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# ANA Announces 2021 BNC Winners

The *Arizona Daily Star* (daily newspaper, John D'Orlando, publisher); and *Navajo Times* (non-daily newspaper, Tom Arviso Jr., publisher) scored the highest cumulative points to garner the coveted award for the 2021 Arizona Newspaper of the Year.

Newspaper of the Year Awards are calculated from eligible honors won in the Better Newspapers Contest added together with eligible winning entries from the Excellence in Advertising Contest.

Tim Steller, of the *Arizona Daily Star* (daily); and Krista Allen, *Navajo Times*, (non-daily) were named the ANA 2021 Journalists of the Year.

The team of Rob O'Dell and Richard Ruelas from *The Arizona Republic*, (daily), for 'The Patriots'; and Michele Nelson, from *Payson Roundup*, (non-daily) for 'Mobile home park evictions' won the ANA 2021 Story of the Year.

Kelly Presnell of the *Arizona Daily Star* (daily); and Arianna Grainey, *Scottsdale Independent* (non-daily) were named the ANA 2021 Photographers of the Year. This is Presnell's fourth consecutive year and Grainey's second consecutive year winning top honors.

Thank you to the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association for judging newspaper, newsroom, and advertising categories this year. And our special thanks also go to the Associated Press (U.S. West Regional Bureau) for judging entries in the Journalist, Story, and Photographer 'Of the Year' awards.

This year, 36 newspapers entered in the Better Newspapers Contest for a total of 884 entries. The BNC consists of eight categories that measure the overall quality of the newspapers and 18 categories that honor individuals who contribute to journalism excellence, and in Best 'Of the Year'.

Attached is a complete list of winners, they can also be viewed at [ANA's press release page](#) (October 10). Congratulations to all the winners!

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# BNC of the Year Awards

## NEWSPAPER of the Year

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### Non-Daily

Navajo Times ..... Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.

### Daily

Arizona Daily Star ..... Publisher: John D'Orlando

## JOURNALIST of the Year

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### Non-Daily

Krista Allen ..... Navajo Times

### Daily

Tim Steller ..... Arizona Daily Star

## STORY of the Year

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### Non-Daily

Michele Nelson ..... Payson Roundup, for: 'Mobile home park evictions'

### Daily

Rob O'Dell and  
Richard Ruelas ..... The Arizona Republic, for: 'The Patriots'

## PHOTOGRAPHER of the Year

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### Non-Daily

Arianna Grainey ..... Scottsdale Independent

### Daily

Kelly Presnell ..... Arizona Daily Star

# BNC General Excellence

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

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1st Place Nogales International Publisher: Manuel Coppola

2nd Place Arizona Capitol Times Publisher: Luige del Puerto

3rd Place Maricopa Monitor Publisher: Kara Cooper

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

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1st Place Phoenix Business Journal Publisher: Ray Schey

2nd Place Payson Roundup Publisher: Brian Kramer

3rd Place Green Valley News Publisher: Dru Sanchez

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

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1st Place Tucson Weekly Publisher: Steve Strickbine

2nd Place Navajo Times Publisher: Tom Aviso Jr.

## Division 4: Daily circulation under 25,000

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1st Place Today's News-Herald Publisher: Michael Quinn

2nd Place Arizona Daily Sun Publisher: Colleen Brady

3rd Place Yuma Sun Publisher: Lisa Reilly

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

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

2nd Place The Arizona Republic Executive Editor: Greg Burton

# BNC Newspaper Categories

## #1 REPORTING & NEWSWRITING EXCELLENCE

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
3rd Place	Coolidge Examiner	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place	Green Valley News	Publisher: Dru Sanchez
3rd Place	Payson Roundup	Publisher: Brian Kramer
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
2nd Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
3rd Place	East Valley Courier News	Publisher: Richard Taylor
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
2nd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando

