01. Breaking News Reporting

Division A

First Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Clearwater plane crashes into mobile home park

Second Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Coverage of Hurricane Milton

Third Place
Miami Herald Staff
Miami Herald
The cuffing of Tyreek Hill

01. Breaking News Reporting

Division B

First Place
Staff
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Hurricane Milton

Second Place
Staff
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Plane crashes on Interstate 75

Third Place
Staff
Tallahassee Democrat
A Tallahassee Tornado Outbreak

01. Breaking News Reporting

Division C

First Place
Staff
Citrus County Chronicle
Hurricane Helene

Second Place
Frank DiFiore and Scott Lawson
Daily Sun, The
'Sovereign citizen' killed in struggle

Third Place
Staff
Ocala Star-Banner
8 farmworkers killed in crash

02. Enterprise Stories

Division A

First Place
Carol Marbin Miller, Linda Robertson, Camellia Burris
Miami Herald
Guilty of Grief

Second Place
Max Chesnes and Emily L. Mahoney
Tampa Bay Times
Florida state parks investigation

Third Place
Leslie Postal
Orlando Sentinel
Florida seeks to dictate what schools teach

02. Enterprise Stories

Division B

First Place
Tomas Rodriguez
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
"Overkill"

Second Place
Staff
Tallahassee Democrat
Hurricane Helene aftermath

Third Place
Florida Today Staff
Florida Today
Shark Week

02. Enterprise Stories

Division C

First Place
Kimberly C. Moore
LkldNow
Gang Crimes in Lakeland

Second Place
Daniel Finton
Daily Sun, The
THE LIFE OF 'COWBOY' MCBRIDE

Third Place
Mollye Barrows
Pensacola News Journal
Squatters Rights

03. Investigative Reporting

Division A

First Place
Carol Marbin Miller, Linda Robertson, Camellia Burris
Miami Herald
Guilty of Grief

Second Place
Shirsho Dasgupta
Miami Herald
Juvenile Crime, Adult Time

Third Place
Daily Sun Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Florida's Road Crisis

03. Investigative Reporting

Division B

First Place
Kate Cimini
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Lee County sheriff investigation

Second Place
TaMaryn Waters and Tarah Jean
Tallahassee Democrat
A FAMU Donation Debacle

Third Place
TaMaryn Waters
Tallahassee Democrat
Turbulence at TLH Airport

03. Investigative Reporting

Division C

First Place
Mollye Barrows
Pensacola News Journal
Deadly doctors

Second Place
Mollye Barrows
Pensacola News Journal
Plastic Surgery Nightmares

Third Place
Staff
Florida Phoenix
Jay Waagmeester

04. Community Leadership

Division A

First Place
Carol Marbin Miller, Linda Robertson, Camellia Burris
Miami Herald
Guilty of Grief

Second Place
Max Chesnes and Emily L. Mahoney
Tampa Bay Times
Florida state parks investigation

Third Place
Daily Sun Staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
Florida's Road Crisis

04. Community Leadership

Division B

First Place
Ana Goni-Lessan, James Call and Gerald Ensley (posthumous)
Tallahassee Democrat
TLH 200: Re-examining Tallahassee History

Second Place
Sara Paulson
Florida Today
Covering Mental Health on the Space Coast

Third Place
Holly Baltz, Jane Musgrave, Hannah Phillips
Palm Beach Post, The
Jeffrey Epstein: The Grand Jury Papers

04. Community Leadership

Division C

First Place
Staff
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
From lieutenant to sheriff: A political deal hatched in secret

Second Place
Jim Little
Pensacola News Journal
Direction 85 Fatal Flaw

Third Place
Staff
Citrus County Chronicle
2024 Election coverage

05. Features Writing

Division A

First Place
Brian Bell
Orlando Sentinel
It started with a book about adoption

Second Place
Leah Schwarting
Villages Daily Sun, The
Meet the Army Tackling Our Region's Food Crisis

