



Final List of Winners

44. Multimedia Storytelling

Open Division

First Place

Florida Weekly

Shell of a Good Time

Nanci Theoret, Vandy Major

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Vaught's Vietnam

Cindy Lane

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

The 45th President

Ariana Figueroa, Emily Cochrane



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43. Online Slideshow

Open Division

First Place

Windermere Observer

Photos: Dr. Phillips Takes First Title in 17-7 Win Over Atlantic

Troy Herring

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun

Flippers and Feathers

Cindy Lane



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42. Online Breaking News Coverage

Open Division

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Comcast Earnings Point to Universal Orlando Growth
Richard Bilbao

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Hurricane Irma
Staff

Third Place

Tampa Bay Newspapers
One Dead, Deputy Wounded in Shooting in South Pinellas
Suzette Porter



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41. Website Excellence

Open Division

First Place

Sarasota Observer
YourObserver Website
Staff

Second Place

Business Observer
Business Observer Website
Staff

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Website Excellence: Orangeobserver.Com
Harry Sayer, Troy Herring, Tim Freed, Danielle Hendrix, Gabby Baquero, Amy Quesinberry,
Steven Ryzewski, Jessica Eng, Michael Eng



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40. Front Page Makeup

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Front Page
Staff

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Front Page, January 13, 2017
Georganna Sherman, Cheltsie Holbrook

Third Place

Jefferson County Journal
Front Page
Carl Painter

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Front Pages
Jim Carchidi, Victoria Prichard

Second Place

Belleair Bee
Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Nov. 9
Tom Germond

Division A

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Front Page Makeup
Brittany Gaines, Danielle Hendrix, Gabby Baquero, Steven Ryzewski, Amy Quesinberry,
Jessica Eng, Michael Eng

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer Page 1
Meghan Sasser

Third Place

East County Observer
Page 1S
Staff



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39. Overall Graphic Design

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Three Issues for Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Second Place

Sumter County Times
Sumter County Times
Brenda Locklear, Bob Reichman

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Overall Graphic Design - Jan. 25, May 3 & 10
Staff

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Overall Design
Jim Carchidi, Victoria Prichard

Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Graphic Design
Jessica Eng

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Overall Graphic Design
Staff

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Sarasota Observer Overall Design
Staff

Second Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Graphic Design
Jessica Eng

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Sept, Oct, Nov 2017
Staff



Final List of Winners

38. Informational Graphic

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier
Ditch the Itch!
Georganna Sherman

Second Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Can EMS Find You When You Need Help?
Emerald G. Parsons, Georganna Sherman

Third Place

Monticello News
Is Obesity Killing You?
Carl Painter

Division B

First Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Bicycle, Bicycle
Daniel Figueroa IV, C.J. Major

Second Place

The Baker County Press
County Fire-Ems Vision
Jessica Prevatt

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
The Eclipse
Meredith Nicholson

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Rowing Facility Shows Its Mettle
Melissa Leduc

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Orioles by the Numbers
Meghan Sasser

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Growth: the Data
Scott Sleeper



Final List of Winners

37. Best Headline

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Otter Stauff Fizzle
Jeff Bryan

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
True Colors / Model Child / Public Records Requests Smolder at HCFR
Cynthia Krahl

Third Place

The Polk County Democrat
Would You Like Handcuffs With Those Fries?
Charles A. Baker III

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Fear of Heights
Staff

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Whew!
Staff

Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
The Sound & the Fury; Sole Man
Michael Eng

Division A

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
When in Drought; Addition by Subtraction; Facial Expression
Michael Eng

Second Place

The Winter Haven Sun
Irma Puts a Spin on Things
Charles A. Baker III, Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Third Place

East County Observer
H2 Oh That's Good
Staff



Final List of Winners

36. Sports Column

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Brian Out Loud - Michael Carter
Brian Lester

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Stump the Swami
John Szeligo

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Consistently Disappointing
David Horton

Division B

First Place

Belleair Bee
Those Golden Memories Say It All
Tom Germond

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Golf, of the People
Mark Seiden

