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Scholarship Winners

Nava Rawls and Richard H. Grant

College Media

Blog / Commentary

First Place: Tom Poundstone, Steven Saum,

*“A Dispatch from Rome: SMC's Tom Poundstone on the Culmination
of a Conclave and the Selection of Pope Leo XIV”*,

Saint Mary's College of California NewsCenter

Breaking News

First Place: Alina Ta,

“ICE agents confirmed to be in San José”,

Spartan Daily

College Media: Column

First Place: Navin Krishnan,
“Navin Krishnan columns”,
Spartan Daily

Second Place: Saturn Williams,
“Saturn Williams columns”,
Spartan Daily

Third Place: Steve Kroner, Steven Saum, Tod Fierner, Ryan Reggiani,
Bryan Navarro,
“Kroner's Corner: Three on Gaels Basketball”,
Saint Mary's College of California

Cover Design

First Place: Sama Elbaramawi,
“Freedom Special Issue Cover”,
Spartan Daily

Second Place: Sebastien Thugnet,
“Etc. Magazine 2025”,
Etc. Magazine

Editorial Cartoon

First Place: Cindy Chan,
“Moving Forward”,
The Guardsman

Second Place: Cia Castro,
“The Hypothetical Trans Athlete”,
Spartan Daily

Third Place: Cindy Chan,
“Tariffs?”,
The Guardsman

Feature Layout Design

First Place: Tiffany Lam,

“90 Years of History: Tracing the Rise of City College”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Saturn Williams,

“SJSU students paint downtown”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Kaya Henkes-Power,

“Freedom Special Issue Center Spread”,

Spartan Daily

Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Elizabeth Bravo Reboloso,
“SJSU interpreters share their stories”,
Spartan Daily

Second Place: Hayden Royster, Steven Saum,
*“Olympians over the Decades: the Gaels Who Have Competed in the
World's Foremost Sports Competition”,*
Saint Mary's College of California

Third Place: Ellen Yoshitsugu,
*“What Are the Odds: The Identical Twins Who Have Served CCSF for
Decades”,*
Etc. Magazine

Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Olivia Fitts,

“This is Their Land: A Local Tribe's Fight for Federal Recognition”,

Naked Magazine of Las Positas College

Second Place: Peninsula Press Staff ,

“Coping with Cuts: Portraits of Loss after the U.S. Ceases Aid

Operations Around the Globe”,

Peninsula Press

Third Place: Rebecca-Ann Jattan,

“Life After Homelessness and Stability Beyond Housing”,

Peninsula Press

Front Page Design

First Place: Sama Elbaramawi,
"Freedom Special Issue Front Page",
Spartan Daily

Second Place: Isabelle Salvadori, Tiffany Lam, John R. Adkins,
"The Guardsman Vol. 179, Issue 4",
The Guardsman

Third Place: Isabelle Salvadori, Tiffany Lam,
"The Guardsman Vol. 179, Issue 5",
The Guardsman

General News Story

First Place: John R. Adkins,

“City College's Grounded Aeronautics Program May Find Runway Yet”,

The Guardsman

Second Place: Alina Ta,

“SJ immigrant youth grapple with ICE”,

Spartan Daily

Third Place: Emily Thorsen,

“Board of Trustees Approves Native American And Indigenous Studies

Courses At City College”,

The Guardsman

Headline

First Place: Christine Tran,

“I would rather rent a room in hell”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Inika Karulkar,

*“Skyline's performance of 'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling
Bee' is sweet as honey”,*

The Skyline View

Third Place: John R. Adkins,

“City College's Grounded Aeronautics Program May Find Runway Yet”,

The Guardsman

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Abby Sigler, Marrion Cruz, Tom Whitehead,
“Ghost Students at City College”,
The Guardsman

Second Place: Alina Ta, Maya Carrillo, Israel Archie,
“ICE/Immigration Stories”,
Spartan Daily

Third Place: Hina Suzuki, Hannah Woodworth,
*“San Francisco plans to spend \$10 million on trash cans. Will they
make the streets clean?”,*
Peninsula Press

Photography / Feature

First Place: Jackson Lindstrom,

“Fire on the Fountain”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Kyra Young,

“Mexika New Year”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Francis Tatem,

“Gael Force in the House - SMC vs Gonzaga”,

Saint Mary's College of California

Photography / News

First Place: Kyra Young,

*“City College Board of Trustees Faces Overwhelming Testimonies to
Restore Classes and Laid-off Faculty”,*

The Guardsman

Photography / Photo Series

First Place: Jackson Lindstrom, Charity Spicer,

“Fire on the Fountain photos”,

Spartan Daily

Second Place: Bob Kinoshita,

“Women's Soccer Team Shuts Out San Joaquin 3-0”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Alina Ta ,