## #2 DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & COPYWRITING EXCELLENCE

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
2nd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara K. Cooper
3rd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara K. Cooper
3rd Place	The Fountain Hills Times	Publisher: Brent Cruikshank
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
3rd Place	East Valley Courier News	Publisher: Richard Taylor
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
3rd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando

## #3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Publisher: Luige del Puerto
3rd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara K. Cooper
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
2nd Place	Casa Grande Dispatch	Co-Publishers: Donovan Kramer Jr., Kara K. Cooper
3rd Place	Sedona Red Rock News	General Manager: Kyle Larson

### **#3 PAGE DESIGN EXCELLENCE / continued**

<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
2nd Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
3rd Place	East Valley Courier News	Publisher: Richard Taylor
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
2nd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
3rd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando

### **#4 EDITORIAL PAGE EXCELLENCE**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	The Camp Verde Journal	General Manager: Kyle Larson
2nd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara K. Cooper
3rd Place	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune	Publisher: Donovan Kramer Jr.
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
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
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
2nd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando
2nd Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton

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

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
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.
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Sedona Red Rock News	General Manager: Kyle Larson
2nd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
3rd Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
2nd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
3rd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	The Arizona Republic	Executive Editor: Greg Burton
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando

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

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Assoc. Publisher: Luige del Puerto
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Payson Roundup	Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
3rd Place	Herald/Review	Publisher: Jennifer Sorenson
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Navajo Times	Publisher: Tom Arviso Jr.
2nd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
<b>Division 4 &amp; 5 Combined – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000 &amp; Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando
2nd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn

## **#7 SPECIAL SECTION OR MAGAZINE**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Publisher: Luige del Puerto
2nd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara K. Cooper
3rd Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Eastern Arizona Courier	Publisher: Sarah Keith
2nd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
3rd Place	Phoenix Business Journal	Publisher: Ray Schey
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
2nd Place	Yuma Sun	Publisher: Lisa Reilly
3rd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando

## **#8 NEWSPAPER WEBSITE**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Nogales International	Publisher: Manuel Coppola
2nd Place	Arizona Capitol Times	Publisher: Luige del Puerto
3rd Place	Maricopa Monitor	Publisher: Kara K. Cooper
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Payson Roundup	Publisher: Brian Kramer
2nd Place	Sedona Red Rock News	General Manager: Kyle Larson
3rd Place	Green Valley News	Publisher: Dru Sanchez
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Mirror	Editor: Jim Small
2nd Place	Tucson Weekly	Publisher: Steve Strickbine
<b>Division 4 &amp; 5 Combined – Dailies</b>		<b>Circulation: Under 25,000 &amp; Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Arizona Daily Star	Publisher: John D'Orlando
2nd Place	Arizona Daily Sun	Publisher: Colleen Brady
3rd Place	Today's News-Herald	Publisher: Mike Quinn

# BNC Individual Categories

## #9 BEST HEADLINE

### **Division 1 & 2 Combined – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500 & 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Dan Shearer	I DO I DO I DO I DO	Green Valley News
2nd Place	Peter Aleshire	Assorted Headlines	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Dancing in the dirt	Payson Roundup

### **Division 1 & 2 Combined – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500 & 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Cindy Yurth	Assorted Headlines	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Philip Haldiman	Mum's the word	Peoria Independent
3rd Place	Matt Roy	Shoot. Score. Repeat.	Daily Independent

## #10 BEST NEWS STORY

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Arren Kimbel-Sannit	Cook defenders	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Dillon Rosenblatt	Misinformation, plague vaccine rollout	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Arren Kimbel-Sannit	LD23 awash in curious campaign conflicts	Arizona Capitol Times

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Kim Smith	Council Members	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd Place	Alexis Ramanjulu	COVID survivor has new perspective on life	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Dan Shearer	A flag in the dirt	Green Valley News

### **Division 3 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Over 10,000**

1st Place	Jeremy Duda, Jim Small	Cyber Ninjas scoop -- stop the steal tweets	Arizona Mirror
2nd Place	Arlyssa Becenti	Diné react to Biden's victory	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Christina Fuoco-Karasinski	Michael Fazzari	Foothills Focus