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Women Playing for the Love of the Game
Justin Kline

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Pretty (Helpful) in Pink
Ryan Kohn

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
McElwain, Harbaugh Should Be Put in Charge of U.S. Nuclear Arsenal
Ethan Bauer

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Ocoee's Dorian Jones Navigated Chaotic Road to Signing Day
Steven Ryzewski



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35. Sports Page or Section

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
2017 Fall Sports Guide
Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press
Running Raiders Score 56
Brian Lester

Third Place

Madison County Carrier
2017 State Champions
Emerald G. Parsons, Cheltsie Holbrook, Georganna Sherman, Rick Patrick

Division AB

First Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Best Sports Section: West Orange Times & Observer
Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News
Gulf Breeze News Sports Jan. 26
Jason Thompson

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Gondolier Sun
Scott Lockwood



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34. Sports Spot News Story

Division C

First Place

Chiefland Citizen
A Lasting Legacy
Sean Arnold

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Tag or Slug?
Tom Staik

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Football Team Fined, Put On Probation
Michael Kelly

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Peacock Blames North Port Coach
Scott Lockwood

Second Place

The Baker County Press
One Step Closer to History
Jon Shumake

Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Worst to First
Troy Herring

Division A

First Place

Windermere Observer
Awww DP!
Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Matanzas Cross Country
Ray Boone

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
They. Never. Lost.
Steven Ryzewski



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33. Sports Feature Story

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Long Run
Jeff Bryan

Second Place

Crestview News Bulletin
A Baseball Fan's Dream
Renee Bell

Third Place

Navarre Press
On to the NFL
Brian Lester

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal
Power Play: Inside the Icemen's Strategy to Make Hockey Work on the First Coast
St. Claire Devon Skepple Jr.

Second Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Manny Ramirez Breaking It Down
Justin Kline

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Double Duty for Friday Night Lights
Jon Shumake

Division A

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
Her Decision: Brooke Copeland Gives up Basketball
Ethan Bauer

Second Place

Largo Leader
A One-Track Mind
Chris George

Third Place

Collier Citizen
Size Doesn't Matter: Virginia Tech Wide Receiver, Naples Resident Defying Doubters
Andrew Sodergren



Final List of Winners

32. Sports Photo

Division C

First Place

The Apopka Chief
Stelling Celebrates State Title
Neal Fisher

Second Place

Chiefland Citizen
Sean Arnold Sports Photo
Sean Arnold

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Ball Camp
Niki Barber

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Wrestling
Dave Vischulis

Second Place

The Baker County Press
Driven.
Jon Shumake

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Breaking It Down
Justin Kline

Division A

First Place

Windermere Observer
Panthers Win Another District Title
Steven Ryzewski

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Matanzas Cross Country
Ray Boone

Third Place

Seminole Beacon
Cross-Town Rivalry
Jim Layfield



Final List of Winners

31. Portfolio Photography (Robert J. Ellison Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Julie Mancini Portfolio
Julie Mancini

Second Place

The Hernando Sun
Cheryl Clanton
Cheryl Clanton

Third Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
Cheltsie Holbrook's Photography Portfolio
Cheltsie Holbrook

Division B

First Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Portfolio Photography: Troy Herring
Troy Herring

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
Jim Carchidi Portfolio
Jim Carchidi

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Jud Johnson Portfolio
Jud Johnson

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Tim Stepien Portfolio
Tim Stepien

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Paige Wilson in 2017
Paige Wilson

Third Place

East County Observer
Jay Heater
Jay Heater



Final List of Winners

30. Photo Series in One Issue

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Beach Bowl
Dickie Williams

Second Place

Williston Pioneer
A Williston Christmas
Carolyn Ten Broeck

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Presidential Inaugural
Jami Daniels Joe

Division B

First Place

The Baker County Press
Olustee Battle Reenactment
Jud Johnson

Second Place

The Baker County Press
Little League Opening Day
Jon Shumake

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Korean Splendor
Justin Fennell

