01. Breaking News Reporting

Division C

First Place
Staff
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
MLK Day mass shooting in Fort Pierce

Second Place
Staff
Citrus County Chronicle
October tornado

Third Place
Phil Attinger
Highlands News-Sun
Hostage situation

Division B

First Place
Staff
Tallahassee Democrat
Hurricane Idalia Incoming

Second Place
Staff
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
5 teens die in crash

Division A

First Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Hurricane Idalia

Second Place
Rafael Olmeda, Angie DiMichele, Shira Moolten
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Broward man who was exonerated after wrongful conviction is shot and killed by Georgia deputy

02. Enterprise Stories

Division C

First Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
The Untold Stories of Ian's Immense Death Toll

Second Place
Staff
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Brightline speeds by the Treasure Coast

Third Place
Laurence Reisman
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Never give up

Division B

First Place
Amy Bennett Williams
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Carcinogenic emissions endanger Fort Myers

Second Place
Dan Glaun
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Katie Baunach's ex-husband killed her, prosecutors say. The justice system let it happen

Third Place
John Kennedy
Tallahassee Democrat
Watchdogging DeSantis

Division A

First Place
Kevin Spear, Martin Comas, Caroline Catherman
Orlando Sentinel
Toxic Secret

Second Place
Shira Moolten
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Across the Fence: South Florida’s smaller airports top the country in lead emissions

Third Place
Nora Gamez Torres
Miami Herald
Cuba experiments with capitalist and its impact on South Florida

03. Investigative Reporting

Division C

First Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
The Untold Stories of Ian's Immense Death Toll

Second Place
Mollye Barrows
Pensacola News Journal
Dr. Ben Brown mystery

Third Place
Jim Little
Pensacola News Journal
Commissioner text scandal

Division B

First Place
Dan Glaun
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Katie Baunach's ex-husband killed her, prosecutors say. The justice system let it happen

Second Place
Kate Cimini
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Ignored: How Florida schools underuse law on reporting sex abuse

Third Place
Clayton Park
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Florida Legislature Development Conflicts

Division A

First Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Deadly Dose: A Tampa Bay Times investigation

Second Place
Miami Herald staff
Miami Herald
Shakedown City

04. Community Leadership

Division C

First Place
Laurence Reisman
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Never give up

Second Place
Andrew Caplan and Nora O'Neill
Gainesville Sun
Gainesville Regional Utilities

Third Place
Phil Attinger
Highlands News-Sun
Homeless

Division B

First Place
Tallahassee Democrat staff
Tallahassee Democrat
Hurricane Idalia Aftermath

Second Place
J.D. Gallop, Finch Walker, Eric Rogers
Florida Today
Covering underserved communities

Division A

First Place
Desiree Stennett
Orlando Sentinel
Hungerford School Land Saga

Second Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Tropicana Field redevelopment

Third Place
Antigone Barton
Palm Beach Post, The
Florida Shuffle: State's failure to oversee addiction treatment leaves patients in deadly danger

05. Features Writing

Division C

First Place
Veronica Wernicke
Villages Daily Sun, The
How Vietnam's Legacy Still Shapes America

Second Place
J.T. Wilcox
Villages Daily Sun, The
10 Years Later, Boston Survivors Still Inspire

Third Place
Nancy Kennedy
Citrus County Chronicle
A year later: Grieving Grady

Division B

First Place
Jeff Burlew
Tallahassee Democrat
Murder or Mistake?

Second Place
Finch Walker
Florida Today
Meet Brevard's Trans Community

Third Place
Gabriela Szymanowska, Melissa Perez-Carrillo
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
Forgiving Jabe Carney

Division A

First Place
Lauren Peace
Tampa Bay Times
Trapped in housing purgatory

Second Place
Linda Robertson
Miami Herald
Linda Robertson Portfolio

Third Place
Cristobal Reyes
Orlando Sentinel
Oscar Mack's secret

06. Beat Reporting

Division C

First Place
Mitch Perry
Florida Phoenix
Mitch Perry: Policy and politics beat

Second Place
Michael Moline
Florida Phoenix
Michael Moline's legal affairs beat

Third Place
Andrew Caplan
Gainesville Sun
The school superintendent and the Bible

Division B

First Place
Amy Williams
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Environmental reporting by Amy Bennett Williams

Second Place
Gabriela Szymanowska
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
Sarasota-Manatee Courts

Third Place
Zac Anderson
Sarasota Herald-Tribune
The DeSantis beat

Division A

First Place
Nora Gamez Torres
Miami Herald
Coverage of Cuba and impact on South Florida

