



**Pacemaker-TV**

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**General Excellence in Newswriting-Newspaper-Division II**

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**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

**General Excellence in Photography-Newspaper-Division I**

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

**Freedom of Information-Newspaper****The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Dan Klepal, Stephen Deere  
and J. Scott Trubey  
"How Atlanta Trampled Public's Right  
to Know"

The AJC and WSB-TV dug relentlessly, a corrupt mayor and his cronies were exposed. Brilliantly, the news organizations laid the foundation for -- and helped to fund -- a new transparency in how Atlanta protects citizens' right to know.

**Freedom of Information-Broadcast****WSB-TV, Atlanta**

"Drag This Out"

**Public Service-Newspaper****Marietta Daily Journal**

"Voter Guides"

At each step of the way -- primary, runoff and general elections -- the staff knocked it out of the park with exhaustive and useful coverage.

**Public Service-Broadcast****WRDW-TV, Augusta**

"Pools of Problems"

**NEWSPAPER -DIVISION II:**

<b>Best Deadline Reporting</b>
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*First Place*

**The (Macon) Telegraph**

Joe Kovac Jr.

"'Deranged' Murderer Says Voices Urged Him to Kill GA. Woman and Attack College Kids"

Amazing lede. Comprehensive coverage. This story had me hooked from the opening graf. Very well done.

*Second Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Greg Bluestein

"Secret Recording Shows Cagle Backed 'Bad' Bill to Hurt Gov Race Rival"

Great story. Very impactful coverage and written in a way that was engaging from the get-go.

*Third Place*

**Athens Banner-Herald**

Wayne Ford

"Woman Kills a Rabid Bobcat with Bare Hands"

This was a wild story in which Mr. Ford included great detail in describing exactly how the attack played out. Very well done.

**Best Spot News Photo***First Place***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

John Spink

"Korean War Soldier Home at Last"

*Second Place***Athens Banner-Herald**

Joshua Jones

"Protest Against Gun Violence"

*Third Place***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Alyssa Pointer

"Tense Standoff"

**Best Feature Writing***First Place***The (Macon) Telegraph**

Joe Kovac Jr.

"From 'First Punch' to 'First Shot'"

*Second Place***Savannah Morning News**

Joshua Peacock

"A Medal for Killing Two Men and a  
Discharge for Loving Another"*Third Place***The (Gainesville) Times**

Layne Saliba

"How One Gainesville Barber Helps  
Shape the Look of Atlanta United"

**Best Feature Photo***First Place***The (Gainesville) Times**

Scott Rogers

"Powdered Sugar"

If the sale of funnel cakes did not skyrocket after this photo ran in the newspaper, then the people of Georgia are much stronger than I am. It is not just a great photo; it is art. Very well done.

*Second Place***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Curtis Compton

"Guardman Kisses Baby Goodbye"

Love this picture and all the emotions it evokes plus the American flag in the background is perfectly centered in the frame. Great work - keep it up.

*Third Place***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Hyosub Shin

"Crying Santa"

Keep up the great work. Your artistry is excellent.

**Best Editorial Writing***First Place***The (Gainesville) Times**"Leadership Emergency at Fire  
Department"

This is a well written piece about crazy happenings in local government.

*Second Place***Savannah Morning News**"Our View: Resolve Voter Issues  
Now"

This is a strong piece that offers solution to issues that affect all citizens.

*Third Place***The (Gainesville) Times**"\$10 Million Land Purchase Gives  
Gainesville Control"

Good editorial that tackles land issues as well as city management and decisions by city officials.

**Best Non-Deadline Reporting**

*First Place*

**Columbus Ledger-Enquirer**

Tim Chitwood

"Dead Silence: The "Stocking Strangler" Execution"

Truly affecting writing and important coverage.

*Second Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Meris Lutz

"A Georgia Mother's Struggle to Unmask a Beloved Coach as a Predator"

*Third Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Eric Sturgis, Ernie Suggs and John Perry

"HBCUs: A Threatened Heritage"

Wonderful, in-depth coverage of a topic I knew very little about. The data they uncovered was the highlight. Can't wait to see more investigative work coming out of those numbers.

**Best Business Writing**

*First Place*

**The (Gainesville) Times**

Layne Saliba

"How Southern Baked Pie Co. and Its Owner Rose to Sweet Success"

A very fascinating rags to riches kind of story that made me want a fresh slice of pecan pie.

