



## Final List of Winners

### 45. Online Slideshow

#### Open Division

##### First Place

Palm Coast Observer

*FPC football*

Ray Boone

##### Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

*Disney's Animal Kingdom 20th Anniversary*

Jim Carchidi

##### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Haunted Halloween Trails*

Adam Hutchinson

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## Final List of Winners

### 44. Online Breaking News Coverage

#### Open Division

##### First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

*Surf shop fire*

Cindy Lane

##### Second Place

Largo Leader

*Stand Your Ground law comes into play in Clearwater shooting*

Suzette Porter

##### Third Place

Navarre Press

*Swimmer missing off Navarre Beach*

Jamie Gentry

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# Final List of Winners

## 43. Website Excellence

### Division AB

#### First Place

Longboat Observer

*Longboat Observer website excellence*

Staff

#### Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

*OrlandoBusinessJournal.com*

Staff Staff

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## Final List of Winners

### 42. Front Page Makeup

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Navarre Press Front Page*  
Navarre Press Staff

##### Second Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*April 19/Aug. 16/Aug. 23*  
Cynthia Krahl, Maria Trujillo, Darlene Williams

##### Third Place

Sumter County Times  
*Joining the Great Sunflower project, All in black and white, Commission set to sue*  
Bob Reichman, Brian Lapeter

#### Division B

##### First Place

The Baker County Press  
*The Baker County Press*  
Press Staff

##### Second Place

Longboat Observer  
*Front Page Makeup*  
Meghan Sasser

##### Third Place

Jacksonville Business Journal  
*JBj Front Page Makeup*  
Sarah Ellis

#### Division A

##### First Place

The Miami Times  
*Best Front Pages*  
Mitzi Williams

##### Second Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Front Page Makeup*  
Meghan Sasser

##### Third Place

Windermere Observer  
*Windermere Observer: Front Page Makeup*  
Michael Eng, Jessica Eng, Amy Quesinberry, Danielle Hendrix, Gabby Baquero, Eric Gutierrez



# Final List of Winners

## 41. Overall Graphic Design

### Division BC

#### First Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal Graphic Design*  
Victoria Prichard, Jim Carchidi

#### Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer  
*Overall Graphic Design: Winter Park/Maitland Observer*  
Jessica Eng

#### Third Place

The Baker County Press  
*The Baker County Press*  
Press Staff

### Division A

#### First Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Graphic Design, Sarasota Observer*  
Staff

#### Second Place

East County Observer  
*Overall graphic design*  
Melissa Leduc

#### Third Place

Port Orange Observer  
*Design of the Port Orange Observer*  
Hailey McMillan

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# Final List of Winners

## 40. Informational Graphic

### Division C

#### First Place

Madison County Carrier  
*A firefighter's equipment*  
Shane Mathews, Emerald Greene Parsons

#### Second Place

Navarre Press  
*Anatomy of a tourist*  
Dickie Williams, Jamie Gentry

#### Third Place

Navarre Press  
*2018 Beach Bowl*  
Dickie Williams, Brian Lester

### Division AB

#### First Place

Longboat Observer  
*Survey says ...*  
Meghan Sasser

#### Second Place

East County Observer  
*The school cost blackboard*  
Melissa Leduc

#### Third Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal InfoGraphics*  
Victoria Prichard

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# Final List of Winners

## 39. Best Headline

### Division C

#### First Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*Is 50 the new zero?*  
John Willoughby

#### Second Place

Jefferson County Journal  
*Stunning Donation*  
Ashley Hunter

#### Third Place

Riverland News  
*RLN Headlines Jeff Bryan*  
Jeff Bryan

### Division B

#### First Place

Business Observer  
*Urn it, Top of the Food Chain, Brave the Elements*  
Grier Ferguson

#### Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*Best Headline: West Orange Times & Observer*  
Michael Eng

#### Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer  
*Best Headline: Winter Park/Maitland Observer*  
Michael Eng, Jessica Eng

### Division A

#### First Place

The Miami Times  
*The Best Heads*  
The Miami Times Staff

#### Second Place

Windermere Observer  
*Best Headline: Windermere Observer*  
Michael Eng, Jessica Eng

#### Third Place

Largo Leader  
*A storybook ending for library, Budding business and A monumental dilemma*  
Chris George



