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ANA Announces 2019 BNC Winners

The *Herald/Review* (daily newspaper; Jennifer Sorenson, publisher) and *Navajo Times* (non-daily newspaper; Tom Arviso Jr., publisher) took home the coveted award for Arizona Newspaper of the Year during the Arizona Newspapers Association's 2019 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.

Reporter Perla Trevizo, from the *Arizona Daily Star* and Alexis Bechman, *Payson Roundup*, (non-daily) were named the ANA 2019 Journalists of the Year.

Kelly Presnell of the *Arizona Daily Star* and Keith Morris, *Payson Roundup* (non-daily) were named, for the second year in a row, the ANA 2019 Photographers of the Year.

Richard Ruelas, Jason Pohl, *The Arizona Republic*, (daily newspaper), for 'Border Strike Force' and Jonathan Clark, *Nogales International*, (non-daily), 'On Election Day, military installs razor wire' won the ANA 2019 Stories of the Year.

This year, 48 newspapers entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 1,534 entries. The Better Newspapers Contest consists of nine categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 26 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.ananews.com (on September 30). The awards were presented on Saturday, September 28, 2019 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 Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
3rd Place The Camp Verde Journal General Manager: Kyle Larson

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

1st Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
3rd Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Aviso Jr.
2nd Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Jason Joseph
3rd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Colleen Brady
3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando

#1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Associate Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place Eloy Enterprise Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
3rd Place Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.

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

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
3rd Place The Fountain Hills Times Publisher: Brent Cruickshank

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

3rd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
1st Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Jason Joseph
2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Colleen Brady
3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place The Camp Verde Journal General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.

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

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News General Manager: Kyle Larson

#2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE / continued

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

1st Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Jason Joseph
2nd Place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
3rd Place	The Daily Courier	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
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#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
3rd Place	The Verde Independent	Publisher: Babette Cubitt

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

1st Place	Payson Roundup	Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place	White Mountain Independent	Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place	Chino Valley Review	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

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

1st Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Jason Joseph
2nd Place	Explorer Newspaper	Publisher: Jason Joseph
3rd Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
2nd Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
3rd Place	The Daily Courier	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando
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#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	The Verde Independent	Publisher: Babette Cubitt
2nd Place	The Camp Verde Journal	General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place	Coolidge Examiner	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.

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

1st Place	Sedona Red Rock News	General Manager: Kyle Larson
2nd Place	Chino Valley Review	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey

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

1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Prescott Valley Tribune	Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Jason Joseph

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
3rd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando
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#5 BEST USE OF PHOTOGRAPHY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place The Camp Verde Journal General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place The Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt

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

1st Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
2nd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place Maricopa Monitor Publisher: Kara Cooper

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

3rd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Jason Joseph

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

3rd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
1st Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Colleen Brady

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#6 COMMUNITY SERVICE/JOURNALISTIC ACHIEVEMENT

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place Arizona Capitol Times Publisher: Luige del Puerto

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

1st Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
2nd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
3rd Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Jason Joseph
3rd Place Explorer Newspaper Publisher: Jason Joseph

Combined Dailies / Division 4: Daily under 25,000 & Division 5: Daily greater than 25,000

1st Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell
3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

#7 SPECIAL SECTION

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Arizona Capitol Times Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place The Verde Independent Publisher: Babette Cubitt
3rd Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola

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

1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place Sedona Red Rock News General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place Arizona Jewish Post Executive Editor: Phyllis Braun

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

1st Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Jason Joseph
2nd Place Explorer Newspaper Publisher: Jason Joseph
3rd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
2nd Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper

#7 SPECIAL SECTION / continued

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

#8 NEWSPAPER SUPPLEMENT OR MAGAZINE

Combined ALL Non-Dailies -

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

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

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

1st Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez
2nd Place Sedona Red Rock News General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer

Combined Dailies -

Division 4: Daily under 25,000

Division 5: Daily greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando
2nd Place Today's News-Herald Publisher: Mike Quinn
3rd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel, Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

