

Cat. 01 Best Editorial Page or Section

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)
2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro)

Division C

1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

Division D

1st Place: The Tuskegee News
2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
3rd Place: Opelika Observer

Division E

1st Place: The Trussville Tribune

Cat. 02 Best Lifestyle/Family Pages

Division A

1st Place: The Anniston Star
2nd Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
2nd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper)
3rd Place: The Clanton Advertiser

Division C

1st Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd Place: The Greenville Standard
3rd Place: Opelika Observer

Division E

1st Place: The Trussville Tribune

Cat. 03 Best Sports Coverage

Division A

1st Place: The Anniston Star

2nd Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper)

2nd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro)

3rd Place: The Valley Times-News (Lanett)

Division C

1st Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)

2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)

3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)

2nd Place: The Atmore Advance

3rd Place: The Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)

2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham)

3rd Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville)

Cat. 04 Best Local Economic Coverage

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Clanton Advertiser

2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal

3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)

Division C

1st Place: Journal Record (Hamilton)

2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)

3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal

Division D

1st Place: Selma Sun

2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)

3rd Place: The Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: Vestavia Voice

2nd Place: The Homewood Star

3rd Place: The Trussville Tribune

Cat. 05 Best Local Education Coverage

Division A

1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser
2nd Place: The Anniston Star
3rd Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Cullman Times
2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2nd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
3rd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd Place: The Tuskegee News
3rd Place: Selma Sun

Division E

1st Place: Vestavia Voice
2nd Place: The Trussville Tribune
3rd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham)

Cat. 06 Best Local News Coverage

Division A

1st Place: The Anniston Star
2nd Place: Dothan Eagle
3rd Place: Alabama Media Group

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)
2nd Place: The Cullman Times
3rd Place: The Cullman Tribune

Division C

1st Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)
2nd Place: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville)
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal

Division D

1st Place: The Tuskegee News
2nd Place: The Atmore Advance
3rd Place: The Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: The Homewood Star
2nd Place: Vestavia Voice
3rd Place: The Trussville Tribune

Cat. 07 Best Use of Photographs / Editorial Content

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Selma Times-Journal
2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal
3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)

Division C

1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal
2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd Place: The Greenville Standard
3rd Place: Opelika Observer

Division E

1st Place: The Birmingham Times
2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)

Cat. 08 Best Layout and Design

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)
2nd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro)
3rd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper)

Division C

1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
3rd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd Place: Opelika Observer
3rd Place: The Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: The Birmingham Times

2nd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham)

Cat. 09 Best Spot News Story

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The only corona here is the one I'm drinking - Spring break kids mob Alabama beaches despite fears"* by Chris Harress
- 2nd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Man found dead during annual homeless count"* by Tim Lockette
- 3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Montgomery City Council votes down mask ordinance, sends doctors out in disgust"* by Brad Harper

Division B

- 1st Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"Despite concerns, Alabama River last dredged a decade ago"* by James Jones
- 2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"Flood waters damage DeKalb bridges, homes and businesses"* by Steven Stiefel
- 3rd Place: Opelika-Auburn News for *"AU profs satisfied with spring semester, all things considered"* by Mike Eads

Division C

- 1st Place: The Advertiser-Glean (Guntersville) for *"Car rolls into pond on No. 8"* by Anthony Campbell
- 2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Zeta leaves a mark"* by Scott Mims
- 3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Historic Flooding"* by Dee Ann Campbell

Division D

- 1st Place: The Moundville Times for *"Can't Catch This Diesel"* by Travis Vaughn
- 2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Ozark man arrested in cold case murder"* by Michelle Mann
- 3rd Place: The Greenville Advocate for *"Hickory Street Fire"* by staff

Division E

- 1st Place: Vestavia Voice for *"Vestavia Prepares for Coronavirus"* by Neal Embry
- 2nd Place: The Trussville Tribune for *"Clay-Chalkville grad who was homicide victim had so much potential"* by Scott Buttram, Erica Thomas
- 3rd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Commencement during COVID-19"* by Leah Ingram Eagle, Erin Nelson

Cat. 10 Best In-Depth News Coverage

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Police wanted 'a dog that would bite a Black person'"* by Challen Stephens
- 2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Violence persists in Alabama's prisons despite federal investigation"* by Melissa Brown
- 3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Little-known Alabama law says felons must carry special ID or go to jail"* by Connor Sheets

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Times for *"Connection lost"* by Amy Henderson
- 2nd Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"Reading the Report"* by Adam Powell
- 3rd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Summer Protests"* by W.C. Mann, Heather Mann

Division C

- 1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Small Business, Big Mission"* by staff
2nd Place: The Alabama Baptist (Birmingham) for *"Nigeria coverage"* by Martha Simmons
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"COVID-19's impact on local schools"* by staff

Division D

- 1st Place: The Baldwin Times for *"Covid-19 strikes Baldwin County"* by staff
2nd Place: The Baldwin Times for *"Hurricane Sally coverage"* by staff
3rd Place: The Hartselle Enquirer for *"Police arrest five in connection to July 24 murder of Hartselle man"* by Rebekah Martin Yancey