# Final List of Winners

## 38. Sports Column

### Division BC

#### First Place

Navarre Press

*Brian Out Loud - Andrew Jackson*

Brian Lester

#### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Golfer Fighting Parkinson's*

Mark Seiden

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Venice is Sports Capital*

Scott Lockwood

### Division A

#### First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

*Open Letter to Mullen: Mississippi State will be your ultimate test*

Mark Stine

#### Second Place

East County Observer

*FHSAA gets it wrong on Pirates' sanctions*

Ryan Kohn

#### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

*Video evidence*

Ray Boone

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## Final List of Winners

### 37. Sports Page or Section

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press

*Fight to the finish*

Brian Lester, Dickie Williams, John Richardson

##### Second Place

Mayo Free Press

*SEE PAPER ENTRY: Mayo Free Press*

Staff

##### Third Place

Madison County Carrier

*Cowboys' Preview*

Shane Mathews, Rick Patrick, Emerald Greene Parsons

#### Division B

##### First Place

West Orange Times & Observer

*Best Sports Section: West Orange Times & Observer*

Troy Herring

##### Second Place

The Apopka Chief

*The Apopka Chief sports Nov. 2, 9*

John Peery

##### Third Place

Gulf Breeze News

*Best Sports Page or Section*

Jason Thompson

#### Division A

##### First Place

Sarasota Observer

*Sarasota sports section*

Ryan Kohn

##### Second Place

Port Orange Observer

*Best of Port Orange sports*

Ray Boone, Hailey McMillan

##### Third Place

Windermere Observer

*Best Sports Section: Windermere Observer*

Troy Herring



## Final List of Winners

### 36. Sports Spot News Story

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Against all odds*  
Brian Lester

##### Second Place

Chiefland Citizen  
*Unforgettable Season*  
Sean Arnold

##### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Family Reunion Game*  
Steve Knapp

#### Division B

##### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Coach Fired*  
Vinnie Portell

##### Second Place

The Baker County Press  
*Records broken as Cats win region*  
Jon Shumake

#### Division A

##### First Place

Windermere Observer  
*Remembering Rich Piesko*  
Troy Herring

##### Second Place

Port Orange Observer  
*Weightlifting champ*  
Ray Boone

##### Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*PEACH BOWL CHAMPS: Florida dominates Michigan in Atlanta*  
Jake Dreilinger



# Final List of Winners

## 35. Sports Feature Story

### Division C

#### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Recruiting hype*  
Brian Lester

#### Second Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*Four For Four*  
Tom Staik

#### Third Place

Chiefland Citizen  
*Highest benchmark*  
Sean Arnold

### Division B

#### First Place

Business Observer  
*Break Point*  
Brian Hartz

#### Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon  
*Winning weekend: Hatters are off to North Carolina*  
Anthony DeFeo, Joe Crews

#### Third Place

The Baker County Press  
*Changing perceptions*  
Jon Shumake

### Division A

#### First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*TOUGHEST WARRIOR: How Lauren Evans overcame the battle of a lifetime*  
Chris O'Brien

#### Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*Jumping Through Hoops*  
Ethan Bauer

#### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Lexi Buchanan*  
Ray Boone



# Final List of Winners

## 34. Sports Photo

### Division C

#### First Place

Suwannee Democrat  
*Branford catch*  
Jamie Wachter

#### Second Place

Chiefland Citizen  
*Unforgettable season*  
Sean Arnold

#### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Rodeo*  
Jimmy Peters

### Division B

#### First Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer  
*Offense on track*  
Troy Herring

#### Second Place

Gulf Breeze News  
*Best Sports Photo - Borden Out*  
Jason Thompson

#### Third Place

The Apopka Chief  
*Happy team*  
John Peery

### Division A

#### First Place

Windermere Observer  
*King of Darkness*  
Troy Herring

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Crosstown shot*  
Paige Wilson

#### Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News  
*Academy at the Lakes wins second straight title*  
Fred Bellet



## Final List of Winners

### 33. Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

#### Division C

##### First Place

The Hernando Sun

*Alice Mary Herden*

Alice Mary Herden **\*\*Winner: Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award\*\***

