. Congratulations.

Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Anita Lee, Mary Perez
and Alyssa Newton
"Devastating Effects of the Record
Bonnet Carré Spillway Openings"

"They've survived hurricanes, the Great Recession, the BP oil spill. But nothing prepared Mississippi Coast businesses for what happened this year," wrote the Sun Herald, in its exhaustive coverage of the ecological and economic impact of the Army Corps of Engineers' decision to open the Bonnet Carre spillway, releasing fresh water into the Mississippi Sound. The coverage put a face on the devastation, from oyster farmers and restaurants to deserted local beaches and merchants with no one to buy their souvenirs. The paper also hosted a forum where panelists and readers could voice their concerns. Excellent work and a valuable public service.



Third Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

Margaret Baker
and Alyssa Newton
"Community Questions
Fatal Shooting by Moss
Point Police Officer"

Margaret Baker and Alyssa Newton were all over the officer-involved shooting. From breaking the news to following the victim's family's protest to the release of the cop's body camera footage and calls for a wider probe, in text and photos and video, their work answered a lot of questions, and raised some, too.

Breaking News

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

"Catastrophic Collapse"

Compelling writing captured the drama of the hotel collapse with residents comparing it to 9/11 and the urgency of trying to get workers out. Strong visuals with package.

Second Place

(Gulfport) Sun Herald

"Deliberate and Violent Attack.'
Reward Offered as Police Search
for Biloxi Cop's Killer"

Good storytelling on main bar about shooting and suspect. Compelling sidebar profiling the dead policeman.

NEWSPAPERS DIVISION II:

Multimedia

First Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Halle Parker
"Lost Lake"

Very well written, it painted a clear picture. The package was well rounded.

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

"Car Insurance Costs"

Terrific use of infographics, and eye-opening. I like how a local concern was painted into the broad national conversation.

Third Place

The (Houma) Courier

Halle Parker
"Camp Teaches Pride"

Great attention to the concern of preserving local and fragile traditions.



Features

First Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Victoria Dodge

"Targeting Nutria"

A great example of how a reporter's curiosity can turn an oddity into a captivating tale.

Nicely done.

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Andrew Yawn

"Louisiana's Native Son Leads

LSU"

Third Place

The (Lafayette) Acadiana

Advocate

Claire Taylor

"Theater Survivor"

Breaking News Photography

First Place

The (Lafayette) Acadiana

Advocate

Leslie Westbrook

"St. Landry Parish Church Fires"

Excellent work. Poignant images. The variety of images was a pleasure to review. This package was a real service to the paper's readers.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"American Furniture Fire"

This is a strong second place finisher. The expression on the firefighter's face, the tones, and the slight glow in the upper right make this a image with drama and humanity.

Third Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Scott Clause

"Lafayette Plane Crash"

Really showed the reader the event.



General News Photography

First Place

The Meridian Star

Paula Merritt

"Caitlin's Cancer Battle"

Emotion wins! This could have been a rather average event, but the photographer was aware and gave the reader the whole reason for the event to take place---compassion.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Protest Over Chancellor Choice"

Difficult event, came back with a image detailing the controversy.

Third Place

The Meridian Star

Paula Merritt

"Burgers and Barks"

Sweet image nicely played.

Feature Photography

First Place

The Meridian Star

Paula Merritt

"Easter Blessings"

This is such a wonderful, timeless photo. It truly captures the warmth, laughter and friendship of these two women. It's hard not to smile when you see this photo. Adding their childhood photo was a nice touch, too. Congratulations!

Second Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Leslie Westbrook

"Woodpecker at Play"

This is an amazing photo. It looks like two birds are dancing, while the other is looking on. It shows movement and is captivating at the same time.

Third Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Cleaning the Windows"

The details in this photo are simply wonderful. There's so much to look at, from the mirrored image to the intensity of the man working. Great job.



Sports Feature Photography

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Thomas Wells

"Game Winner"

It takes patience to catch such a nice moment. Good job.

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Acadiana

Advocate

Leslie Westbrook

"Hit the Target"

Nice composition.

Third Place

The (Lafayette) Acadiana

Advocate

Brad Kemp

"Kiss of Happiness"

Good job catching the essence for this victory.

Sports Action Photography

First Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Scott Clause

"Rodeo Night"

Great action shot.

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Scott Clause

"High School Basketball
Championships"

This prize is being awarded to the image of the coach jumping in the air. Nice job capturing that moment.

Third Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Adam Robison

"Diving Over"

Well done action shot.



Breaking Sports

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Kevin Foote

"Tony Robichaux"

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

"LSU SEC Champions"

Third Place

(Thibodaux) Daily Comet

Mike Gegenheimer

"Disastrous Start Sparks Dominant
Win for Wildcats"

Sports Enterprise/Feature

First Place

The Meridian Star

Elton Hayes

"Meridian Football Coaching
Salary in League of its Own"

This is the kind of reporting that holds decision-makers accountable. It clearly outlines the disparity between educators and coaches. Extremely well-reported and well-written.

