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# ANA Announces 2016 BNC Winners

The *Arizona Republic* (daily newspaper) and *Navajo Times* (non-daily newspaper) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2016 Better Newspapers Contest. Newspaper of the Year Awards are calculated from honors won in the Excellence in Advertising Contest added together with winning entries from the Better Newspapers Contest.

Mike Christy, *Arizona Daily Star* and Arianna Grainey, *Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent*, were named the ANA 2016 Photographers of the Year.

Michael Kiefer, *The Arizona Republic*, for 'Bonnie and Clyde for the Millennials' and Hank Stephenson, *Arizona Capitol Times*, 'Gowan's Mystery Mileage' won the ANA 2016 Stories of the Year.

Stephanie Innes, *Arizona Daily Star* and Michele Nelson, *Payson Roundup*, were named the ANA 2016 Journalists of the Year.

This year, 50 newspapers and 7 high schools entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,631 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of eight categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 24 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence. A special thank you to the Nevada Press Association, for judging the entries this year.

Attached is a complete list of winners by category or they can be viewed at [www.ananeews.com](http://www.ananeews.com). The awards were presented on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2016 at the conclusion of the ANA Fall Convention and Annual Meeting, at Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino, Ariz. Congratulations to all the winners!

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# *Newspaper Winners by Category*

## **GENERAL EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Publisher: Kent Johnson  
2nd Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola  
3rd Place Lake Powell Chronicle Publisher: David Rupkalvis

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer  
2nd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson) Advisor: Brett Fera  
3rd Place Eastern Arizona Courier Publisher: Monica Watson

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey  
2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Aviso Jr.  
3rd Place West Valley View Publisher: Elliot Freireich

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Don Rowley  
2nd Place Sierra Vista Herald Publisher: Manuel Coppola  
3rd Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st The Arizona Republic Publisher: Mi-Ai Parrish

## **#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times  
2nd Place Nogales International  
3rd Place Eloy Enterprise

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place Payson Roundup  
2nd Place Chino Valley Review  
3rd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place West Valley View  
2nd Place Navajo Times  
3rd Place Phoenix Business Journal

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place Arizona Daily Sun  
2nd Place The Daily Courier  
3rd Place Yuma Sun

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place The Arizona Republic

## **#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place Nogales International  
2nd Place Arizona Capitol Times  
3rd Place Arizona Range News

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place Payson Roundup  
2nd Place Eastern Arizona Courier  
3rd Place White Mountain Independent

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Navajo Times
- 2nd Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 3rd Place West Valley View

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd Place The Daily Courier
- 3rd Place Arizona Daily Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st Place The Arizona Republic

**#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd Place Nogales International
- 3rd Place Arizona Range News

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Cottonwood Journal Extra
- 2nd Place Sedona Red Rock News
- 3rd Place Eastern Arizona Courier

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd Place Navajo Times
- 3rd Place West Valley View

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd Place Casa Grande Dispatch
- 3rd Place Today's News-Herald

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st The Arizona Republic

**#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Nogales International
- 2nd Place The Wickenburg Sun
- 3rd Place Parker Pioneer

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Eastern Arizona Courier
- 2nd Place Payson Roundup
- 3rd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Navajo Times
- 2nd Place West Valley View
- 3rd Place Phoenix Business Journal

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 2nd Place Sierra Vista Herald
- 3rd Place Yuma Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st The Arizona Republic

## **#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Lake Powell Chronicle
- 2nd Place Nogales International
- 3rd Place Camp Verde Journal

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Payson Roundup
- 2nd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 3rd Place Maricopa Monitor

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Navajo Times
- 2nd Place West Valley View
- 3rd Place Phoenix Business Journal

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Yuma Sun
- 2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd Place Sierra Vista Herald

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Star

## **#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd Place Arizona Range News
- 3rd Place None Selected

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Payson Roundup
- 2nd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 3rd Place White Mountain Independent

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd Place West Valley View
- 3rd Place Foothills Focus

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Sierra Vista Herald
- 2nd Place Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
- 3rd Place Yuma Sun

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Star

## **#7 SPECIAL SECTION, NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Arizona Capitol Times
- 2nd Place Lake Powell Chronicle
- 3rd Place The Wickenburg Sun

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Jewish News
- 2nd Place Payson Roundup
- 3rd Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd Place West Valley View
- 3rd Place None Awarded

