

2019 Florida Press Club Excellence in Journalism Competition Winners

All of the 2019 FPC Excellence in Journalism Competition winners are shown below:

Illustration, Artist Illustration, Class A-C

First Place -- Ed Hall, *Folio Weekly*

Second Place -- Ed Hall, *Folio Weekly*

Illustration, Editorial Cartooning, Class A-B

First Place -- Steve Borggren, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Illustration, Editorial Cartooning, Class C

First Place -- Ryan Sohmer, Lar DeSouza, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Ed Hall, *The Baker County Press*

Layout, Feature Page Design, Class A-C

First Place -- Joe DeLeon, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Adam Rogers, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Layout, Front Page Design, Class A-B

First Place -- Adam Rogers, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Adam Rogers, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Adam Rogers, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Layout, Front Page Design, Class C

First Place -- Lillian Mayor, *South Florida Business Journal*

Second Place -- Joe DeLeon, *Embrace Magazine*

Layout, Sports Page Design, Class A-C

First Place -- Adam Rogers, Chris Siegel, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Adam Rogers, Nick Feely, Kat Duncan, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Online, Independent News Site, Class A-C

First Place -- *Talk Media*

Second Place -- *HardisonInk.com*

Third Place -- *Headline Surfer*

Online, Affiliated News Site, Class A-C

First Place -- *South Florida Business Journal*

Online, Multimedia Package, Class A-C

First Place -- John Torres, *Florida Today*

Second Place -- Cindy Lane, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Photography, Breaking News, Class A-C

First Place -- Jock Fistick, *South Florida Business Journal*

Photography, Feature Photo Essay, A-C

First Place -- Kayla Campbell, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Jock Fistick, *South Florida Business Journal*

Third Place -- Rachel O'Hara, Jerry Lower, *The Coastal Star*

Photography, Features, Class A-B

First Place -- Rachel Stuart, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- George Horsford, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Bill Mitchell, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Photography, Features, Class C

First Place -- Conan Segrest, Kayla Campbell, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Frederick Bellet, *The Laker-Lutz News*

Third Place -- Jock Fistick, *South Florida Business Journal*

Photography, General News, Class A-C

First Place -- Bill Mitchell, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Rachel Stuart, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- George Horsford, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Photography, Portrait/Personality, Class A-B

First Place -- Cindy Skop, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Michael Johnson, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Bill Mitchell, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Photography, Portrait/Personality, Class C

First Place -- Conan Segrest, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Jock Fistick, *South Florida Business Journal*

Photography, Sports Action, Class A-C

First Place -- Bill Mitchell, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Michael Johnson, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Tiffany Tompkins, *Bradenton Herald*

Photography, Sports Feature, Class A

First Place -- Cindy Skop, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- George Horsford, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Bill Mitchell, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Photography, Sports Feature, Class C

First Place -- Romeo Guzman, *BCUAthletics.com*

Second Place -- Jerry Lower, *The Coastal Star*

**Special Awards, Frances DeVore Award
for Public Service, Class A-C**

First Place -- Taylor Dolven, Aaron, Sarah Blaskey, Nicholas Nehamas, *Miami Herald*

Second Place -- Monivette Cordeiro, Jason Garcia, Jeff Weiner, *Orlando Sentinel*

Third Place -- Brittany Wallman, Megan O'Matz, Cindy Goodman, Aric Chokey, *Sun Sentinel*

**Special Awards, Lucy Morgan Award
for In-Depth Reporting, Class A**

First Place -- Megan O'Matz, Brittany Wallman, Cindy Goodman, Aric Chokey, *Sun Sentinel*

Second Place -- Tess Riski, Jay Weaver, Nicholas Nehamas, *Miami Herald*

Third Place -- David R. Corder, *The Villages Daily Sun*

**Special Awards, Lucy Morgan Award
for In-Depth Reporting, Class B-C**

First Place -- Ryan Callihan, Jessica De Leon, *Bradenton Herald*

Second Place -- Cindy Lane, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Third Place -- Rich Pollack, *The Coastal Star*

Special Awards, "That is So ... Florida," Class A-C

First Place -- Craig Pittman, *Tampa Bay Times*

Second Place -- Romy Ellenbogen, Jack Brook, *Miami Herald*

Third Place -- Cindy Lane, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Special Sections, Class A

First Place -- Mark Gauert, Anderson Greene, *Sun Sentinel* "Explore Florida & the Caribbean"