Second Place

The Meridian Star

Matt Case

"High-Risk Horse Racing"

Great watchdog journalism and follow-up on a tragedy.

Third Place

The Meridian Star

Drew Kerekes

"Servant Leadership"

Beautiful profile of a player who almost certainly went unheralded and unnoticed throughout her athletic career. Good eye to recognize a story there.



Personal Columns

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

W. Derek Russell

Nicely written columns that use personal experience to share musings on moral and community issues. It's not easy to balance to achieve, but Derek Russell does so with heart and humor.

Second Place

The (Houma) Courier

Kelly McElroy

Third Place

The (Houma) Courier

Mike Gegeneheimer

Editorials

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Chris Kieffer

Kieffer writes with authority, flair and bite. In clear, conversational language, Kieffer explains the "why" of concepts, such as equal treatment under the law and the role of journalists in a democracy. Editorials have a clear call to action.

Second Place

The Meridian Star

Dave Bohrer

These editorials show Bohrer's versatility and emotional intelligence. It was refreshing to see an uplifting editorial that celebrates a person's achievement.

Third Place

(Lake Charles) American Press

Marlisa Harding

The editorial's slow burn at the struggles of the working poor builds to a call to elected officials who seem not to notice or care. Harding delivers a crafty bit of writing in a small package.



Business

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Adam Daigle
"Leaving Louisiana"

A winner from concept to execution. Daigle digs into the data (and even commissions a study) to explore why young, college-educated people are leaving Louisiana. He layers on engaging stories about people who left the state for better opportunities, giving local policymakers clues to what's missing.

Second Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Megan Wyatt
"Waiter Layoffs Strike Again -
Company to Pull Out of Low-
Performing Markets"

After a layoff, Wyatt taps sources inside and outside of the company to report details it wants to keep secret. She writes authoritatively about the company's perilous financial condition. Fine work on deadline.

Third Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Dennis Seid
"Furniture Manufacturers,
Retailers Eye Impact of Tariffs"

Seid brings a big national/international story home. His reporting is well-rounded, showing how furniture tariffs are affecting manufacturers, dealers and consumers in the community.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Ben Myers
"Acadia Jails"

This strong examination of a jailhouse failure combines an admirable drive for public records, human emotion and smart voices of authority.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Caleb Bedillion and William Moore
"Supervisor's 2018 DUI Arrest
Hidden from Public Eye"

An appalling example of favoritism gets pulled out into the public light. Reporter's savvy with public records and tenacity pay off. It's revealing to watch the officials squirm.



Continuing Coverage

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Katie Gagliano
"Church Fires"

This entry had a competitive version also in consideration. Both were strong and Lafayette benefits from two newspapers serving it. This version wove a journey better I think overall, easing out the reveals in a more exciting way, integrating unconnected international events more deftly.

Second Place

(Lake Charles) American Press

Lisa Addison
"Trooper Steven Vincent
Murder Trial"

Well done courtroom unfolding rich with great comments and detail. You could feel the emotions of the officer's family and friends.

Third Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Caleb Bedillion and William Moore
"Rush to Judgment: State's Public
Defense System Poses
Constitutional Crisis"

Very comprehensive and expertly navigated - a topic that could all too easily become mired in tedious detail.

General News

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

Ben Myers
"Youngsville Subdivision"

A compelling scene, powerful quotes and a well-reported case history of this developer gave this story all the elements needed to make it an engaging read. The narrative technique of recounting the dialogue in an unexpected encounter with the developer strengthened the storyline. And revealing the developers past history with law enforcement really drove it all home. Well done.

Second Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Andrew Yawn
"Challenging Louisiana's Hair
Braiding Rules"

This is a unique issue with nice storytelling and revealing data about what makes these laws different than the rest of the country. Now, I want to know if laws were changed as a result of this reporting.



Third Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Danny McArthur

"Whether 2008 or 2019,
Immigration Raids Leave
Lasting Impact"

A powerful lede as a way to bring a reader
into to an important issue.

Breaking News

First Place

**The (Lafayette) Acadiana
Advocate**

"Plane Crash in Lafayette"

The (Lafayette) Acadiana Advocate staff did a good job gathering information quickly and clearly, so that the reader had a deeper understanding of not only what happened but the people impacted by this tragedy. By adding vivid description of the scene, as described by witnesses, also captivated the reader.

Second Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Caleb Bedillion

"Tornado Recovery Efforts
Get Underway"

The reporter did a great job of setting the scene and telling a story, not just stating the facts.

Third Place

The (Lafayette) Advertiser

Ashley White and Erik Hall

"Lafayette Plane Crash"

This series of stories is a great example of the way journalists break news and continue to develop a story.