Division E

- 1st Place: The Homewood Star for *"Downtown rezoning plans: Everything you need to know"* by Ingrid Schnader
2nd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"We're in a war"* by Ingrid Schnader

Cat. 11 Best Business Story or Column

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"I'm watching it tank: The struggles of reimagining an Alabama buffet during coronavirus"* by John Sharp
2nd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Needed Relief: US programs offer local businesses a degree of help"* by Peggy Ussery
3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"As Alabamians sleep on pavement for benefits, state unemployment fund runs low"* by Melissa Brown

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"For the love of Claire: Local dad launches patient advocacy service"* by Christy Perry
2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Funerals at a distance"* by Benjamin Bullard
3rd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Tap man"* by Benjamin Bullard

Division C

- 1st Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Sweet Success"* by Dee Ann Campbell
2nd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"Farmers in Russell County Struggle"* by Toni Stauffer
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Covid-19 raises stakes for Birmingham malls"* by Hanno van der Bijl

Division D

- 1st Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Alabama Grill hosts tasting of Clyde May's whiskeys"* by Bruce Branum
2nd Place: Opelika Observer for *"John Emerald Distillery switches focus to hand sanitizer"* by Morgan Bryce
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Cafe 123 serving lunch by popular demand"* by Will Fairless

Division E

- 1st Place: The Homewood Star for *"Mixed-use development in the works for Brookwood Village"* by Ingrid Schnader

- 2nd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"A season of change"* by Jesse Chambers
3rd Place: Village Living (Mountain Brook) for *"70 years of Smiths"* by Ingrid Schnader

Cat. 12 Best Feature Story Coverage

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Some in Alabama were ready: 'People say, 'Well what are you prepping for?'"* by Sarah Whites-Koditschek
2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"The lost congressman: What happened to Jeremiah Haralson?"* by Brian Lyman
3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Her boyfriend's killing was tragic and confusing. Graduating was her tribute to him"* by Krista Johnson

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"True love always finds a way"* by Christy Perry
2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"She hugged everyone"* by Benjamin Bullard
3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Secret Setup"* by Amy Passaretti

Division C

- 1st Place: Journal Record (Hamilton) for *"Pick'n and grin'n on Christmas nights"* by Scott Johnson
2nd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Answered Prayers"* by Emmett Burnett
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Sweet Success"* by Dee Ann Campbell

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"Selma twins chase their dreams to bright future"* by Brad Fisher
2nd Place: Clay Times-Journal (Lineville) for *"It's a Matter of Life & Breath"* by Tammy Andrews
3rd Place: The Baldwin Times for *"Saving Taco"* by Allison Marlow

Division E

- 1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"From homelessness to family man, one veteran's journey"* by Katie Davis Skelley
2nd Place: Village Living (Mountain Brook) for *"A blue-collar guy"* by Jesse Chambers
3rd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"They don't give up"* by Jesse Chambers, Alec Harvey

Cat. 13 Best News Feature Story Coverage

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Coronavirus shrunk his Alabama congregation to 10. Then six got sick."* by Amy Yurkanin
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Don't let me die': Inside the Alabama prison system's COVID-19 quarantine ward"* by Connor Sheets
3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Family unhappy with burial provided by funeral director under indictment"* by Tim Lockette

Division B

- 1st Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"The road to recovery: One year later"* by Cinthia Rico
2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"Local WWII veteran turns 100 years old"* by Steven Stiefel
3rd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Orange plant good"* by Benjamin Bullard

Division C

- 1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Oaklawn Cemetery is Mobile's forgotten burial ground"* by Lynn Oldshue
- 2nd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Covid's trickle-down effect"* by Angel Coker
- 3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Lucky to Be Alive"* by Emmett Burnett

Division D

- 1st Place: The Baldwin Times for *"Just Beautiful "* by Allison Marlow
- 2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Feeding children 'without the red tape'"* by Michelle Mann
- 3rd Place: The Baldwin Times for *"BP Oil Spill anniversary, protecting what was nearly lost "* by Allison Marlow, Guy Busby

Division E

- 1st Place: Hoover Sun for *"Next steps: Hoover police and diversity"* by Jon Anderson
- 2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Care during COVID"* by Leah Ingram Eagle, Erin Nelson
- 3rd Place: The Homewood Star for *"Coming Back Stronger"* by Ingrid Schnader

Cat. 14 Best Editorial

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Johnson on George Floyd killing: This is what happens when your knee has been on my neck"* by Roy S. Johnson
- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Drones help police pollution in Alabama. Lawmakers want to make that a crime."* by Kyle Whitmire
- 3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Tuberville tells critics to go...well, you know where"* by James Bennett

Division B

- 1st Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"Voting For The Future: To live with election's results, Selma needs explosive voter turnout"* by Adam Powell
- 2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"The new openness of open meetings"* by Amy Henderson
- 3rd Place: The Valley Times-News (Lanett) for *"There is a time and place for everything"* by Daniel Evans

Division C

- 1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Serious about progress? Eliminate the shame of 1901"* by Ty West
- 2nd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Monument isn't the only structure that needs to go"* by Ty West
- 3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"BPA shows why state needs new open records law"* by Ty West

