

**Finalists in the 2017 Louisiana-Mississippi Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors Professional contest:**

**DIVISION III:**

**Breaking News:** The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "In a Controversial Police Shooting, a Prosecutor Declines Charges"; The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "New Orleans' Aug. 5 Flood."

**General News:** Kevin Litten and Richard Rainey, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "The Election of New Orleans' First Female Mayor"; Julia O'Donoghue, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "How Long Should Louisiana Keep Old, Ill Criminals in Prison?"

**Features:** Jed Lipinski, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Justice for Danny"; Robert Rhoden, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "She Saved my Life': DWI Driver and Crash Victim Find Peace and a New Purpose in Life."

**Business:** Katherine Sayre and Chelsea Brasted, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Is the New Orleans Economy at a Tipping Point?"; Richard Thompson, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "The Collapse of a Storied Bank."

**Continuing Coverage:** The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Recovering from the Great Flood of 2016"; The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Louisiana's Battle to Save its Coast and Protect New Orleans."

**Investigative/Public Service:** Margaret Baker, (Gulfport) SunHerald, "Rare Brain Cancer is Killing Coast Children"; The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Cracking the Code: The Real Cost of Health Care."

**Breaking Sports:** Luke Johnson, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Poche's Father and Father of LSU Strength Coach Resuscitate Fan"; Roy Lang, Shreveport Times, "Parkway Relieves David Feaster of Coaching Duties."

**Sports Enterprise/Feature:** Jeff Duncan, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "UNO's Ascension Under Mark Slessinger a Story of Pride, Perseverance and now Wins"; Luke Johnson, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "A Promise Kept \*\*\* Southern Cornerback Danny Johnson is a 4.0 student with NFL Potential. But he Couldn't Have Made it this far Without Two Families Helping him-and his 6-Year old Son."

**Editorials:** Sam Hall, (Jackson) Clarion Ledger; Lanny Keller and Peter Kovacs, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Attacking Louisiana's Culture of Incarceration."

**Personal Columns:** Sam Hall, (Jackson) Clarion Ledger; Ron Higgins, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune.

**Headlines:** James Karst, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Heckuva Job, S&WB; O Come let us Abhor them; Visa Las Vegas"; Christopher Martin, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Blight Spots; Burning Questions; Fly in the Sky."

**Layout & Design:** Christopher Martin, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Danger in the Workplace; Highs and Lows; Just the Swarm-Up"; Jay Martin, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Help Wanted; Scream Season; Pop Art."

**Breaking News Photography:** David Grunfeld, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Robert E. Lee Monument Protester Removed"; Scott Threlkeld, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Endymion Crash."

**General News Photography:** Matthew Hinton, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Monument Protest"; Henrietta Wildsmith, Shreveport Times, "Women's March 2017."

**Feature Photography:** Chris Granger, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "And a Slap on the Rear"; Chris Granger, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Super Moon Flyby."

**Multi-Photo:** The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Domestic Violence"; The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Monument Protest."

**Portrait/Personality Photography:** Sophia Germer, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Holocaust Survivor"; The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Plumage at the Door."

**Sports Action Photography:** Brett Duke, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Ripped Off"; Hillary Scheinuk, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Airborne."

**Sports Feature Photography:** Matthew Hinton, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "State Champs"; Travis Spradling, The (Baton Rouge) Advocate, "Victory Howl."

**Multimedia Package:** Lex Talamo, Shreveport Times, "Sinister Web"; The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "300 for 300: Year 1."

**Video:** Aaron Fisher, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Family Sentence: The Long and Costly Journey to Visit Parents in Prison"; Aaron Fisher, The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune, "Why is Louisiana Shrinking so Quickly?"

**DIVISION II:**

**Breaking News:** Dan Copp, The (Houma) Courier, "Man Accused of Killing Neighbor"; The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Coverage of Hurricane Harvey."

**General News:** Haskel Burns, Hattiesburg American, "Camp Shelby: 100 Years of History"; Amanda McElfresh, The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Millionaire's Charmed Life Implodes in Bizarre Kidnapping Plot."