NEWSPAPER DIVISION I:

Features

First Place

Jackson Free Press

Seyma Bayram

"Long Sentences, Broken Lives"

Good piece. Humanizes a serious problem in the Mississippi justice system and why a reader needs to pay attention.

Second Place

Jackson Free Press

Aliyah Veal

"More Love Than Hate:
Rappers' Deaths Sobering,
Yet Inspirational"

Nice piece that illustrates why Nipsey Hussle was important to local musicians.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Gabriel Perry

"Redeemed"

A solid feature with beautiful, well-chosen A1 photos. Lots of voices, good first quote that grabs, explains the vibe. Good pacing.

Breaking News Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Fire Damages McComb Home"

Great breaking news photo that shows what happened and what is being done to put out the fire. Straight forward photo that tells the story.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Dusting Off"

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Gunmen Wanted"



General News Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Relieved of Duty"

The clarity on the ejected shell casing and the expressions on the faces of Honor Guard combine to make this a winner.

Second Place

(Corinth) Daily Corinthian

Gabby Boyd

"Child Abuser Gets Life Sentence -
Victim's Family Photo"

Photographer was ready to capture just the right moment in a tense courtroom.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"First Lady Visits"

Nice moment captured during this visit.

Feature Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Jammin' the Rock"

Her hair looks alive. Excellent timing.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Gabriel Perry

"Redeemed"

Nice capture of an emotional moment.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Gearheads Gather"

Background blur gives this photo motion, which makes it work.



Sports Feature Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Hero Dash: No Place for Wimps"

The emotion in this photo draws me in immediately and makes me want to turn the page.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"Hero Dash Punishes Racers"

Great photo that tells a story on its own.

Third Place

The (Hammond) Daily Star

Andrew Smith

"Veteran"

Sports Action Photography

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"Bears Win Again"

Clear, crisp photo that shows the physicality of the game.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"SMCC Shows Off at
Bear Madness"

Third Place

The (Hammond) Daily Star

Caleb Lay

"Jump Ball"



Breaking Sports

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"Quin Stepping Away"

I liked the quotes the writer was able to get from the source and his father. He tied the national story back to the community.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Travis Connelley

"Have a Night, Zavion"

Third Place

The (Hammond) Daily Star

Caleb Lay

"Hammond Tors Win

Homecoming"

Sports Enterprise/Feature

First Place

The Oxford Eagle

Nathanael Gabler

"Doug Nikhazy Brings a Unique
Energy to Ole Miss Baseball"

I really enjoyed reading this piece. From start to finish the story kept me engaged. I love the different perspective each person interviewed added to the story. You really got a sense of who this player was and what set them apart from everyone else on the team.

Second Place

The Oxford Eagle

"Last Rebel Stand: Super
Regional Closed a Decade-Old
Run for a Trio of Former
Oxford Teammates"

This story looked beyond just the end of a season. It looked at a core group of players that have played the sport they love together for over a decade. The quotes and the emotion in them really helped drive this story and made you want to keep reading.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Ernest Herndon

"Couples Bond Over Hunting
Giant Alligators"

I mean it's about alligators, what's not to love.



Personal Columns

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Jack Ryan

A nice mix of local issues and personal reflection. A fluid writing style.

Second Place

Jackson Free Press

Donna Ladd

Strong voice on important topics.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Ernest Herndon

Good mix of topics.

Editorials

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Jack Ryan

Strong commentary on a variety of topics, written well.

Business

First Place

Jackson Free Press

Seyma Bayram

"A Colorful Past: Can the Sun-N-Sand Be Saved?"

Well-researched..pulls reader in and covers a lot of ground.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Ernest Herndon

"Granny's Cornered"

Great color...local quotes.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Gabriel Perry

"Oil Leases Difficult to Turn Down"

Informative...made fairly dense topic digestible.



Investigative Reporting

First Place

Jackson Free Press

Ashton Pittman

"God Save the Governor:
Phil Bryant, Brexit Soldier"

Ashton Pittman's expansive look at Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant's ties to the Brexit movement (and the Trump administration) starts with a tantalizing anecdote. Prince Charles encounters the governor in Buckingham Palace and, upon learning who he is, asks: "What on earth are you doing here?" Pittman then goes on to explain, in exhaustive detail, the governor's ties to those inside the Brexit and Trump campaigns. A fascinating read.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson and Gopika Nair

"Ericka Hall Killing"

Good job going beyond official statements about this tragic case by talking to neighbors and relatives.

Second Place

Jackson Free Press

Ashton Pittman

"Mississippi ICE Raids,
Before and After"

An expansive look at many different angles of a frustrating and scary situation.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Ernest Herndon

and Matt Williamson

"McDaniel-Cain Election Dispute"

Shows persistence in following the developments stemming from the original complaint.



General News

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Matt Williamson

"We Both Did It"

A strong presentation of the facts and case against the accused, alongside the unknown, yet sought.

Second Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Ernest Herndon

"A Crude Situation"

Enjoyed this story of a man who doesn't appear to have much in the way of rights and protections on his own land.