Division D

- 1st Place: The Greenville Standard for *"My 'burb' has PTSD"* by Jeanne K. Callen
- 2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Education system, state receive failing grade"* by Caroline Quattlebaum
- 2nd Place: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden) for *"I Don't Care Who Your Daddy Is"* by Ethan Van Sice

Division E

- 1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SNIPPETS: We shouldn't buy into hoarding necessities"* by Jonathan Stinson

- 2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SNIPPETS: Stay home from work when you feel sick"* by Jonathan Stinson
- 3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"'Think Pink' for breast cancer awareness"* by Katie Davis Skelley

Cat. 15 Best Humorous Column

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"'I don't see color' and other things white people must stop saying to Black people"* by Roy S. Johnson
- 2nd Place: The Anniston Star for *"I Can't Stress This Enough"* by Lisa Davis
- 3rd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Bill Perkins Sunday columns"* by Bill Perkins

Division B

- 1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"America has an underwear crisis"* by David Carroll
- 2nd Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"The grand birth of Ain'tsgiving"* by Adam Powell
- 3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"This column is just for you"* by David Carroll

Division C

- 1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Hidden Agenda — The humor columns of Ashley Trice"* by Ashley Trice
- 2nd Place: The Montgomery Independent for *"Is there a better way to look at the mask issue?"* by Brian Hodge
- 3rd Place: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville) for *"Truck heist and/or flat tire plot foiled"* by Daniel Taylor

Division D

- 1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Under the Surface"* by Wendy Hodge
- 2nd Place: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden) for *"Vices & Virtues"* by Ethan Van Sice
- 3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Pandemic Lessons"* by Wendy Hodge

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Changing Seasons"* by Rick Watson (posthumously)
- 2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SNIPPETS: Each generation ultimately faces enormous hurdles"* by Jonathan Stinson

Cat. 16 Best Human Interest Column

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Johnson: 93-year-old poll chief, who's worked every election since 1963, embodies why we must vote"* by Roy S. Johnson
- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"In grief for normal life"* by Kyle Whitmire
- 3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"May we embrace 2021 with the 'faith' and 'hope' that sustain amputee through immeasurable loss"* by Roy S. Johnson

Division B

- 1st Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"Coming out of quarantine"* by Tricia Dunne
- 2nd Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"I'll be home for Christmas"* by Elisabeth Altamirano-Smith
- 3rd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Anatomy of a mistake"* by Amy Henderson

Division C

- 1st Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Horses & Moms"* by Dee Ann Campbell
2nd Place: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville) for *"To the lady in the cherry-red Toyota Camry"* by Taylor Beck
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Shirley will always be a legend"* by Alec Etheredge

Division D

- 1st Place: Clay Times-Journal (Lineville) for *"My favorite veteran"* by Tammy Andrews
2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"One vote almost made the difference"* by Michelle Mann
3rd Place: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden) for *"Glenda's Glibs"* by Glenda Curl

Division E

- 1st Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville) for *"Southern Musings: Making sense of the muse"* by Gary Lloyd
2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SNIPPETS: Social media bringing out some crazy followers"* by Jonathan Stinson
3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SNIPPETS: Crisis brings opportunity to earn a little bit of grit"* by Jonathan Stinson

Cat. 17 Best Editorial Column or Commentary

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Alabama's black doulas aim to affect racial disparities in health care and infant mortality"* by Roy S. Johnson
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"I'm a straight middle-aged white man. I didn't know I owed RBG, too."* by Kyle Whitmire
3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Del Marsh wants changes in his own life"* by James Bennett

Division B

- 1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Extend us the courtesy of voting first"* by Anita McGill
2nd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Free speech is a two way street"* by Anita McGill
3rd Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"The art of obstruction, obfuscation and destruction"* by Adam Powell

Division C

- 1st Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Its time to act"* by Emmett Burnett
2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Damn the Torpedoes — The editorial columns of Rob Holbert"* by Rob Holbert
3rd Place: The Montgomery Independent for *"There's good trouble and bad trouble. What kind do you want to make?"* by Jeff Martin

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"National Newspaper Week: Selma can lead the charge"* by Cindy Fisher
2nd Place: The Tuskegee News for *"Trump impeachment trial not a trial, it's a cover-up"* by Guy N. Rhodes
3rd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Education system, state receive failing grade"* by Caroline Quattlebaum

Cat. 18 Best Sports News In-Depth Coverage

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Inside college football's coronavirus information war"* by John Talty

- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Alabama used an app to keep students at football games. How did it work?"* by Michael Casagrande
- 3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Pandemic surge benching hoops teams, causing scheduling headaches"* by Joe Medley

Division B

- 1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"The Rush to Return"* by Lizi Arbogast
- 2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Reliving Holly Pond's streak-busting victory against Cold Springs"* by Jake Winfrey
- 3rd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Reliving Cullman baseball's memorable run to 2002 state title"* by Jake Winfrey