Third Place
Leah Schwarting
Villages Daily Sun, The
Military Bases Leading the Way in Storm Tech

05. Features Writing

Division B

First Place
Charles Runnells
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
'Things are going to be OK'

Second Place
Amy Bennett Williams
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Collier's Republican kingmaker

Third Place
Mark Woods
Florida Times-Union
Mark Woods Sapelo Island feature

05. Features Writing

Division C

First Place
Gary White
Ledger, The
Remembering battles aboard the USS Yorktown

Second Place
Kimberly C. Moore
LkldNow
Death During Hurricane Milton

Third Place
Gary White
Ledger, The
Teen rape victim charged with lying

06. Beat Reporting

Division A

First Place
Helen Freund
Tampa Bay Times
Helen Freund on food and dining

Second Place
Christopher O'Donnell
Tampa Bay Times
Christopher O'Donnell on health and medicine

Third Place
Shira Moolten
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Crime, public safety and breaking news beat

06. Beat Reporting

Division B

TIE: First Place
Amy Bennett Williams
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Amy Bennett Williams Collection

TIE: First Place
John Kennedy
Sarasota Herald -Tribune/Tallahassee Democrat
The Capitol Beat with John Kennedy

Third Place
Eileen Zaffiro-Kean
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Eileen Kean Beat Reporting Daytona

06. Beat Reporting

Division C

First Place
Sara-Megan Walsh
Ledger, The
Homeless, floods, parking and cameras: Coverage of Lakeland

Second Place
Staff
Florida Phoenix
Jackie LLanos

Third Place
Gary White
Ledger, The
Florida Polytechnic controversy over new president

07. Sports

Division A

First Place
Marc Topkin
Tampa Bay Times
A collection by Marc Topkin

Second Place
Jason Beede
Orlando Sentinel
Jason Beede Portfolio

Third Place
Eduardo A. Encina
Tampa Bay Times
A collection by Eduardo A. Encina

07. Sports

Division B

First Place
Dan DeLuca
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Dan DeLuca Collection

Second Place
Dustin Levy
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Dustin Levy collection

Third Place
Gerald Thomas
Tallahassee Democrat
The FAMU Beat with Gerald Thomas

07. Sports

Division C

First Place
Patrick Obley
Daily Sun, The
Kasey's Story

08. Sports Columns

Division A

First Place
Greg Cote
Miami Herald
Greg Cote

Second Place
Mike Bianchi
Orlando Sentinel
Mike Bianchi Columns

Third Place
Jeff Shain
Villages Daily Sun, The
Collection of work by Jeff Shain

08. Sports Columns

Division B

First Place
Gene Frenette
Florida Times-Union
Gene Frenette sports commentary

Second Place
Ken Willis
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Ken Willis sports columns Daytona Beach

08. Sports Columns

Division C

First Place
Patrick Obley
Daily Sun, The
2024 Sports Columns

09. Business

Division A

First Place
Ian Hodgson and Christopher O'Donnell
Tampa Bay Times
Opioid sales boomed at Publix while other pharmacies settled suits

Second Place
Teghan Simonton and Rebecca Liebson
Tampa Bay Times
Buying up the Bay

Third Place
Staff
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Slide Insurance takes out Florida's insurance market

09. Business

Division B

First Place
TaMaryn Waters
Tallahassee Democrat
Turbulence at TLH

Second Place
Clayton Park
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Clayton Park Business Daytona

Third Place
Rick Neale
Florida Today
Business of Space

09. Business

Division C

First Place
Alan Festo
Gainesville Sun
Alan Festo collection

10. Columns

Division A

First Place
Helen Freund
Tampa Bay Times
Helen Freund on restaurants and dining

Second Place
Scott Maxwell
Orlando Sentinel
Scott Maxwell Columns

Third Place
Mark Katches
Tampa Bay Times
A collection by Mark Katches

10. Columns

Division B

First Place
Britt Kennerly
Florida Today
Columns by Britt Kennerly

Second Place
Mark Woods
Florida Times-Union
Mark Woods commentary

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

10. Columns

Division C

First Place
Bill Cotterell
News Service of Florida
News Service of Florida - Capitol Column by Bill Cotterell