Third Place

Jackson Free Press

Ashton Pittman

"Mississippi: The Battleground for Roe v. Wade's Future?"

This piece tells a compelling story of the potential struggle women in Mississippi could once again face.

Breaking News

First Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

Gabriel Perry

"Shooting in Tylertown"

Nice art...good use of witnesses...great spot news.

Second Place

Jackson Free Press

Ashton Pittman

"White Supremacists Caught at Emmett Till Memorial Making Propaganda Film"

Good timing and good background.

Third Place

(McComb) Enterprise-Journal

"Devastated"

Great quotes and solid coverage.



PROFESSIONAL TV DIVISION I:

Multimedia

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Blane Skiles

"The Trip to Shreveport that Left
Sam Cooke Hoping for a Change"

This is utterly brilliant. The story, the layout, the photos, all stunning. The four months of research paid off in a big way. I knew who Sam Cooke was, I knew and loved the song. Heck, I spent a large majority of my life in Louisiana. But I had no idea the connection between the man, city and song. It was an amazing look back into a much dark time in our country. A time when even a celebrity like Cooke could be treated unfairly simply due to the color of his skin. I think there is even more here. The topic is so strong, I would love to see a mini documentary.

Second Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

David Hammer, Kevin Dupuy and
T.J. Pipitone

"Stench of Failure"

Great headline/title and it grabbed me right away. It revealed a situation that happens far too often. This is great journalism, plain and simple. Uncover a problem faced by readers/viewers, tell a story about a complex problem in an easy-to-understand way and offer the viewers answers. I really liked the companion piece -- the explainer about draining gases and liquid from landfills. Great use of crowd sourcing on the smell map. It really showed the impact on the neighborhoods.

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Cody Lillich

"Empty Field of Dreams"

Great investigative piece by the two solid groups. I really liked the layout used to tell the story. I also liked the dichotomy the two communities facing a similar problem, each with different outcomes. I thought it was well done all around. I would have loved to hear more from the woman who made \$200,000 to leave an empty field.



Feature - Louisiana

First Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Karen Swensen and Derek Waldrip
"Miracle Baby"

This entry demonstrates the art of storytelling -- through a compelling construction of video and sound -- creating an emotional rise-and-fall -- that feels binge-worthy.

Second Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Erika Ferrando
"Decorated Potholes"

Sometimes, a good story is a good story. This entry proves that great features aren't always long-form or more than a day-turn. Clever writing, great characters, and a unique peg create a recipe for success.

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Nancy Parker
and Lance Washington
"Easy Rider"

A fun entry that made me want to get to know the man behind the wheel -- but, perhaps not while the keys are in the ignition.

Feature - Mississippi

First Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

Byron Brown and Eric Bullard
"Convicting Klansmen"

Second Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

Walt Grayson
"Blue Front Cafe"

Third Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Roslyn Anderson
and Jerome DeLoach
"Sugarman"



News Videographer

First Place

KTBS-TV, Shreveport

Rick Rowe

Second Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Brian Lukas

"Art Neville: Music Legend"

Third Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Adam Copus

Sports Story

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Doug Warner

"Brently's Dream"

What a great tear-jerker. Writing was clever and fit to the video. The 911 call from 18 years ago was incredible.

Second Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

Sharief Ishaq

"Macy Chaisson: A Fighter's Story"

Terrific use of NATS, and a good stand-up.

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Meg Gatto and Kia Callia

"Young Bucks"

I loved these kids! Good NATS and shots.



High School Football Program

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge
"Sportsline Friday Nite"

Great presentation with NATS package to start the show, SOTs from coaches and energy throughout.

Second Place

KTBS-TV, Shreveport
Alex Anderson and Daniel Brown
"Friday Football Fever"

Good energy on highlights. I liked the creativity of getting interviews any way possible.

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans
"Football Friday"

Sports Anchor

First Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans
Fletcher Mackel

Fletcher won me over with his entertaining on-camera presence. He was self-deprecating by pulling up an old tweet, and there's more to his anchoring than just hard sports content. He makes watching fun.

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans
Juan Kincaid

Breaking Weather

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge
"Tracking Barry"

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans
"Hurricane Barry"

Third Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge
"December Liberty Tornadoes"



Louisiana-Mississippi
Associated Press
Broadcasters and Media Editors



Manship School of
Mass Communication

Weather Anchor

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Steve Caparotta

Second Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Jeff Castle

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

David Bernard

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik and Jon Turnipseed

"Unexcused Absence"

Second Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Mike Perlstein and T.J. Pipitone

"Highway Robbery"

Third Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Kiran Chawla and Robert Hollins

"Selling Assessments"



Special Report - Louisiana

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik and Jon Turnipseed
"Unexcused Absence"

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed
and Cody Lillich
"Empty Field of Dreams"

Third Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed
and Cody Lillich
"The Cost of Choice"

Special Report - Mississippi

First Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Cheryl Lasseter and Wesley Harris
"Social Studies"

Hit on all pistons. Good reporting. Good writing. Good shooting and editing. And a good on-camera presence and delivery by the reporter. Important topic handled well!