Second Place
Cindy Krischer Goodman
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Health beat for the South Florida Sun Sentinel

Third Place
Amy Drew Thompson
Orlando Sentinel
Amy Drew Thompson: Food-Restaurant Beat

07. Sports

Division C

First Place
Patrick Obley
Daily Sun, The
The Trouble with Jim Jordan

Second Place
J.T. Wilcox
Villages Daily Sun, The
J.T. Wilcox Sports Writing

Third Place
Jeff Shain
Villages Daily Sun, The
Jeff Shain Sports Writing

Division B

First Place
Alex Martin
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Alex Martin collection

Second Place
Dan DeLuca
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Dan DeLuca collection

Third Place
Liam Rooney
Tallahassee Democrat
The Front Page Prep Sports Stories of Liam Rooney

Division A

First Place
Tom D'Angelo
Palm Beach Post, The
Tom D'Angelo collection

Second Place
Jason Beede
Orlando Sentinel
Jason Beede Portfolio

Third Place
Matt Baker and Joey Knight
Tampa Bay Times
The conference war on I-4

08. Business

Division C

First Place
Alan Festo
Gainesville Sun
Alan Festo collection

Second Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Can Emerging Technology Save us From Another Ian?

Third Place
Elaine Allen-Emrich
Daily Sun, The
The Beach Guy saga

Division B

First Place
James Call
Tallahassee Democrat
The Closing of the Perry Mill

Second Place
Laura Layden
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Laura Layden collection

Third Place
Staff
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Clayton Park - Business

Division A

First Place
Rebecca Liebson
Tampa Bay Times
Tampa Bay real estate

Second Place
Andres Viglucci
Miami Herald
Preserving Miami

Third Place
Ron Hurtibise
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Business stories

09. Columns

Division C

First Place
Blake Fontenay
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Sample

Second Place
Craig Pittman
Florida Phoenix
Columns from Craig Pittman

Third Place
Jim Gouvellis
Citrus County Chronicle
Jim Gouvellis columns

Division B

First Place
Nate Monroe
Florida Times-Union
Nate Monroe columns

Second Place
Mark Woods
Florida Times-Union
Columnist Mark Woods

Third Place
John Dunbar
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Daytona Beach Dunbar Columns

Division A

First Place
John Romano
Tampa Bay Times
On life, death, injury and Brady

Second Place
Scott Maxwell
Orlando Sentinel
Scott Maxwell Columns

Third Place
Stephanie Hayes
Tampa Bay Times
Florida's thought police

10. Editorials

Division C

First Place
Laurence Reisman, Blake Fontenay, Ed Killer
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Sample

Second Place
John Hackworth
Daily Sun, The
Editorials 2023

Third Place
Don Hiers
Citrus County Chronicle
Three editorials from Don Hiers

Division A

First Place
Isadora Rangel
Miami Herald
Miami Dysfunction

Second Place
Graham Brink and Jim Verhulst
Tampa Bay Times
How Florida can do better

Third Place
Staff, Miami Herald Editorial Board
Miami Herald
Altered State

11. Page Design

Division C

First Place
Adam Rogers
Villages Daily Sun, The
What a Year!

Second Place
Adam Rogers, George Horsford
Villages Daily Sun, The
Rebuilding 1 Year After Ian

Third Place
Adam Rogers
Villages Daily Sun, The
Talking Turkey

Division B

First Place
Nike Ogunbodede
Tallahassee Democrat
DEI Whiplash

Second Place
Michael Nelson
Tallahassee Democrat
Capitol of Champions

Third Place
Morgan Ringel
Tallahassee Democrat
Black Lives in the Blue Line

Division A

First Place
Sean Kristoff-Jones
Tampa Bay Times
Bullied

Second Place
Lisa Merklin
Tampa Bay Times
Festivus

12. Spot News Photography

Division C

First Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Doug Engle collection

Second Place
Matt Beck
Citrus County Chronicle
Hurricane

Third Place
Crystal Vander Weit
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Man dies during spearfishing dive

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
A Hurricane Idalia Firestorm

Second Place
Amanda Inscore
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Manatee Rescue

Third Place
Andrew West
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Hurricane Idalia

Division A

First Place
Al Diaz
Miami Herald
Crews battle three-alarm fire at a Miami Gardens apartment building

Second Place
Jose A. Iglesias
Miami Herald
Pablo Lyle sentenced to five years in state prison for fatal punch

Third Place
Chris Urso
Tampa Bay Times
St. Pete Beach flooding

13. Feature Photography

Division C

First Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Vanguard High School Graduation

Second Place
Staff
Citrus County Chronicle
Citrus County Fair

Third Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Rachel Stuart collection - First Day of School