“Silicon Valley Pride Parade photos”,

Spartan Daily

Photography / Sports

First Place: Joe Oliver, Ryan Barnett, Steven Saum,

“The Goose Is Airborne”,

Saint Mary's College of California

Second Place: Bob Kinoshita,

“Rams Win Water Polo Shootout 16-11”,

The Guardsman

Third Place: Francis Tatem,

“Gael Force in the House - SMC vs Gonzaga”,

Saint Mary's College of California

Radio/Podcast News Reporting (College media)

First Place: Hannah Bensen, Arundathi Nair,

*“How Trump's Mass Deportation Promise is Already Impacting
California's Undocumented Community”,*

Peninsula Press

Second Place: Antonio Peeples, Sheryl Anne Sanchez Lugtu,

“Skyline Sports Spotlight – Episode 1”,

The Skyline View

Public Relations

Press Releases

First Place: Edwin Garcia,

*“Student inspired to study medicine after rural surgeon heals his
broken finger”,*

UC Davis Health

Second Place: Curtis Sparrer, Erin Jundef, Emily Roberts, Skylar
Levy, Nick Yacenko

**“RealSense Completes Spinout from Intel, Raises \$50 Million to
Accelerate AI-Powered Vision for Robotics and Biometrics”**

Bospar

Magazines/Trade Publications

Blog / Commentary

First Place: Jesus Francisco Sierra,
“A Brief Spanish History of San Francisco”,
Nob Hill Gazette

Business/Technology Story

First Place: Riley Griffin,
“Mark Zuckerberg MAGA Shift”,
Bloomberg Businessweek

Columns-Features

First Place: Mark C. Anderson,
“Found Treasures”,
Edible Monterey Bay

Second Place: Jennifer Massoni Pardini, Olivia Wise,
“Nob Hill Quizette”,
Nob Hill Gazette

Third Place: Lotus Abrams,
“Marin Home Series”,
270 Media

Cover Design

First Place: Eric Zener, Mimi Towle,

“Cover Design Flip Book”,

270 Media

Second Place: Lauren Abbott,

“The Man Behind the Camera, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

Third Place: Matthew Petty,

“June 2025 Pride Issue”,

Nob Hill Gazette

Entertainment Review

First Place: Mary Elizabeth Perez,

“NIKI Delivers Buzzworthy Performance in Berkeley”,

Kinda Cool Magazine

Second Place: Rose Eden Gibson, Paige K. Parsons,

*“St. Vincent Transcends at Grace Cathedral: An Intimate Performance
for the Saints and the Sinners”,*

Out Front Magazine

Third Place: Kitty Margolis,

*“September's 67th Monterey Jazz Festival Showcases Historic Roots
and New Leadership”,*

Nob Hill Gazette

Subject

First Place: Christina Mueller, Mimi Towle,
“Sustainable Packaging”,
270 Media

Second Place: Zoe Loftus-Farren,
“War and Parks”,
Earth Island Journal

Third Place: Jennifer Gennari, Mimi Towle,
*“Marin's Shifting Shoreline: The conversation has started and your
voice matters”,*
270 Media

Feature Layout Design

First Place: Zack Ruskin, Mimi Towle,
“An Insider's Guide to San Francisco Crosstown Trails”,
270 Media

Second Place: Allison McGinn Fuelling,
“The Ties That Bind, USF Magazine”,
USF Magazine

Third Place: Xiaoyi Yu,
“Franchon Smith Ends Her Years as City College's Beloved Rocky the Ram”,
Etc. Magazine

Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Jennifer Gennari, Catherine Lyons-Labate, Mimi Towle,

“Wild and Free: Where the Waterfront Children Are”,

270 Media

Second Place: Anna Mindess,

“Here's To Grandmothers”,

Edible East Bay Magazine

Third Place: Sonia Paul,

“South Asian Artists Confront Oppression with Joy”,

Alta Journal

Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Josh Eidelson, Loren Grush,

“At SpaceX, Elon Musk's Own Brand of Cancel Culture Is Thriving”,

Bloomberg Businessweek

Second Place: Kirsten Neff, Mimi Towle,

“The Trajectory of their Lives”,

270 Media

Third Place: Mark C. Anderson, Geneva Rico,

*“Grounded Solutions: Finding fairness, avoiding pesticides and
advocating sense in the Pajaro Valley”,*

Edible Monterey Bay

General News Story

First Place: Becky Duffett,

*“How Sacramento, California, Became the Center of American Caviar
Production”,*

Bon Appétit

Second Place: Jennifer Massoni Pardini, Craig Lee,

“Arion Press Marks 50 Years With a Move to Fort Mason”,

Nob Hill Gazette

Third Place: Emily Wilson,

“Inside the New Ruth Asawa Retrospective at SFMOMA”,

Nob Hill Gazette

Headline

First Place: Matt Villano, Mimi Towle,
“The Right Place for the Right Mind”,
270 Media