Second Place

WDBD-TV, Jackson

Symphonie Privett
and Karlos Sanders
"The Women in Civil Rights"

This reporter picked wonderful interviewees. Those interviews were showcased through good writing and a great delivery. And the use of photos and archival video worked wonderfully.

Third Place

WDBD-TV, Jackson

Melissa Faith Payne
and Karlos Sanders
"Yazoo Backwater Flood Effects"

I appreciated the effort. This reporter did not hang out in an air-conditioned office and do interviews via Skype. She got out there and showed the viewers something unique. Bravo.



Continuing Coverage

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Cody Lillich, Jon Turnipseed
and Lee Zurik
"Empty Field of Dreams"

Great investigative piece spanning a substantial period of time that strikes a chord with anyone who has ever given to a cause only to see the cause ultimately fail.

Second Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

"Ascension Livingston Rampage"

Solid and compelling coverage over a period of several days of a horrific case.

Third Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

"Hard Rock Hotel Collapse"

General News - Louisiana

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Matt Houston
and Derron Daquano
"Liberty Tornado Damage"

The pacing in the beginning really draws you in and gradually reveals the story and characters. Well done. Good variety of moments.

Second Place

WWL-TV, New Orleans

Erika Ferrando
"A Lift to Work Lifts Spirits"

Amazing character. And good way to reveal the second part of the story with the police officer.

Third Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Matt Houston and Rick Portier
"Church Fire Arrest"



General News - Mississippi

First Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Patrice Clark

"Eagle Lake Residents
Denied FEMA Aid"

Such a strong opening SOT. Grabs so much emotion right away. Creative variety of shooting. Good job taking the issue that affects many people and personalizing it with the one couple.

Second Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Courtney Ann Jackson
and Jerome DeLoach

"Confederate Statue Protest"

Third Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Patrice Clark

"Teacher of the Year Killed"

Breaking News

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

"Sadie Roberts-Joseph"

Second Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

Alex Love, LeKeitha Terrell
and Tim Schwaegler

"Holly Bluff Gas Station Fire"

Third Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

Taylor Walker, Amanda Valdin
and Travers Mackel

"Canal Street Mass Shooting"



TV Reporter

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Stacey Cameron

Second Place

KTBS-TV, Shreveport

Jamie Ostroff

Third Place

WDSU-TV, New Orleans

Travers Mackel

News Anchor

First Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Adria Goins

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Liz Reyes

Third Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Elizabeth Vowell

Achievement-Louisiana

First Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Lee Zurik, Jon Turnipseed
and Cody Lillich

"Empty Field of Dreams"

Great story-excellent writing graphics, editing
and sources that are very compelling.

Second Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Impressive investigation reel and great story
on the fiddle fixer and the former anchor.



Achievement - Mississippi

First Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

"Focused on Solutions:
The Crime Crisis"

The selection of stories portrayed the subject matter well. The quality of the reporting really shined through. This entry shows how well a news team can work together.

Second Place

WJTV-TV, Jackson

Candace Coleman, Opie Cooper
and Kaitlin Howell
"Cool Schools Special"

Third Place

JSU-TV, Jackson

Eric Walker
"Mississippi's Historic ICE Raid"

Newscast - Louisiana

First Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Second Place

WVUE-TV, New Orleans

Caitlin Dwyer

Third Place

WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge

Newscast - Mississippi

First Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Emily Caballero and Mark Little



Louisiana-Mississippi
Associated Press
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Mass Communication

PROFESSIONAL TV DIVISION II:

Multimedia

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

"McKeithen Death Coverage"

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"The LIST"

Third Place

KPLC-TV, Lake Charles

Jillian Corder, Johnathan Manning
and Cindy Choi

Feature - Louisiana

First Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Daniel Phillips, David Hilbun
and Justin Terro
"Out of the Shadows"

Second Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Rachael Penton and Ben Gauthier
"Wiley Cattle Ranch"

Third Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Brooke Buford
"10-Year-Old Piano Prodigy"



Feature - Mississippi

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Hugh Keeton

"UFO Witnesses"

Long awaited validation for this individual. Great use of scene shots, NATs sounds and graphic editing. Very much a human-interest story with unique characters telling their story.

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Desirae Duncan

"South Mississippi Strong:

Ted Hearn"

Finding a great character to show others what love and caring is all about. Very nicely presented. Ted shows how important is to help others in our community.

Third Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Hugh Keeton

"Sully Sings"

Inspirational story for young and old alike. Sully teaches determination and inspiration with his love of music. Good script.