**Features:** Emily Fontenot, (Lake Charles) American Press, "Homeless in LC"; Jan Swoope, The (Columbus) Dispatch, "Bidding Farewell to Super Gabe."

**Business:** Dan Copp, The (Houma) Courier, "Oil Price Decline's Local Impact"; Dennis Seid, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Dairy's Decline: Once the Economic Engine of the Region, Dairy Farmers are a Rare Breed."

**Continuing Coverage:** Dan Copp, The (Houma) Courier, "Minority Judgeship Case"; Claire Taylor, The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Smile Head Start Federal Funding Terminated."

**Investigative/Public Service:** Haskel Burns, Hattiesburg American, "H2 Oh Gross: Officials Work to Find Cause, Solution for Brown Water and Discolored Water Reported at HPSD Sites"; Claire Taylor, The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Coverage of SMILE."

**Breaking Sports:** Cory Diaz, The (Monroe) News-Star, "Storm the Land, Burn the Ships": Bayou Classic a Playoff Game for Grambling, Southern"; Jason Munz, Hattiesburg American, "Saders Bound for NAIA World Series."

**Sports Enterprise/Feature:** Jason Munz, Hattiesburg American, "The Allen Fails Story"; Jason Munz, Hattiesburg American, "The Bassfield Football Factory."

**Editorials:** Michael Gorman, The (Houma) Courier; Erin Kosnac, Hattiesburg American, "HPSD Needs to Speak up on Water Issues; Hub City Transit's Actions Troubling; Cuts to Community Colleges Concerning."

**Personal Columns:** Kristin Askelson, The (Lafayette) Advertiser; Derek Russell, (Tupelo) Daily Journal.

**Headlines:** John Pitts, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Strat-O-Matic / Turn up the Heat / It's Two Sweet"; Derek Russell, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Snark Raving Mad: THS has 'Ax' to Grind with Latest Production / Pixie Dust and Pronouns: Piped Piper Players Present Prepositional Performance / A Comedy of Heirs: Tupelo High Presents 'Daddy's Dyin'"

**Layout & Design:** Devin Dronett, (Lake Charles) American Press, "Garden Path/Canal Coffee/Scene Cover"; The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Front Pages."

**Breaking News Photography:** Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "That's not a Parking Spot!"; The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "Coverage of Hurricane Harvey."

**General News Photography:** Susan Broadbridge, Hattiesburg American, "Deen and Tate Memorial"; Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Vietnam Replica Wall Opens."

**Feature Photography:** Susan Broadbridge, Hattiesburg American, "Night to Shine Prom"; Adam Robinson, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Tunnel Vision."

**Multi-Photo:** Chris Heller, The (Houma) Courier, "Rougarou Fest"; Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "The Wall Opens."

**Portrait/Personality Photography:** Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Indian Joe"; Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Top Scorer."

**Sports Action Photography:** Chris Heller, The (Houma) Courier, "Taking Off"; Adam Robinson, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Hi-Jump."

**Sports Feature Photography:** Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Fall Shadows"; Thomas Wells, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Heading Out."

**Multimedia Package:** Holly Duchmann and Ashlee Hill, The (Houma) Courier, "Transgender Teenager Finds Community Support"; (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Leigh Occhi Coverage."

**Video:** David D'Aquin and Scott Clause, The (Lafayette) Advertiser, "How Southside High School Measures up"; Chris Kieffer, (Tupelo) Daily Journal, "Joyner Students get Cooking with KOK."

## **DIVISION I:**

**Breaking News:** Donna Campbell, The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader, "A Senseless Tragedy"; The Meridian Star, "Tornado Hits Lauderdale County."

**General News:** Kathryn Eastburn, The Greenwood Commonwealth, "Deadly Day"; Kathryn Eastburn, The Greenwood Commonwealth, "Man Jailed 4 Years Without Trial."

**Features:** Whitney Downard, The Meridian Star, "Sealed with a Kiss"; Cheryl Owens, The Meridian Star, "Homeless to Harvard."