*Second Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Katie Nussbaum

"Armstrong Mansion Returning to Its Residential Roots"

This story had almost as much hard work and detail put into it as the mansion did. Great work!

*Third Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

DeAnn Komanecky

"All Aboard"

What an interesting find and what an interesting little novelty of your city. Such a great business to feature.

**Best Beat Reporting**

*First Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Mary Landers  
"Enviroment"

Reporting was incredibly comprehensive and her reporting on a wide variety of topics under the umbrella of the environment beat showed she has great versatility as a reporter.

*Second Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

David Wickert  
"Coverage of Georgia's Distracted  
Driving Law"

Left no stone left unturned in covering distracted driving in Georgia. Great job of emphasizing the human element behind the legislation and conveying the emotion of those who've been impacted by the issue firsthand.

*Third Place*

**The (Macon) Telegraph**

Stanley Dunlap  
"Government Accountability"

Very impactful reporting on complex budget issues that were still easy to read and digest. His ability to write with brevity made the subject matter more engaging.

**Best Sports Writing**

*First Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Steve Hummer

"Woods Rocks Tour Championship  
With First Win in Five Years"

This represents the pro at work. Whatever the news, readers are treated to backstory, historical context, and rewards for the reader in the writing itself.

*Second Place*

**Athens Banner-Herald**

Marc Weiszer

"Did Pruitt Change Georgia's  
Fortunes?"

Artfully combines classic sports coverage with a hard news edge. The multi-sourced profile considers the lasting impact of his passion and volatility on the Bulldog football program.

*Third Place*

**Athens Banner-Herald**

Ryne Dennis

"Looking Ahead: Georgia Senior  
Receiver Jayson Stanley "

By developing the characters of the athletes in his stories, it makes us care -- and there are few better ways to engage audiences. Nailing the trend story on a referee shortage is a bonus!

**Best Sports Action Photo**

*First Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Hyosub Shin

"Rose Bowl Touchdown"

Took a standard shot of a touchdown and pulled back to make the moment as epic as possible. Great combination of action, crowd and nature.

*Second Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Curtis Compton

"Master's Winner"

Expression shots are always good, but this one also features great crowd reaction as well. Great use of depth.

*Third Place*

**The (Gainesville) Times**

Scott Rogers

"German Dragon Boat Team"

This combines many elements of this event, the facial expressions, the splash of water, the depth of the battling boats.



**Best Sports Feature Photo**

*First Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Alyssa Pointer

"UGA National Championship Defeat"

So much disappointment is captured in a single photo. The bitter taste of defeat after the biggest game of the year was so perfectly captured.

*Second Place*

**Athens Banner-Herald**

Joshua Jones

This gymnast could not be more proud nor excited for herself, and it so clearly shows with her arms straight up in the victorious V.

*Third Place*

**The (Gainesville) Times**

Austin Steele

"Lanierland"

You can feel the thrill of the game and the strength of the previous play in the fire in this player's eyes. If all I saw was this picture, I feel I would have known the entire story of the game.

**Best Picture Story**

*First Place*

**The (Gainesville) Times**

Scott Rogers

"Gut Check"

A beautiful photo series that captures the grit and determination of this program.

*Second Place*

**The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

Hyosub Shin

"A Return to the Mound"

A heartwarming series that really tugged at your emotions and made you feel true compassion for another.

*Third Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Will Peebles

"Savannah's Homeless"

This brought to light how real the homeless problem can be for so many.

**Best Photo Illustration***First Place***Savannah Morning News**Adriana Iris Boatwright  
"New Year's Eve Style"

Great photo illustration. Love the lighting and each woman's expression is clearly visible. The sparklers are a nice touch and you can't go wrong with a beautiful red brick wall. The photo makes the viewer want to party with these women.

*Second Place***The (Gainesville) Times**Nick Bowman  
"Charlie"

Charlie's picture is priceless. Fantastic work. Great lighting, excellent composition.

**Best Portfolio***First Place***The Atlanta Journal-Constitution**

John Spink

Great eye, great instincts. You have a knack for being in the right place at the right time and being ready to shoot. Keep up the awesome work.

*Second Place***The (Gainesville) Times**

Scott Rogers

Your photos are great, and I am sure the readers really appreciate your eye and artistry. Keep up the great work.