TIE: Second Place
Staff
Florida Phoenix
Craig Pittman

TIE: Second Place
Diane Roberts
Florida Phoenix
Diane Roberts

Third Place
Blake Fontenay
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
From lieutenant to sheriff: A political deal hatched in secret

11. Editorials

Division A

First Place
Graham Brink
Tampa Bay Times
A collection by Graham Brink

Second Place
Krys Fluker
Orlando Sentinel
Krys Fluker Edtiorials

11. Editorials

Division C

First Place
Jim Gouvellis
Citrus County Chronicle
Sheriff recommendation, Library freedom and Inverness City Council

Second Place
Editorial Board
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
From lieutenant to sheriff: A political deal hatched in secret

Third Place
John Hackworth
Daily Sun, The
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12. Spot News Photography

Division A

First Place
Luis Santana
Tampa Bay Times
Hurricane Helene

Second Place
Carl Juste
Miami Herald
Fire at the Temple Court Apartments

Third Place
Pedro Portal
Miami Herald
Aftermath of Hurricane Milton

12. Spot News Photography

Division B

First Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Hurricane Milton tornadoes leave path of destruction

Second Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
Keaton Beach Torn Apart

Third Place
Nadia Zomorodian
Daytona Beach News-Journal
Nadia Spot Photo Daytona

12. Spot News Photography

Division C

First Place
Kaila Jones
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Tornado damage from Hurricane Milton

Second Place
Matt Beck
Citrus County Chronicle
He made all of us better

Third Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
One dead after shooting outside North Marion Middle School

13. Feature Photography

Division A

First Place
Joe Burbank
Orlando Sentinel
Having a blast

Second Place
Bill Mitchell
Villages Daily Sun, The
Collection of work by Bill Mitchell

Third Place
Dirk Shadd
Tampa Bay Times
Solar Eclipse

13. Feature Photography

Division B

First Place
Craig Bailey
Florida Today
Look up!

Second Place
Malcolm Denemark
Florida Today
Hallowed Ground

Third Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
A hero is honored

13. Feature Photography

Division C

First Place
Crystal Vander Weit
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Fellsmere Frog Leg Festival

Second Place
Ernst Peters
Ledger, The
Sun 'n Fun night airshow

Third Place
Gregg Pachkowski
Pensacola News Journal
Farming culture

14. Sports Photography

Division A

First Place
Al Diaz
Miami Herald
Georgia fan selfies with Miami coach after team's defeat

Second Place
Willie J. Allen Jr.
Orlando Sentinel
Willie J. Allen Jr. Portfolio

Third Place
Rachel Govola
Villages Daily Sun, The
Collection of work by Rachel Govola

14. Sports Photography

Division B

First Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Compiltation of High School sports photos

Second Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
Sportstraits by Alica Devin

Third Place
Jonah Hinebaugh
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Jonah Hinebaugh Sports Collection

14. Sports Photography

Division C

First Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Doug Engle: Ocala high school sports

Second Place
Doug Engle
Gainesville Sun
Doug Engle collection

Third Place
Ernst Peters
Ledger, The
Sports collection by Ernst Peters

15. Photo Story

Division A

First Place
Douglas R. Clifford
Tampa Bay Times
Rescued Raptors

Second Place
Douglas R. Clifford and Jefferee Woo
Tampa Bay Times
USF Student Protests

Third Place
George Horsford
Villages Daily Sun, The
Shared Harvest Garden

15. Photo Story

Division B

First Place
Alicia Devine
Tallahassee Democrat
11 to heaven: Coach Mike Martin Celebration of Life

Second Place
Malcolm Denemark
Florida Today
Horseshoe Crab Invasion

15. Photo Story

Division C

First Place
Crystal Vander Weit
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Port Salerno Fisherman