### **Division 4 – Dailies** **Circulation: Under 25,00**

1st Place	Brady Wheeler	A rescuer's perspective	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Pioneer Cemetery	Yuma Sun
3rd Place	Adrian Skabelund	Firefighters test positive	Arizona Daily Sun

### **Division 5 – Dailies** **Circulation: Over 25,00**

1st Place	Curt Prendergast	Future of border wall	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Danyelle Khmara	Tucson school districts' enrollment suffers	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Justin Sayers, Jasmine Demers	Tucson nursing home has state's worst COVID-19 death toll	Arizona Daily Star

## #11 BEST SUSTAINED COVERAGE OR SERIES

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Jonathan Clark, Genesis Lara, Nick Phillips	Border wall construction	Nogales International
2nd Place	Nathan Brown	The Purge	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Dillon Rosenblatt	Ducey violates campaign finance laws	Arizona Capitol Times

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Teresa McQuerrey	Mental illness	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Michele Nelson	Wildfires	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Herald/Review Staff	Education Coverage	Herald/Review

### **Division 3 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Over 10,000**

1st Place	Rima Krisst	Needs outweigh ARPA funds	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Arlyssa Becenti, Rima Krisst, Donovan Quintero, Cindy Yurth	Pandemic coverage	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Rima Krisst	COVID-19 outbreak at Winslow nursing home claimed 40 lives	Navajo Times

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

<b>Division 4 &amp; 5 Combines – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 25,000 &amp; Over 25,00</b>
1st Place	Patty Machelor	COVID-19, evictions crisis	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Ian James, David Wallace	The Hopi Tribe's struggles	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Matt Roy	Housing Crisis Series	Daily Independent

## **#12 - INVESTIGATIVE REPORTING**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Julia Shumway	Ducey sends \$400M of CARES money to state agencies	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Dillon Rosenblatt	Unregulated chemicals contaminating water near air base	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Dillon Rosenblatt	Ducey's office: No conflict for aide with ties to Scottsdale bars	Arizona Capitol Times

<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Michele Nelson	Trail park evictions	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Laura Singleton	St. Johns parents concerned children were sexually active at school	White Mountain Independent
3rd Place	Editorial staff	One System, Unequal Access	Phoenix Business Journal

<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Jerod MacDonald-Evoy	Arizona QAnon	Arizona Mirror
2nd Place	Krista Allen	'We're going to fight'	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Arlyssa Becenti	Hemp farmers decry 'overreaction', maintain innocence	Navajo Times

<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Adrian Skabelund	Varela says he used 'fraudulent signatures'	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Scott Buffon	Flagstaff nurses speak about life during the coronavirus	Arizona Daily Sun

<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Rob O'Dell, Richard Ruelas	The Patriots: A closed Facebook group reveals hate speech and QAnon inside Arizona's GOP	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Justin Sayers	UA's work with conservative PR firm to promote coronavirus efforts raises 'red flags'	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Justin Sayers, Stephanie Casanova, Alex Devoid	In Tucson's Latino communities, coronavirus didn't create problems, it exposed existing ones	Arizona Daily

## **#13 – BEST SPORTS STORY**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Jonathan Clark	State XC champ waits and hopes for chance to defend crown	Nogales International
2nd Place	Joey Chenoweth	'Magical': Gophers edge Bears	Florence Reminder and Blade-Tribune
3rd Place	Jonathan Clark	Nogales, Rio Rico play to 4-4 draw	Nogales International

<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Brian Wright	Hungry for greatness	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Brandon Brown	In the Rough	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Michael Dixon	Scorpions lose state championship game on buzzer beater	Sedona Red Rock News

<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	David Smith	Giving kids exposure	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Quentin Jodie	King of Quad	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Zach Alvira	Siblings thriving	SanTan Sun News

