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Newspaper General Excellence Awards

(The general Excellence Award is determined based on the results of the publications' success in all the categories – a First Place finish in a category is worth three points, Second is worth two points and Third is one point.)

First Place

Miami Dade College – *The Reporter*, Manolo Barco

Second Place

Daytona State College – *In Motion*, Elena Jarvis, Bruce Cook (co-advisers)

Third Place

Pensacola State College – *Corsair*, Mike Ensley

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College of Central Florida – *The Patriot Press*, Rob Marino

Broward College – *The Observer*, Jennifer Shapiro

Lake-Sumter Community College – *The Angler*, Heather Elmatti

Palm Beach State College – *The Beachcomber*, S Lizabeth Martin

Hillsborough Community College – *Hawkeye*, Richard Gaspar

Florida State College at Jacksonville – *The Campus Voice*, James Carstens

Inner Circle Awards

(Honoring students winning awards in three or more Newspaper categories.)

Melissa Simmons – *The Observer*, Broward College

Patrick Endicott – *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter State College

The Award Winners

Design

Judge: G. Bowden-Pierce

First Place: Aracelia Diez, Anadaniela Garcia, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: "Good use of photos and fonts make this entry the winner by a nose."

Second Place: Staff, *The Observer*, Broward College

Third Place: Staff, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

News Photo

Judge: Al Diaz

First Place: Angela Delgado, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: "The mood lighting makes the winner an effective image."

Second: Joyce Wagner, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Third Place: Veronica Brezina, *The Hawkeye*, Hillsborough Community College

Feature Photo

Judge: Al Diaz

First Place: Danielle, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

Judge's comments: "Photography centering on activity or behavior can bring interest, sympathy or motivation in the viewer. A human interest story is presented in this image of a young child performing for money on a city street."

Second Place: Gregory Castillo, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Third Place: Chelsea Zachary, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Sports Photo

Judge: Al Diaz

First Place: Patrick Endicott, *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter State College

Judge's comments: "This shot shows peak action captured in a fraction of a second."

Second Place: Kenny Pierrelus, *The Observer*, Broward College

Third Place: Al Evans, *The Beachcomber*, Palm Beach State College

Picture Story

Judge: Al Diaz

Division A

First Place: Irma Gutierrez, Mark Pulaski, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: "The winning entry is a collection of nicely composed, well executed images that tell a story."

Second Place: Amber Boutot, Elizabeth Kirkland, Ali Schmitz, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Third Place: Chelsea Zachary, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Ad Design

Judge: Elizabeth "Ibby" Vores

First Place: Jeremy Van Cise, *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter Community College

Judge's comments: "Excellent use of color, art, font and copy."

Second Place: Raina Barnett, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

Third Place: Staff, *The Observer*, Broward College

Illustration

Judge: John Baker

First Place: Josh Enrile, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Judge's comments: *"This entry is exactly what publication illustration is all about. . .conveying an idea in a simple, uncomplicated and compelling way. The transition from face to skull is well drawn and conveys the intended message."*

Second Place: Jeff Flerimond, *The Beachcomber*, Palm Beach State College

Third Place: Not awarded

Feature Story

Judge: Ana Veciana-Suarez

First Place: Gregory Castillo, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: *"This piece begins by putting the reader right alongside the undocumented student he is writing about and then continues superbly throughout by hitting all the right notes in description, explanation, emotion and facts. There also are many good details and a strong sense of place ."*

Second Place: Alexis Lugo, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Third Place: Thomas Bellflower, *The Campus Voice*, Florida State College at Jacksonville

News Story

Judge: Tom Pierce

First Place: Guillermo Herrera, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: *"Loads of details [about the assault of the professor] from faculty, administrators, a police department detective and even the victim's mother, who also is a professor at the campus. The reporter gathered many details. The only thing missing would be quotes from Kendall Campus students, especially ones familiar with the victim from being in his class."*

Second Place: Al Evans, *The Beachcomber*, Palm Beach State College

Third Place: Patrick Endicott, Jennifer Rodriguez, *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter State College

Honorable Mention: Melissa Simmons, *The Observer*, Broward College

In-Depth Reporting

Judge: Tom Pierce

First Place: Ben Sheffler, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Judge's comments: *"This is the best of the entries. There are many details, facts, explanations from the administration and faculty. Was there a followup that sought student views and explained how the change is really going to work?"*

Second Place: Stephanie Fernandez, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Third Place: Mitchell Lopez, Melissa Simmons, *The Observer*, Broward College

Honorable Mention: Scott Turner, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Sports Writing

Judge: Tom Pierce

Division A

First Place: Amanda Aracena, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: *“Super story! Loads of facts, details, stats, quotes by coaches AND players and even the person himself, plus friends, the coach girlfriend, mother, doctors and others. All contribute to making this a worthwhile account relating a positive development by a student athlete making a historical comeback to be admired.”*

Second Place: Scott Turner, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Third Place: Spencer Rooney, *The Campus Voice*, Florida State College at Jacksonville

Sports Column

Judge: Tom Pierce

Division A

First Place: Allyson Doty, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Judge's comments: *“Well written with good direct questions and answers from several players AND their coach! Catchy lead using sports slang “Four-peat” which is immediately explained so no reader is left wondering.”*

Second Place: Patrick Endicott, *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter State College

Third Place: Tomás Monzón, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Honorable Mention: Robert Bridenstine, *The Hawkeye*, Hillsborough Community College

General Column

Judge: Luisa Yanez

First Place: Brandon Krampert, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Judge's comments: *“Nicely written and researched columns, all dealing with serious, substantial topics. The writer did the research and the knowledge of the material comes through in the writing.”*

Second Place: Guillermo Herrera, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Third Place: Melissa Simmons, *The Observer*, Broward College

Editorial

Judge: Luisa Yanez

First Place: Brittany Fisher, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

Judge's comments: *“This is a strong, well-thought-out editorial on a topic of great importance at the college this newspaper serves. This editorial is forceful in its stance and artfully constructed in its argument.”*

Second Place: Brandon Krampert, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Third Place: Staff, *The Angler*, Lake-Sumter State College

Editorial Cartoon

Judge: John Baker

First Place: Brianna Mims, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Judge's comments: *“This is a timely commentary on the legalization of pot. . . Bold strokes and color give this piece a unique look and feel. Smart cartoon, well drawn.”*

Second Place: Not awarded

Third Place: Not awarded

Arts Review

Judge: Luisa Yanez

First Place: Kai Saco, *The Reporter*, Miami Dade College

Judge's comments: *“The knowledge of films come through in these strong reviews of several films. This is a substantial, impressive entry.”*

Second Place: J. Scott Southworth, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College

Third Place: Mona Abdelwahab, *The Beachcomber*, Palm Beach State College

Humor Writing

Judge: Luisa Yanez

First Place: Kyle Rambo, *The Observer*, Broward College

Judge's comments: *"This piece manages to do something very difficult: It actually is funny. That's one of the hardest things to do in writing."*

Second Place: Krista Byrd, *The Hawkeye*, Hillsborough Community College

Third Place: Kione King, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

Comic Strip

Judge: John Baker

First Place: Brianna Mims, *In Motion*, Daytona State College

Judge's comments: *"Mims knows how to take a timely topic (Facebook + Social Media) and spin it in a fun and clever way. Most illustrators cannot pull off her drawing style, so It's nice to see pen and ink still alive and, in Mim's case, doing very well."*

Second Place: Lauren Caulfield, *The Patriot Press*, College of Central Florida

Third Place: Josh Enrile, *The Corsair*, Pensacola State College