*Third Place***The (Gainesville) Times**

Austin Steele

You really captured some terrific moments and are to be commended for your eye and artistry. Keep up the great work.

**Best Multiplatform Coverage of a Single Story**

*First Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Andria Segedy

"St. Pius X"

Appreciated the historical context of this story. Good writing, interesting supplemental story elements and well-chosen photos.

*Second Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Joshua Peacock and Zach Dennis

"Starland District"

**Best Website**

*First Place*

**Athens Banner-Herald**

Best use of extra sections. Great clean look and good use of art.

*Second Place*

**Savannah Morning News**

Very clean and easily accessible.

**NEWSPAPER-DIVISION I:**

**Best Deadline Reporting**

*First Place*

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Chris Whitfield

"Fear Hits Home: Community Stunned"

Comprehensive coverage of an event that is happening more and more often across the nation.

*Second Place*

**The Tifton Gazette**

Eve Copeland-Brechbiel

"Eldorado Community Remembers Store Owner Akhtar Perveez"

Emotional story about an attempted robbery that left a man, who obviously had an impact on his community, dead. The first day coverage was good.

*Third Place*

**Rome News-Tribune**

Spencer Lahr

"Woman Shot and Killed After Chase"

Strong coverage of an event that no one ever wants to see happen in their community.

**Best Spot News Photo**

*First Place*

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Matt Hamilton

"No Injuries in Standoff"

Standout winner in this category.

*Second Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Ben Hendren

"Rainbow Family, Authorities Maintain Balance"

Good emotionally-charged shot during a tense situation.

*Third Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Ben Hendren

"No Easy Solution for Condition"

A strong spot news shot.

**Best Feature Writing**

*First Place*

**Marietta Daily Journal**

Jon Gillooly

"Shipp is on the Phone"

This was so well written and was interesting. I liked comments from multiple people. It also showed his professional life and private life in such a way that you felt you knew him.

*Second Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Brian Paglia

"From Spring to Winter, a Game Warden's Job is Always Changing"

This journalist found a unique story and was able to make it very interesting.

*Third Place*

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Chris Whitfield

"Baby Face: Gerber Baby"

Excellent story and one worth telling. But the stories worth telling become better when they're so well written.

**Best Feature Photo**

*First Place*

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Matt Hamilton

"Soldier Kissing Baby"

The photographer captured a heart-warming moment between the father and daughter amidst the pomp and circumstance of the unit's deployment.

*Second Place*

**The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Matt Hamilton

"Cooling off the Kids"

*Third Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Jim Dean

"Patriotism on Display"

**Best Editorial Writing***First Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Jon Gillooly

"Where Have all the Conservatives  
Gone?"Terrific writing and great wit. Makes its point well, while also  
being a joy to read.*Second Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Jon Gillooly

"Hollywood Says Lights, Camera,  
Action, but not in Georgia"

Great use of devices such as metaphors, similes, imagery.

*Third Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Jon Gillooly

"Without the Past, There is no  
Present or Future"

Good writing, hilarious imagery.

**Best Non-Deadline Reporting***First Place***(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Alexander Popp

"PTSD: The Weight of Responding"

By focusing on the human details of the story, Popp not only  
made it captivating but showed how this is actually far more  
than just one man's story. Excellent coverage of an issue not  
discussed often.*Second Place***LaGrange Daily News**

Daniel Evans

"This is not a Negotiation "

This is an example of great reporting that used a public record  
request to uncover an issue that often times goes untouched  
in other areas. It was also a quick turn around on an in-depth  
story about recent breaking news.*Third Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Ross Williams

"Gangs"

Good series. Nice use of sources.

**Best Business Writing**

*First Place*

**(Atlanta) Fulton County Daily Report**

Meredith Hobbs

"Lawyer Convicted of Embezzling Millions from His Law Firm"

There may be no more jargon-riddled profession than the legal profession, but the writer was as plain-spoken as possible. She explained the issues and made a good read.

*Second Place*

**Marietta Daily Journal**

Ross Williams

"Steel"

Will they, or won't they? The writer does a good job of explaining the issues surrounding the possible construction of a steel plant in the area.

*Third Place*

**Marietta Daily Journal**

Jon Gargis

"East Cobb Development a Go, but Will Kroger Show?"

The writer does a good job of informing his readers about a grocery store's indecision and how it will impact a development.