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Thompson state championship coverage"* by Alec Etheredge
- 2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Girls wrestling changes"* by Alec Etheredge, Dawn Harrison
- 3rd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"Backyard Brawl"* by Mark Clark

Division D

- 1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Former players remember legendary Pat Dye"* by Josh Boutwell
- 2nd Place: Opelika Observer for *"OHS football team adjusts to new reality"* by Wil Crews
- 3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Southern Christian gives homeschoolers a chance to play"* by Wil Crews

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Hoops preview"* by Kyle Parmley, Erin Nelson
- 2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Local teams head into 2020 with high hopes"* by Kyle Parmley
- 3rd Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville) for *"Passing the baton"* by Kyle Parmley

Cat. 19 Best Sports Single Event Story

Division A

- 1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Saturday was 'a great day at Auburn Arena,' and there should be more ahead for Pearl's Tigers"* by Josh Vitale
- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Inside the SEC's decision to leave CBS for ESPN"* by John Talty
- 3rd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Legendary AU coach told Rane where he wanted to be buried"* by Jon Johnson

Division B

- 1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Thrice upon a lifetime"* by Jason Bowen
- 2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"The Rush to Return"* by Lizi Arbogast
- 3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Winning Culture"* by Ryne Gallacher

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Back to Back: Thompson wins 2nd title in a row with miracle finish"* by Alec Etheredge
- 2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Soaring to the top"* by Alec Etheredge
- 3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Saints Alive"* by Arthur Mack

Division D

- 1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Statement made: Enterprise topples No. 3 Auburn"* by Josh Boutwell
- 2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Brantley championship hopes drenched"* by Bruce Branum
- 3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Hornets fall in season finale"* by Rick Lanier

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Eagles make 1st appearance at state final four"* by Kyle Parmley, Erin Nelson
- 2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Going out on top"* by Kyle Parmley, Erin Nelson
- 3rd Place: Vestavia Voice for *"West leads Rebels at state meet"* by Sam Chandler, Erin Nelson

Cat. 20 Best Sports Feature Story

Division A

- 1st Place: The Anniston Star for *"Alabama football team's protest a watershed moment for university"* by Mark Edwards
- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Auburn commit Wesley Steiner overcomes abuse and fear to forge a better life through football"* by Giana Han
- 3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The story behind the wild 2019 Iron Bowl's lasting image"* by Tom Green

Division B

- 1st Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"A Coach's Dream"* by Glendon Poe
- 2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Cullman product Thomas turns heads at Troy"* by Jake Winfrey
- 3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Count Smiles Not Miles"* by Ryne Gallacher

Division C

- 1st Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"God and the Gollywhopper"* by Dee Ann Campbell
- 2nd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Stars without Diamonds"* by Clint Franks
- 3rd Place: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville) for *"Pirates dealing with tornado, along with COVID-19"* by Shannon J. Allen

Division D

- 1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Opelika Dawg Pound playing through the pandemic"* by Wil Crews
- 2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Enterprise native continues to chase hoops dreams overseas"* by Josh Boutwell
- 3rd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"It's all about the kids"* by Ray Van Cor

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"A new normal"* by Kyle Parmley, Erin Nelson
- 2nd Place: Vestavia Voice for *"An Icon: Coaches Reflect on Anderson's Storied Career"* by Kyle Parmley, Erin Nelson
- 3rd Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville) for *"Glover twins making most of final chance to play together"* by Kyle Parmley

Cat. 21 Best Local Sports Column

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Where football is essential even during a pandemic"* by Joseph Goodman
- 2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Eli Gold endures pain, surgeries to broadcast Alabama games"* by Joseph Goodman
- 3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Notre Dame is a dirty word for older Alabama fans"* by Mark Edwards

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Times for *"Shot clock in hoops? Depends who you ask"* by Jake Winfrey
- 2nd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"A not-so-ideal perfect day for baseball"* by Jason Bowen
- 3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Actions of one shouldn't bring down team"* by Lizi Arbogast

Division C

- 1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Learning from listening to smart sports figures"* by Randy Kennedy
- 2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"CFP once again proves it's not open to all"* by Tommy Hicks
- 3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Remembering the legacy of Parker Boswell"* by Alec Etheredge

Division D

- 1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Where do we go from here?"* by Wil Crews
- 2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"This day in sports history"* by Colin MacGuire
- 3rd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"College football is changing, but maybe not for the better"* by Josh Boutwell

Division E

- 1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"FROM THE SIDELINES: Let's keep sports in perspective during crisis"* by Skip Vaughn
- 2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"A letter to high school seniors"* by Kyle Parmley
- 3rd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"The return of sports inspires gratefulness"* by Kyle Parmley

Cat. 22 Best Feature Photo

Division A

- 1st Place: The Decatur Daily for *"Tiny Dancer"* by Jeronimo Nisa
- 2nd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Water World Splash down"* by Jay Hare
- 3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Facebook Live Boutique"* by Jake Crandall

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Alan Jackson's Small Town Drive-In"* by Mike Witcher
- 2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Consoling Santa"* by Cliff Williams
- 3rd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Prost!"* by W.C. Mann