**Business:** Andy Belt, The Oxford Eagle, "John and Lauren Stokes Introduce Oxford to a Mediterranean-Style Restaurant, Tarasque"; Whitney Downard, The Meridian Star, "No Easy RX."

**Continuing Coverage:** Donna Campbell and Matt Rushing, The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader, "Lincoln County Memorial Day Massacre 2017"; (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "Building Collapse."

**Investigative/Public Service:** Juanice Gray, Natchitoches Times, "Road to Frustration"; Ernest Herndon, (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "Landfill Series."

**Breaking Sports:** Elton Hayes, The Meridian Star, "Neshoba Girls Beat West Point"; Emmalee Molay, The Natchez Democrat, "Alcorn Kicker Breaks Record, Plays for Sister with Cerebral Palsy."

**Sports Enterprise/Feature:** Jordan Arceneaux, (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "A Lott of Will"; Elton Hayes, The Meridian Star, "Robert Bell - Trailblazer"

**Editorials:** Dave Bohrer, The Meridian Star; Michael Gorman, (Thibodaux) Daily Comet.

**Personal Columns:** Ernest Bowker, The Vicksburg Post; Luke Horton, The (Brookhaven) Daily Leader, "Bad Thanksgiving Dinner Choices, Deer-Huntin' and Snow Days."

**Headlines:** Frank Brown, (Jackson) Mississippi Business Journal, "Heals on Wheels, Helenbak, Got your Back"; Matt Williamson, (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "Mill: Town's Gas Won't Pass; Uh-aux; Deputies Nail Man in Hammer Attack."

**Layout & Design:** The Vicksburg Post; The Vicksburg Post.

**Breaking News Photography:** Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "Truce Wreck"; (Thibodaux) Daily Comet, "An Early Christmas Miracle."

**General News Photography:** Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "Church Fire"; Courtland Wells, The Vicksburg Post, "Training for the Unthinkable."

**Feature Photography:** Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "Graduation"; (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "Womanless Beauty Pageant also Beautyless."

**Multi-Photo:** Paula Merritt, The Meridian Star, "Back on Top"; Courtland Wells, The Vicksburg Post, "Family Tradition."

**Portrait/Personality Photography:** Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "Pom Pom Man"; Matt Williamson, (McComb) Enterprise-Journal, "LaPorsha Shoots Video."

**Sports Action Photography:** Ernest Bowker, The Vicksburg Post, "Near Collision"; Paula Merritt, The Meridian Star, "Power Play."

**Sports Feature Photography:** Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "Egg Bowl Win"; Bruce Newman, The Oxford Eagle, "For the Win."

**Multimedia Package:** Julia Arenstam and Chris Heller, (Thibodaux) Daily Comet, "Eagles Flocking to Bayous"; Alex McDaniel, The Oxford Eagle, "Ole Miss NCAA Investigation Timeline: 2012 to 2017."

**Video:** No winner.

#### **TV I:**

**Franchise Reporting:** Dave McNamara, WVUE-TV, New Orleans, "Heart of Louisiana"; Rick Rowe, KTBS-TV, Shreveport, "Stories of Faith."

**Short Light Feature-Louisiana:** Rick Rowe, KTBS-TV, Shreveport, "Scopena Memoir of Home"; Derek Waldrip, WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Katrina Can't Stop the Music."

**Short Light Feature-Mississippi:** Patrice Clark, WLBT-TV, Jackson, "Medgar Wiley Evers' Home"; Allie Ware and Lanis Leggett, WAPT-TV, Jackson, "Newborn Touch Therapy."

**Long Light Feature-Louisiana:** Donna Britt and Robert Hollins, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge, "Donna's Voice"; Rick Rowe, KTBS-TV, Shreveport, "Rob Reeves Navy Seal."

**Long Light Feature-Mississippi:** Brittany Noble-Jones and Justin Burks, WJTV-TV, Jackson, "Mississippi Marijuana Research Farm"; WJTV-TV, Jackson, "WJTV Smith Robertson Museum & Cultural Center."

**Sports Story:** Tyler Greever, WJTV-TV, Jackson, "The Pastor & the Coach"; Ashley Rodrigue and Brian Lukas, WWL-TV, New Orleans, "The Will to Walk."