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
These Water Skiers Cause Quite a Splash
Fred Bellet

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Soaring Through the Sky
Randy Underhill

Third Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Surf's Up!
Cindy Lane



Final List of Winners

29. Best Reader-Generated Photograph

Division C

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Coming Home From Viewing the Eclipse
Danny Sorensen

Second Place

The Hernando Sun
Irma the Calf
Bert Bodiford

Third Place

Navarre Press
Holley by the Sea Receives \$65,000 Bear Grant
Ron Norton

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Man Vs. Mother Nature
Dan Eidel

Second Place

News-Leader
Waterspout
Patrick Leary

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
City Coyote With Mange
Nick Flerlage

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Direct Hit
Doug Kollmer

Second Place

Beach Beacon
Interesting Sunset
Jim McAvaddy

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Delray Sunrise
Joseph Vincent



Final List of Winners

28. Feature Photo

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Lessons in Extrication
Brian Lester

Second Place

Riverland News
Water Break
Jeff Bryan

Third Place

Chiefland Citizen
Deborah Goad
Deborah Goad

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Caspersen Illuminated
Ryan Angell

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Chalk Festival
Joseph John Orchulli II

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Clydesdales
Jeffery Scott Frayer

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Turtle Wave, April 2017
Tim Stepien

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
A Moment to Remember
Katie Johns

Third Place

Sarasota Observer
'I Do' Again
Anna Brugmann



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27. Spot News Photo

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Hosford Recycling Business Burns
Daniel Williams

Second Place

Boca Beacon
Just a Little Water ...
Dusty Hopkins

Third Place

Boca Beacon
**Boom* Over Boca Grande*
Skip Perry

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Cars Upside Down
Adam Hutchinson

Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Holiday Highlight
Troy Herring

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Ahearn Remembered by Friends and Teammates
Jud Johnson

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Rising Water on River Road
Stefanie Burlingame

Second Place

Palm Coast Observer
Remembering Michelle
Brian McMillan

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Flood, Then Fire
Ray Boone



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26. Special Issue, Section or Supplement

Division C

First Place

Boca Beacon
Tarpon Times
Marcy Shortuse Daniel Godwin

Second Place

Navarre Press
2017 Emerald Coast Visitors Guide
Staff

Third Place

Navarre Press
2017 Fall Sports Guide
Staff

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Special Sections
Anjali Fluker, Sarah Aslam, Cindy Barth

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Business Matters
Ed Scott

Third Place

Belleair Bee
Just for Women - Fall
Logan Mosby and Staff

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Big Trouble
Staff

Second Place

Windermere Observer
Back to School 2017
Gabby Baquero, Danielle Hendrix, Amy Quesinberry, Steven Ryzewski, Jess Eng, Michael Eng

Third Place

Coastal Breeze News
Hurricane Issue
Val Simon



Final List of Winners

25. Community History

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
End of an Era - the Anders Building
Domenick Esagro, Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

The Islander News
Nixon on the Key: Father Bob Libby Shares the Story of a President and His Island Home
Kelly Josephsen

Third Place

Boca Beacon
The Old Railroad Trestle Guardhouse: Who Will Preserve an Island Treasure?
Sue Erwin

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Venice Had Affordable Housing 90 Years Ago
Larry Humes

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Focal Point
Katie Johns

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Monument Kefuffle
Joel Addington

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Harlem, Florida
Evan Williams

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
A Torch for Tiki Tradition
Nick Friedman

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Exploring Tampa's Jewish History
Kevin Weiss



Final List of Winners

24. Best Obituary

Division C

First Place

The West Volusia Beacon
And Just Like That, Their Mentor Is Gone
Erika Webb

Second Place

Boca Beacon
The Story of Blair, a True Wonder Woman
Marcy Shortuse

Third Place

Navarre Press
Goodbye Gigi
Jamie Gentry

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Zota Victims' Families Remember Loved Ones
Katie Johns

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Member of Venice Pioneer Family Dies
Greg Giles