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Roy Brook and his American flag"* by Keith McCoy
- 2nd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"End Racism"* by Toni Stauffer
- 3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Lights of Love"* by Mike Kittrell

Division D

- 1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Survivor"* by Robert Noles

2nd Place: Clay Times-Journal (Lineville) for *"How do you really feel about 2020?"* by Tammy Andrews, Madelyn Wolfe

3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"A Community Prays"* by Robert Noles

Division E

1st Place: The Homewood Star for *"Mirrored Expressions"* by Erin Nelson

2nd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"Alabama Ballet dancers"* by Erin Nelson

3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Tribute from the sky"* by Eric Schultz

Cat. 23 Best News Photo

Division A

2nd Place: The Decatur Daily for *"COVID Couple"* by Jeronimo Nisa

3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Slain Officer's Mother"* by Mickey Welsh

Division B

1st Place: The Cullman Times for *"Taking notes, following rules"* by Amanda Shavers

2nd Place: Opelika-Auburn News for *"Tommy Tuberville election night watch party"* by Sara Palczewski

3rd Place: Opelika-Auburn News for *"Auburn Students & Community for Change protest (signs)"* by Sara Palczewski

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Flyover celebrates frontline workers"* by Keith McCoy

2nd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"End Racism"* by Toni Stauffer

3rd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Approaching the Peak"* by Shane Rice

Division D

1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Remembrance Monument"* by Robert Noles

2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Fire claims house on Kolb City Road"* by Bruce Branum

3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Grief"* by Robert Noles

Division E

1st Place: The Birmingham Times for *"A City Protests"* by Ameera Steward

2nd Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville) for *"Trussville Strong"* by Erin Nelson

3rd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"Masked Mural"* by Erin Nelson

Cat. 24 Best Spot News Photo

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Tornado damages Eufaula"* by staff

2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Farm Raid"* by Mickey Welsh

3rd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Hurricane Delta"* by Mickey Welsh

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Sinking Boat"* by Cliff Williams

2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Washington Street Accident"* by Cliff Williams

3rd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"Peaceful protest held in downtown Fort Payne"* by Steven Stiefel

Division C

- 1st Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Time to mourn"* by Brad McPherson
2nd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Sally leaves a mess"* by Brad McPherson
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Chelsea Fire Chief Wayne Shirley's funeral"* by Keith McCoy

Division D

- 1st Place: The Moundville Times for *"Car theft suspect subdued"* by Travis Vaughn
2nd Place: The Wilcox Progressive Era (Camden) for *"Trailer burn"* by Ethan Van Sice
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Protesters find common ground"* by Wil Crews

Division E

- 1st Place: The Birmingham Times for *"A City Protests"* by Ameera Steward
2nd Place: Hoover Sun for *"Hoover Police standoff with protesters"* by Erin Nelson
3rd Place: Vestavia Voice for *"Time for change"* by Erin Nelson

Cat. 25 Best Sports Photo

Division A

- 1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Dive for the ball"* by Mickey Welsh
2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Blocked Punt"* by Mickey Welsh
3rd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"G.W. Long girls basketball team wins regional"* by Jay Hare

Division B

- 1st Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"BMX"* by Anthony Richards
2nd Place: The Valley Times-News (Lanett) for *"Ouch"* by Daniel Evans
3rd Place: Opelika-Auburn News for *"Glenwood vs. Pike Liberal Arts state championship"* by Sara Palczewski

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"High flying victory"* by Keith McCoy
2nd Place: The Montgomery Independent for *"Patriot run"* by Eddie Olsewski
3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"It's Tough"* by Todd Stacey

Division D

- 1st Place: The Greenville Standard for *"McKenzie second round bound"* by Shea Odom
2nd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Dawg Pound"* by Robert Noles
3rd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Enterprise defenders Xavier Moore and Drake McDaniel drag down"* by Luanne Stone

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Spain Park girls basketball state title win"* by Erin Nelson
2nd Place: Cahaba Sun (Trussville) for *"Pinson Valley wins Class 6A state football title"* by Erin Nelson
3rd Place: Hoover Sun for *"Hoover volleyball state title"* by Erin Nelson

Cat. 26 Best Photo Essay

Division A

- 1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Helen Brown"* by Jake Crandall

- 2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"John Lewis' final Edmund Pettus Bridge crossing "* by Jake Crandall
3rd Place: The Anniston Star for *"Ghost Highway"* by Bill Wilson

Division B

- 1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Wilson Brothers"* by Cliff Williams
2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"A Peaceful George Floyd Protest"* by Cliff Williams
3rd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal for *"Flood waters damage DeKalb bridges, homes and businesses"* by Steven Stiefel

Division C

- 1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Sally's wrath"* by Staff
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"A final salute to Chelsea Fire Chief Wayne Shirley"* by Keith McCoy
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"A Night to Shine"* by Keith McCoy

Division D

- 1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Military Dad Returns Home"* by staff
2nd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Community remembers William Beuchner"* by Robert Noles, staff
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Carnival at USA Town Center extended"* by Robert Noles, Michelle Key