#9 - NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place The Camp Verde Journal General Manager: Kyle Larson
2nd Place Arizona Capitol Times Publisher: Luige del Puerto
3rd Place Parker Pioneer Publisher: Mike Quinn

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

1st Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place Maricopa Monitor Publisher: Kara Cooper
3rd Place Sedona Red Rock News General Manager: Kyle Larson

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

1st Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place Prescott Valley Tribune Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Colleen Brady
2nd Place Casa Grande Dispatch Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara Cooper
3rd Place The Daily Courier Publisher: Joe Soldwedel / Co-Publisher: Kit Atwell

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place Arizona Daily Star Publisher: John D'Orlando

Individual Winners by Category

#10 BEST HEADLINE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place Gary Grado Senator: Swamp creatures in ties, suits roam Capitol Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place Wendy Howell Food Cart Frenzy Williams-Grand Canyon News
3rd Place Gary Grado No More No Promo Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place Keith Morris She's a killer queen Payson Roundup
2nd Place Dan Shearer A Fine Mess, assorted others Green Valley News
3rd Place Ryan Winslett Educational award brings Sunshine to New York The Fountain Hills Times

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

1st Place Dana Hawman-Trumbull Assorted Headlines Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
2nd Place Bill VanNimwegen You Can't Get There from Here Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
3rd Place Jeff Gardner Assorted Headlines Tucson Weekly

#10 BEST HEADLINE / continued

Combined Dailies / Division 4: Daily under 25,000 & Division 5: Daily greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jim Wambold	Shaking Up History	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Dave Ord	Assorted Headlines	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Matt Paulson	Assorted Headlines	Casa Grande Dispatch

#11 - BEST NEWS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	On Election Day, military installs razor wire	Nogales International
2nd Place	Arielle Zions	Accused cop-killer confessed	Nogales International
3rd Place	Loretta Yerian	Coyotes: Nuisance or Necessary?	Williams-Grand Canyon News

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

1st Place	Patrick O'Grady	Power play: Arizona battleground a \$40 million fight over the future of solar	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Ron Eland	Merchants hurting with lack of Phoenix ads	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Michele Nelson	Man gets probation for violent assault	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Kathleen B. Kunz	Care Bare	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Begay facing 'extreme DUI' charge	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Christina Fuoco-Karasinski	Fentanyl overdose	West Valley View

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Rodney Haas, Brian Wright	Vista Grande choice drops out	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Mara Knaub	Feeling 'duped' - Donors unhappy with Salvation Army's decision to drop Boys and Girls Club	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Scott Buffon	Flagstaff DPS dispatch center announces closure	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Dan Nowicki	The Death of Sen. John McCain	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Caitlin Schmidt	4 suspects ID'd here after tests on shelved rape kits	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Caitlin Schmidt, Shaq Davis	Inmate, 36, indicted in deaths of two girls	Arizona Daily Star

#12 - BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Kendal Blust, Genesis Lara, Arielle Zions, Jonathan Clark, Nick Phillips	Asylum-seekers at the border	Nogales International
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark, Genesis Lara, Nick Phillips	Government 'hardens' Nogales ports and border	Nogales International
3rd Place	Katie Campbell	Hacienda Rape	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Kim Smith	500-year flood	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Laura Singleton	Heber Horses Series	White Mountain Independent
3rd Place	Kitty Bottemiller	Me Too	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Jeff Gardner	The OSIRIS-REx Mission	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Dana Hawman-Trumbull	Apache Junction School District Coverage	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
3rd Place	Logan Burtch-Buus	2018 Oro Valley election	Explorer Newspaper

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Nanci Hutson	Homelessness in the Prescott area	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Max Efrein	The opioid crisis and #StopFentanylNow series	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Arizona Daily Sun Staff	Record-breaking snowstorm hits Flagstaff	Arizona Daily Sun