**Best Beat Reporting**

*First Place*

**Rome News-Tribune**

Diane Wagner

"Consistent Government Coverage Matters"

Provided interesting stories that have come out of local government but touch many other beats and types of government. Clearly a journalist who is committed to keeping the community informed in every way she can, despite working in a small community.

*Second Place*

**Marietta Daily Journal**

Ross Williams

"Marietta Council Ethics"

Strong and continuing coverage of issues. Clearly did not shy away from the uncomfortable topics, and I believe he explored the issues more than some other journalists would have.

*Third Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Alexander Popp

"Education in Forsyth County"

**Best Sports Writing***First Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

John Bednarowski

"Kennesaw State Deserves Better Fans"

The writer's clarion call to the fans of the local college to put their fannies in the seats was a forthright one and well worth reading.

*Second Place***(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

David Almeda

"How Forsyth Central's Brad Thiltgen Overcame Being an '0-10 Quarterback"

Well-told story.

*Third Place***(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Ian Frazer

"Ashleigh Grace's Passion for Softball Pushes Her in Recovery from Serious Accident"

Determination to succeed is at the heart of any athlete's story. The writer makes us empathize with the young woman without feeling sorry for her.



**Best Sports Action Photo***First Place***Rome News-Tribune**Jeremy Stewart  
"Running Catch"

Peak action and great timing getting the ball right on the fingertips of the receiver. One can't be certain he hung on to the ball until reading that he did. Excellent pairing of words and pictures.

*Second Place***(Cumming) Forsyth County News**Ben Hendren  
"The Cowboy Way"*Third Place***Rome News-Tribune**Jeremy Stewart  
"Got Em"**Best Sports Feature Photo***First Place***Marietta Daily Journal**Kelly Huff  
"Terrence Chisley"

Wonderful conceptualization and composition of an unusual situation. Bravo.

*Second Place***Marietta Daily Journal**Kelly Huff  
"Chandler Burks"

Good effort by photographer to get a different perspective and make the photo stand out.

*Third Place***LaGrange Daily News**Kevin Eckleberry  
"They're the Best"

Nice feature and different perspective of a "selfie."

**Best Picture Story***First Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Cory Hancock

"KSU Plane Crash"

Good coverage considering the restrictions at these rescues.  
Photographer stuck with it. Good job.*Second Place***Rome News-Tribune**

Ross Rogers

"Getting Ready for Christmas"

Good use of angles and perspectives to bring light to this  
subject.*Third Place***The Tifton Gazette**

Becky Taylor

"Blue Devils Dine on Crisp County"

**Best Photo Illustration***First Place***Marietta Daily Journal**

Kelly J. Huff

"Driving Dos and Don'ts "

A simple and to the point pro and con illustration.

**Best Portfolio***First Place***The (Dalton) Daily Citizen**

Matt Hamilton

**Best Multiplatform Coverage of a Single Story**

*First Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Bradley Wiseman, Alexander Popp  
and Ben Hendren

"Welcome Home': How the Rainbow  
Family of Living Light Gathering  
Comes Together"

This piece was informative and celebrated the gathering with objectivity and sincerity.

*Second Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Bradley Wiseman, Kelly Whitmire  
and Ben Hendren

"Resident Turn Out for Cumming  
Christmas Parade, Festival"

*Third Place*

**(Cumming) Forsyth County News**

Ian Frazer, David Almeda  
and Bradley Wiseman

"2019 Forsyth Sports Media Day"

**Best Website**

*First Place*

**Marietta Daily Journal**

Brian Clark

Very easy website to navigate and is not too crowded with news items and ads.

*Second Place*

**The Valdosta Daily Times**

Kristin Patten

**TV I:****Best Spot News***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

"Michael Roars Ashore"

*Second Place***WGCL-TV, Atlanta**

Adam Murphy and Eric Carlton

"A Really Rough Night"

**Best Feature Reporting***First Place***WGCL-TV, Atlanta**

Adam Murphy and Eric Sander

"Old Car City"

Great story-telling, great characters, great shooting and editing. I loved that the music was used throughout the story.

*Second Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**

Berndt Petersen and Oscar Carrillo

"A Farmer's Life"

This was well-shot and edited...creatively shot interviews...it tackles the issue of suicide among a population that most of us probably never thought of before. It personalizes how hurricanes and other extreme weather affect real people.