Second Place: Jonah Steinhart, Mimi Towle,
“A Safe Place to Sleep”,
270 Media

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Ramin Skibba,

“How One Company Wants to Make Geoengineering Profitable”,

Undark magazine

Second Place: Ramin Skibba,

“It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's Space Trash!”,

Rolling Stone magazine

Photography / Feature

First Place: Patrick Tregenza, Analuisa Bejar,
“Chocolate: All the world loves a trendy cup”,
Edible Monterey Bay

Second Place: Lotus Abrams, R. Brad Knipstein,
“In the Round”,
270 Media

Third Place: Lotus Abrams, Joe Fletcher,
“Shifting the View”,
270 Media

Politics/Government

First Place: Josh Eidelson

*“It's Legal to Pay US Workers With Disabilities
as Little as 25¢ an Hour”,*

Bloomberg Businessweek

Profile

First Place: Mary McInerney,

“The Man Behind the Camera, USF Magazine”,

USF Magazine

Second Place: Kathryn McKenzie, Patrick Tregenza,

*“Rising to the Top: Community and coffee boost Carmel Valley
Creamery”,*

Edible Monterey Bay

Third Place: Becky Duffett,

“Into the Woods”,

Concept Carmel

Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Christina Mueller, Mimi Towle,
“Sustainable Packaging”,
270 Media

Sports Feature

First Place: Oscar Palma, Mary McInerney,
“Friends Who Play Together, Stay Together, USF Magazine”,
USF Magazine

Radio/Podcast

Best Reporting by a small radio station

First Place: Wren Farrell, Lisa Morehouse,

“Willing to change: Working with perpetrators of domestic violence”,

KALW

Second Place: Bill Buchanan, Jim Buchanan,

*“Davisville, May 12, 2025: Davis faces choice between more homes,
fewer schools”*

KDRT

Feature Story/Light Subject

First Place: Suzie Racho, Sasha Khokha, Victoria Mauleon, Brendan Willard,
*“Oakland Composer and Harpist Destiny Muhammad Has Always Charted Her
Own Path”,*

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Azul Dahlstrom-Eckman,
“Fake Red Curbs Cause Confusion in San Francisco”

KQED Public Radio

Third Place: Ana De Almeida Amaral, Olivia Allen-Price, Katrina Schwartz,
Caroline Smith,
*“San Francisco's Oldest Lesbian Bar Has Been a Safe Space for More Than 60
Years”*

KQED Public Radio

General News Story

First Place: Erin Baldassari,

*“Dramatic Insurance Spikes Could Tank California's Homeless
Housing”,*

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Wren Farrell, Alastair Boone, Sunni Khalid, Galnadgee
Joe Johnson,

*“PIT Counts can lead to permanent supportive housing, but is this
system flawed?”*

KALW

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Rebecca Bowe,

“Exposed: The Human Radiation Experiments at Hunters Point”,

San Francisco Public Press

Second Place: Marisa Lagos,

*“She Left Her Abuser. Now the Shelter That Helped Her Is Losing
Federal Funds Under Trump”*

KQED Public Radio

Podcast General Interest

First Place: Xorje Olivares, Ana De Almeida, Chris Hambrick, Jen Chien, Christopher Beale,
“Hyphenación”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Hana Baba, Kristina Loring, James Rowlands,
“Bury Me Whole”,
The Stoop

Third Place: Bill Buchanan
“Davisville, April 14, 2025: As others fled Saigon 50 years ago, she stayed”,
KDRT

Podcast News

First Place: Ericka Cruz Guevarra, Natalia Navarro, Jessica Kariisa, Alan Montecillo,

“How Anti-Trans Politics Loomed Over San José State's Volleyball Season”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Sylvie Sturm

“Sidelined After Service: What Federal Cuts Mean for Veterans”,

San Francisco Public Press

Third Place: Ericka Cruz Guevarra, Lesley McClurg, Alan Montecillo,
Jessica Kariisa, Mel Velasquez

“How RFK Jr.'s Message Took Root in a Small Marin Town”,

KQED Public Radio

Public Affairs Program

First Place: Bill Buchanan, Jim Buchanan,
“Davisville”,
KDRT

Second Place: John Zipperer, Melissa Caen
“Voice Weekly: David Chiu, San Francisco City Attorney,”,
The Voice of San Francisco

Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Tyche Hendricks, Angela Corral, Victoria Mauleon

*“In the Run-Up to the Presidential Election, Politics Doesn't Reflect Reality
at the US-Mexico Border”,*

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Shannon Bond, Brett Neely, Diaa Hadid

“How AI showed up in 2024's year of elections”,

NPR

Third Place: Morgan Sung, Maya Cueva, Jen Chien, Chris Egusa,
Brendan Willard,

“The Surveillance Machine (Close All Tabs)”,

KQED Public Radio

Sports Feature

First Place: Azul Dahlstrom-Eckman,

“Oakland A's Mark Final Coliseum Game with Victory”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: April Dembosky, Kevin Stark,