#12 - BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES / continued

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	John D'Anna	Solving the mystery of Arizona's Hatbox Baby	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Rebekah L. Sanders	Left on the Street	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Craig Harris, Anne Ryman, Alden Woods, Justin Price	The Charter Gamble	The Arizona Republic

#13 - INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Katie Campbell	Old School	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Arielle Zions	Rape allegation preceded fire chief's downfall	Nogales International
3rd Place	Dillon Rosenblatt	Criminalized	Arizona Capitol Times

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

1st Place	Christopher Fox Graham, Ron Eland	SB 1487 complaint against Sedona	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Kim Smith	State owes \$12.4 million to over 70 fire districts	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Michele Nelson	Firewood sales during forest closures	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Matt Roy	Resident accused of making threat	Surprise Today
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	Kirk, Ryce have history of giving bad investment advice	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Danyelle Khamara	Collateral Damage	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Cindy Barks	Waterline breaks plague Cliff Rose neighborhood	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Mara Knaub	No charges filed against city critics	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Matt Roy	Officials seek cause of explosion	Daily News-Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jason Pohl, Richard Ruelas	Border Strike Force	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Robert Anglen	The Meadows: Sex addiction clinic hid founder's assault of patient for decades	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Michael Kiefer	Restoration to Competency?	The Arizona Republic

#14 - BEST SPORTS STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Genesis Lara	Nogales' pioneering football player inspires other girls	Nogales International
2nd Place	Ben Giles	Wild Pitch	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Joey Chenoweth	Volleyball not just for girls	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune

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

1st Place	Brandon Brown	Rising Above Mediocre	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Brandon Brown	Big League Goal: Phoenix makes pitch for MLS status	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Clearing hurdles to a state championship	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Sunnie R. Clahchischiligi	A team of brothers	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Zach Alvira	Running for his life	East Valley Tribune
3rd Place	Richard Smith	His Story Will Be Heard	Peoria Today

#14 - BEST SPORTS STORY / continued

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Brian Bergner Jr.	Good deeds lead to special touchdown	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Brian Wright	Devilish determination	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Doug Cook	FIGHT OF HIS LIFE: Mayer principal, AD, coach Jeff Duncan facing Stage IV cancer head-on	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Alden Woods	G League tryouts offer first and last chances at hoop dreams	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	John D'Anna	Who do we love to boo?	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Anne Ryman	Football set to disappear at community colleges - but not without a fight	The Arizona Republic

#15 - BEST TEAM, SPORT OR SPORTS BEAT COVERAGE

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	James Kelley	Mingus edges Prescott to win second consecutive region title	The Verde Independent
2nd Place	Joey Chenoweth	Coolidge Bears football	Coolidge Examiner
3rd Place	James Kelley	Shorthanded Mingus Union football suffers first loss	The Verde Independent

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

1st Place	Keith Morris	Payson softball team	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Keith Morris	Payson wrestling	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Andy Staten	Football 2018	White Mountain Independent

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

1st Place	Zach Alvira	Mountain Pointe football	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd Place	Christopher Boan	Football coverage in north Tucson	Explorer Newspaper
3rd Place	Daniel Dullum	Apache Junction High School Softball	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Brian Bergner Jr.	Badgers Football	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Mike Hartman	N.Az. Elite	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Doug Cook	Whiskey Off-Road coverage and previews	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Norma Gonzalez	Pima football	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Caitlin Schmidt	Athletes investigated at the UA	Arizona Daily Star

#16 BEST SPORTS COLUMN

Combined Non-Dailies/ Division 1: Non-Daily under 3,500 & Division 2: Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place	Keith Morris	An editor, a teacher and a friend	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Corky Simpson	Big Time Baseball	Green Valley News
3rd Place	James Kelley	Commentary: Time for soccer to ditch the PK shootouts	The Verde Independent