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Today's News-Herald
- 2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun
- 3rd Place Daily News-Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st Place The Arizona Republic

**#8 NEWSPAPER ONLINE SITE/WEB PAGE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
- 2nd Place Lake Powell Chronicle
- 3rd Place Arizona Capitol Times

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 2nd Place Maricopa Monitor
- 3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Phoenix Business Journal
- 2nd Place Navajo Times
- 3rd Place West Valley View

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Daily News-Sun
- 2nd Place The Daily Courier
- 3rd Place Today's News-Herald

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

- 1st Place The Arizona Republic

*Individual Winners by Category*

**#9 BEST HEADLINE**

**Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

- 1st Place Brian Nash Samsung pushes students towards the Edge The Voice (GCC/Glendale)
- 2nd Place Tonja Greenfield The bird is the word Lake Powell Chronicle
- 3rd Place Michael Rinker Various headlines Camp Verde Journal

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

- 1st Place Peter Aleshire Various headlines Payson Roundup
- 2nd Place Daily Wildcat Staff Various headlines Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
- 3rd Place Andrew Pardiac Various headlines Sedona Red Rock News

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

- 1st Place Glenn Gullickson Various headlines West Valley View
- 2nd Place Cindy Yurth Various headlines Navajo Times
- 3rd Place None Awarded

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

- 1st Place Amy Crawford Various headlines Yuma Sun
- 2nd Place Brandon Bowers "Changing the Channel" Today's News-Herald
- 3rd Place None Awarded

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

No Entries

## **#10 BEST NEWS STORY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Hank Stephenson	Tucson prostitution	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Jeremy Duda, Hank Stephenson	Nest Eggs	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Jeremy Duda	Eye to eye	Arizona Capitol Times

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Jacquelyn Oesterblad	Arizona DREAMing	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Pain, Grief Surge after Conviction	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Ken Sain	A Cross to Bear in Chino Valley	Chino Valley Review

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Christopher Pineo	'We need to change'	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jim Nintzel	Bern Notice	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Eric Jay Toll	Arizona's Squeezed Economy	Phoenix Business Journal

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Evan Wyloge	Clean Elections	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Corina Vanek	Prop.123	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Scott Orr	Doing Less with Less	The Daily Courier

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

No Entries

## **#11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Luige del Puerto, Rachel Leingang	Susan Bitter Smith	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Gary Grado, Ben Giles	Medication abortions	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Murphy Woodhouse, Paulina Pineda, Paulina Pineda, Manuel Coppola,	Ramifications of weakening peso	Nogales International

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Ken Sain Medical	Marijuana Series	Chino Valley Review
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Domestic Violence	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Michele Nelson	Charter Schools	Payson Roundup

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Cindy Yurth, Alastair Bitsoi, Krista Allen, Alys Landry, Sunnie Clahchischiligi	Gold King Mine Spill	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Richard Smith	Dysart override	Surprise Today
3rd Place	Jim Nintzel	Eastside Story	Tucson Weekly

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Emery Cowan	Horse mistreatment	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Doug McMurdo	Prison Riot Coverage	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Derek Jordan	The Perception Problem	Sierra Vista Herald

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Brandon Loomis	As the River Runs Dry	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Yooyhun Jung	Proposition 123	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Yooyhun Jung, Alexis Huicochea	Arizona teacher shortage	Arizona Daily Star

## **#12 INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Hank Stephenson	Gowan's mystery mileage	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Paulina Pineda	Silva admits iffy conduct	Nogales International
3rd Place	Paulina Pineda	Profuse ticketing of Mexicans draws scrutiny	Nogales International

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Michele Nelson	The System Fails	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Jon Johnson	Graham's Shocking Little Secret	Eastern Arizona Courier
3rd Place	Barbara Bruce	Town Attorney disbarment	White Mountain Independent

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Tara Alatorre	Foothills Focus Buffalo Chip Donations	Foothills Focus
2nd Place	Terrance Thornton	Scottsdale out-of-court settlements since 2009	Scottsdale Independent
3rd Place	Angela Gonzales	Apollo's 7 Deadly Sins	Phoenix Business Journal

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Emery Cowan	From Africa to Arizona: A trail of troubles	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Doug McMurdo	Missing woman series	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Justin Price	Lobbying records	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Rob O'Dell, Craig Harris	Public Disservice	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Caitlin Schmidt, Joe Ferguson	Tucson Police prostitution sting	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Carol Ann Alaimo	Problems at Brown-Mackie College	Arizona Daily Star

