APA Media Awards Editorial Contest Winners Announced

Birmingham, AL (June 26, 2021) – Winners of the 2021 Alabama Press Association Media Awards were announced by Dee Ann Campbell, chairman of the AMA Contest Committee. This year, 54 publications submitted 1,852 entries in the annual contest. The South Carolina Press Association membership judged the entries.

First place awards in many categories and divisions were be presented in conjunction with the 2021 APA Summer Convention banquet awards program.

Congratulations to all of the winners!
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-Gleam (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 Jeanned 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 "It's 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 (Scottsboro) for "Gas Prices" by Elizabeth Law
3rd Place: Jackson County Sentinel (Scottsboro) 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 information" 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 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