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

1st Place	Daniel Dullum	Seabiscuit's Workout Jockey Also Rode in Arizona	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
2nd Place	Christopher Boan	The Weekly Take	Explorer Newspaper
3rd Place	Richard Smith	Latest transfer rule not working as intended	Peoria Today

Combined Dailies / Division 4: Daily under 25,000 & Division 5: Daily greater than 25,000

1st Place	Greg Hansen	Arizona superfan	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Brian Wright	Assorted columns	Casa Grande Dispatch
3rd Place	Beau Bearden	State championship provided lasting memories	Kingman Daily Miner

#17 BEST FEATURE STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Carmen Forman	Hard Left	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Wendy Howell	What's happening to the aspens?	Williams-Grand Canyon News
3rd Place	Rofida Khairalla	Meet 'Miracle' Baby	Coolidge Examiner

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

1st Place	Dan Shearer	They set sail	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	For veteran, the Arizona Trail a chrysalis for life	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Alexis Bechman	I tested my grit in Box Canyon	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Jeff Gardner	Brewski Benefit	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Tirion Morris	Nostalgia on the Move	Tucson Weekly
3rd Place	Brian Smith	Holiday Bell Ringers	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Mara Knaub	Yuma veteran recalls ambush in Iraq	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Alexandra Wittenberg	Literacy Center classes at heart of jail's re-entry program	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Emily Ellis	Fort Huachuca band completes final mission	Herald/Review

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Jessica Boehm	Sandra Day O'Connor, the mom	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Jen Fifield	The story of Edward J.B. Keeylocko	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Perla Trevizo, Fernanda Echavarri	30 days to be a family	Arizona Daily Star

#18 ENTERPRISE REPORTING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Katie Campbell	Dem Divide: Democratic candidates don't understand rural issues	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Katie Campbell	Incessant: Prison health care case shaping up for years of litigation	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Nick Phillips	Port backups weigh heavy on way of life	Nogales International

Combined Non-Dailies/ Division 2: Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000 & Division 3: Non-Daily greater than 10,000

1st Place	Philip Haldiman	Experiencing a real estate boom in Peoria	Peoria Today
2nd Place	Andrew Paxton	The porn problem	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Corina Vanek	Establishing Roots: Real estate presents hurdle for cannabis industry	Phoenix Business Journal

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	MacKenzie Chase Roden	Crater's past and future	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Emily Ellis	A legendary mistake: Arizona historians reflect on 1929 bombing of Naco	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Mara Knaub	If the border CLOSED ...	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Rebekah L. Sanders	Credit Card Skimmers	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Emily Bregel	Evictions: No roof, no relief	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Daniel Gonzalez	The U.S. Deported this mother to Guatemala. It kept her 6-year-old son.	The Arizona Republic

#19 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	County can take a stand on family separations	Nogales International
2nd Place	Jeanie Hankins	Check the Facts, Council in Chaos– Still	The Wickenburg Sun
3rd Place	Christopher Fox Graham	Assorted Editorials	The Camp Verde Journal

#19 BEST COLUMN, ANALYSIS OR COMMENTARY / continued

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

1st Place	Dan Shearer	Safeway toying with your wallet	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Greg Barr	Track the 'martini' factor to measure city's progress	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Dan Shearer	No other words: Shame on ADOT	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Pauly Denetclaw	Group seeks diversity, but runs roughshod over us	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Dana Hawman-Trumbull	Integrity is Not Made of Half Truths and Inuendo	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon News
3rd Place	Tom Arviso	Yes, your vote does count!	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Brian Bergner Jr.	Raising Prescott column: A 'zero tolerance' policy worth avoiding as a father	The Daily Courier
2nd Place	Roxanne Molenar	One action is not reflective of Yuma community	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	Good Friday is much more somber for me	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	David Fitzsimmons	Monastery-turned-sanctuary truly extraordinary	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Tim Steller	The Chomsky outrage	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Sarah Garrecht Gassen	Growing Pima County	Arizona Daily Star

