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
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
43. Website Excellence

Division AB

First Place

Longboat Observer
Longboat Observer website excellence
Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
OrlandoBusinessJournal.com
Staff Staff
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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 Portfolio
   Christine Holtzman

Third Place
   Windermere Observer
   Portfolio Photography: Eric Gutierrez
   Eric Gutierrez
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
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
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
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
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 Esgro, 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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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 Man*
John Morton
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
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
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
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
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
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
6. Humorous Column

Division C
First Place
The Hernando Sun
*Frogs Don't Flush*
Vincent Cardegin

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
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
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
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
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
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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