**Sportscaster:** Fletcher Mackel, WDSU-TV, New Orleans; Steve Schneider, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge.

**Sportscast or Sports Program:** Tatum Everett and Alex Anderson, KTBS-TV, Shreveport, "Friday Football Fever"; Josh Jackson and Ashley Shahahmadi, WAPT-TV, Jackson, "Miracle Shot Team Coverage."

**Multimedia Story:** Katie Moore and Sam Winstrom, WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Searching for Ramona Brown: The Mystery"; WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Down the Drain."

**News Videographer:** Mike Evans, WLBT-TV, Jackson, "Videography 2017"; Derek Waldrip, WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Composite."

**Documentary:** Lee Zurik and Jon Turnipseed, WVUE-TV, New Orleans, "Hooked Up"; WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Down the Drain."

**Public Affairs:** Lee Zurik and WVUE Staff, WVUE-TV, New Orleans, "Cracking the Code"; KSLA-TV, Shreveport, "Taking Back our Streets."

**Breaking News:** WDSU-TV, New Orleans, "Congressman Shot"; WDSU-TV, New Orleans, "New Orleans Confederate Monument Removal."

**Investigative Reporting:** Stacey Cameron, KSLA-TV, Shreveport, "Crime of Violence Gap"; Lee Zurik and Jon Turnipseed, WVUE-TV, New Orleans, "State of Unrest."

**Breaking Weather:** WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge, "February Tornadoes"; WDSU-TV, New Orleans, "Team Coverage: New Orleans East Tornadoes."

**Weather Anchor:** Steve Caparotta, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge; Margaret Orr, WDSU-TV, New Orleans.

**Weathercast:** Bruce Katz, WVUE-TV, New Orleans; Dave Nussbaum, WWL-TV, New Orleans.

**News Anchor:** Shon Gables, KTBS-TV, Shreveport; Greg Meriwether, WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge.

**TV Reporter:** Natay Holmes, WJTV-TV, Jackson; Doug Warner, KSLA-TV, Shreveport.

**Daytime Newscast:** WAFB-TV, Baton Rouge, "9News This Morning"; WAPT-TV, Jackson, "6 a.m. Newscast- Flooding."

**Evening Newscast:** Ian Kramar, WWL-TV, New Orleans, "Eyewitness News at 6pm"; Dannah Sauer and WVUE Staff, WVUE-TV, New Orleans, "FOX 8 News at 10pm."

**TV II:**

**Franchise Reporting:** Mark Klein and Hannah Verzwuyvelt, KALB-TV, Alexandria, "Golden Apple Award"; Breanna Molloy and Daniel Phillips, KATC-TV, Lafayette, "What's your Story."

**Short Light Feature-Louisiana:** Breanna Molloy, KATC-TV, Lafayette, "Neighborhood Nanny"; Candy Rodriguez, KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, "Brian at Kroger."

**Short Light Feature-Mississippi:** Hugh Keeton, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "Harbor Lights Winter Festival."

**Long Light Feature-Louisiana:** Aaron Dietrich, KNOE-TV, Monroe, "Two Families, One Heartbeat"; KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, "Coach's Ultimate Gratitude."

**Long Light Feature-Mississippi:** Patrick Clay, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "A Rebel with a Cause"; Hugh Keeton, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "Abigail's Story."

**Sports Story:** Patrick Clay, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "From Styling to Cycling"; Aaron Dietrich, KNOE-TV, Monroe, "Two Families, One Heartbeat."

**Sportscaster:** Andrew Clay, KATC-TV, Lafayette; Aaron Dietrich, KNOE-TV, Monroe.

**Sportscast or Sports Program:** Tom Eble and Robby Donoho, WCBI-TV, Columbus, "Endzone"; KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, "Live Quarterfinal Coverage."

**Multimedia Story:** Max Lindsey, KALB-TV, Alexandria, "Concert Behind Bars"; Allie Martin, WCBI-TV, Columbus, "Fire Consumes Furniture Plant."