“From the Dugout to the Zen Den: How the San Francisco Giants'

Champion Mental Wellness”,

KQED Public Radio

Third Place: Erin Lim, Ben Trefny, James Rowlands

“Coach Nakase Is Full Of Firsts”

KALW

Print/Digital - Large Newsroom

Blog / Commentary

First Place: David Curran,

“My decades-long love of a great, barely known San Francisco bakery treat”,

SFGATE

Second Place: Lloyd Lee, Alistair Barr,

“Robotaxi reality check ”,

Business Insider

Third Place: Ali Wunderman,

“Owning a car in SF much more than it's cracked up to be”,

San Francisco Examiner

Breaking News

First Place: Megan Cassidy, Sarah Ravani,

*“Former Oakland Mayor Sheng Thao criminally indicted two months
after recall”,*

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Janos Gereben, Rebecca Wishnia, Michael Zwiebach,
Peter Feher,

“Was a Strike Before the SF Symphony's Season Opener Inevitable?”,

San Francisco Classical Voice

Third Place: Tyler Katzenberger, Lindsey Holden, Emily Schultheis,

“California deals criminal justice reform a punishing blow”,

POLITICO

Business/Technology Story

First Place: Alex Mullaney,

“Behind an explosion of hot dog vendors, tales of exploitation and desperation”,

The San Francisco Standard

Second Place: Tyler Katzenberger,

“Big Tech has another California problem”,

POLITICO

Third Place: Krystal Hu, Anna Tong , Kenrick Cai ,

“OpenAI secretly works on ditching non-profit control as it raises record funding, seeks new breakthrough”,

Reuters

Columns-Features

First Place: Blanca Torres,

“Columns for K Onda, KQED's monthly newsletter centering the Bay Area's Latino community”,

KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Emily Hoeven,

“Selected SF feature columns from Emily Hoeven”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Third Place: Luke Tsai, Thien Pham, Raynato Castro,

“The Midnight Diners”,

KQED Public Radio

Columns-News/Political

First Place: Emily Hoeven,

“Selected SF political columns from Emily Hoeven”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Harry Mok,

“Columns on Sunset Dunes and Joel Engardio's recall”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Third Place: Emily Thorsen,

“Emily Thorsen's Column”,

The Guardsman

Columns-Sports

First Place: Dave Tobener,

“Buster Posey is running the SF Giants now — for better or maybe worse”,

SFGATE

Cover Design

First Place: Reinhardt Krause, Ben Pimental,
Scot Donaldson, Mark Sharar,
"The Great AI Race", **Investor's Business Daily**

Criminal Justice

First Place: Annie Vainshtein,

“A street race crash left twin girls orphaned. Did the case against the teen driver deliver justice?”, **San Francisco Chronicle**

Second Place: Alex Mullaney,

“After killing a woman, he found redemption in firefighting. Now he's accused of arson”, **The San Francisco Standard**

Third Place: Tarini Mehta,

“A Sebastopol 4th grader died by suicide. Her family alleges she was sexually abused”,
The Press Democrat

Entertainment Review

First Place: Dan Gentile,

*“For a summer, San Francisco was home to the most beautiful sound
in the world”,*

SFGATE

Second Place: Rose Eden Gibson , Alexander Leaving ,

*“Built to Last: The Dance Hall Crashers' Long-Awaited Reunion at the
Great American Music Hall”,*

new noise magazine

Third Place: Rebecca Wishnia, Michael Zwiebach, Peter Feher,

“Stars Align at SF Symphony for Esa-Pekka Salonen's Cello Concerto”,

San Francisco Classical Voice

Environment/Nature

First Place: Amanda Bartlett,

“Your whole body clock shifts’: Late at night, these scientists watch over the Bay Area and beyond”, SFGATE

Second Place: Ezra David Romero, Katie Worth, Matthew Green,
Kevin Stark,

“Greater Bay Area Prepares For Rising Seas, Communities Grapple With Flooding Issues”, KQED Public Radio

Third Place: Carlos Cabrera-Lomelí, Carly Severn, Matthew Green,
“What Is a ‘Heat Island’? You Might Be Living Inside One in the Bay Area”, KQED Public Radio

Feature Layout Design

First Place: Michael Acton, Sam Joiner, John Reed,
“Why Trump can't build iPhones in the US”,
Financial Times

Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Matt Simons,

““Would You Like to Fight?” The Myth & Promise of “Mutual Combat”,”
Courthouse News Service (CNS)

Second Place: Hannah Wiley,

*““Year of the lesbian’: How queer women are breaking San Francisco’s
doom loop”,”*

Los Angeles Times

Third Place: Nanette Asimov,

““UC Berkeley student mixes ‘secret sauce’ for national spelling bee”,”
San Francisco Chronicle

Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: George Hammond,

“Thrive Capital: the venture firm staking billions on a few big bets”,

Financial Times

Second Place: Benjamin Pimentel,

“Inside The Quantum Computing Crash Triggered By Nvidia CEO —

And What His Upcoming 'Quantum Day' May Bring”,

Investor's Business Daily

Third Place: Ko Lyn Cheang,

“This Afghan refugee fought the Taliban. In Trump's America, he faces

a different threat”, San Francisco Chronicle

General News Story

First Place: Janos Gereben, Michael Zwiebach, Peter Feher,

“SF Symphony Chorus Faces Unprecedented Wage Cuts”,

San Francisco Classical Voice

Second Place: Dustin Gardiner,

“Attorney General Rob Bonta returns more fraught contributions”,

POLITICO

Third Place: Ko Lyn Cheang, Christian Leonard,

“Asylum-seekers wait on average 4½ years for their hearings. Now

many fear ICE at the courthouse”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Headline

First Place: Linda Houser Tafur,
“A new gold rush for Jackson Square”,
San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Scot Donaldson, Anne Stanley, Mark Sharar,
“Election '24 Puts Energy In Flux”,
Investor's Business Daily

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Tara Duggan, Michael Barba,

*“San Francisco Chronicle coverage leads to management change at
S.F. Zoo”, San Francisco Chronicle*

Second Place: Hannah Beckler, Adam Rogers, Dakin Campell,

Business Insider Staff ,

“The True Cost of Data Centers”,

Business Insider

Third Place: Liza Gross, Peter Aldhous,

*“Captured: How pesticide regulators place industry profits above
public health”, Inside Climate News*

Photography / Feature

First Place: Beth LaBerge, Gina Castro, Martin do Nascimento,
“Scenes From San Francisco's Unhoused Encampment Sweeps”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,
“Riding the Wave”,
Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Jane Tyska,
“Rosie the Riveter”,
Oakland Tribune

Photography / News

First Place: Jane Tyska,

“Beached Whale”,

Oakland Tribune - Digital

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,

“Fire Dance”,

Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Beth LaBerge,

“Park Fire Survivor Kenneth Gaines Rebuilds After Losing Everything

But His Animals”,

KQED Public Radio

Photography / Photo Series

First Place: Douglas Zimmerman, Charles Russo,
“Part celebration, part funeral: The A’s final game in pictures”,
SFGATE

Second Place: Charles Russo,
“Legendary Calif. band’s Golden Gate Park show was louder than
Outside Lands”,
SFGATE

Third Place: Jane Tyska,
“The Continental Club”,
Oakland Tribune

Photography / Sports

First Place: Jane Tyska,
“Walk-Off Home Run”,
Oakland Tribune

Second Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,
“Smashed Nose”,
Bay Area News Group

Third Place: Jose Carlos Fajardo,
“Jumping for Joy”,
Bay Area News Group

Politics/Government

First Place: Dana Hull, Kurt Wagner,
“Elon Musk's 100 days of DOGE”,
Bloomberg

Second Place: Dustin Gardiner,
*“There's a reckoning to be had': San Francisco Dems move to push
the national party to the center”,* **POLITICO**

Third Place: Hannah Wiley, Jessica Garrison,
*“How San Francisco became a launching pad for the most powerful
women in politics”,*
Los Angeles Times

Profile

First Place: Ko Lyn Cheang,

“The chef behind S.F.’s Sam Wo Restaurant is retiring. Why it’s ‘damn hard’ to replace him”, **San Francisco Chronicle**

Second Place: Hannah Murphy,

“How Mark Zuckerberg unleashed his inner brawler”,
Financial Times

Third Place: Eugene Kim,

“Amazon’s amazing turnaround: How Andy Jassy secretly wooed Wall Street and overhauled a bloated tech giant”,
Business Insider

Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Adhiti Bandlamudi,
“California Forever Continuing Coverage”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: George Hammond, Stephen Morris, Cristina Criddle,
“The Rise of OpenAI”, **Financial Times**

Third Place: Katie Dowd, Andrew Chamings,
*“A ‘death cult’ on the run: The Bay Area fringe group terrorizing
America”,*
SFGATE

Sports Feature

First Place: Ron Kroichick,

*“Ann Kerr a ‘force of nature’ at 90: Warriors coach's mom imparts
Middle East wisdom at UCLA”,*

San Francisco Chronicle

Second Place: Gabe Fernandez,

*“Major Cal donors in standoff with school over Berkeley's football
team”, SFGATE*