## **#13 BEST SPORTS STORY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Daniel Dullum	Making her comeback	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
2nd Place	Ainslee Wittig	Parents offer input on retaining football coach	Arizona Range News
3rd Place	George Werner	Five Rimrock residents, Special Olympics gold	Camp Verde Journal

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Christopher Boan	Kaydin's promise	Sahuarita Sun
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Special Rodeo: Cowboys, cowgirls	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Matt Wall	The Many Faces of Sean Miller	Arizona Daily Wildcat (UofA/Tucson)

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Chris Caraveo	18 back surgeries can't keep DV senior off court	Glendale-Peoria Today
2nd Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	Lacrosse	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Mike Sunnucks	Big League Dreams	Phoenix Business Journal

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Rodney Haas	Tournament to honor former player	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Warner Strausbaugh	Commitment to excellence	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Ed Petruska	Vista Grande's Diaz	Casa Grande Dispatch

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Jeff Metcalfe	The long road to recovery	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Jeff Metcalfe	A lifelong basketball dream changes in a flash	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Jon Gold	Marathon-running mom sidelined	Arizona Daily Star

## **#14 BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Norma Gonzalez	Little League tournament coverage	Nogales International
2nd Place	Joey Chenoweth	San Tan Foothills football	Coolidge Examiner
3rd Place	David Yankus	Santa Cruz football	Eloy Enterprise

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Keith Morris	Longhorns softball team determined to make history	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Rookie pitchers save season	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Horns end decades of despair at Blue Ridge	Payson Roundup

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Shane McOwen	Westview High School football- 2015	West Valley View
2nd Place	Quentin Jodie	Navajo Nation cowboys in the PRCA circuit	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Richard Smith	High School Football coverage	Glendale-Peoria Today

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Cocopah Speedway coverage	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Cody Bashore	Northern Arizona University Basketball	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Ed Petruska	Cougar football	Casa Grande Dispatch

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

None Awarded

**#15 BEST SPORTS COLUMN****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Daniel Dullum	Disputes with referees nothing new, just worse	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
2nd Place	George Werner	Local examples remind us how to celebrate 4th	Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Jeanie Williams	Running challenges body, brings peace, confidence	Wickenburg Sun

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Adam Gaub	Behavior at game	Maricopa Monitor
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Paulson's super-human performance	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Christopher Boan	It was one ugly night in Sahuarita	Sahuarita Sun

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Jason P. Skoda	High School Sports	East Valley Tribune
2nd Place	Brad Allis	Me, Jimmie Lee and Willie McGee	Explorer Newspaper
3rd Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	Goodbye to high school sports	Navajo Times

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Cody Bashore	Kobe Bryant's farewell a celebration without merit	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Shawn Byrne	Lee Williams' Sidney Clark gets first-ever Houk Hug	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Marcel Louis-Jacques	Cam Newton and the Panthers	Today's News-Herald

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

No Entries

**#16 BEST FEATURE STORY****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Luige del Puerto	Double Lives	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Steven Law	The many deeds of Joe Medicine Crow	Lake Powell Chronicle
3rd Place	Joey Chenoweth	From bathroom to farm	Coolidge Examiner

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	David Rookhuyzen	Possible murder plot falls apart	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	She's the Martians mom	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Regina Ford	Down, not out	Green Valley News

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Tina Gamez	Peoria explosion victims	Glendale-Peoria Today
2nd Place	Alastair Bitsoi	Shear enjoyments	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Maria Ines Taracena	Dignity	Tucson Weekly

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Corina Vanek	Problematic pageant	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Steve Stockmar	Sound Effects	Sierra Vista Herald
3rd Place	Doug McMurdo	Comatose infant comes home	Kingman Daily Miner

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Michael Kiefer	Bonnie and Clyde for the Millennials	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Jon Gold	Players meet again, 74 years after the big game	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	None Awarded		



## **#17 ENTERPRISE REPORTING**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Rachel Leingang, Hank Stephenson	Stonewalled on public records	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Luige del Puerto	Beneath the rhetoric	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Murphy Woodhouse	Smuggling wages range widely	Nogales International