#20 BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR CRITICISM

Combined Non-Dailies/ Division 1: Non-Daily under 3,500 & Division 2: Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place	Scott Dyke	You Can't Go Home Again	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Ryan Winslett	Like pulling teeth	The Fountain Hills Times
3rd Place	Jeanie Hankins	Community explore what ifs, reversed rolls stretch hearts and 1,000 parts	The Wickenburg Sun

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

1st Place	Brian Smith	Billy Sedlmyer, Bowed But Unbroken	Tucson Weekly
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	The one rescue we couldn't do	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Margaret Regan	Up Close and Personal	Tucson Weekly

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Roxanne Molenar	Kindnesses big, small can have impact	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Tim Wiederaenders	This has to stop, Mr. President	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Brian Bergner Jr.	Raising Prescott: Neighborhood speedway cause for concern in PV	The Daily Courier

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	David Fitzsimmons	Y.O.T.O. backs youths homes, dreams despite homelessness	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Greg Hansen	A miracle and a young man named Brian saved my son's life	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	David Fitzsimmons	What good cops do	Arizona Daily Star

#21 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Loretta Yerian	U.S. Marine Corps delivers Christmas cheer Havasupai Reservation	Williams-Grand Canyon News
2nd Place	Genesis Lara	Lent brings family culinary tradition of 'capirotada'	Nogales International
3rd Place	David Zambrano	Into the Fire	The Wickenburg Sun

Combined Non-Dailies/ Division 2: Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000 Division 3: Non-Daily greater than 10,000

1st Place	Cindy Yurth, Ray Landry	Piccadilly circus	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Keith Morris	The benefits of rock & roll	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Sedona Red Rock News staff	Red For Ed education protest story and video	Sedona Red Rock News

#21 BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING / continued

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Mark Levy	Salute to Service: Jacqui Clay, U.S. Army	Herald/Review
2nd Place	Vanessa Espinoza	Magic of Music	Kingman Daily Miner
3rd Place	Gabriel Granillo	The Word: Jesse Sensibar	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Perla Trevizo	Passports to the American Dream	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Arizona Republic staff	Sandra Day O'Connor: Arizona ranch girl, American Legend	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Perla Trevizo	Shifting trends: How do you secure the border when migrants are just turning themselves in?	Arizona Daily Star

#22 ONLINE COVERAGE OF BREAKING NEWS

Combined Non-Dailies/ Division 1: Non-Daily under 3,500 & Division 2: Non-Daily 3,500 to 10,000

1st Place	Alexis Bechman	Winter weather	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Wendy Howell	Suspect wanted for assault, kidnapping incident	Williams-Grand Canyon News
3rd Place	Alexis Bechman	Plane crash	Payson Roundup

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Anne Ryman, Uriel Garcia, Kelsey Mo, Michael Kiefer, Bree Burkitt, Alden Woods, Robert Anglen	Six people killed by Scottsdale murder suspect	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Caitlin Schmidt, Shaq Davis	Local man indicted in killing of Tucson girls	Arizona Daily Star

#23 BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Loretta Yerian	Suspect in Jan. 30 police standoff wanted in assault, kidnapping incident	Williams-Grand Canyon News
2nd Place	Vyto Starinskas	Blaze in Cottonwood	The Verde Independent
3rd Place	Jonathan Clark	School bus passing razor wire on border fence	Nogales International

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

1st Place	David Jolkovski	Release the Owl	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Bobby Joe Smith	Teens: This isn't a fad	Green Valley News

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

1st Place	Katherine Locke	U.S. 89 reopens after wash out	Navajo-Hopi Observer
2nd Place	Pablo Robles	Chandler Museum	SanTan Sun News
3rd Place	Logan Burtch-Buus	Dorado Graduation	Explorer Newspaper

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Oscar Perez	Blaze lights up Casa Grande	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Les Stukenberg	Airplane down	The Daily Courier
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	Dusty Tuesday	Yuma Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	Tropical Storm Rescue	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Vigil for murdered student	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Rob Schumacher	Taken away too soon	The Arizona Republic