Second Place
Staff
Ledger, The
Hurricane Milton aftermath in Polk County

16. Breaking News Or Live Video

Division B

First Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Hurricane Milton tornadoes leave path of destruction

Second Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
Hurricane Helene leaves flooding in its wake

16. Breaking News Or Live Video

Division C

First Place
Kaila Jones
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Hurricane Milton tornadoes hit Vero Beach

Second Place
Doug Engle
Gainesville Sun
Tree crushes car during Hurricane Helene

17. Features Video

Division A

First Place
Bonita Miyagi, Daily Sun staff
Villages Daily Sun, The
The Untold Stories Behind Ian's Immense Death Toll

Second Place
Sean Pitts, Phillip Valys
South Florida Sun Sentinel
First-look: Fly-through the new look Mai-Kai tiki bar in Oakland Park

Third Place
Rich Pope
Orlando Sentinel
Orlando Sentinel Foodie Awards: Resturant of the Year

17. Features Video

Division B

First Place
Andrew West
Naples Daily News - Fort Myers News-Press
A decaded long look at a mangrove tree killed by Hurricane Ian

17. Features Video

Division C

First Place
Crystal Vander Weit
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Jonathan Dickinson State Park

Second Place
Doug Engle
Ocala Star-Banner
Amen Sandwiches!

Third Place
Gregg Pachkowski, Ben Grieco
Pensacola News Journal
Put Me In Coach

18. Multimedia

Division A

First Place
David Goodhue, Grethel Aguila, Susan Merriam
Miami Herald
Wrecked Justice

18. Multimedia

Division B

First Place
Staff
Tallahassee Democrat
Point of Convergence: The Tallahassee Tornadoes

Second Place
Gerald Ensley (posthumously) and William Hatfield
Tallahassee Democrat
What's in a Name?

18. Multimedia

Division C

First Place
Rose Schnabel
WUFT.org (C)
Gulf sturgeon, the iconic jumping fish of the Suwannee River, face new pollution and climate hurdles

19. News Interactive

Division A

First Place
Staff
Tampa Bay Times
Tampa Bay Times 2024 Voter Guide

19. News Interactive

Division C

First Place
Staff
TCPalm - Treasure Coast Newspapers
Timeline of events that led to lieutenant's appointment to sheriff

20. Podcast

Division A

First Place
Edgar Thompson, Mark Long and Wesley Alden
Orlando Sentinel
Swamp Things: Florida Gators Podcast

20. Podcast

Division C

First Place
Dara Kam
News Service of Florida
News Service of Florida - Deeper Dive with Dara Podcast Entry

Second Place
DAILY SUN SPORTS
Daily Sun, The
UPON FURTHER REVIEW:

D01. Niche Site/App |

First Place
Staff
South Florida Sun Sentinel
"Explore Florida & the Caribbean''

Second Place
Mark Gauert and Anderson Greene
South Florida Sun Sentinel
City & Shore PRIME Magazine

Third Place
Alligator Editorial Staff
Independent Florida Alligator, The
El Caimán

D02. Editorial Cartoon |

First Place
Luke Wilson
Daily Sun, The
THE TRAVELS OF TATER

D03. Page Design |

First Place
Adam Rogers, Bonita Miyagi
Villages Daily Sun, The
Political IQ

Second Place
Adam Rogers, Bonita Miyagi
Villages Daily Sun, The
Sports Election

Third Place
Adam Rogers, Bonita Miyagi
Villages Daily Sun, The
GOP Landslide

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C01. Breaking News Reporting

First Place
Kylie Williams
Fresh Take Florida
Hurricane recovery

Second Place
Diego Perdomo
Fresh Take Florida
Black voters

Third Place
Lauren Brensel
Fresh Take Florida
Lieutenant Dan

C02. Enterprise Writing

First Place
Natalie La Roche Pietri
Caplin News/FIU
Two Palestinian brothers lost everything in Gaza. A nonprofit brought them to the U.S. to heal

Second Place
Sarah Henry
Atrium
Mascot for Cruelty

Third Place
Natalie Kaufman
Independent Florida Alligator, The
What's behind the metoeroric rise of online gambling among college men?