## **#13 – BEST SPORTS STORY / continued**

### **Division 4 – Dailies** **Circulation: Under 25,000**

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Fifty years of fast	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Lance Hartzler	Tristen Vance, Brandon Lawless want to have 'Uncomfortable Conversations' with new podcast	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Michael Hartman	NAZ Elite's Baxter	Arizona Daily Sun

### **Division 5 – Dailies** **Circulation: Over 25,000**

1st Place	Caitlin Schmidt	3 race car-driving girls make track history	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Bruce Pascoe	Legendary UA basketball coach Lute Olson dies	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Jeff Metcalfe	Fama Thiam	The Arizona Republic

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

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Michael Dixon	Mike O'Callaghan runs Boston Marathon remotely	The Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Michael Dixon	Camp Verde Wrestling	The Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Michael Dixon	Cowboys Basketball	The Camp Verde Journal

### **Division 2 & 3 Combined – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000 & Over 10,000**

1st Place	Zach Alvira	Desert Vista coverage	Ahwatukee Foothills News
2nd Place	Michael Dixon	Sedona Girls Basketball	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Payson Wrestling	Payson Roundup

### **Division 5 – Dailies** **Circulation: Over 25,000**

1st Place	Caitlin Schmidt	Title IX and other issues in UA athletic dept.	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Jeff Metcalfe	Arizona State Athletics	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Jeff Metcalfe	Phoenix Mercury	The Arizona Republic

## **#15 - BEST FEATURE STORY**

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Julia Shumway	Masks become symbol	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Arren Kimbel-Sannit	From ER to AZ House, GOP candidate a history with Friese	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Nick Phillips	Taxi driver offers safe, affordable rides	Nogales International

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Peter Aleshire	Fall flair	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Dan Shearer	Ivy's Journey	Green Valley News
3rd Place	Kim Smith	COVID Survivor - Darkest Nights	Eastern Arizona Courier

### **Division 3 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Over 10,000**

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	'I built this for my kids'	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	Irish 'pay forward' 173-year-old favor	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Brian Smith	Pandemic Day at Circle K	Tucson Weekly

### **Division 4 – Dailies** **Circulation: Under 25,000**

1st Place	Sam McManis	Sign of the times in this divisive political season	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Sam McManis	Flagstaff father and son and a video gone viral	Arizona Daily Sun
3rd Place	Kaitlin Olson	The legend of Zaadii: Flagstaff boy becomes comic book superhero	Arizona Daily Sun



## **#15 - BEST FEATURE STORY / continued**

<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Ian James	Climate change is hitting the Colorado River 'incredibly fast and incredibly hard'	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Danyelle Khmara	Amid pandemic, Tucson educators form grassroots system to support families in need	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Cathalena E. Burch	Retired Tucson cop heading for Hollywood's bright lights, big dreams	Arizona Daily Star

## **#16 - ENTERPRISE REPORTING**

<b>Division 1 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 3,500</b>
1st Place	Lidia Terrazas	Call to the public is a casualty of the pandemic	Nogales International
2nd Place	Julia Shumway	Lawmakers assert power grab over state offices	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Nick Phillips	Body searches test limits	Nogales International
<b>Division 2 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000</b>
1st Place	Andy Blye, Dale Brown	A Big Lifeline for Small Businesses / Sidebar: Ever Hear of CDFIs?	Phoenix Business Journal
2nd Place	Scott Shumaker	New technology helps biologists track invasive snails	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Andy Blye	Barren Banking	Phoenix Business Journal
<b>Division 3 – Non-Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 10,000</b>
1st Place	Cindy Yurth	Who are Navajos for Trump?	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Jeremy Duda	Arizona confederate monument	Arizona Mirror
3rd Place	Jeremy Duda	Hospital data shielded	Arizona Mirror
<b>Division 4 – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Under 25,000</b>
1st Place	Kaitlin Olson	2020 Organization of the Year	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Matt Roy	Doctor says COVID-19 crisis not done yet	Daily Independent
3rd Place	Sam McManis	Flagstaff man keeps his nose to the grindstone, even at age 80	Arizona Daily Sun
<b>Division 5 – Dailies</b>			<b>Circulation: Over 25,000</b>
1st Place	Curt Prendergast	Future of border wall about to be handed over to voters	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Rob O'Dell	This company says it's 'not a school' and has no teachers but gets millions in public money	The Arizona Republic
3rd Place	Tony Davis	A dubious achievement: Tucson's South Side has 9 of the city's 10 hottest neighborhoods	Arizona Daily Star