##### Second Place

Navarre Press

*Portfolio by Brian Lester*

Brian Lester

##### Third Place

Madison County Carrier

*Twisted in the tree*

Emerald Greene Parsons

#### Division AB

##### First Place

East County Observer

*Portfolio photography*

Jay Heater

##### Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News

*Christine Holtzman Porfolio*

Christine Holtzman

##### Third Place

Windermere Observer

*Portfolio Photography: Eric Gutierrez*

Eric Gutierrez

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## Final List of Winners

### 32. Photo Series in One Issue

#### Division C

##### First Place

Sumter County Times  
*A Patch of Beauty*  
Martin Steele

##### Second Place

Boca Beacon  
*A small-town Fourth of July ... complete with fireworks!*  
Dusty Hopkins, Marcy Shortuse

##### Third Place

Riverland News  
*Chugging Right Along*  
Julie Mancini

#### Division B

##### First Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*Fresh perspective*  
Michael Eng

##### Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal  
*Niki Barber*  
Niki Barber

##### Third Place

News-Leader  
*Everywhere a sign*  
Robert Fiege

#### Division A

##### First Place

The Laker/Lutz News  
*Fair offers helpings of fun*  
Richard Riley

##### Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News  
*They jam on ukuleles — making music and friends*  
Fred Bellet

##### Third Place

Clearwater Beacon  
*Sugar Sand Festival*  
Logan Mosby



# Final List of Winners

## 31. Reader-Generated Photo

### Division C

#### First Place

Nassau County Record  
*West Side Rivalry*  
Brian LaCross

#### Second Place

Riverland News  
*Old-Fashioned Fun*  
Jade Deonath

#### Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*"Stay in the know"*  
David Myers

### Division AB

#### First Place

The Coastal Star  
*Heavyside memorial*  
James Areana

#### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Field of Dreams*  
Lisa Guscette

#### Third Place

Belleair Bee  
*Going the distance*  
Mike Haytack

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# Final List of Winners

## 30. Feature Photo

### Division C

#### First Place

The Arcadian

*Clown's Best Friend*

Jimmy Peters

#### Second Place

Riverland News

*Fun*

Julie Mancini

#### Third Place

Jefferson County Journal

*Splashing Good Time*

Ashley Hunter

### Division B

#### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Unlucky Fish (read caption)*

Adam Hutchinson

#### Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

*Linemen silhouette*

Jami Joe

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Storm*

John Joseph Orchulli II

### Division A

#### First Place

The Laker/Lutz News

*Enjoying the great outdoors*

Christine Holtzman

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

*Veteran portrait*

Paige Wilson

#### Third Place

Windermere Observer

*Timeless toys*

Eric Gutierrez





# Final List of Winners

## 29. Spot News Photo

### Division C

#### First Place

Boca Beacon  
*A brilliant bolt*  
Marcy Shortuse

#### Second Place

Riverland News  
*Fix*  
Jeff Bryan

### Division AB

#### First Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer  
*In the mood*  
Harry Sayer

#### Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*A December to remember*  
Troy Herring

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Rescuing Manatee*  
Paul Joyce

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## Final List of Winners

### 28. Special Issue, Section or Supplement

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press  
*2018 Emerald Coast Visitor's Guide*  
Navarre Press Staff

##### Second Place

Jefferson County Journal  
*Watermelon Wrap-up*  
Emerald Greene Parsons, Ashley Hunter, Debbie Snapp, Carl Painter, Kate Frizzell

##### Third Place

Madison County Carrier  
*Homecoming*  
Staff Staff

#### Division B

##### First Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal Special Issues*  
Cindy Barth, Anjali Fluker, Richard Bilbao, Denise Hicks

##### Second Place

Longboat Observer  
*Longboat Observer 40th anniversary section*  
Staff

##### Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal  
*Hurricane Michael*  
Teresa Eubanks, Johnny Eubanks, Daniel Williams, Domenick Esagro, Laban Bontrager

#### Division A

##### First Place

Largo Leader  
*SEE PAPER ENTRY: Welcome Back*  
Chris George and staff

##### Second Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Spirit of America*  
Staff

##### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Special PCOs*  
Observer Staff



# Final List of Winners

## 27. Community History

### Division C

#### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Breaking the Color Barrier*  
Brian Lester