Second Place -- Mark Gauert, Anderson Greene, *Sun Sentinel*, "City & Shore PRIME"

Special Sections, Class B-C

First Place -- Staff, *South Florida Business Journal*

Second Place -- Darrell Hofheinz, *Palm Beach Daily News*

Third Place -- Lisa Neff, Joe Bird, Toni Lyon, Bonner Joy, *The Islander*

Writing, Art News, Class A-C

First Place -- Andrew Caplan, *Gainesville Sun*

Second Place -- Ryan Ballogg, *Bradenton Herald*

Third Place -- Jan Engoren, Hap Erstein, Greg Stepanich, Sandra Schulman, *The Coastal Star*

Writing, Breaking News, Class A-B

First Place -- Tony Holt, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Katie Kustura, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, Breaking News, Class C

First Place -- Ron Hayes, Jerry Lower, Tim Stepien, Rachel O'Hara, *The Coastal Star*

Second Place -- Darrell Hofheinz, *Palm Beach Daily News*

Third Place -- Adriana Delgado, *Palm Beach Daily News*

Writing, Business News, Class A

First Place -- Ron Hurtibise, *Sun Sentinel*

Writing, Business News, Class B

First Place -- Jim Abbott, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- James A. Jones Jr., *Bradenton Herald*

Third Place -- Clayton Park, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, Business News, Class C

First Place -- Emon Reiser, *South Florida Business Journal*

Second Place -- Jessica Bryant, *South Florida Business Journal*

Third Place -- Matthew Arrojas, *South Florida Business Journal*

Writing, Commentary, Class A-B

First Place -- Mark Lane, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Mark Gauert, *Sun Sentinel*

Writing, Commentary, Class C

First Place -- Mary Kate Leming, *The Coastal Star*

Second Place -- Donna Davis, Melissa-Marie Marks, Gary Tanner, *Embrace Magazine*

Third Place -- James Combs, *Akers Media Group*

Writing, Community News, Class A-B

First Place -- Giuseppe Sabella, *Bradenton Herald*

Second Place -- Kristin Swain, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Third Place -- Kristin Swain, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Writing, Community News, Class C

First Place -- D'Ann White, *Patch.com*

Second Place -- John Sotomayor, *Embrace Magazine*

Third Place -- Mary Thurwachter, *The Coastal Star*

Writing, COVID-19, Class A

First Place -- Taylor Dolven, Sarah Blaskey, Nicholas Nehamas, Alex Harris, *Miami Herald*

Second Place -- Andrew Boryga, *Sun Sentinel*

Writing, COVID-19, Class B

First Place -- Nikki Ross, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Jessica De Leon, *Bradenton Herald*

Third Place -- Katie Kustura, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, COVID-19, Class C

First Place -- Henry Frederick, *Headline Surfer*

Second Place -- M.M. Cloutier, *Palm Beach Daily News*

Third Place -- Mary Hladky, *The Coastal Star*

Writing, Education News, Class A

First Place -- Scott Travis, *Sun Sentinel*

Second Place -- Dayna Straehley, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Writing, Education News, Class B

First Place -- Cassidy Alexander, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Giuseppe Sabella, *Bradenton Herald*

Third Place -- Andrew Caplan, *Gainesville Sun*

Writing, Education News, Class C

First Place -- Brian Bandell, *South Florida Business Journal*

Second Place -- D'Ann White, *Patch.com*

Third Place -- Theresa Campbell, *Akers Media Group*

Writing, Environmental News, Class A

First Place -- Susannah Bryan, *Sun Sentinel*

Second Place -- Michael Salerno, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Writing Environmental News, Class B

First Place -- Giuseppe Sabella, *Bradenton Herald*

Second Place -- Andrew Caplan, *Gainesville Sun*

Third Place -- Rusty Chinnis, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Writing, Environmental News, Class C

First Place -- Larry Keller, *The Coastal Star*

Second Place -- Lisa Neff, *The Islander*

Writing, General News, Class A

First Place -- Joe Capozzi, *The Palm Beach Post*

Second Place -- Andrew Boryga, *Sun Sentinel*

Third Place -- Frank Ross, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Writing, General News, Class B

First Place -- Eileen Zaffiro-Kean, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- James A. Jones Jr., *Bradenton Herald*