**News Videographer:** Antoine Aaron, KPLC-TV, Lake Charles; Justin Terro, KATC-TV, Lafayette.

**Documentary:** Sherman Desselle, KALB-TV, Alexandria, "Remembering the Oakdale Prison Riot"; Daniel Phillips and Justin Terro, KATC-TV, Lafayette, "Louisiana Shrimp Industry Struggling."

**Public Affairs:** KPLC-TV, Lake Charles, "At Your Service"; WTOK-TV, Meridian, "Dangerous Intersection in Clarke County."

**Breaking News:** Hugh Keeton and Robert Allen, WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "Missing Child"; Ryan Moore, WDAM-TV, Hattiesburg, "Beth Ann Murder Confession."

**Investigative Reporting:** Nick Picht and Brad Ginsberg, KNOE-TV, Monroe, "8 Investigates: The Enterprise Water Crisis"; KNOE-TV, Monroe, "8 Investigates: Farrakhan Gets Key to the City."

**Breaking Weather:** WTVA-TV, Tupelo, "Hurricane Harvey Tornadoes."

**Weather Anchor:** Matt Laubhan, WTVA-TV, Tupelo; Daniel Phillips, KATC-TV, Lafayette.

**Weathercast:** Patrick Bigbie, WDAM-TV, Hattiesburg, "2017 Hattiesburg/Petal Tornado"; Rob Perillo, KATC-TV, Lafayette.

**News Anchor:** Randall Kamm, KPLC-TV, Lake Charles; Aundrea Self, WCBI-TV, Columbus.

**TV Reporter:** Nick Picht, KNOE-TV, Monroe; Tyler Smith, KNOE-TV, Monroe.

**Daytime Newscast:** KNOE-TV, Monroe, "Good Morning Arklamiss"; WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "Good Morning Mississippi 3/28/17."

**Evening Newscast:** WLOX-TV, Biloxi, "10pm 12/5 show"; WTVA-TV, Tupelo, "9 News At 6:00pm."

**RADIO:**

**Short Feature Story:** Dwain Doty, WJSU-FM, Jackson, "ABC Health Fair"; Breck Riley, WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko, "Paul Harvey Broadcasts from WKOZ."

**Long Feature Story:** Cory Crowe, KEDM-FM, Monroe, "Ouachita River Could Lose 20+ Feet of Water in Worst Case Scenario"; Desare Frazier, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson, "Controversial Union Election at Nissan-Canton Plant Underway."

**Sports Story:** Dwain Doty, WJSU-FM, Jackson, "JSU Tennis"; Mina Mooney, WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko, "Choctaw Central Special Olympics."

**Sportscast or Sports Program:** Ian Auzenne, KPEL-FM, Lafayette, "The Au-Zone: Saturday, April 1, 2017"; Brandon Comeaux and Ian Auzenne, KPEL-FM, Lafayette, "High School Game of the Week."

**Use of Sound:** Cory Crowe, KEDM-FM, Monroe, "Zika Lurks Among Us"; Mina Mooney, WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko, "Neshoba County Emergency Drill."

**Multimedia Story:** Breck Riley, WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko, "Paul Harvey WKOZ Revisited"; WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko, "Cruisin for a Cure."



**Documentary or Series of Stories:** Cory Crowe, KEDM-FM, Monroe, "Zika Virus Series"; Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson, "Mississippi's Opioid Crisis."

**Public Affairs:** Jay Curtis and Sarah Hardin, KEDM-FM, Monroe, "ULM Forum"; Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson, "Mississippi Edition November 13, 2017."

**Breaking News:** Cory Crowe, KEDM-FM, Monroe, "Gambling Student Shooting"; Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson, "Hurricane Nate Barrels toward Mississippi Gulf Coast."

**Radio Reporter:** Desare Frazier, Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson; Breck Riley, WCKK-FM/WLIN-FM, Kosciusko.

**Newscast:** Cory Crowe, KEDM-FM, Monroe; Mississippi Public Broadcasting, Jackson, "7 a.m., September 22, 2017."