#### Second Place

Navarre Press  
*A segregated South*  
Jamie Gentry

#### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Arcadia Pioneers*  
Carol Mahler

### Division B

#### First Place

The West Volusia Beacon  
*Calm in the eye of a development storm: Historic Lake Helen cemetery is near Automall*  
Eli Witek

#### Second Place

Longboat Observer  
*So long, Colony*  
Bret Hauff, Katie Johns

#### Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times  
*25 years after the Storm of the Century*  
Caitlyn Burchett

### Division A

#### First Place

The Coastal Star  
*Delray historic*  
Ron Hayes

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*1998 fires*  
Paige Wilson

#### Third Place

The Miami Times  
*I See Black People*  
K. Barrett Bilali



# Final List of Winners

## 26. Best Obituary

### Division C

#### First Place

Sumter County Times  
*In Focus: Anne Thompson*  
Brenda Locklear

#### Second Place

Boca Beacon  
*The matriarch of Boca Grande took her last ride over the Causeway: The passing of Isabelle Joiner*  
Marcy Shortuse

#### Third Place

Navarre Press  
*Semper Fi Jay "Gunny" Degraw*  
Navarre Press Staff

### Division B

#### First Place

Longboat Observer  
*King of the Key*  
Mark Gordon, Katie Johns

#### Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer  
*Goodbye, Gorgeous*  
Troy Herring

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Bob Byler*  
Greg Giles

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*Steve Cousins, Miami Hero of Science, Dies*  
Chuck Strouse

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Auntie Vi*  
Ray Boone

#### Third Place

The Coastal Star  
*Hayes Heavyside obit*  
Ron Hayes



## Final List of Winners

### 25. Outdoor & Recreation

#### Division C

##### First Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*Wildlife Refuge Recovering A Year After Storm*  
Jennifer McConkey

##### Second Place

The Arcadian  
*Local Adventurers*  
Daniel Sutphin

##### Third Place

Navarre Press  
*Journey of a lifetime*  
Brian Lester

#### Division B

##### First Place

Longboat Observer  
*Disorder on the court*  
Bret Hauff

##### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Challenger Baseball*  
Greg Giles

##### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Urban Forest*  
Bob Mudge

#### Division A

##### First Place

East County Observer  
*Future so bright, park needs shade*  
Jay Heater

##### Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun  
*Fishermen to cast vote against net ban*  
Cindy Lane

##### Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun  
*Show them the courtesy*  
Rusty Chinnis



## Final List of Winners

### 24. Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Volleyball, shorebirds on collision course*  
Jamie Gentry

##### Second Place

The Hernando Sun  
*On Bayou Drive*  
Alice Mary Herden

##### Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*The Withlacoochee Sewage Saga*  
Savannah Reams

#### Division B

##### First Place

Business Observer  
*Tea Leaves/Tea Time*  
Grier Ferguson

##### Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon  
*Sinkholes: On the rise in West Volusia?*  
Eli Witek

##### Third Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times  
*Timber damage trickles toward Taylor*  
Mark Viola

#### Division A

##### First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun  
*Oil drilling in the Gulf*  
Cindy Lane

##### Second Place

The Miami Times  
*Lead in The Water*  
The Miami Times Staff

##### Third Place

East County Observer  
*A victorious campaign*  
Jay Heater



## Final List of Winners

### 23. State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)

#### Open Division

##### First Place

Sarasota Observer

*The path to a deficit*

Cassidy Alexander

##### Second Place

Navarre Press

*Navarre Beach fire seeks MSBU increase*

Jamie Gentry **\*\*Winner: The TaxWatch Award\*\***

##### Third Place

Longboat Observer

*Saving for the Future*

Bret Hauff

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## Final List of Winners

### 22. Business Reporting

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press

*Anatomy of a tourist*

Jamie Gentry

##### Second Place

Nassau County Record

*Small Businesses Find Keys to Sustain Success*

Kathie Colgrove

##### Third Place

The Arcadian

*Solar*

Andrea Praegitzer

#### Division B

##### First Place

Orlando Business Journal

*Orlando Business of Tourism*

Richard Bilbao

##### Second Place

Jacksonville Business Journal

*Rocketing rental rates: Local rates are rising at one of the fastest paces in the nation*