## **#17 - BEST COLUMN, FEATURE OR COMMENTARY**

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Manuel C. Coppola	We are all stakeholders	Nogales International
2nd Place	John Gutekunst	Editorial: Let's swap our Confederate stuff for their Lenin stuff!	Parker Pioneer
3rd Place	Manuel C. Coppola	Nogales, my kind of town	Nogales International

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Joey Chenoweth	Breaking it down: how red stronghold Arizona turned blue	Casa Grande Dispatch
2nd Place	Keith Morris	My friend Bear makes one final escape	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Christopher Fox Graham	9/11 belongs to those who never saw 9/12	Sedona Red Rock News

### **Division 3 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: Over 10,000**

1st Place	Cindy Yurth	A study of two deaths: One family's experience with assisted suicide	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Cindy Yurth	Why I chose to be a guinea pig, and how it went	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Cindy Yurth	Reporting in a post-fact world	Navajo Times

### **Division 5 – Dailies**

**Circulation: Over 25,000**

1st Place	Tim Steller	Border panic is overblown	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	David Fitzsimmons	Seeking refuge from the virus in our desert wilderness	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Tim Steller	Outgoing county attorney tied hands of new one on key case	Arizona Daily Star

## **#18 - BEST MULTIMEDIA STORYTELLING**

**Only Division 2 had entries this year.**

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Christopher Fox Graham	DPS releases full report into the police shooting of Jonathan Messare	Sedona Red Rock News
2nd Place	Alexis Bechman	Polles Fire	Payson Roundup
3rd Place	Bruce Whetten, Jenica Lawson	Best of Preps Star	Herald/Review

## **#19 – BEST ONLINE COVERAGE OF BREAKING NEWS**

**Only Division 1 & 2 had entries this year.**

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Julia Shumway, Nathan Brown	Governor's budget 'tantrum' miffs lawmakers	Arizona Capitol Times
2nd Place	Kyra Haas	Reporter forced from Senate audit for photographing ex-lawmaker, indiscernible ballot	Arizona Capitol Times
3rd Place	Julia Shumway	Reaching sine die mix of cunning, compromise	Arizona Capitol Times

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies**

**Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Alexis Bechman	Bush Fire	Payson Roundup
2nd Place	Laura Singleton	Online school with a side of snow	White Mountain Independent
3rd Place	Dana Cole	Family of seven loses everything	Herald/Review

# Photography Categories

## #20 – BEST NEWS PHOTOGRAPH

### Division 1& 2 Combined – Non-Dailies Circulation: Under 3,500 & 3,500 – 10,000

1st Place	Kim Smith	Safford Firefighters	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd Place	Sam Ribakoff	Fire Retardant Slurry	Eastern Arizona Courier
3rd Place	Mark Levy	Clashing Protests	Herald/Review

### Division 3 – Non-Dailies Circulation: Over 10,000

1st Place	Sharon Chischilly	Vaccine offered to seniors 65 and over	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Firefighter carries chainsaw	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Arianna Graine	Kids Arriving in COVID	Apache Junction/Gold Canyon Independent

### Division 4 – Dailies Circulation: Under 25,000

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Exhausted Firefighter	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Rachel Gibbons	Trash and traffic increase in Oak Creek Canyon	Arizona Daily Sun

### Division 5 – Dailies Circulation: Over 25,000

1st Place	Mamta Papat	Hug Tunnel	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	Big Horn Fire	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Rob Schumacher	Arizona Election Recount	The Arizona Republic