Third Place: Sarah McGrew, Joy Jihyun Jeong , Maggie Beidelman,

“Should transgender women be able to compete in women's sports?”,

San Francisco Chronicle

Print/Digital - Small Newsroom

Blog/Commentary

First Place: Skott Bennett,

“Sly Stone made unity sound like a revolution”,

Riff

Second Place: Alastair Goldfisher,

“Hey, ChatGPT, Stop Trying to Please Me”,

The Venture Lens

Third Place: Erkki Forster,

*“SHAPED BY MY COMMUNITY: My unique transnational multiracial
experience”,*

Nichi Bei News

Breaking News

First Place: Joe Eskenazi,

*“Mission Local obtains list of SFUSD schools to potentially
merge/close”,*

Mission Local

Business/Technology Story

First Place: Julia Gitis,

“From 1,000 to zero: The loss of public news racks in San Francisco”,

Mission Local

Second Place: Sara Bloomberg,

*“Bear Market: UC Berkeley's plan to be the next big Silicon Valley
VC”*

San Francisco Business Times

Third Place: Alastair Goldfisher,

“AI, Data and the Death of Investing From the Gut”

The Venture Lens

Columns/Features

First Place: Tony Hicks,
“Insert Foot”,
Riff

Second Place: Anne Marie Kristoff,
“Everyday People”
The Ingleside Light

Third Place: Dan Evans,
“Dan Evans Columns”
Napa Valley Register

Columns-News/Political

First Place: Joe Eskenazi,

“Joe Eskenazi and San Francisco”,

Mission Local

Second Place: David A.M. Wilensky,

“J. Sunday Newsletter Intros”

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Matthew Bajko,

“Political Notebook: Trump orders end Presidio Pride event in SF”

Bay Area Reporter

Columns-Sports

First Place: Meera Kymal, Tanay Gokhale,
“This Sporting Life”,
India Currents

Second Place: Emma Spaeth,
“Pescadero girls sports”
Half Moon Bay Review

Third Place: Daniel Hardee,
“The Two Timelines: You, me, and the Warriors”
Dub Nation HQ

Cover Design

First Place: Meredith Sheffer,
“Creating a monster”,
San Francisco Business Times

Criminal Justice

First Place: Abigail Van Neely,

*“New shoes, baby steps, and 'too much to lose' at Tenderloin
community court ”,*

Mission Local

Second Place: Thomas Hughes,

*“They didn't try the crimes, so they don't get more time: Court tosses 70
COVID-era cases”*

Bay City News

Third Place: Scott Morris,

*“Testimony describes systematic coverup of Vallejo police misconduct
and culture of retaliation”*

The Vallejo Sun

Entertainment Review

First Place: Joshua Bote,

“The night Sylvester changed San Francisco”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Tim Pfaff,

“Leonardo da Vinci' - Documenting the supreme Renaissance Man”

Bay Area Reporter

Third Place: Erik Anderson,

*“'Queer' Review: Luca Guadagnino Conjures a Psychedelic,
Sympathetic Fever Dream of Gay Love and Longing [A]”*

AwardsWatch

Environment/Nature

First Place: Ruth Dusseault,

*“The Tunnel Vision: A look at California's \$20 billion solution to its
water crisis”,*

Bay City News

Second Place: Ronna Raz,

“Comic: Meet San Francisco's urban wildlife, from lichen to coyotes”

Mission Local

Third Place: Michael Stoll,

*“Scientist Who Helped Prove Humans Changed the Climate
Watches Evidence Being Erased”,*

San Francisco Public Press

Feature Layout Design

First Place: Meredith Sheffer, Hannah Kanik, Owen Thomas

“California Forever floats a new idea”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Matt Petty, Terry Forte, Olivia Wise

“Election Guide”

San Francisco Examiner

Feature Story/Light Subject

First Place: Eddie Kim

“The artful life of Leland Wong”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Cydney Hayes

“In between gods, looking for work”

Gazetteer SF

Third Place: Ashwini Gangal, Ashwini Gangal, Ashwini Gangal

“This Immigrant Life”

India Currents

Feature Story/Serious Subject

First Place: Eddie Kim

“Up all night in the Tenderloin”,

Gazetteer SF

Second Place: Chanan Tigay

**“Exclusive: Why Israel turned to archaeologists in its search for the
Oct. 7 missing”**

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Susan Reynolds

**“EXCLUSIVE: S.F. Department of Public Health head: 'Public drug
use is really a problem for other people'”**

The Voice of San Francisco

Front Page Design

First Place: Emily Mibach

“Stanford proe”,

Palo Alto Daily Post

General News Story

First Place: Momo Chang, Roselyn Romero, Tommy Craggs

*“Since Stop AAPI Hate, some Oakland Chinatown residents are
rethinking crime prevention”,*

Oaklandside and Oakland Voices

Second Place: Ted Andersen

“Big property tax bills start to roll in from Prop. 19 'reform'”

San Francisco Business Times

Third Place: Gabe Stutman

*“Tension Over Hiring an Israeli Counselor Roiled a Bay Area Music
Camp and Ended Friendships”*

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Headline

First Place: Owen Thomas

“Can this tech bro make ships happen?”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Sue Barnett

*“Scent creator and curator Mandy Aftel on the essence of perfume
— from frankincense to wet dog”*,