James Cannon, Dahlia Ghabour, Allison Colburn

##### Third Place

Orlando Business Journal

*Orlando Business of Tech*

Matthew Richardson

#### Division A

##### First Place

Largo Leader

*The business of beer*

Chris George

##### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer

*Sea Ray closes*

Jonathan Simmons

##### Third Place

Sarasota Observer

*Spirited debate*

David Conway





# Final List of Winners

## 21. Local Government Reporting

### Division C

#### First Place

The Arcadian

*Mosaic*

Craig Garrett

#### Second Place

Chiefland Citizen

*Straw Poll*

Sean Arnold

#### Third Place

Nassau County Record

*Liquor Sales Stir Hilliard*

Kathie Colgrove

### Division B

#### First Place

Orlando Business Journal

*Orlando Business Journal Government News*

Matthew Richardson, Richard Bilbao, Veronica Brezina, Sarah Aslam

#### Second Place

Business Observer

*Open Lanes/Parrish Parade*

Mark Gordon

#### Third Place

Jacksonville Business Journal

*Creating a riverfront miracle in Jacksonville ... will it actually happen?*

Allison Colburn

### Division A

#### First Place

The Coastal Star

*three manager stories*

Rich Pollack

#### Second Place

Miami New Times

*Years After Miami-Dade Promised New Houses, Seniors Are Stuck With I-95 in Their Backyard*

Jessica Lipscomb

#### Third Place

Seminole Beacon

*City probes allegations of misconduct*

Tiffany Razzano



# Final List of Winners

## 20. Roads and Transportation

### Division BC

#### First Place

The Baker County Press  
*Washed away*  
Joel Addington

#### Second Place

Longboat Observer  
*Is Gulf of Mexico Drive safe for pedestrians*  
Bret Hauff

#### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Peace River Supporter*  
Carol Mahler

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*Years After Miami-Dade Promised New Houses, Seniors Are Stuck With I-95 in Their Backyard*  
Jessica Lipscomb

#### Second Place

Clearwater Beacon  
*A clean Getaway*  
John Morton

#### Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News  
*Ridge Road Extension*  
Kathy Steele, Brian Fernandes

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# Final List of Winners

## 19. Faith and Family Reporting

### Division C

#### First Place

The Arcadian  
*Well-Being Report*  
Craig Garrett

#### Second Place

Navarre Press  
*Out of the darkness and into the light*  
Brian Lester

#### Third Place

Monticello News  
*Miracle of Fletcher Fato*  
Ashley Hunter

### Division B

#### First Place

Gulf Breeze News  
*Baby Thiago*  
Glenda Caudle

#### Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*Rest in peace, little angel*  
Amy Quesinberry

#### Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal  
*Church bell returns*  
Teresa Eubanks

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*Miami Atheists Demand to Be Heard*  
Jessica Lipscomb

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Beginning and ending*  
Brian McMillan

#### Third Place

The Coastal Star  
*St. Lucy*  
Janis Fontaine



# Final List of Winners

## 18. Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

### Division C

#### First Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News  
*Harriet Lake's wardrobe lives on in a coffee-table book*  
Christine DeSouza, Jeffrey Gaeser

#### Second Place

Riverland News  
*All Hail the King*  
Jeff Bryan

#### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Time Simply Passes*  
Carol Mahler

### Division B

#### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Antique Road Show*  
Kim Cool

#### Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*Outside the 'Black Box'*  
Eric Gutierrez

#### Third Place

Longboat Observer  
*Triple Threat*  
Niki Kottmann

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*Arts coverage*  
Ciara LaVelle, Celia Almeida