Division E

- 1st Place: Vestavia Voice for *"Mermaid Camp"* by Erin Nelson, Melanie Viering
2nd Place: Iron City Ink (Birmingham) for *"Alabama Rally Against Injustice"* by Erin Nelson, Ted Perry
3rd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"For the Birds"* by Erin Nelson, Kristin Williams

Cat. 27 Best Use of Graphics or Illustrations

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The Angel of Mercy triptych"* by J.D. Crowe
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"What are the chances someone at your gathering in Alabama will have coronavirus?"* by Ramsey Archibald
3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"3 counties account for half of Alabama growth in last year, new Census reports show"* by Ramsey Archibald

Division B

- 1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Stress of Politics"* by Elizabeth Law
2nd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboror) for *"Gas Prices"* by Elizabeth Law
3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboror) for *"Coronavirus"* by Elizabeth Law

Division C

- 1st Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"Halloween Staff Picks"* by Denise DuBois
2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"COVID-19"* by Laura Mattei
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Covid's Bham construction impact"* by Derek Morrow

Division D

- 1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"2020 Football Preview"* by Slayton Shaw
2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Elite Eleven"* by Kimberly Myers
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Lee County Strong Cover"* by staff

Division E

1st Place: Hoover Sun for *"Apart, yet together"* by Kristin Williams

Cat. 28 Best Headline

Division A

1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The only corona here is the one I'm drinking' - Spring break kids mob Alabama beaches despite fears"* by Chris Harress

2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"I was brave: Alabama 4-year-old's story of 48 hours lost in woods with dog"* by Jeremy Gray

Division B

1st Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Have still; will travel"* by Christy Perry

2nd Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"Exit strategy"* by Joyanna Love

3rd Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"Bee Healthy"* by Joyanna Love

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"A brick waugh"* by Alec Etheredge

2nd Place: The Sand Mountain Reporter (Albertville) for *"Toilet paper panic wipes out common sense"* by Daniel Taylor

3rd Place: Call News (Citronelle) for *"Orange You Glad"* by Doug Dimitry

Division D

1st Place: The Baldwin Times for *"Ear-resistible urge to help"* by Allison Marlow

2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"When it's too Gouda to be true"* by Ray Van Cor

3rd Place: The Moundville Times for *"Well done! Suspect grilled, smoked out after pursuit by law enforcement"* by Travis Vaughn

Division E

1st Place: The Trussville Tribune for *"Izzy she sweet? Moody therapy dog comforting kids in schools"* by Erica Thomas

2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Fishing for infomation"* by Leah Ingram Eagle

3rd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Chelsea pair goes nuts for healthy snacks with Angie and A Ginger"* by Leah Eagle

Cat. 29 Best Special Section - Newsprint

Division A

1st Place: The Decatur Daily for *"Opportunity 2020"*

Division B

1st Place: Opelika-Auburn News for *"An Auburn Man: Pat Dye (1939-2020)"* by Jordan Hill, Sara Palczewski, Justin Lee

2nd Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"Progress: For every generation "*

3rd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Profile 2020"*

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Profile"*

2nd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Stories told from WWII"* by Dee Ann Campbell

3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Letters to Santa"* by Emily Sparacino

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"Breast Cancer Awareness Month"*

2nd Place: Clay Times-Journal (Lineville) for *"Fire Prevention Week "*

3rd Place: Selma Sun for *"Selma Sun Outdoor Special Section"* by Cindy Fisher, Todd Prater, Brad Fisher

Division E

1st Place: The Birmingham Times for *"Black History Month Section"* by Sherrel Stewart Wheeler, Javacia Harris Bowser

2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Engineers Week 2020"*

3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Veterans Day 2020"*

Cat. 30 Best Niche Publication - Newsprint or Glossy

Division A

1st Place: The Decatur Daily for *"Explore Decatur-Morgan"*

Division B

1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Chamber 2020"*

2nd Place: The Cullman Times for *"Salute to Industry"*

3rd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"Walker County PlayBook 2020"*

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Election guide"* by Alec Etheredge and Jamie Dawkins

2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Visitors guide"*

3rd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"Gators Volleyball Champs"* by Denise DuBois, staff

Division D

1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Lee County Strong"*

2nd Place: The Hartselle Enquirer for *"Morgan County Football"*

3rd Place: The Greenville Advocate for *"Football 2020"*

Division E

1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"SMD Symposium 2020"*

2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Frontline Thank you 1"*

3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Frontline Thank you 3"*

Cat. 31 Creative Use of Multimedia

Division A

1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Too young to die: Violence is traumatizing a generation of Montgomery's youth"*

2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Reckon: Commissary"* by Connor Sheets

Division B

1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"DME PrepZone"*

Division C

- 1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Small Business, Big Mission"*
2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Percentage of Black Students in Mobile County Schools 1972-2020"* by Gabriel Tynes
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Crane Watch"* by Hanno van der Bijl

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"Selma Sun Videos"* by Cindy Fisher, Chico Cleveland

Division E

- 1st Place: The Trussville Tribune for *"Facebook Page"*
2nd Place: The Homewood Star for *"Homewood resident spreads Easter cheer from his front yard"* by Ingrid Schnader