#24 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Daulton Venglar	Spring Roundup	The Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark	Coach gets soaked	Nogales International
3rd Place	Daulton Venglar	Camp Verde soccer defeats Desert Christian	The Camp Verde Journal

#24 BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH / continued

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

1st Place	Keith Morris	Spikers shock 2-time champs	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Bobby Joe Smith	On to post season!	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Girls fighting for their state tournament lives	Payson Roundup

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

1st Place	Paul Natonabah	It's spring time	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Paul Natonabah	Tension runs high	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Ravonelle Yazzie	Young buckaroo	Navajo Times

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Oscar Perez	Vaqueras sweep Eastern	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Cody Bashore	Keeping it alive	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Oscar Perez	Cougars pull away	Casa Grande Dispatch

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	Tiger Makes History	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Looming clouds	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Kelly Presnell	Timeout!	Arizona Daily Star

#25 BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Daulton Venglar	CV earns dark sky designation	The Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Bill Helm	Rain slowed, didn't stop Fort Verde Days	The Verde Independent
3rd Place	Wendy Howell	Coconino County Teacher of the Year	Williams-Grand Canyon News

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

1st Place	Jim Poulin	Redefining college learning	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Bobby Joe Smith	Brain matters	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Barb Charzuk	The tiny details	The Fountain Hills Times

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

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	A long time coming	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Kimberly Carrillo	Graduation Excitement	Ahwatukee Foothills News
3rd Place	Arianna Grainey	Mexican Imports (History Happens Here)	Scottsdale Independent

Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Stay between the lines	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Mark Levy	Free bird flight training	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Ben Shanahan	Paralympians share their stories	Arizona Daily Sun

Division 5: Daily circulation greater than 25,000

1st Place	Mike Christy	Cloud Walk	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Mamta Popat	Late snow	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Mamta Popat	Brain surprise	Arizona Daily Star

#26 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT OR PHOTO STORY

Division 1: Non-Daily circulation under 3,500

1st Place	Jeanie Hankins, Staff	Amigos del Hospital, Red Sparks light up Wickenburg	The Wickenburg Sun
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark	Dia de los Muertos	Nogales International
2nd Place	Jonathan Clark	A community grieves	Nogales International

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

1st Place	Jim Poulin	Sheep provide new venture for area dairy	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Jim Poulin	Scottish brewer celebrates Deaf Awareness Week	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Fountain Hills Times staff	Historic snowstorm hits Fountain Hills	The Fountain Hills Times

#26 BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT OR PHOTO STORY /continued

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

1st Place	Arianna Grainey	Kachina Install	Apache Junction Independent
2nd Place	Arianna Grainey	Casteel wrestling	Queen Creek Independent
3rd Place	Ruth Carlton	Spooky fun on the GetOut page	East Valley Tribune

Combined Dailies: Division 4: Daily under 25,000 & Division 5: Daily greater than 25,000

1st Place	Kelly Presnell	New border dynamic presents quandary no wall can solve	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Rob Schumacher	Body of Work	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	First day of winter	Yuma Sun

#27 STORY OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Jonathan Clark Nogales International 'On Election Day, military installs razor wire'

Daily

Richard Ruelas, Jason Pohl The Arizona Republic 'Border Strike Force'

#28 PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Keith Morris Payson Roundup

Daily

Kelly Presnell Arizona Daily Star

#29 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Alexis Bechman Payson Roundup

Daily

Perla Trevizo Arizona Daily Star

NEWSPAPER OF THE YEAR

Non-Daily

Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

Daily

Herald/Review Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson

GENERAL EXCELLENCE - College DIVISION 2019

First Place

University of Arizona - The Daily Wildcat
Advisor: Brett Fera

Second Place

Pima Community College - Aztec Press
Advisor: Valerie Vinyard