#### Second Place

The Coastal Star  
*Whitney*  
Gretel Sarmiento

#### Third Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Simple Joys*  
Niki Kottmann



## Final List of Winners

### 17. Health, Medical & Science Reporting

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press

*Risk of head injury not exclusive to football*

Brian Lester

##### Second Place

Boca Beacon

*As stone crab season begins many wonder ... are those crabs safe to eat?*

Sue Erwin

##### Third Place

Navarre Press

*A heart for Baby Junior*

Jamie Gentry

#### Division B

##### First Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer

*Hope for the hopeless*

Tim Freed

##### Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

*Orlando Health Care News*

Veronica Brezina, Ryan Lynch

##### Third Place

Clay Today

*The war on invasive plants: Beetle to tackle air potato invasion*

Wesley LeBlanc

#### Division A

##### First Place

East County Observer

*Speaking out about apraxia*

Jay Heater

##### Second Place

The Coastal Star

*Parkinsons Boxing*

Sallie James

##### Third Place

Miami New Times

*Cosleeping Kills Scores of Babies in Florida Every Year*

Jessica Lipscomb



## Final List of Winners

### 16. Education Feature

#### Division C

##### First Place

Riverland News

*SS Eagle*

Jeff Bryan

##### Second Place

Boca Beacon

*Are you a manatee watcher? If so, a local student needs your help with a research project*

Sue Erwin

##### Third Place

Navarre Press

*'Ms. B' teaches music, positive attitude*

Jamie Gentry

#### Division B

##### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Teens & Adversity*

Pam Johnson

##### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Snake's Alive*

Bob Mudge

##### Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer

*Music class*

Paige Wilson

#### Division A

##### First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

*'Night and Day': Schools still struggle with achievement gap*

David Hoffman

##### Second Place

Windermere Observer

*The Dirty on the 30/30*

Gabby Baquero

##### Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News

*This summer camp offers insights into solving crimes*

Kevin Weiss



# Final List of Winners

## 15. Education News

### Division C

#### First Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*Armed & Educated*  
Tom Staik

#### Second Place

The Arcadian  
*Full Bellies*  
Craig Garrett

#### Third Place

Nassau County Record  
*Two Schools Nix Advanced Classes*  
Kathie Colgrove

### Division B

#### First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal  
*How Jacksonville University is shaping the STEM workers of the future*  
Allison Colburn

#### Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon  
*How does Volusia's sex-ed measure up?*  
Eli Witek

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*School Security Enhanced*  
Greg Giles

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*After Parkland, Broward Schools Superintendent Robert Runcie Battles the NRA and Local Critic*  
Brittany Shammas

#### Second Place

Sarasota Observer  
*A study in school security*  
Cassidy Alexander

#### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Students in teacher threat case*  
Jonathan Simmons



# Final List of Winners

## 14. Feature Story: Non-profile

### Division C

#### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Recruiting hype*  
Brian Lester

#### Second Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*A Joyous Graduation, Then Auto Tragedy*  
Anneta Kraus

#### Third Place

Sumter County Times  
*Reviving Old Florida*  
Martin Steele

### Division B

#### First Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*Sole providers*  
Danielle Hendrix

#### Second Place

Business Observer  
*Table Top*  
Brian Hartz

#### Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer  
*Black dog*  
Paige Wilson

### Division A

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*How Miami Became America's Capital of Cryptocurrency, for Better or Worse*  
Jessica Lipscomb

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Hope after jail*  
Brian McMillan

#### Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*'Come back stronger'*  
Romy Ellenbogen





# Final List of Winners

## 13. Feature Story: Profile

### Division C

#### First Place

Williston Pioneer Sun News  
*Four decades of serving Williston*  
Carolyn Ten Broeck

#### Second Place

Sumter County Times  
*In Focus: Mildred Milligan Getting her blessings...*  
Brenda Locklear

#### Third Place

Madison County Carrier  
*Wieland continues to triumph over tragedy*  
Mickey Starling

### Division B

#### First Place

Business Observer  
*Just Breathe*  
Brian Hartz

#### Second Place

Ormond Beach Observer  
*NASCAR Whiz Kid*  
Paige Wilson

#### Third Place

Business Observer  
*Raised Profile*  
Mark Gordon

### Division A

#### First Place

The Coastal Star  
*Former beauty queen*  
Ron Hayes

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*The Bike Man*  
Paige Wilson

#### Third Place

Clearwater Beacon  
*Rocket ManC*  
John Morton



## Final List of Winners

### 12. In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

#### Division C

##### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Wetlands 101*  
Jamie Gentry

##### Second Place

Boca Beacon  
*Suffering from red tide? You're not alone; Red tide woes bring about questions; Where is our clean water?; Is ozone the answer?; Red tide from a scientist's perspective; Are we really feeding the red monster?*  
Marcy Shortuse, Sue Erwin

##### Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*Are our coaches underpaid?*  
Rick Patrick

#### Division B

##### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Hospitals Saga*  
Staff Staff

##### Second Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal In-Depth Reporting*  
Matthew Richardson, Richard Bilbao, Ryan Lynch

##### Third Place

Business Observer  
*Hell Bound*  
Mark Gordon

#### Division A

##### First Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Coverage of The Bay project*  
David Conway

##### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Opioids in Flagler County*  
Jonathan Simmons, Brian McMillan

##### Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*Low pay for bus drivers leads to a shortage, forced overtime*  
Meryl Kornfield



# Final List of Winners

## 11. Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

### Division C

#### First Place

Navarre Press  
*3,000 cracks*  
Rob Johnson

#### Second Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*Free vacation for Hagan at taxpayers' expense*  
Savannah Reams

#### Third Place

Riverland News  
*Party Woes*  
Jeff Bryan

### Division AB

#### First Place

Miami New Times  
*Pot in Miami and how law enforcement is handling it*  
Meg O'Connor **\*\*Winner: Claudia Ross Memorial Award\*\***

#### Second Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Mullins on the record*  
Jonathan Simmons, Brian McMillan

#### Third Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando's Tourism Giants*  
Richard Bilbao

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# Final List of Winners

## 10. Breaking News Story

### Division C

#### First Place

The Herald-Advocate  
*Businessman Accused Of Embezzlement*  
Cynthia Krahl

#### Second Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*Fatal Shooting One dead, one shot; three arrested*  
John Willoughby

#### Third Place

Madison County Carrier  
*We're not in Kansas anymore Tornado strikes Madison County*  
Emerald Greene Parsons, Savannah Reams

### Division B

#### First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal  
*Hurricane Michael*  
Teresa Eubanks

#### Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon  
*Mother dead, lives shattered in DeBary*  
Eli Witek

#### Third Place

Longboat Observer  
*Blooming Mess*  
Katie Johns

### Division A

#### First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator  
*UF community struggles to cope after shooting at Broward County high school*  
Paige Fry, Elliott Nasby

#### Second Place

Largo Leader  
*Shooting stirs up debate over law*  
Suzette Porter

#### Third Place

Miami New Times  
*Feds Holding 1,000 Migrant Children at Miami-Area Compound, Lawmaker Says*  
Jerry Iannelli, Tarpley Hitt



# Final List of Winners

## 9. General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

### Division C

#### First Place

Boca Beacon

*Red tide, blue-green algae: common misconceptions and facts*

Marcy Shortuse

#### Second Place

Santa Rosa Press Gazette

*It's a gift*

Ramon Rios

#### Third Place

The Herald-Advocate

*Absentee Ballots Contain An Error*

Cynthia Krahl

### Division B

#### First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal

*Restaurant shuts down to feed work crews*

Teresa Eubanks

#### Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon

*How to screw up your ballot and still have it count*

Eli Witek

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Sinatra Painting*

Greg Giles

### Division A

#### First Place

East County Observer

*Money in the Tank*

Jay Heater **\*\*Winner: Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award\*\***

#### Second Place

Sarasota Observer

*Mote fishes for county funds*

David Conway

#### Third Place

Largo Leader

*Finding home after the home stretch*

John Morton



# Final List of Winners

## 8. First Amendment Defense (Jon A. Roosenraad Award)

### Open Division

#### First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

*Bradenton Beach Sunshine Lawsuit Continues*

Joe Hendricks **\*\*Winner: Jon A. Roosenraad Award\*\***

#### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Defending the Student Walkout*

Bob Mudge

#### Third Place

Boca Beacon

*WPF Day – Let's preserve the printed word*

Delores Savas

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## Final List of Winners

### 7. Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

#### Division C

##### First Place

Boca Beacon

*It's a well-kept secret but I'll tell you: Year-rounders have rights, too*

Marcy Shortuse

##### Second Place

Madison County Carrier

*Emerald's Gem Box: My Mom – My Blessing*

Emerald Greene Parsons

##### Third Place

Heritage Florida Jewish News

*Do we see the battle?*

Christine DeSouza, Jeffrey Gaeser

#### Division B

##### First Place

News-Leader

*We're not Duuu-val, ya'll*

Peg Davis

##### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Comic Books*

Ronald Dupont Jr.