## #21 – BEST SPORTS PHOTOGRAPH

### Division 1 – Non-Dailies Circulation: Under 3,500

1st Place	Daulton Venglar	Andrew Peterson	The Camp Verde Journal
2nd Place	Daulton Venglar	Camp Verde runs over Holbrook	The Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Maria Vasquez	A shot at glory	Eloy Enterprise

### Division 2 & 3 Combined – Non-Dailies Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000 & Over 10,000

1st Place	Bobby Joe Smith	Even with her mask covering her eyes	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd Place	David Jolkovski	Cross Country Team	Sedona Red Rock News
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Bull ride	Payson Roundup

### Division 4 – Dailies Circulation: Under 25,000

1st Place	Cody Bashore	Comfort from a coach	Arizona Daily Sun
2nd Place	Randy Hoeft	Making History	Yuma Sun

### Division 5 – Dailies Circulation: Over 25,000

1st Place	Rob Schumacher	Jump for Joy	The Arizona Republic
2nd Place	Mamta Papat	Words with Referee	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Kelly Presnell	COVID tennis	Arizona Daily Star

## #22 – BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH

### Division 1 – Non-Dailies Circulation: Under 3,500

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	Kids hoop it up	Nogales International
2nd Place	Howard Waggner	Copa Glow	Maricopa Monitor
3rd Place	Daulton Venglar	What's So Emusing?	The Camp Verde Journal

### Division 2 – Non-Dailies Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000

1st Place	Brooke Curley	High Dive at Pima Pool	Eastern Arizona Courier
2nd Place	Jim Poulin	Woman-owned Mesa pet shop	Phoenix Business Journal
3rd Place	Jim Headley	Having a bad day	White Mountain Independent

### Division 3 – Non-Dailies Circulation: Over 10,000

1st Place	Donovan Quintero	Gilbert Padilla stands next to his home	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Arianna Graine	Plane Sunset	Scottsdale Independent
3rd Place	Krista Allen	Henry Slim holds infant son at Page High graduation	Navajo Times

## **#22 – BEST FEATURE PHOTOGRAPH / continued**

### **Division 4 – Dailies** **Circulation: Under 25,000**

1st Place	Randy Hoeft	Just Add Water	Yuma Sun
2nd Place	Rachel Gibbons	4th Annual Boze Bump Bash	Arizona Daily Sun

### **Division 5 – Dailies** **Circulation: Over 25,000**

1st Place	Kelly Presnell	Drive in	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Kelly Presnell	COVID Christmas	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Rob Schumacher	Comet NEOWISE	The Arizona Republic

## **#23 – BEST FEATURE PHOTO LAYOUT OR PHOTO STORY**

### **Division 1 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Under 3,500**

1st Place	Jonathan Clark	Saturday afternoon snapshot of a once-bustling street	Nogales International
2nd Place	Daulton Venglar	Biggest, Baddest, Best Bulls	The Camp Verde Journal
3rd Place	Daulton Venglar	Roping for a Cause	The Camp Verde Journal

### **Division 2 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: 3,500 – 10,000**

1st Place	Mark Levy	'In unity we have power'	Herald/Review
2nd Place	Mark Levy	COVID survivor has new perspective on life	Herald/Review
3rd Place	Keith Morris	Dancing in the dirt	Payson Roundup

### **Division 3 – Non-Dailies** **Circulation: Over 10,000**

1st Place	Ravonelle Yazzie	The happiness of farming	Navajo Times
2nd Place	Donovan Quintero	Surviving Alone	Navajo Times
3rd Place	Donovan Quintero	Walking for a cause	Navajo Times

### **Division 4 & 5 Combined – Dailies** **Circulation: Under 25,000 & Over 25,000**

1st Place	Mamta Popat	State of Denial	Arizona Daily Star
2nd Place	Rebecca Sasnett	Tucson's fitness world leans on technology and the internet	Arizona Daily Star
3rd Place	Randy Hoeft	In Your Face	Yuma Sun

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