News Videographer

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Tristan Ruppert

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Justin Terro

Third Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Ben Gauthier



Sports Story

First Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

Aaron Dietrich
"A Survivor's Story"

Very well told. An amazing use of video and some outstanding sound made this story flow and move. A very nice job in a very tough field of stories. Loved the story and your use of all the elements in it to express it to your viewers. Congratulations on a well-earned victory.

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Seth Lewis
"Remembering Tony Robichaux"

Such a wonderful job of using sound that truly reflected who this man was on and off the field. Coaches are often hard and tough men and women and you showed his caring side in a very nice way. Congratulations on a great story.

Third Place

WCBI-TV, Columbus-Tupelo

Courtney Robb and Chris Bolton
"Gone But Not Forgotten"

This story had some great sound to work with and such a great story to tell. Very nice job in showing your viewers this touching story and how #11 carries a lot more weight when you're chosen to wear it. Well done.

High School Football Program

First Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

Aaron Dietrich
"Friday Night Blitz"

Solid production quality inside and outside studio. Had a thorough set of detailed highlights. Content presented with energy and camaraderie. Good use of nats/sots that kept the block moving forward.

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

"Friday Night Football Showdown"

Solid anchor presentation with energy. Easy-to-follow script with well-shot video. Interesting field package/reports. Good use of reporters and set.

Third Place

WTOK-TV, Meridian

"Football Friday"

Anchor team showcased solid well-shot content with ease and authority. Presentation had good energy and scripts were easy to follow. Ad-libbing and teases flowed well with script and into break.



Sports Anchor

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Josh Berrian

Outstanding creativity. Showed great presence on the desk and good story telling.

Second Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

Aaron Dietrich

Excellent story teller.

Third Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Andrew Clay

Solid anchor and reporter.

Breaking Weather

First Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"Hurricane Barry"

Great use of the extra help from other stations in showcasing the teams LIVE in the field as Barry moved in. Well-rounded coverage from breaking weather to including your viewer's photos and videos. Bonus points for lightening up the mood at the end, much needed in this type of situation.

Second Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

"Alexandria's December Tornado"

Excellent live coverage by weather dept. and news staff as the storm was still ripping through. Great consistency among the graphical elements and using a tagline to remember 'After the storm'. This coverage was well-produced and comprehensive.

Third Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

"Ruston Tornado"

Excellent stacking of tornado aftermath 10p show. All of the stories flowed well into one another. Great use of tags and breakout information. Emotional stories shined among the coverage, great storytelling.



Weather Anchor

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Wesley Williams

Wesley was very conversational and comfortable on air.

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Eric Jeansonne

Eric was very conversational and comfortable on air.

Third Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Rob Perillo

Rob's energy made his weather segments engaging.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"The LIST"

Very Thorough! Good team effort.

Second Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Brooke Buford and Mark Klein

"Arrested Again"

Good use of documents.

Third Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

"Bastrop OIS"

Good use of 9-1-1 calls!



Special Report - Louisiana

First Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Brooke Buford, Ben Gauthier
and Mark Klein
"Bobby Blair Cold Case"

Second Place

KPLC-TV, Lake Charles

Cynthia Arceneaux
and Caleb LaFleur
"Battle Over Teacher Pay Raises"

Third Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"The LIST"

Special Report - Mississippi

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Alison Spann
"Teen Gun Violence in Gulfport"

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

John Fitzhugh
"403rd Illness Special Report"

Third Place

WDAM-TV, Hattiesburg

Patrick Bigbie
"2013 Tornado Anniversary"



Continuing Coverage

First Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

"Ruston Tornado"

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

"I-10 Standoff"

Third Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"St. Landry Parish Church Arsons"

General News - Louisiana

First Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Rachael Penton and Ben Gauthier
"Tornado Recovery Day Three"

The level of quality storytelling in this piece should be applauded. The viewer is immediately drawn in with the use of nat sound, strong and creative video shots and a human approach to introducing the characters. The transitions were pulled off perfectly and the pacing was on point. I'm impressed at how polished and tight this piece is with a producer-friendly TRT.

Second Place

KPLC-TV, Lake Charles

Chandler Watkins
"Village of Fenton Bans Pit Bulls"

This is real journalism. Chandler captured both sides of the issue, presented the facts and let the viewer form their own opinion on the matter. It's apparent she managed her time well to pull of a complex story on deadline.

Third Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"Remembering Governor
Kathleen Blanco"

Talk about top-notch content. This segment shows a great amount of teamwork to pull off. The creative editing was refreshing. I like how the pieces showcased what a multi-faceted person Blanco was when she was alive. This is a prime example of how to expand on one event while taking viewers on an informative journey during the newscast.



General News - Mississippi

First Place

WDAM-TV, Hattiesburg

Jeffrey Morgan

"Bay Springs ICE Raids"

Great piece on an ongoing situation. Good interview about the children left behind due to the raid. Very informative to viewers.