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Lillian Reilly's Life Well-Lived
Audrey Blackwell

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Sorrow to Bear
Staff

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Goldstein: A Legacy in Stone
Anna Brugmann

Third Place

Clearwater Beacon
'No One Fights Alone'
Tom Germond



Final List of Winners

23. Outdoor & Recreation

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Dive Master
Jamie Gentry

Second Place

Navarre Press
Tales From the Trail
Brian Lester

Third Place

Nassau County Record
Scouting Nassau's Forests
Kathie Colgrove

Division AB

First Place

Florida Weekly
Horsing Around
Roger Williams

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Paws for Concern
David Conway

Third Place

The Winter Haven Sun
Redmon Plans to Build a Camp for the Disabled
Charles A. Baker III



Final List of Winners

22. Agricultural & Environmental Reporting

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Turtle Temptation
Jamie Gentry

Second Place

The Herald
Dangerous Harvest
Tammy Dasher

Third Place

Riverland News
Agricultural Innovation
Jeff Bryan

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Ready, Set, Nest
Staff

Second Place

Business Observer
Gobble, Gobble
John Haughey

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Where Have All the Workers Gone?
Daniel Figueroa IV

Division A

First Place

Miami New Times
FPL Watchdogging
Jerry Iannelli

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Seeking Sand
Dan Moffett, Cheryl Blackerby

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Muscovy Ducks
Evan Williams



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21. State & Local Tax Reporting (The TaxWatch Award)

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer

What Would It Take to Become a One-County Longboat?

John McGuire

Second Place

Belleair Bee

County Officials Support Putting a Nurse in All Schools

Suzette Porter

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Fire Fee Coverage

Greg Giles

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly

Footing the Bill

Evan Williams

Second Place

Florida Weekly

Movies Move On

Eric Raddatz

Third Place

The Laker/Lutz News

Tourist Tax Increase to Help Finance Wiregrass Sports Complex

Kathy Steele



Final List of Winners

20. Business Reporting

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
From Pipe Dream to Center Stage for All-Star Game
Brian Lester

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Few Banks Want Pot Companies as Customers
Anthony DeFeo

Third Place

Santa Rosa Press Gazette
I Don't See Color'
Aaron Little

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Technology Industry Coverage
Matthew Richardson

Second Place

Business Observer
Mile for Mile
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Orlando Business Journal
Real Estate Industry Coverage
Kathryn Deen, Sarah Aslam, Anjali Fluker

Division A

First Place

The Coastal Star
Boca Airport
Rich Pollack

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Spirit World
Evan Williams

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
Senior Servers
Paige Wilson



Final List of Winners

19. Local Government Reporting

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Scope of Gulf Breeze Probe Could Widen
Rob Johnson

Second Place

Navarre Press
Navarre Beach Sign
Rob Johnson, Jamie Gentry, Gail Acosta

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Your Property's Value Is Going Up
Al Everson

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
'No Exceptions'
John McGuire

Second Place

Business Observer
Rick vs. Rick
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Library Saga Between the County and City
Greg Giles, Bob Mudge

Division A

First Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
Branches of Government
Ethan Bauer

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Legislative Session
Evan Williams

Third Place

Sarasota Observer
Parking Problem
Cassidy Alexander



Final List of Winners

18. Faith and Family Reporting

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Local Refuge Offers Life Line to Human Trafficking Victims
Jamie Gentry

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Mission Trips: Building Hope in Haiti & Mission Trip to Nicaragua
Teresa Eubanks

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Fighting Cancer With Faith and Friendship
Barb Shepherd

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Welcoming Muslims
Audrey Blackwell

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News
Light the Menorah
Glenda Caudle

Third Place

Ormond Beach Observer
Shop Till You Drop
Jarleene Almenas

Division A

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
Race of a Lifetime
Brian McMillan

Second Place

The Laker/Lutz News
Lessons Learned From Hurricane Maria
B.C. Manion

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Trio by Janis
Janis Fontaine



17. Arts, Entertainment & Review Reporting

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Florida's Largest Kiln Comes to Life
Jamie Gentry