**Best Documentary or News Special Programming***First Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**

Brian Lazaro and Leona Nascimento  
"Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr."

With excellent production values, masterful use of archive material and fresh perspectives from leading figures in the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this program is pitch-perfect. A respectful and moving tribute to a man whose impact is still felt today.

*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Jeff Reid, David Brooks  
and Luke Carter  
"Remembering the Dream"

More than a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., this program represents an ambitious attempt to assess the dream 50 years after King's death.

**Best General Reporting***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Faith Abubey and Dan Reilly  
"Fatal Nose Dive"

**Best Specialized Reporting***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Rebecca Lindstrom and David Brooks  
"Caught and Released"

*Second Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**

Josh Wade and Aaron Diamant  
"Eyes on the Road"

**Best Weather Reporting***First Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**Misti Turnbull, Glenn Burns  
and Brad Nitz

Great camera movements during live shots, and I loved the use of drone video. Great mix of weather coverage, and nice smooth live shots.

*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Chris Holcomb

Great sense of urgency, good communication with photographer, and I enjoyed the sharing of the experience of covering the hurricane.

**Best Series Reporting***First Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**Jim Strickland, Justin Crate  
and Terah Boyd  
"Scarred for Life"*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**Matt Pearl  
"One Month After Michael"**Best Reporter and/or Anchor***First Place***WGCL-TV, Atlanta**Adam Murphy  
"Murphy Travails"*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Joe Henke

**Best Staff Coverage***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

"Georgia Votes"

**Best Sports Feature Reporting***First Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**Dorthey Daniels, Leona Nascimento  
and Zach Klein

"Five Stripe Fever"

*Second Place***WGCL-TV, Atlanta**

Adam Harding and Erin Coker

"This is Strength"

**General Excellence in Photojournalism***First Place***WGCL-TV, Atlanta**

Eric Sander

"Old Car City"

A good eye and strong execution serve the story well. Crisp editing of video, and audio, helped this story rise above the rest.

*Second Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**

Josh Wade

"Eyes on the Road"

Finding compelling visuals for a data-driven story is always a challenge. Here the photographer/editor rises to the challenge with creative approaches to the story's visual elements.

**Best Investigative Reporting***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Brendan Keefe

"Secrets Behind the Badge"

Savvy reporting and a long-term commitment to the story elevated this investigation. Multiple examples gave viewers a clear look into a troubled department and led to major changes. Job well done!

*Second Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**Nicole Carr, Sheila Schutt  
and Casey Nichols"Police Sergeant's Hidden Sexual  
Assault Complaints"

This project has the hallmarks of a successful investigation: extensive research, first person testimony of sensitive charges, and reporting that prompts action from a public agency. This is reporting that makes a difference.

**Best Multiplatform Coverage of a Single Story***First Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Rebecca Lindstrom and Jessica Noll

"Doll &amp; Monster"

With a unique approach, this project brings fresh energy to a 40-year-old cold case. The team deserves credit for strong execution on multiple platforms.

*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Jessica Noll and Brendan Keefe

"Last Words: 'Stocking Strangler'  
Execution"

Compelling coverage of a notorious case and lingering doubts about the capital murder conviction. Extensive material including the complete interview with the death row inmate provides comprehensive content on multiple platforms.

**Best Website***First Place***WSB-TV, Atlanta**Brett Rosner, Hope Jensen  
and George Marshalek*Second Place***WXIA-TV, Atlanta**



**Best Newscast**

*First Place*

**WXIA-TV, Atlanta**

Precious Goss and Ashley Pulliam  
"Morning Rush"

With strong performances in the studio and on location, this newscast tracked the progress of Hurricane Michael. Well-paced and professionally executed, the newscast delivered important information in a compelling way.

*Second Place*

**WSB-TV, Atlanta**

Misti Turnbull and WSB-TV  
"National Championship"

This newscast before the national championship displays the depth and the professional execution it can bring to special programming.

**TV II:**

**Best Spot News**

*First Place*

**WTOC-TV, Savannah**

"C-130 Plane Crash"

Hard hitting right off the top. I felt the urgency in this story and producers peeled back the layers with a variety of elements.

*Second Place*

**WSAV-TV, Savannah**

"Islands Tornado"

Producers did a good job utilizing a number of elements to tell this story and give viewers the information they needed to stay safe.