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Brian Wright	Dark place in the past	Maricopa Monitor
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Charter school differences	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Danyelle Khmara	Rosemont and Oak Flat mine proposals	Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Melissa Fittro	Terror in the home: domestic abuse	Scottsdale Independent
2nd Place	Eric Jay Toll	Forget the Fast Lane	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Jessica Watts	Foothills Focus DMFD volunteers	Foothills Focus

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Emery Cowan	Too Many Trails	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Valeria Fernández, Sean Logan, Brandon Quester	Sonora River: Massive mine spill	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
3rd Place	Katie Campbell	Former teen prostitute	Casa Grande Dispatch

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Michael Kiefer	Sheriff Joe Arpaio	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Anne Ryman, Michael Kiefer	NAU Shooting	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Rebekah L. Sanders	The congresswoman	The Arizona Republic

## **#18 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	An exclusive campaign stop	Nogales International
2nd Place	Luige del Puerto	Lessons learned on press restrictions	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Jeanie Williams	Raising a stink over smell is a load of bull	Wickenburg Sun

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Dan Shearer	Time for GVR to reverse bad decision	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Sodium overload	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Dan Shearer	Finally, a PCC board member does the right thing	Green Valley News

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Jim Nintzel	Joint Technical Education Districts	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	Cindy Yurth Column Writing	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Duane Beyal	Shelly's last blunder surprises Begaye, More than a statistic	Navajo Times

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Alan Choate	Alan Choate's Columns	Kingman Daily Miner
2nd Place	Tim Wiederanders	Tim Wiederanders' columns	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Roxanne Molenaar	In 2016, be the spark toward a better Yuma	Yuma Sun

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Tim Steller	Tim Steller columns	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Laurie Roberts	Laurie Roberts' Columns	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	None Awarded		

## **#19 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	John Platt	Of Monkey Selfies and Human Plaintiffs	The Record Reporter
2nd Place	Jeanie Williams	Roses remind us of beauty in all stages	Wickenburg Sun
3rd Place	Steven Law	Is Taylor Swift the high princess of rock-n-roll?	Lake Powell Chronicle

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Karen Warnick	EPA	White Mountain Independent
2nd Place	Scott Dyke	Tombstone's toughest	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Floyd Parker	They love to serve	Green Valley News

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Jim Nintzel	Goodbye. Dad	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	Hubbell as hub, Good and raw	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Candace Begody	For Times' youngest editor, persistence was key	Navajo Times

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Bill Coates	Elks-VFW part ways	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Alan Choate	Yesteryear history columns	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Robin Layton	Middle-aged Musings	The Daily Courier

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Dominic Armato	Introducing Dominic Armato	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Kristen Cook	Minivan Momologues	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	None Awarded		

**#20 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING****COMBINED:****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500 & Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Paulina Pineda, Murphy Woodhouse, Norma Gonzalez	Food trucks of Santa Cruz County	Nogales International
2nd Place	Rachel Leingang, Hank Stephenson	Mystery Mileage	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Homecoming joy turns into heartbreaking finish	Payson Roundup

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

No Entries

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Valeria Fernández, Brandon Quester Sean Logan,	Sonora River: Massive mine spill	Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting
2nd Place	Emery Cowan	Reviving the Verde River	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Cindy Barks	Hell Canyon Bridge	The Daily Courier

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Brandon Loomis, David Wallace	As the River Runs Dry	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Perla Trevizo, Fernanda Echavarri, Mike Christy	Divided by Law	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	None Awarded		

**#21 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Kevin Baird	Still burning	Parker Pioneer
2nd Place	Zack Garcia	Semi Rollover	Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Joey Chenoweth	Mission accomplished	Coolidge Examiner

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Peter Aleshire	Rodeo gallops	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	David Bell	Seeking help from a higher source	Eastern Arizona Courier
3rd Place	Regina Ford	Up in flames	Green Valley News

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	A night in the woods	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Elizabeth Medora	Dog Rescue	Foothills Focus
3rd Place	Donovan Quintero	'A heartbreaking situation'	Navajo Times

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Mark Levy	Rescue	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd Place	Mark Levy	Teacher Comforting Students	Sierra Vista Herald
3rd Place	Jacob Stanek	Banner Boswell surgeons enter new robotic age	Daily News-Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	A.E. Araiza	Trapped	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Michael Chow	12 Dead in Flooding on Utah - Arizona border	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Ron Medvescek	Firefighters get a break	Arizona Daily Star