Second Place

The Herald-Advocate
Joseph & the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
Tom Staik

Third Place

Boca Beacon
Royal Palm Players Cast Rehearses for Season Opener 'Duets'
Erica Ress-Martin

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Festival Film on Sarasota Is Nightmarish
Kim Cool

Second Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Origin Story
Harry Sayer

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Loveland Actors Take on Heavy Subject
Audrey Blackwell

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
Dancing through Life
Niki Kottmann

Second Place

The Winter Haven Sun
Before I Die, I Want to ..
Kathy Leigh Berkowitz

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Theater Reviews
Nancy Stetson



Final List of Winners

16. Health, Medical & Science Reporting

Division C

First Place

Nassau County Record
Living With Diabetes
Amanda Ream, Kathie Colgrove

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Kidney Recipient Doing Well
Teresa Eubanks

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Breathing Freely
Naomi Erekson

Division B

First Place

Jacksonville Business Journal
Life and Death and Money: Stark Lines Drawn in Florida's Medical Marijuana Fight
James Cannon

Second Place

Business Observer
Long Haul
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Flu Goes Viral
Bob Mudge

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
3D Printing
Evan Williams

Second Place

The Coastal Star
Healing Honey
Stacey Singer DeLoye

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Saving the Imperiled Sawfish
Nanette Crist



Final List of Winners

15. Education Reporting

Division C

First Place

Madison County Carrier

Saving Our Schools... Turning Around Madison County Schools

Rick Patrick

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon

Harder Test Contributes to Teacher Shortage

Erika Webb

Third Place

Navarre Press

Private Education Growing in the Navarre Area

Jamie Gentry

Division B

First Place

Business Observer

Make It Proud

Brian Hartz

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal

UCF's Big Impact

Veronica Brezina

Third Place

Plant City Times & Observer

Investing in the Children: Learn Tampa Bay Seeks Funding

Daniel Figueroa IV

Division A

First Place

The Laker/Lutz News

It's Prom Time at the Spring Fling Buddy Ball

Kathy Steele

Second Place

The Winter Haven Sun

Teachers Pay Raise Still Unsettled

Charles A. Baker III

Third Place

East County Observer

Magic Touch

Staff



Final List of Winners

14. Feature Story: Non-profile

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Looking Back at a Smash Sequel
Bart Steele

Second Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
Liberty Rocks
Teresa Eubanks

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
A Military Family Tradition
Marlene Rickels-Hyde

Division B

First Place

Business Observer
Quality, Quickly
Mark Gordon

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Swan Song
Katie Johns

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
3 Million Cards
Larry Evans

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
What Happens in an Uber Car
Jan Norris

Second Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
Into the Void
Ethan Bauer

Third Place

Florida Weekly
The State of Women
Robin DeMattia



Final List of Winners

13. Feature Story: Profile

Division C

First Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
BFD Chief Marks 15 Years
Teresa Eubanks

Second Place

The Islander News
Lucas Sullivan Almost Died in a Scary Accident 10 Years Ago. Today, He's a Thriving 12-Year-Old.
Kelly Josephsen

Third Place

Navarre Press
A Navarre Pilot's Memory of 9/11
Brian Lester

Division B

First Place

Orlando Business Journal
Righting the Ship
Anjali Fluker

Second Place

Business Observer
Birth of a Salesman
Mark Gordon

Third Place

Winter Park/Maitland Observer
Sole Man
Tim Freed

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Arlo Guthrie
Scott Simmons

Second Place

Miami New Times
Florida's Last Beach Bum Lived in a Van Until He Died Surfing
Brittany Shammas

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator
A Thousand Words About the Turlington Dancer
Max Chesnes



Final List of Winners

12. In-Depth Reporting (Non-Investigative)

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
Homeless in Paradise
Jamie Gentry

Second Place

Riverland News
Distinguished
Jeff Bryan

Third Place

The West Volusia Beacon
I-4 Automall Proposal and Aftermath
Al Everson

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Our Thorough, Intense Hurricane Irma Coverage
Staff