Second Place

WTOK-TV, Meridian

Nicholas Brooks

"Barrett Sentenced to
25 Years in 2017 Killing"

Third Place

WTOK-TV, Meridian

Tom Williams

"Fish Camp Owner Concerned
as Tombigbee River Floods"

Breaking News

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

"Officer McKeithen
Shooting Death"

Amazing coverage from start to finish of this story. Excellent breaking coverage on-air and on social media. Every part pushes the story forward with continuous updates. Excellent work.

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"Hurricane Barry"

Great use of crews LIVE in the field as well as the weather team in-house. The coverage provided much-needed condition updates to viewers who are at home trying to understand what's going on. Well done.

Third Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

"Ruston Tornado"

Excellent live coverage by the weather team as the storm was strengthening. Great follow-up coverage of the damage and community reaction as well. Overall, well-orchestrated coverage.



TV Reporter

First Place
KATC-TV, Lafayette
Jim Hummel

The Catholic story was done amazingly. I loved the walk-up intro, interview setting and the station list.

Second Place
KALB-TV, Alexandria
Brooke Buford

Great blend of you in the story as the face of the station but not the story.

Third Place
WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport
Tristan Ruppert

I appreciate the transitions. I admire the effort and ingenuity.

News Anchor

First Place
KNOE-TV, Monroe
Tyler Smith

Second Place
KPLC-TV, Lake Charles
Shelby Trahan

Third Place
WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport
Alison Spann

Achievement-Louisiana

First Place
KATC-TV, Lafayette

The investigative work sets KATC apart.

Second Place
KNOE-TV, Monroe

Strong array of coverage.

Third Place
KALB-TV, Alexandria
Mark Klein
"Golden Apple"

The story about the teacher who saved kids from the tornado is heart-stopping.



Achievement - Mississippi

First Place

WCBI-TV, Columbus-Tupelo

Mary Carroll Sullivan, Sydney
Franklin and Joey Barnes

It was anything but great TV... but it was
great TV. Watching the aftermath of a
tornado from makeshift Facebook Live studio
is strangely riveting. Bravo.

Second Place

WXXV-TV, Gulfport

Jeffrey Haeger

Ambitious project, nicely conceived and
edited.

Third Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

"Officer McKeithen
Shooting Death"

Strong, solid coverage throughout a powerful
story.

Newscast - Louisiana

First Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Second Place

KALB-TV, Alexandria

Steven Maxwell, Brooke Buford
and Anna Barrett

Third Place

KNOE-TV, Monroe

Newscast - Mississippi

First Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Second Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport

Third Place

WLOX-TV, Biloxi-Gulfport



PROFESSIONAL RADIO:

Multimedia

First Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko
"Cruisin' for a Cure"

Very touching... edited well.

Second Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko
Breck Riley
"A Hero Comes Home"

Very creative and cute idea.

Third Place

KEDM-FM, Monroe
Cory Crowe
"President Donald Trump
Visits Monroe"

This is always a hot topic.

Short Feature Story

First Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**
Ezra Wall
"Volunteers Help Reeling Migrant
Families Make Ends Meet"

Fabulous use of natural sound throughout
the piece. Nice editing. Great storytelling.

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**
Ashley Norwood
"Evers Home Added to a List of
National Civil Rights Sites"

Loved the natural sound used to open the
piece. Soundbite of Evers really evoked
emotion. Well chosen!

Third Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko
Mina Mooney and Breck Riley
"2019 Mississippi Songwriter of
the Year"

Nice use of natural sound and music
throughout the piece!



Long Feature Story

First Place

Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson

Ashley Norwood

"Mississippians at Odds Over
Confederate Holiday"

A nice look the controversy over Confederate Memorial Day and Confederate monuments and statues. Piece had great natural sound and great sound bites multiple points of view. Great storytelling.

Second Place

Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson

Alexandra Watts

"It just keeps getting worse.'
Delta Flooding Still a Concern"

One of the interview subjects is right: This is an important story that hasn't gotten national attention. Great job of showing how the flooding is affecting different types of people. I felt their despair in these interviews. Would have like a little more about what is causing the issue.

Third Place

WMSV-FM

Terry Likes

"Fake News Blues: A Credibility
Crisis for Journalism.' The Impact
of Fake News Allegations on
Media Organizations and
Audience Trust."

A multiple source-look on the effort to brand mainstream journalism as "Fake News," when "fake" merely means news you don't agreed with. Nice look at what the siren call of "Fake News" may be doing to trust in news.

Use of Sound

First Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

Breck Riley

"Veterans Day Aisle of Honor"

In one short news report this entry conveyed the excitement and diversity of a lively community event.

Second Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

Breck Riley

"A Hero Comes Home"

This entry allowed us to listen in on a delightful moment in the reunion of a soldier and his daughter.



Third Place

WMSV-FM

Terry Likes

"Fake News Blues: A Credibility Crisis for Journalism.' The Impact of Fake News Allegations on Media Organizations and Audience Trust."