C03. Investigative Reporting

First Place
Valentina Sandoval & Jared Teitel
Fresh Take Florida
Hospital shutdown

Second Place
Vivienne Serret and Garrett Shanley
Fresh Take Florida
UF president scandal

Third Place
Lee Ann Anderson
Fresh Take Florida
Democratic carpetbaggers

C04. Features Writing

First Place
Hanna Fox Maglio
Hernando Sun
Not Homeless, Just on an Adventure

Second Place
Lauren Brensel
Fresh Take Florida
Sky Saviors

C05. Commentary

First Place
Kayla Marie
Caplin News/FIU
America's Checkbook: Financing Israel's Military Dominance

Second Place
Staff
The Oxbridge Academy Newspaper
America's Empty Commitment

Third Place
Staff
The Oxbridge Academy Newspaper
Understanding, Treating, and Preventing HIV/AIDS

C06. Sports

First Place
Carlton Gillespie
Caplin News/FIU
This Brit discovered the Miami Marlins. Now his podcast reaches across the ocean.

Second Place
Liana Handler
WUFT.org
Girls in baseball

Third Place
Brianna Arias
Caplin News/FIU
At age 19, Key Biscayne's Cremaschi living a dream with Inter Miami

C07. Multimedia

First Place
Olivia Guthrie
Caplin News/FIU
One night in Miami — a deeper look at the racial history of the Magic City

Second Place
Ivanna Hilewsky, Benjamin Cure, Jason Harrow
Caplin News/FIU
Ripple Effect

C08. Photography

First Place
Lee Ann Anderson
WUFT.org
Softball celebration

Second Place
Sydney Johnson
WUFT.org
Spelling Bee

Third Place
Dawn Boothe, Luz Gonzalez, Paola Sirignano, Stefanny Tenia
Caplin News/FIU
Deadly Cost: How an event honors victims of drunk driving crashes

C09. Video Storytelling

First Place
Alexander Land
WUFT.org
Limitless Legends

Second Place
Benjamin Cure, Jason Harrow, Ivanna Hilewsky
Caplin News/FIU
Ripple Effect: How pollution threatens South Florida's waters and communities

C10. Podcast

First Place
Dawn Boothe, Luz Gonzalez, Stefanny Tenia, Paola Sirignano
Caplin News/FIU
Deadly Cost: The Burden of Driving Drunk

Second Place
Daniella Pacheco; Rachel Kanagy
The Beacon Today (Palm Beach Atlantic University)
Hometown hero shares his story

Third Place
Bettina Gannon and Isabella Smith-Santos
The Current
Medicine, Murder & Mangione

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S01. News Reporting |

First Place
Sonia Osorio
El Nuevo Herald
Sonia Osorio

Second Place
Alejandro Sanchez, Carlos Fernando, Tinoco Guzman
Caplin News/FIU
Darién: 2 caras de la crisis migratoria

Third Place
Maria Teresa Lopez Rodrigez, Jazmine Santillana
Caplin News/FIU
Habana Sax renació en los escenarios de FIU

S02. Sports |

First Place
Jorge Ebro
El Nuevo Herald
Jorge Ebro

Second Place
Victoria Claria
Caplin News/FIU
Messi en Miami: Redefiniendo el juego

S03. Features & Enterprise Writing |

First Place
Rose Schnabel
WUFT.org (C)
Language access in North Florida

Second Place
Sarah Moreno
El Nuevo Herald
Sarah Moreno

Third Place
Patricia Varas Chong
Caplin News/FIU
Inmigrante haitianos, peligro para EE.UU.: falsedades que nunca acaban de morir

001. Paul Hansell Award |

First Place
Reporter: Cindy Goodman Photographer: Carline Jean
South Florida Sun Sentinel
Born to Die