**Best Spot News Video***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Celia Palermo and Andrew Everett  
"Hiding from Hurricane Michael"

Excellent use of drone video throughout the package. Great close-ups of the damage left behind. Well done!

*Second Place***WGXA-TV, Macon**

Victoria De Cardenas  
"Red Cross: 15 Families, 52 People  
Displaced After Macon Apartment  
Complex Fire"

**Best Feature Reporting***First Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Meredith Stutz  
"Blade Runner"

Presented story very well and was a great story overall.

*Second Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Meredith Anderson and Joe Owens  
"Hero Bus Driver"

**Best Documentary or News Special Programming***First Place***WJBF-TV, Augusta**

Scott Elledge, John Hart  
and John Holden  
"Tee Time Augusta"

The photography and production of this piece made me want to visit Augusta. You captured my attention with the very first shot and held it through to the end.

*Second Place***WGXA-TV, Macon**

"Town Hall: Curbing Violence in  
Macon"

Great use of elements to expand from the typical town hall style report to a more thorough and interesting view of the crime issues facing Macon.

**Best General Reporting***First Place***WTOC-TV, Savannah**

Andrew Gorton and  
Jonathan Godwin

"WTOC Flies Over Florence with  
NOAA Hurricane Hunters"

This was a cool look into what goes on inside a plane of this nature. This is a perfect example of how our access gives viewers a better look into their world around them.

*Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Stassy Olmos

"Chicken Man"

This was such a good character story. The reason behind his actions was great and the story drew attention to someone in their community they may not have known about.

**Best Specialized Reporting***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Laura Warren, Andrew Everett  
and Ben Boocker

"Active Shooter Drills in Schools"

Good investigative reporting. Great way to remind the public why journalism matters and how it can change the community.

*Second Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Meredith Anderson and  
Andrew Everett

"Black Market Babies: DNA Match"

It introduced me to a world that I never knew existed. The benefits of staying in a news market and keeping a connection with stories from the past.

**Best Weather Reporting***First Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

"Savannah Winter Storm"

Excellent weather coverage of a big winter weather event. Impressed by the team coverage effort with lots of people in the field in lots of different places. Reporters showed energy and produced creative content and Meteorologist info was clear, concise, and did an excellent job explaining this unique weather situation.

*Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

"Islands Tornado"

Excellent local content that pinpointed location of tornado using a hyperlocal map and names of local landmarks of which viewers would be aware. Meteorologist provided an easy to understand explanation of the day's weather situation. Good integration of viewer video and power outage info.

**Best Series Reporting***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Kelly Wiley, Benjamin Booker  
and Richard Roberson

"Invisible Barriers"

*Second Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Liz Owens, Richard Roberson  
and Ben Booker

"Denmark's Dirty Secret"

**Best Reporter and/or Anchor***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Meredith Anderson

She does a marvelous job at getting people answers and is a versatile anchor/reporter in all her work.

*Second Place***WFXG-TV, Augusta**

Stephanie Lopez

"Good Morning CSRA "

Her delivery is excellent, sprinkled in with parts of the show that showcase her personality.

**Best Staff Coverage***First Place***WJCL-TV, Savannah**

"Military Plane Crash"

*Second Place***WTOC-TV, Savannah**

"V.P. Mike Pence Stumps for Kemp"

**Best Sportscast***First Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Greg Talbott

The amount of time for local sports blocks continue to shrink in the smaller to medium market newsrooms - but Greg showed how you can do a lot with a little.

*Second Place***WJCL-TV, Savannah**

Frank Sulkowski

You can tell that Frank really knows his sports market. Good job!

**Best Sports***First Place***WJCL-TV, Savannah**Frank Sulkowski and Will Dillard  
"GSU Football Sports Special"

Loved the human interest stories that were a part of the special. Felt like I got to know more about the people involved in the program.

*Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**Greg Talbott and Connor Delprete  
"Friday Night Blitz"

Highlights were shot extremely well, and good flow in show.

**Best Sports Feature Reporting***First Place***WJBF-TV, Augusta**Brad Means and Troy Robinson  
"Healing, Hope, and Family: The Power of God"

Loved the presentation of this story and all stories entered. The video shots were incredible, excellent use of NAT sound, didn't ever seem to see the same shot twice. That's what I loved the most about the stories. Great work!