Cat. 32 Online Breaking News Coverage

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The Long Arc of the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama"* by staff
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The Death of Royta Giles"* by Carol Robinson

Division B

- 1st Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Plane crash "* by Wendy Sack
2nd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"New Canaan Shooting"* by Wendy Sack
3rd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Adam Clark"* by Wendy Sack

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Jeff West guilty verdict"* by Emily Sparacino
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"COVID-19 breaking news"* by staff
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Amazon expansion into metro Birmingham"* by Hanno van der Bijl

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"Coverage of Hurricane Zeta"* by staff
2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Fire claims house on Kolb City Road"* by Bruce Branum
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for *"Ethics violation"* by Morgan Bryce

Division E

- 1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Chelsea business fire ruled arson"* by Leah Ingram Eagle
2nd Place: Vestavia Voice for *"Vestavia Prepares for Coronavirus"* by Neal Embry
3rd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham) for *"Shelby County Schools add an additional week to Christmas break"* by Leah Ingram Eagle

Cat. 33 Best Use of Social Media

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Ivana's Lunch Break Live"* by Ivana Hrynkiw
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The Black Magic Project"* by Jonece Starr Dunigan

Division B

- 1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"Walker County Media Day"*

2nd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"Cullman Municipal Election Debates"*

3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"Shout Outs"*

Division C

1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Facebook high school sports videos"* by Alec Etheredge

2nd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for *"Social media survey "* by Denise DuBois

3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Facebook Live Football Pregame Show"* by Alec Etheredge

Division D

1st Place: Opelika Observer for *"Facebook Page"*

2nd Place: The Atmore Advance for *"Facebook page"* by Andrew Garner

3rd Place: Selma Sun for *"Facebook page"* by Chico Cleveland

Division E

1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Redstone Rocket Facebook"* by Katie Davis Skelley

2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Redstone Rocket Twitter"* by Katie Davis Skelley

3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Redstone Rocket instagram"* by Katie Davis Skelley

Cat. 34 Best Podcast Series

Division A

1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Unjustifiable"* by John Archibald, Roy S. Johnson, John Hammontree

2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Outbreak Alabama"* by Ben Flanagan

3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"The Reckon Interview"* by John Hammontree, RL Nave

Division B

1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"Left on Red"* by staff

Division C

1st Place: The Alabama Baptist (Birmingham) for *"TAB Talks"* by Jennifer Davis Rash, Debbie Campbell

2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"The Shelby County Football Preview Show"* by Alec Etheredge

3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"The Shelby County Football Live Pregame Show"* by Alec Etheredge

Cat. 35 Best Use of Video (Shorter than 2 minutes)

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Gussied Up Flower Truck"*

2nd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Bushel & Peck"*

3rd Place: Dothan Eagle for *"Holiday Treats"*

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Rebuilding a Program"* by Jake Arthur

2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Jacksons Gap Christmas Lights"* by Siri Hedreen

3rd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"Firefighter Retires"* by Siri Hedreen

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Cheerful Carolers"* by Scott Mims
2nd Place: The Alabama Baptist (Birmingham) for *"Special Report on Disaster Relief"* by Sam Evans
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Welcome home Destiny"* by Keith McCoy

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"Selma Sun gives a sneak peek inside St. James Hotel set to open in the fall"* by Cindy Fisher, Chico Cleveland
2nd Place: Selma Sun for *"Tropical Storm Sally; Alabama River update from Selma"* by Cindy Fisher, Chico Cleveland

Cat. 36 Best Use of Video (Longer than 2 minutes)

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Money Talks"* by staff
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Students Uncover Black History for Themselves"* by staff

Division B

- 1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"PrepZone GameTime"*
2nd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"A Very COVID Christmas"*
3rd Place: The Cullman Tribune for *"37th Annual Cullman County Band Exhibition"*

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Mayoral forum"* by Keith McCoy
2nd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"SunTV Sports"* by staff
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Shelby County Football Live Pregame Show"* by Alec Etheredge

Division D

- 1st Place: Selma Sun for *"Bowman Farms muscadine "You Pick 'Em" days"* by Cindy Fisher, Chico Cleveland

Division E

- 1st Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"Reopening plan"* by staff
2nd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for *"COVID-19 update"* by staff

Cat. 37 Best Community Event

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Reopening Alabama: A Mayoral Town Hall Series"* by Ivana Hrynkiw, Izzy Gould

Division B

- 1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"PrepZone Walker County Media Day"* by staff

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Election forums"* by Keith McCoy
2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Basketball media days"* by Alec Etheredge
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown) for *"Love Parade"* by Dee Ann Campbell

Cat. 38 Community Covid Award

Division A

1st Place: The Anniston Star

Division B

1st Place: The Cullman Tribune
2nd Place: The Selma Times-Journal
3rd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper)

Division C

1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal
2nd Place: Journal Record (Hamilton)
3rd Place: The Choctaw Sun-Advocate (Gilbertown)

Division D

1st Place: The Greenville Standard
2nd Place: The Baldwin Times
3rd Place: Sumter County Record Journal

