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APA Media Awards Magazine Contest Winners Announced

Birmingham, AL (June 25, 2023) – Winners of the 2023 Alabama Press Association Media Awards have been announced by Dee Ann Campbell, chairman of the AMA Contest Committee. This year, 16 publications submitted 330 entries in the annual magazine contest. The North Carolina Press Association membership judged the entries.

First place awards in select (to be announced) categories and divisions were presented at the 2023 APA Summer Convention banquet awards program.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Cat. 02 Best Single Feature Story

- 1st Place: Mountain Brook Magazine for "Meet Two-Lap Cap" by Rick Lewis, Evelyn Adams
2nd Place: Jackson Magazine for "Sleep in Heavenly Peace" by Danielle Kirkland, Elizabeth Law
3rd Place: Live Lee for "Crafting Something Good" by Hannah Lester

Cat. 03 Best Personality Profile

- 1st Place: Live Lee for "Merry and Bright" by Kendyl Hollingsworth
2nd Place: Huntsville Magazine for "The Grammy Award-Winning Kelvin Wooten" by Cameron Cook, Takara Swoopes, Dokk Savage
3rd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Longineau Parsons" by Betsy Iler

Cat. 04 Best Business Feature

- 1st Place: Huntsville Magazine for "The stars align for Huntsville's Orion amphitheater" by Erin Coggins
2nd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Evoking Emotion" by Michelle Love, Blair Ramsey
3rd Place: Community Matters (Cullman) for "Marigold Moon" by Sara Gladney

Cat. 05 Best Photo Essay

- 1st Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "The Cutting Edge" by staff
2nd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "The Force is Strong" by staff
3rd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Spark of an Idea" by Lauren H. Dowdle, Blair Ramsey

Cat. 06 Best Single Photograph

- 1st Place: Jackson Magazine for "Sunset" by Kevin Terrell
2nd Place: Huntsville Magazine for "Chef James Boyce Feels at Home at Cotton Row" by Dokk Savage
3rd Place: Homewood Life Magazine for "The Cutting Edge" by staff

Cat. 07 Best Individual Website

- 1st Place: Huntsville Magazine for "www.huntsvillemagazine.com" by Takara Swoopes, CJ Byrd
2nd Place: Birmingham Parent for "www.birminghamparent.com" by Tom Gonzales, Carol Muse Evans
3rd Place: Lake Magazine for "www.lakemagazine.life" by Angela Mullins, Audra Spears

Cat. 08 Best Single Ad

- 1st Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Mantooth Interiors" by staff
2nd Place: Community Matters for "Winter Wonderland" by Janet Chandler, Dustin Isom
3rd Place: Cullman magazine for "Coca-Cola" by Cullman Design Team

Cat. 09 Best Advertising Campaign or Series

- 1st Place: DeKalb Living for "First State Bank" by Linda Stiefel, Emily Wooten
2nd Place: Live Lee for "Glynn Smith Chevrolet" by Michelle Key
3rd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Village Drug Co." by staff

Cat. 10 Best House Ad or Self-Promotion

- 1st Place: Jackson Magazine for "6 Issues a Year" by Elizabeth Law
2nd Place: DeKalb Living for "Bridal" by Emily Wooten

3rd Place: Community Matters for "Subscribe Today" by Dustin Isom

Cat. 11 Best Overall Design

1st Place: Huntsville Magazine by Takara Swoopes, CJ Byrd

2nd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine by staff

3rd Place: Cullman magazine by Kayla Harrison

Cat. 12 Best Cover Photo or Illustration

1st Place: Lake Magazine for "Easy Rider" by Kenneth Boone

2nd Place: Lake Magazine for "John Thompson" by Kenneth Boone

3rd Place: Live Lee for "A Year to Remember" by John Pyles, Hannah Lester, Michelle Key

Cat. 13 Best Themed Issue

1st Place: Jackson Magazine for "The Wedding Issue" by staff

2nd Place: Cullman magazine for "Holiday" by staff

3rd Place: Lake Magazine for "Swimsuit & Lifestyle Issue" by Kenneth Boone, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

Cat. 14 Best Travel Feature

1st Place: Live Lee for "Signed, Sealed, Delivered" by Kendyl Hollingsworth

2nd Place: Lake Magazine for "Celebrate at the lake" by Breanna Manley, Betsy Iler, Audra Spears

3rd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Chattanooga Like a Local" by Christiana Roussel

Cat. 15 Best Culinary Feature

1st Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Hometown Flavors" by Elizabeth Sturgeon, Keith McCoy

2nd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Pinks 'N Sweets" by Madoline Markham, Mary Fehr

3rd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Pour Forth" by Elizabeth Sturgeon, Blair Ramsey

Cat. 16 Best Column

1st Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Classic Crescent City" by Christiana Roussel

2nd Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine for "Chattanooga Like a Local" by Christiana Roussel

3rd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Southern Charmers" by Shane Harris

Cat. 17 Best Community Event

1st Place: Birmingham Parent for "Special Needs Expo " by staff

2nd Place: Lake Martin Living for "Annual Art & Photography Contest" by staff

3rd Place: Lake Magazine for "Cleanup Honor Roll & Golden Picker Prize Bag" by Betsy Iler, Audra Spears, Breanna Manley

Magazine of the Year

1st Place: Vestavia Hills Magazine

2nd Place: Huntsville Magazine

3rd Place: Jackson Magazine