##### Third Place

Winter Haven Sun

*It can't happen here? Guess again!*

S.L. Frisbie

#### Division A

##### First Place

Miami New Times

*Jerry Iannelli - columns*

Jerry Iannelli **\*\*Winner: Sally Latham Memorial Award\*\***

##### Second Place

East County Observer

*Don't take due diligence concerning aquarium*

Jay Heater

##### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer

*Who's in charge of the truth?*

Brian McMillan



# Final List of Winners

## 6. Humorous Column

### Division C

#### First Place

The Hernando Sun  
*Frogs Don't Flush*  
Vincent Cardegini

#### Second Place

The Arcadian  
*Battle of Bulge*  
Luke Wilson

#### Third Place

The Madison Enterprise-Recorder  
*From the sunny side... Sea Monkeys*  
Rick Patrick

### Division B

#### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Chicken*  
Joe Giorgianni

#### Second Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal's Humorous Editor's Notebook*  
Cindy Barth

#### Third Place

Belleair Bee  
*A November to remember? Forget About it*  
John Morton

### Division A

#### First Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Why is America great? Here are 10 reasons*  
Eric Garwood

#### Second Place

Largo Leader  
*Passwords: Will they ever disappear?*  
Bob Driver

#### Third Place

Largo Leader  
*Holidays: Be careful what you wish for*  
John Morton





# Final List of Winners

## 5. Original Local Editorial Cartoon

### Open Division

#### First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun  
*Gas mask on Florida*  
Steve Borggren

#### Second Place

The Baker County Press  
*Fenced In*  
Ed Hall

#### Third Place

The Arcadian  
*Luke Wilson Cartoon*  
Luke Wilson

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# Final List of Winners

## 4. Editorial Award

### Division C

#### First Place

Madison County Carrier

*This is not a job It is our life It is our passion*

Emerald Greene Parsons

#### Second Place

Riverland News

*RLN Editorials Staff*

Staff

#### Third Place

Navarre Press

*Trojan butterfly*

Navarre Press Staff

### Division AB

#### First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal

*Killings in Jax must be spur to action*

Staff

#### Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Shelters*

Bob Mudge

#### Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

*#SaveStudentNewsrooms*

Staff

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# Final List of Winners

## 3. Editorial Page

### Division C

#### First Place

The Arcadian

*The Arcadian*

Craig Garrett

#### Second Place

Sumter County Times

*Paper to pink*

Brenda Locklear

### Division AB

#### First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

*Venice Gondolier Sun Editorial Pages*

Ronald Dupont

#### Second Place

The Baker County Press

*Editorial Page*

Press Staff

#### Third Place

The Miami Times

*Best Editorial Page*

The Miami Times Editorial Board

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# Final List of Winners

## 2. Community Service

### Open Division

#### First Place

The Apopka Chief  
*Apopka city election Q&A*  
John Peery

#### Second Place

Seminole Beacon  
*Fourth-graders win front page contest*  
Logan Mobsy

#### Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun  
*Two Hospitals -- One Judge*  
Bob Mudge

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# Final List of Winners

## 1. General Excellence

### Division C

#### First Place

Navarre Press  
*Sunrise surprise*  
Navarre Press Staff

#### Second Place

Sumter County Times  
*Sumter County Times*  
Staff

#### Third Place

Suwannee Democrat  
*SEE PAPER ENTRY: Suwannee Democrat*  
Staff

### Division B

#### First Place

Orlando Business Journal  
*Orlando Business Journal*  
Staff Staff

#### Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer  
*West Orange Times & Observer: General Excellence*  
Michael Eng, Jessica Eng, Amy Quesinberry, Gabby Baquero, Danielle Hendrix, Eric Gutierrez

#### Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer  
*Ormond Beach Observer's finest*  
Observer Staff

### Division A

#### First Place

Sarasota Observer  
*Sarasota Observer General Excellence*  
Staff

#### Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun  
*AMI Sun General Excellence submissions*  
AMI Sun staff AMI Sun staff

#### Third Place

Palm Coast Observer  
*Palm Coast Observer's finest*  
Observer Staff



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