**#22 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Zack Garcia	Speedy Excelsiors turn back clock	Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Jeanie Williams	Bronc Bustin'	Wickenburg Sun
3rd Place	Jeanie Williams	Tie Down Roping	Wickenburg Sun

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Howard Waggner	Maricopa gets revenge	Maricopa Monitor
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Weather can't throw top cowboys at rodeo	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Andy Staten	Stock, Cash, stars and stripes	White Mountain Independent

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Arianna Grainey	Flight In Motion	Mesa Independent
2nd Place	Adron Gardner	Game winner	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Arianna Grainey	Will he be safe?	Mesa Independent

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Oscar Perez	Cougars fall to Cienega	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Shamrock Baseball Classic	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Oscar Perez	Cougars surge past Youngker	Casa Grande Dispatch

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	The Devil's Cup	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Big Yell	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	David Kadlubowski	Packers touchdown catch	The Arizona Republic

**#23 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH****Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Jeanie Williams	Exciting Ending	Wickenburg Sun
2nd Place	Jamie Brough	Pow Wow	Lake Powell Chronicle
3rd Place	Zack Garcia	Whip It	Camp Verde Journal

**Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Jordan Reece	Taking the plunge	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Danielle Burlison	What a relief!	Sahuarita Sun
3rd Place	David Bell	Gila Valley — a community full of heroes	Eastern Arizona Courier

**Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	69th annual Navajo Nation Fair parade	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jim Poulin	From Warrior to Worker	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Jim Poulin	Getting his message across	Phoenix Business Journal

**Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Mark Levy	Cowgirl Mom	Sierra Vista Herald
2nd Place	Mark Levy	Tattoo Man	Sierra Vista Herald
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Three's a crowd	Yuma Sun

**Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	Inverted umbrella	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Lightning strikes	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	David Wallace	Melting glacier	The Arizona Republic

## **#24 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT**

### **Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500**

1st Place	Jamie Brough	Page High School Pow Wow	Lake Powell Chronicle
2nd Place	Jeanie Williams	Gold Rush Days	Wickenburg Sun
3rd Place	Zack Garcia	Every 15 minutes	Camp Verde Journal

### **Division 2: Non-Daily circulation 3,500 to 10,000**

1st Place	Alex Fruechtenicht, Larry Gaurano	The All Souls Procession	Aztec Press (PCC/Tucson)
2nd Place	Keith Morris	High School State Rodeo	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Peter Aleshire	Good dirty fun	Payson Roundup

### **Division 3: Non-Daily circulation greater than 10,000**

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	104th Northern Navajo Fair	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Winter is here	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Donovan Quintero	2015 Tobe Truppen Elementary Pageant	Navajo Times

### **Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000**

1st Place	Taylor Mahoney	Flagstaff Pro Rodeo	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Rachel Twoguns	Gathering of the Gunfighters	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Yuma Proving Ground Military Freefall School	Yuma Sun

### **Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000**

1st Place	Mike Christy	Divided by Law	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Mamta Popat	El Tirabichi	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	None Awarded		

## **#25 STORY OF THE YEAR**

### **Non-Daily**

Hank Stephenson      Arizona Capitol Times      Gowan's mystery mileage

### **Daily**

Michael Kiefer      The Arizona Republic      Bonnie and Clyde for the Millennials

## **#26 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR**

### **Non-Daily**

Arianna Grainey      Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent

### **Daily**

Mike Christy      Arizona Daily Star

## **#27 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

### **Non-Daily**

Michele Nelson      Payson Roundup

### **Daily**

Stephanie Innes      Arizona Daily Star

## **NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR**

### **Non-Daily**

Navajo Times      Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

### **Daily**

The Arizona Republic      Publisher: Mi-Ai Parrish

## General Excellence - SCHOLASTIC DIVISION 2016

### Small Schools (3A, 2A, 1A)

<b>1st Place</b>	The Sting	Sedona Red Rock High School	Advisor: Maureen Barton
<b>2nd Place</b>	Eagle News	Tohono O'odham High School	Advisor: James Jackson
<b>3rd Place</b>	None Awarded		

### Large Schools (5A, 4A)

<b>1st Place</b>	The Roundup	Brophy College Preparatory	Advisor: Mica Mulloy
<b>2nd Place</b>	CdS Sunrise	Corona del Sol High School	Advisor: Kris Urban
<b>3rd Place</b>	The Paw Print	Hamilton High School	Advisor: Jennifer Headman