Division B

First Place
Craig Bailey
Florida Today
Space Coast Launches

Second Place
Malcolm Denemark
Florida Today
Moonrise/Sunrise

Third Place
Tim Shortt
Florida Today
Dogs being silly

Division A

First Place
Pedro Portal
Miami Herald
How this Miami-area pediatrician is keeping kids healthy

Second Place
D.A. Varela
Miami Herald
University of Miami scientists and volunteers collect and outplant staghorn coral on Paradise Reef

Third Place
Joe Burbank
Orlando Sentinel
Colors of Tron

14. Sports Photography

Division C

First Place
Doug Engle
Gainesville Sun
Doug Engle collection

Second Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
High school sports in Ocala

Third Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Rachel Stuart collection

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
FSU Soccer Supreme

Second Place
Jonah Hinebaugh
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Sports Action Collection

Third Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
Unconquered moments from FSU football 2023

Division A

First Place
Ivy Ceballo
Tampa Bay Times
Stealing home

Second Place
David Santiago
Miami Herald
Messi scores his first goal after joining the MLS

Third Place
Willie J. Allen Jr.
Orlando Sentinel
UCF cheerleaders

15. Photo Story

Division C

First Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
George Horsford - Hurricane Ian

Second Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Rachel Stuart - Closer to Faith Through Music

Third Place
Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Rachel Stuart - Bionic Athletes

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
Migrants at Work in Jefferson County

Division A

First Place
Dirk Shadd
Tampa Bay Times
The Skyway cat colony

Second Place
Joe Cavaretta
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Record rainfall in South Florida

Third Place
Douglas R. Clifford
Tampa Bay Times
Stuck in transition

16. Breaking News Video

Division C

First Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Threat at Horizon Academy at Marion Oaks

Division B

First Place
Amanda Inscore
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Manatee Rescue

Division A

First Place
Matthew J. Palm, Richard Pope
Orlando Sentinel
Orlando Museum of Art: Timeline of a Scandal

17. Live Video

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
The arrest of the Florida Democratic Party Chair

Division A

First Place
Orlando Sentinel Staff
Orlando Sentinel
Live Stream: Orlando Sentinel's Toxic Secret Community Forum

18. Features Video

Division C

First Place
Crystal Vander Weit
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Widow becomes surfer at 81

Second Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Who is the Fiberglass Farrier of Ocala?

Third Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
School supplies donated

Division B

First Place
Jonah Hinebaugh
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Film Lab

Second Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
Being Black while Policing

Third Place
Andrew West
The News-Press and Naples Daily News
Time lapse of massive shrimp boat

Division A

First Place
Richard Pope
Orlando Sentinel
Alex Pring

Second Place
Orlando Sentinel Staff
Orlando Sentinel
Toxic Secret: How 1,4-dioxane tainted Central Florida tap water

Third Place
Ben Crandell, Mike Stocker, Sean Pitts
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Got your rats ready, Panthers fans? Here's why we throw 'em (and the local guy who started it all)

19. Multimedia

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine, Kim Luciani
Tallahassee Democrat
Black Lives in the Blue Line

21. Podcast

Division B

First Place
Staff
The News-Press, Naples Daily News & WGCU Public Media
The Last Ride

Second Place
Tim Walters
Florida Times-Union
The state of Florida sports

Third Place
John A. Torres, Rob Landers
Florida Today
Monster on the Beach

Division A

First Place
Dewayne Bevil, Wesley Alden, Katie Rice
Orlando Sentinel
Theme Park Rangers: DeSantis vs. Disney

Second Place
Edgar Thompson, Wesley Alden, Mark Long
Orlando Sentinel
Swamp Things Podcast

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First Place
Mark Gauert, Cassie Armstrong and Anderson Greene
South Florida Sun Sentinel
"Explore Florida & the Caribbean"

Second Place
Mark Gauert, Anderson Greene, Melina De Rose
South Florida Sun Sentinel
City & Shore PRIME

S1. News Reporting (Spanish)

Division C

First Place
Sonia Osorio
El Nuevo Herald
Sonia Osorio news reporting

Second Place
Sandra Cervantes
South Florida Media Network
Silicon Valley: Inseguridad alimentaria entre la riqueza

Third Place
Veronica Egui Brito
El Nuevo Herald
Veronica Egui Brito / news reporting

S2. Sports (Spanish)

Division C

First Place
Jorge Ebro
El Nuevo Herald
Jorge Ebro Sports

Second Place
Victoria Claria
South Florida Media Network
Todos con la '10': histórica presentación de Messi en Inter Miami