Second Place

Longboat Observer
Longboat Moves to Seize Home Used in Voyeurism Case
Bret Hauff

Third Place

Business Observer
Plant a Seed
Mark Gordon

Division A

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Bye Bye Baby Snoots
Cindy Lane

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Opioid Death
Evan Williams

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Shooter
Bob Massey



Final List of Winners

11. Investigative Reporting (Claudia Ross Memorial Award)

Division BC

First Place

Orlando Business Journal

The Amazon Effect

Craig Douglas, Matthew Richardson, Veronica Brezina, Sarah Aslam

Second Place

SFGN

The Rise and Fall of the Florida Agenda

Norm Kent

Third Place

Riverland News

City Party

Jeff Bryan

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly

Big Trouble

Vandy Major, Scott Sleeper, Jan Norris, Nanci Theoret, Evan Williams, Roger Williams, Eric

Raddatz, Scott Simmons, Betty Wells

Second Place

Miami New Times

Many of Florida's Worst Pill Mill Doctors Have Gotten Off Easy in Court

Brittany Shammass

Third Place

The Independent Florida Alligator

Alachua County Schools Have an Equity Problem

David Hoffman



Final List of Winners

10. Breaking News Story

Division C

First Place

Clay Today
Hurricane Irma
Kile Brewer, Jesse Hollett, Eric Cravey

Second Place

The West Volusia Beacon
Officers Kill 'Possibly Suicidal' Armed Man
Anthony DeFeo

Third Place

Madison County Carrier
Bank Robbery
Chelstie Holbrook, Emerald G. Parsons, Chris Jones

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
Whew! Hurricane Irma Coverage
Staff

Second Place

Plant City Times & Observer
Driver Killed by Plant City Police
Daniel Figueroa IV

Third Place

The Baker County Press
Irmageddon
Joel Addington

Division A

First Place

East County Observer
Glancing Blow
Jay Heater

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
Close Call
Cassidy Alexander, David Conway

Third Place

West Orange Times & Observer
Turn for the Worse
Gabby Baquero, Danielle Hendrix, Amy Quesinberry, Steven Ryzewski, Jess Eng, Michael Eng



Final List of Winners

9. General News Story (Gwen Stevenson Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Perry News-Herald/Taco Times
'All Is Well' Rudy Is Home
Aaron Portwood

Second Place

Navarre Press
Florida's Death Penalty Is Back
Jamie Gentry

Third Place

Riverland News
Heavy Hearts
Jeff Bryan

Division B

First Place

The Baker County Press
Register Ranch Seeks to Be Next Sludge Disposal Site
Joel Addington

Second Place

Plant City Times & Observer
A Dangerous Path
Daniel Figueroa IV

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Here's Why Turgeon's Case Was Dropped
Bob Mudge

Division A

First Place

Florida Weekly
Human Trafficking
Evan Williams

Second Place

Sarasota Observer
On the Clock
Cassidy Alexander

Third Place

Miami New Times
How a Floating Bale of Cocaine Led to Florida's Worst Murder in Decades
Tim Elfrink



Final List of Winners

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

Open Division

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Bradenton Beach Sunshine Violations - 7 Stories
Joe Hendricks

Second Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Bill Casts Shadow on Public Records Access
Bob Mudge

Third Place

Navarre Press
Dispute Spotlights Gap in Tracking Officials' Messages
Staff, Rob Johnson



Final List of Winners

7. Serious Column (Sally Latham Memorial Award)

Division C

First Place

Williston Pioneer
Harvey Weinstein and Me
Carolyn Ten Broeck

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Free Speech Applies to Everyone
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Chiefland Citizen
Learning of Love, Compassion at Market's Check Stand No. 6
David Davis

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Here's How to Spread Lies, Racism
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