J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Meera Kymal

“Breakfast In Lahore, Lunch In Amritsar, & Dinner In Bangalore??”,

India Currents

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Chris Roberts, Rebecca Bowe, Michael Stoll

“Exposed: The Human Radiation Experiments at Hunters Point”,

San Francisco Public Press

Second Place: Abigail Van Neely

“Supe Candidate Michael Lai”

Mission Local

Third Place: Brandon Pho

“San Jose Hid Drug Tampering”

San Jose Spotlight

Photography/Feature

First Place: Craig Lee,
“Swan Oyster Depot”,
San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Aaron Levy-Wolins ,
*“Interfaith celebration at Emanu-El blesses S.F.'s new mayor, Daniel
Lurie”*,
J. The Jewish News of Northern California

Third Place: Ashton Hacke,
“Dog lookalike contest”,
Half Moon Bay Review

Photography/News

First Place: Craig Lee,
“Protests”

San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Tony Hicks,
“Tensions Flare at Concord Immigration Court”
Bay City News

Third Place: Tony Hicks,
“Trump Supporter Waves Flags Above the Commute”
Bay City News

Photography/Photo Series

First Place: Nick Otto,

*“PHOTOS: American Canyon celebrates Holi, the Hindu Festival of
Colors”*

Napa Valley Register

Second Place: Angel Mayorga, Michael Santiago, David Chalk ,

“SNAPS”,

Mission Local

Third Place: Craig Lee,

“Flower Mart”,

San Francisco Examiner

Photography/Sports

First Place: Raul Ebio,
“Saint Francis Wins!!”
Santa Cruz Sentinel

Second Place: Nick Otto,
“CIF Girls Basketball Northern California Regional Division III
Championship”,
Napa Valley Register

Third Place: Raul Ebio,
“Chasing the ball”,
San Francisco Examiner

Politics/Government

First Place: Mike Ege,

“Housing is becoming San Francisco's Forever War”,

The Voice of San Francisco

Second Place: Riley Palmer,

*“What does it take to sit on the dais in wine country? Napa County
mayors tell all.”,*

Napa Valley Register

Third Place: Zack Haber,

*“Vallejo school board elections increasingly uncompetitive since
adopting districts”,*

The Vallejo Sun

Profile

First Place: Sarah Klearman,

“Roger Fields bought an empty San Francisco office tower. Two years later, it's nearly full”,

San Francisco Business Times

Second Place: Tanay Gokhale, Nandita Bose, Kani Illangovan,

“Peoplewatch”

India Currents

Third Place: Raphael Cohen, Kristina Loring, James Rowlands,

“Texas troubadour Charley Crockett brings his country blues back to the Bay”,

KALW

Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Adam Shanks, Troy Wolverton, Marcus White, Keith Menconi,
Schuyler Hudak Prionas,

“The Examiner is monitoring these political power blocs before November”,

San Francisco Examiner

Second Place: Erika Towne, David Alexander,

“Coverage of City Council Member Trial”

Santa Clara Weekly

Third Place: Lydia Chavez, Oscar Palma, Xueer Lu, Abigail Van Neely, Mission
Local Staff,

“16th and Mission Ongoing Coverage”,

KALW

Sports Feature

First Place: Jim Seimas,

“How Santa Cruz big wave surfer Alessandro 'Alo' Slebir went from local talent to global sensation”,

Santa Cruz Sentinel

Second Place: Tanay Gokhale

“Mansher Khera's 'New Era' Is Dawning”

India Currents

Third Place: Ritu Jha,

“MLC Season 3 Kicks Off in Bay Area With Optimism, New Pitch, and High Hopes for Cricket's Future in U.S.”,

Indica News

Bill Workman Award



Bill Workman

Lifetime Achievement



Bill Martin

Television/Video

Feature Story / Light Subject

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,

“Robot Revolution: AI has joined the game”,

KNTV - Digital Content

Second Place: Lyanne Melendez, Edward Gonzalez, Jackie Sissel,

Brandy Sotelo ,

“A Sigh of Relief: San Francisco's Pee Problem”,

KGO ABC 7

Third Place: Silvio Carillo, Karina Nova,

“Meet the Velvet Bandit: Sonoma Co.'s Mystery Mom Turned Street Art

Superhero”,

KGO ABC 7

Feature Story / Serious Subject

First Place: Emily Chang, Lauren Ellis, Alan Jeffries,
“Inside Stargate: OpenAI's Megafactory in West Texas”,
Bloomberg Originals

Second Place: Luz Pena, Edward Gonzalez, Ken Miguel, Robert
Goldstone,
“ABC7 ORIGINALS | Home Lost”,
KGO ABC 7

Third Place: LOUREEN AYYOUB,
“Bay Area Rap Icon 4Tay uplifts youth while battling cancer”,
KPIX CBS 5

General News Story

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,
“Countdown to the Olympics”,
KNTV NBC Bay Area

Second Place: Jonathan Bloom,
“There's Crying in Baseball”,
KNTV - Digital Content