Fake News Blues effectively illustrated the complexity of a central issue in our times, using many soundbites from a wide range of sources.

Sports Story

First Place

KPEL-FM, Lafayette

Ian Auzenne

"Remembering Tony Robichaux"

A nice show with the hosts sharing their memories of a coach who obviously had a big impact.

Sportscast or Sports Program

First Place

KPEL-FM, Lafayette

Ian Auzenne, Jay Walker
and Craig Melancon

"Remembering Coach Robe"

This is a well-done and heartfelt tribute to a coach who had a big impact in the community. Nice work handling guests and callers during a difficult time.

Second Place

KPEL-FM, Lafayette

Ian Auzenne, Brandon Comeaux
and Mark Pope

"Acadiana Wreckin' Rams
Football: The Class 5A State
Championship Game"

This was a solid presentation of an exciting high school football championship game. The announcers work well together.

Third Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

"Kosciusko Whippets Football:
"Pick Six" for the Win"

This was an enthusiastic re-cap of a high school football game. Nice job helping the star player through the post-game interview after his game-winning play.



Documentary or Series of Stories

First Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Alexandra Watts

"High Rates of HIV in the
Mississippi Delta Result in
Increased Outreach"

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Alexandra Watts

"'It Just Keeps Getting Worse.'
Delta Flooding Still a Concern"

Third Place

WJSU-FM, Jackson

Eric Walker

"Mississippi Historic ICE Raids"

Public Affairs

First Place

KEDM-FM, Monroe

Cory Crowe

"Policy and a Pint: A Feral
Hog Invasion"

Very unique Public Affairs show that got out of out the studio. Loved the format and the live studio audience. Interesting topic and nice balance of guests. Well done!

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Alexandra Watts

"'It Just Keeps Getting Worse.'
Delta Flooding Still a Concern"

Excellent use of natural sound throughout the piece. Loved the first-hand accounts by the farmers. Great writing that brought the piece to life! Nice Job!

Third Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Ashley Norwood

"Mississippians at Odds Over
Confederate Holiday"

Nice use of natural sound at the beginning and end of the piece. Very interesting topic. Loved the fact you branched out in the national Confederate monument issue as well.



Breaking News

First Place

KPEL-FM, Lafayette

Ian Auzenne

"Hurricane Barry"

Second Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

"November 5 Election Coverage"

Third Place

WJSU-FM, Jackson

Eric Walker and Meridith Hairston

"Election Night Coverage"

Anchor/Reporter

First Place

WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko

Breck Riley

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Desare Frazier

Radio Achievement

First Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Alexandra Watts

"'It Just Keeps Getting Worse.'

Delta Flooding Still a Concern"

With excellent use of ambient sound and actualities, this series provides a comprehensive sense of the true toll flooding can take.

Second Place

**Mississippi Public Broadcasting,
Jackson**

Ezra Wall and Karen Brown

From the opening music and tease to the use of actualities and compelling interviews, this program offered an excellent wrap up of an important state election.



Third Place
KEDM-FM, Monroe
Cory Crowe

At a time when newsrooms must do more with less, Cory Crowe sets a fine example -- delivering a solid newscast, a delightful interview on West Monroe's Pet Parade and a capable stand-up before Trump's local rally.

Newscast

First Place
Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson

This entry has a good mix of stories. The newscast has good pacing and delivery. A solid job all-around.

Second Place
WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko
Breck Riley

This entry has a nice use of nat sound and variety in the story content.

Third Place
KPEL-FM, Lafayette
Brandon Comeaux

COMBINED DIVISIONS:

Best Podcast

First Place
KPLC-TV, Lake Charles
Jenelle Shriner and Jillian Corder
"Southwest Louisiana Unsolved:
The Jeff Davis 8"

Second Place
KEDM-FM, Monroe
Kelby Ouchley
"Bayou Diversity - Neanderthal"



Louisiana Newsperson of the Year

First Place

**The Advocate/Times-Picayune/
New Orleans Advocate**

John Simerman

Incredible work, especially the story on the horses. Outstanding reporter.

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

Jim Hummel

The epitome of what a broadcast journalist should be. Shows the impact a local news anchor has on his community.

Mississippi Newsperson of the Year

First Place

(Tupelo) Daily Journal

Caleb Bedillion

Caleb's commitment to investigative journalism and freedom of information rights set him apart this year. His work makes a real difference in his community.

Second Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

Maggie Wade

Maggie seems to be the epitome of the broadcast journalist and especially the local news broadcaster.

Third Place

The Meridian Star

Erin Kelly

Erin had outstanding work and will continue to make an impact on her community.

First Amendment Award of Excellence

First Place

WLBT-TV, Jackson

CJ LeMaster

"Pattern of Secrecy"

Second Place

KATC-TV, Lafayette

"Calcasieu Community Service"

Third Place

KSLA-TV, Shreveport

Blane Skiles and Bubba Kneipp

"Code of Conduct"