Third Place
Victoria Claria
South Florida Media Network
Messi jugará en Inter Miami: qué significa para el fútbol local

S3. Features & Enterprise Writing (Spanish)

Student

First Place
Alejandro Sanchez
South Florida Media Network
Ruta sur: 3 historias de migrantes africanos en Uruguay

Second Place
Sarah Moreno
El Nuevo Herald
Sarah Moreno / enterprise features

TIE:
Third Place
Sonia Osorio
El Nuevo Herald
Sonia Osorio Features / enterprise
Third Place
Veronica Egui Brito
El Nuevo Herald
Veronica Egui Brito enterprise

C01. Breaking News Reporting

Student

First Place
Makiya Seminera
Fresh Take Florida
"Ain't seen nothing yet"

Second Place
Grey Curcio
The Current
Eckerd st
udents protest at New College
Third Place
Gabriel Velasquez Neira
WUFT.org
Pilot of small plane who died in crash pleaded for help in final moments: 'I'm losing altitude'

C02. Enterprise Writing

Student

TIE:
First Place
Loren Miranda
Fresh Take Florida
Panic in the plaza: New videos show chaos of stampede at UF peace vigil, reveal police secretly

First Place
Silas Morgan
Fresh Take Florida
Redondo condo? GOP candidate wins state House race in South Florida amid

Second Place
Samuel Larreal, Amelia Orjuela De Silva, and Kylie Hannigan
South Florida Media Network
Great escape: Venezuelans head north to uncertainty, Parts 1 & 2

Third Place
Alligator Editorial Staff
Independent Florida Alligator, The
Mind over Stigma

C04. Features Writing

Student

First Place
Atlas Chambers
The Current
Southern (dis)comfort: Eckerd student battles feelings toward their home state

Second Place
Zachary Carnell
Fresh Take Florida
Only in Florida? Family's pool shaped like six-shooter gun

Third Place
Samuel Larreal
South Florida Media Network
Great escape: Venezuelans head north to uncertainty, Part 1

C05. Commentary

Student

First Place
Leah Lentz
The Current
Collection of columns by Leah Lentz

C06. Sports

Student

First Place
Aidan Bush
Fresh Take Florida
New group emerges to pay UF athletes; Gator Collective dissolves after mishandled QB deal

Second Place
Ian Shepperd, Carter Weinhofer
The Current
Micro Tussle, Big Hustle: Changing perspectives on micro wrestling

Third Place
John Saxton
The Current
Eckerd athletes battle 'endless summer'

C07. Multimedia

Student

First Place
Avery Lotz
WUFT.org
Unintended: When Playfulness Leads to a Permanent End

Second Place
Alexis Ashby
WUFT.org
Behind the Bet

Third Place
Steban Rondon, Melina Malaver, and Luca Fornoni
South Florida Media Network
Transcending Perspectives

C08. Photography

Student

First Place
Augustus Hoff
WUFT.org
The Fall in Photos: 25 of the best photos from WUFT's photojournalists this semester

Second Place
Sheetal Bahadursingh, Laura Palfrey, and Jasmine Arocha
South Florida Media Network
Life Beyond Height

Third Place
Ashleigh Lucas
WUFT.org
Photos: Homecoming Parade rallies thousands of fans

C09. Video Storytelling

Student

First Place
Alexis Ashby
WUFT.org
Behind the Bet

Second Place
Serra Sowers
WUFT.org
Here's a full timeline of the chaos at the Turlington Plaza vigil for Israel

Third Place
Milena Malaver, Steban Rondon and Luca Fornoni
South Florida Media Network
Transcending perspectives

C10. Podcast

Student

First Place
Meghan Bowman
University of South Florida
One More Time: A Tribute Podcast to My Mom (Act Three)

Second Place
Daniella Pacheco
The Beacon Today (Palm Beach Atlantic University)
Just Sayin' S2 E1: The beauty of education and being a life-long learner

Third Place
Milena Malaver, Steban Rondon and Luca Fornoni
South Florida Media Network
Transparency

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First Place
Lauren Peace
Tampa Bay Times
Lauren Peace

2024 Gold Medal Winners

Division C

The Villages Daily Sun

The Untold Stories of Ian's Immense Death Toll, **Staff**

Division B

The News-Press and Naples Daily News

Katie Baunach's ex-husband killed her, prosecutors say, **Dan Glaun**

Carcinogenic emissions endanger Fort Myers, **Amy Bennett Williams**

Division A

Tampa Bay Times

Deadly Dose: A Tampa Bay Times investigation, **Staff**

Hurricane Idalia, **Staff**

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