Investigative Reporting

First Place: Stephanie Sierra, Olivia Gonzales, Josh Hubbard,

“TAXPAYER-FUNDED TRAVEL”,

KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Kurtis Ming, Kevin Wing, Dennis Lopez,

*“KQVR CBS13 “Call Kurtis” Investigation: Where Are My Grandparents
Buried?”*

KQVR CBS13

Live Report

First Place: Jonathan Bloom,
“Milan After Midnight”,
KNTV NBC Bay Area

Public Affairs Program

First Place: KGO ABC 7 Staff ,

“ABC7 Presents the San Francisco Chinese New Year Parade”,

KGO ABC 7

Series or Continuing Coverage

First Place: Lyanne Melendez, Ken Miguel, Edward Gonzalez, Ido
Bartana, Jackie Sissel,

“BUILDING A BETTER BAY AREA | Trouble on San Francisco Streets”,

KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Lauren Toms, Max Darrow, Rick Villaroman, Alex
Montano, Ryan Yamamoto,

“The Jury has Reached a Verdict”, **KPIX CBS 5**

Third Place: Lauren Toms,

“Surprise sweeps and the city's role in protecting the unhoused”,

KPIX CBS 5

Sports Feature

First Place: Larry Beil, Scott Moring,
“ABC7 SPORTS | From Paralyzed to Powerful”,
KGO ABC 7

Second Place: Jonathan Bloom, Evita Isleta, Jay Dela Cruz,
“Breaking It Down”,
KNTV - Digital Content

Videography

First Place: Jonathan Bloom, Evita Isleta, Jay Dela Cruz,

“Breaking It Down”,

KNTV – Digital Content

Second Place: Chris Bollini,

“ABC7 | Inspiring Love in Action”,

KGO ABC 7

Lifetime Achievement

Carla Marinucci and Doug Sovern

Lifetime Achievement



Carla Marinucci



Doug Sovern

Overall Excellence Awards

Overall Excellence:

Best College Newspaper/News Site

First Place: Kaya Henkes-Power, Saturn Williams, Christine Tran,

Spartan Daily Staff ,

"Spartan Daily ",

Spartan Daily

Second Place: The Skyline View ,

"The Skyline View",

The Skyline View

Overall Excellence:

Best Community News Website

First Place: Mission Local Staff ,

“Mission Local: Punching above our weight”, **Mission Local**

Second Place: Alex Mullaney, Anne Marie Kristoff,
Nancy Chan, Jerold Chinn,

*“The Ingleside Light: News for San Francisco's Greater Ingleside
Neighborhood”*, **The Ingleside Light**

Third Place: Napa Valley Register Staff ,

“Napa Valley Register”, **Napa Valley Register**

Overall Excellence: Best Community Newspaper

First Place: Clint Reilly, Schuyler Hudak Prionas, Matt Petty, Marcus White, Terry Forte,

“San Francisco Examiner”, **San Francisco Examiner**

Second Place: San Francisco Business Times Staff ,

“San Francisco Business Times”, **San Francisco Business Times**

Third Place: Michael Yamashita, Cynthia Laird, Jim Provenzano,
Matthew Bajko, John Ferrannini,

“Bay Area Reporter ”, **Bay Area Reporter**

Overall Excellence:

Best Magazine/Trade Publication

First Place: Will Hearst, Blaise Zerega, John Goecke,
“Alta Journal”,
Alta Journal

Second Place: Schuyler Hudak Prionas, Jennifer Massoni Pardini,
Matthew Petty, Laura McClure, Clint Reilly, Janet Reilly,
“Nob Hill Gazette Staff”,
Nob Hill Gazette

Overall Excellence:

Best News Website - Large

First Place: KQED Staff ,
“KQED Mobile App”,
KQED Public Radio

Second Place: Grant Marek,
“SFGATE Staff”,
SFGATE

Third Place: POLITICO California staff ,
“POLITICO California homepage and special coverage”,
POLITICO

Overall Excellence: Best PR Campaign

First Place: Brett Shelton, Joseph Valensky , Caitlin Bilotta ,
“SignalFire: The Billion-Dollar Signal”,
Bospar

Second Place: Curtis Sparrer, Carole Barrow, Shaun Leavy ,
*“Queer Joy Is Resistance: How Radical Transparency Helped SF Pride
Raise \$2.5M Amid DEI Backlash”,*
Bospar

Overall Excellence: Best Radio Station/Podcast

First Place: KQED Staff,
“KQED Public Radio Staff”, **KQED Public Radio**

Second Place: Mike DeWald,
“RIFF RADIO”, **Riff**

Third Place: KALW Staff ,
“KALW Public Media”, **KALW**

Overall Excellence: Best TV Station/Video Site

First Place: KGO ABC 7 Staff ,
“ABC7 NEWS | Serving the Bay Area”,
KGO ABC 7

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