The Baker County Press
With Some Help, Tiny Notice Has Big Impact
Joel Addington

Third Place

Belleair Bee
A Tribute to a Neighborhood Hero
Suzette Porter

Division A

First Place

Palm Coast Observer
For Whom Is the American Dream Alive?
Brian McMillan

Second Place

Florida Weekly
Southerners
Roger Williams

Third Place

Palm Coast Observer
How I Got to Know My Veteran Neighbor and His Story
Paige Wilson



Final List of Winners

6. Humorous Column

Division C

First Place

Chiefland Citizen
Safety Is Key to Safe Grilling
David Davis

Second Place

Nassau County Record
Valentines Not Always Soulmates
Amanda Ream

Third Place

Madison Enterprise-Recorder
From the Sunny Side... Gone Fishing
Rick Patrick

Division B

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
My Head Is Not There. Wife Wanted Second Opinion.
Joe Giorgianni

Second Place

Gulf Breeze News
When Costumes Aren't Your Bag of Tricks
Glenda Caudle

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Learn How to Survive a Venice 'Winter'
Bob Mudge

Division A

First Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
Uncle George's Zipper Parade
Sean Murphy

Second Place

Dunedin Beacon
He'll Take Many Trips Before He's 64
Tom Germond

Third Place

East County Observer
The Fear of Hurricane Irma Made Us Shutter
Jay Heater



Final List of Winners

5. Original Local Editorial Cartoon

Division C

First Place

The Herald
Church Lady
Ed Hall

Second Place

The Islander News
Why We Need Iguana Removal
Peter Evans

Division AB

First Place

The Baker County Press
Later
Ed Hall

Second Place

Anna Maria Island Sun
To Die For
Steve Borggren

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Waving
Clay Jones



Final List of Winners

4. Editorial Award

Division C

First Place

Riverland News
Coming Disservice Funds
Staff

Second Place

Navarre Press
A House Burned - Where Are the Fire Hydrants?
Staff

Third Place

The Polk County Democrat
Welcome (Almost) to Polk County
SL Frisbie

Division AB

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
City's Shelter Problem Must Be Solved
Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

Miami Today
Miami Today Editorial Award Entry
Michael Lewis

Third Place

The Coastal Star
Arts Journalism
Mary Kate Leming



Final List of Winners

3. Editorial Page

Open Division

First Place

Venice Gondolier Sun

Editorial Pages

Ronald Dupont Jr.

Second Place

Navarre Press

Growth Stumps County, Walking on Sunshine

Staff

Third Place

Riverland News

Editorial Pages

Jeff Bryan



Final List of Winners

2. Community Service

Division C

First Place

The Islander News
Hurricane Irma Coverage
Staff

Second Place

Williston Pioneer
Supporting the Veterans' Memorial
Carolyn Ten Broeck

Third Place

The Herald-Advocate
Disgraceful / City Begins Repairs
Tom Staik

Division AB

First Place

Florida Weekly
Hurricane Irma
Staff

Second Place

The Baker County Press
Spotlight on Biosolids & Sludge
Mike Anderson, Joel Addington

Third Place

Venice Gondolier Sun
Getting a Vet a New Roof
Debbie Flessner



Final List of Winners

1. General Excellence

Division C

First Place

Navarre Press
General Excellence
Staff

Second Place

Boca Beacon
September 15, 2017; September 22, 2017
Marcy Shortuse

Third Place

The Calhoun-Liberty Journal
General Excellence
Johnny Eubanks, Sandra Brown, Domenick Esagro, Teresa Eubanks

Division B

First Place

Longboat Observer
General Excellence
Staff

Second Place

Orlando Business Journal
General Excellence
Staff

Third Place

Business Observer
Business Observer General Excellence
Staff

Division A

First Place

Sarasota Observer
General Excellence
Staff

Second Place

East County Observer
East County Observer
Staff

Third Place

Florida Weekly
Nov. 29, 2017 Edition/Dec. 06 Edition/April 19 Edition
Staff



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2017 Florida Weekly Newspaper Contest Sweepstakes Winners

Division A – Florida Weekly

Division B – Venice Gondolier Sun

Division C – Navarre Press