Division E

1st Place: The Birmingham Times

Best Newspaper Website

Division A

1st Place: Montgomery Advertiser for montgomeryadvertiser.com
2nd Place: The Anniston Star for annistonstar.com
3rd Place: Dothan Eagle for dothaneagle.com

Division B

1st Place: Opelika-Auburn News for oanow.com
2nd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for mountaineagle.com
3rd Place: The Valley Times-News (Lanett) for valleytimes-news.com

Division C

1st Place: Birmingham Business Journal for bizjournals.com/birmingham
2nd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City) for citizenofeastalabama.com
3rd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for shelbycountyreporter.com

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for southeastsun.com
2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for thegreenvillestandard.com
3rd Place: Opelika Observer for opelikaobserver.com

Division E

1st Place: The Trussville Tribune for trussvilletribune.com
2nd Place: The Birmingham Times for birminghamtimes.com
3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville) for theredstonerocket.com

Best Production and Printing

Division A

1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)

2nd Place: Opelika-Auburn News

3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro)

Division C

1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)

2nd Place: Birmingham Business Journal

3rd Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)

2nd Place: Opelika Observer

3rd Place: The Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: 280 Living (Birmingham)

2nd Place: The Birmingham Times

3rd Place: The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)

Best Public Service

Division A

1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Mauled: When Police Dogs Are Weapons"* by Challen Stephens, Ashley Remkus

2nd Place: Montgomery Advertiser for *"Too young to die: Violence is traumatizing a generation of Montgomery's youth"* by Krista Johnson

3rd Place: The Decatur Daily for *"Decatur Utilities accelerates sewer fix timetable after overflows"* by Eric Fleischauer

Division B

1st Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) for *"COVID coverage"* by DeWayne Patterson, Brad Nevels

2nd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"Little Libraries"* by staff

3rd Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper) for *"Christmas Shoe Fund"* by staff

Division C

1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Supreme Court weighs body camera issues in Lagniappe (Mobile) lawsuit"* by Jason Johnson, Rob Holbert

2nd Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana) for *"Unhealthy fear"* by Emily Sparacino

3rd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Oaklawn Cemetery is Mobile's forgotten burial ground"* by Lynn Oldshue, Ashley Trice

Division D

1st Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Donating blood LifeSouth"* by staff

- 2nd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Voting"* by staff
3rd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Census 2020"* by staff

Division E

- 1st Place: The Homewood Star for *"AED Access"* by Ingrid Schnader

FOI-First Amendment Award

Division A

- 1st Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Open Records Law"* by Kyle Whitmire
2nd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Hidden Pandemic"* by Connor Sheets
3rd Place: Alabama Media Group for *"Covid in Alabama Nursing Homes"* by Amy Yurkanin

Division B

- 1st Place: The Selma Times-Journal for *"Demanding transparency, access to information"* by Adam Powell
2nd Place: The Outlook (Alexander City) for *"COVID-19 at Bill Nichols State Veterans Home"* by Cliff Williams
3rd Place: The Clanton Advertiser for *"Public notice laws need updating"* by Joyanna Love

Division C

- 1st Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Judge compels Lagniappe to provide unpublished communications "* by Gabriel Tynes
2nd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile) for *"Lagniappe argues before the Alabama Supreme Court for availability of body camera footage"* by Jason Johnson, Rob Holbert
3rd Place: Birmingham Business Journal for *"Birmingham Parking Authority"* by Angel Coker

Division D

- 1st Place: Sumter County Record-Journal for *"Commission pay increase hits snag"* by Tommy McGraw
2nd Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise) for *"City financial billing and audit reports"* by Michelle Mann
3rd Place: The Greenville Standard for *"Public Notice editorials"* by staff

Division E

- 1st Place: The Trussville Tribune for *"Parenting in the Dark"* by Scott Buttram

General Excellence

Division A

- 1st Place: Dothan Eagle

Division B

- 1st Place: The Outlook (Alexander City)
2nd Place: The Cullman Times
3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro)

Division C

- 1st Place: Shelby County Reporter (Columbiana)
2nd Place: Birmingham Business Journal
3rd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)

Division D

1st Place: The Southeast Sun (Enterprise)
2nd Place: The Greenville Standard
3rd Place: Opelika Observer

Division E

1st Place: The The Redstone Rocket (Huntsville)
2nd Place: 280 Living (Birmingham)
3rd Place: The Birmingham Times

Most Improved

Division B

1st Place: Daily Mountain Eagle (Jasper)
2nd Place: The Fort Payne Times-Journal

Division C

1st Place: The Citizen of East Alabama (Phenix City)
2nd Place: Journal Record (Hamilton)
3rd Place: Lagniappe (Mobile)

Division D

1st Place: The Clay Times-Journal (Lineville)
2nd Place: Opelika Observer
3rd Place: Greenville Standard

Division E

1st Place: The Trussville Tribune
2nd Place: The Homewood Star

Story of the Year

Alabama Media Group for "The terrifying reign of a small town police dog" by Challen Stephens

Photo of the Year

The Decatur Daily for "Covid Couple" by Jeronimo Nisa