Third Place -- Mark Young, *Bradenton Herald*

Writing, General News, Class C

First Place -- Darrell Hofheinz, *Palm Beach Daily News*

Second Place -- D'Ann White, *Patch.com*

Third Place -- D'Ann White, *Patch.com*

Writing, Government News, Class A

First Place -- Susannah Bryan, *Sun Sentinel*

Second Place -- Joe Capozzi, *The Palm Beach Post*

Writing, Government News, Class B

First Place -- Mark Harper, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Andrew Caplan, *Gainesville Sun*

Third Place -- Katie Kustura, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, Government News, Class C

First Place -- Steve Plunkett, *The Coastal Star*

Second Place -- Sara Giza, *Embrace Magazine*

Third Place -- George Andreassi, *Vero News*

Writing, Headline Writing, Class A-C

First Place -- John Sotomayor, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Theresa Campbell, *Akers Media Group*

Third Place -- James Combs, *Akers Media Group*

Writing, Health Writing, Class A-C

First Place -- Ciara Varone, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Joyce Reingold, *The Coastal Star*

Writing, Light Features, Class A

First Place -- Andrew Boryga, *Sun Sentinel*

Second Place -- Kristen Fiore, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Joe Capozzi, *The Palm Beach Post*

Writing, Light Features, Class B

First Place -- Kristin Swain, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Second Place -- Kristin Swain, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Third Place -- Rusty Chinnis, *Anna Maria Island Sun*

Writing, Light Features, Class C

First Place -- John Sotomayor, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- James Combs, *Akers Media Group*

Third Place -- Ryan Yousefi, *Miami New Times*

Writing, Minority News, Class B

First Place -- Ryan Callihan, *Bradenton Herald*

Second Place -- Cindy Swirko, *Gainesville Sun*

Third Place -- Jessica De Leon, Sara Nealeigh, *Bradenton Herald*

Writing, Minority News, Class C

First Place -- John Sotomayor, Sara Giza, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- James Combs, *Akers Media Group*

Third Place -- Jason Parsley, *South Florida Gay News*

Writing, Opinion Writing, Class A-B

First Place -- Krys Fluker, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, Public Safety, Class A-B

First Place -- Jessica De Leon, *Bradenton Herald*

Second Place -- Tony Holt, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Third Place -- Jessica De Leon, Giuseppe Sabella, *Bradenton Herald*

Writing, Public Safety, Class C

First Place -- Sara Giza, *Embrace Magazine*

Second Place -- Theresa Campbell, *Akers Media Group*

Third Place -- D'Ann White, *Patch.com*

Writing, Religion News, Class A-C

First Place -- Ron Hayes, *The Coastal Star*

Second Place -- John Sotomayor, *Embrace Magazine*

Third Place -- Katie Kustura, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Writing, Serious Features, Class A-B

First Place -- Joe Capozzi, *The Palm Beach Post*

Second Place -- Andrew Boryga, *Sun Sentinel*

Third Place -- James A. Jones Jr., *Bradenton Herald*

Writing, Serious Features, Class C

First Place -- Michael Majchrowicz, *Miami New Times*

Second Place -- Steve Pafford, Sara Giza, *Embrace Magazine*

Third Place -- George Andreassi, *Vero News*

Writing, Sports Columns, Class A-B

First Place -- Cody Hills, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Second Place -- Ken Willis, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Third Place -- Jeff Shain, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Writing, Sports Columns, Class C

First Place -- Mark Blumenthal, *Palatka Daily News*

Second Place -- Dan Ryan, *BCUAthletics.com*

Third Place -- Mark Blumenthal, *Palatka Daily News*

Writing, Sports Features, Class A-C

First Place -- Zach Dean, *Daytona Beach News-Journal*

Second Place -- Cody Hills, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Third Place -- Brian Biggane, *The Coastal Star*

Writing, Sports Writing, Class A-B

First Place -- Cody Hills, *The Villages Daily Sun*
Second Place -- Jeff Shain, *The Villages Daily Sun*
Third Place -- Steve Straehley, *The Villages Daily Sun*

Writing, Sports Writing, Class C

First Place -- Henry Frederick, *Headline Surfer*
Second Place -- Dan Ryan, *BCUAthletics.com*

Writing, Travel and Tourism, Class A

First Place -- Michael Salerno, *The Villages Daily Sun*
Second Place -- Mark Gauert, *Sun Sentinel, City & Shore Magazine*

Writing, Travel and Tourism, Class C

First Place -- Cheryl Blackerby, *Palm Beach Daily News*
Second Place -- Matthew Arrojas, *South Florida Business Journal*
Third Place -- James Combs, *Akers Media Group*