*Second Place***WJBF-TV, Augusta**George Eskola and Troy Robinson  
"Bobby Jones: The Man Who Put Augusta on the Map"

**Best Use of Sound***First Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Art Ottimo

"Greening of the Fountain"

Great use of sound. From the songs to the soundbites. I smiled from start to finish.

*Second Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Lia Fernandez

"An Emotional Vigil for a 12-Year-Old  
Electrocuted"

Such heart wrenching sound. A tragic story told in a beautiful way from the sound of those most affected.

**General Excellence in Photojournalism***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Richard Roberson

Great use of shots to tell stories that matter to viewers in these pieces.

*Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Chris Murray

Great use of moving shots to get creative angles to show the story to viewers.

**Best Investigative Reporting***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**Liz Owens, Jill Maxwell  
and Richard Roberson

"Broken Homes, Broken System"

Great job with this. WRDW is a fantastic example of investigating issues in the community and sticking with the story until the end.

*Second Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta**

Meredith Anderson and Joe Owens

"Pool of Problems"

Solid investigative piece.

**Best Multiplatform Coverage of a Single Story***First Place***WGXA-TV, Macon**

"Escaped Inmate in Houston County,  
Georgia"

*Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

"National Guard Plane Crash"

**Best Website***First Place***WRDW-TV, Augusta***Second Place***WSAV-TV, Savannah**

Kim Wade and Molly Curley

**Best Newscast***First Place***WTOC-TV, Savannah***Second Place***WTOC-TV, Savannah**



**RADIO:****Best Spot News***First Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta**

"McIver Verdict"

You covered it well and answered all of my questions throughout. Loved the experts were "surprised".

**Best Feature Reporting***First Place***WUGA-FM, Athens**

Allison Salerno and Chris Shupe

"Local Non-Profit Works to Teach Peaceful Resolutions"

*Second Place***WUGA-FM, Athens**

Chris Shupe

"Running Away with The Circus, Well... Almost"

**Best Documentary or News Special Programming***First Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Elly Yu

"Overwhelmed in the ER: Georgia's Mental Health Crisis"

*Second Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta**

"Six Days in Atlanta"

**Best Specialized Reporting***First Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Stephannie Stokes

"An Atlanta Home's 60-Year Journey  
to Vacancy and Disrepair"*Second Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Lisa Hagen

"Atlantans Await City Council Vote to  
End Cash Bail"**Best Series Reporting***First Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Johnny Kauffman

"They Didn't Vote, Now They Can't"

*Second Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Martha Dalton

"Lost in the Shuffle: Student Turnover  
in the Era of Grading Schools"**Best Reporter and/or Anchor***First Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta**

Veronica Waters

*Second Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

Rickey Bevington

**Best Staff Coverage***First Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

"Hurricane Michael and Georgia's  
Path to Recovery"

*Second Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

"Georgia Midterms 2018"

**Best Sports***First Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta**

"Rose Bowl"

**Best Sports Feature Reporting***First Place***WUGA-FM, Athens**

Chris Shupe and Vicki Michaelis  
"The Other Side of the G"

What a great series of stories going beyond the game. They certainly tug on the heart strings.

*Second Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta**

Jay Black  
"Atlanta United"

**Best Use of Sound***First Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Molly Samuel

"There's a Reef off the Georgia Coast  
and the Animals There Make a  
Racket"

*Second Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

Grant Blankenship

"Music as Medicine in the ICU"

**Best Investigative Reporting***First Place***WABE-FM, Atlanta**

Jim Burress

"The Big Disconnect: Google Fiber's  
Unfulfilled Promise in Atlanta"

Thanks for painting an awesome picture of the situation.

*Second Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

Grant Blankenship

"Can Paperwork Keep Potential  
Voters from Polls?"

Thanks for the real people, giving me a face of the issue.

**Best Multiplatform Coverage of a Single Story***First Place***WSB-AM, Atlanta***Second Place***GPB-FM, Atlanta**

Grant Blankenship

"Long Road for Pecan Growers Hit by  
Hurricane Michael"



**Best Website**

*First Place*

**GPB-FM, Atlanta**

*Second Place*

**WSB-AM, Atlanta**

**Best Newscast**

*First Place*

**GPB-FM, Atlanta**

Rickey Bevington and Sophia Saliby

*Second Place*

**WABE-FM, Atlanta**