

PRESS RELEASE

From: Louisiana Press Association

Subject: Better Newspaper, Free Circulation and Special Interest Editorial Competition, Student Newspaper Competition, Better Website Competition, and Individual Competition Results

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The Advocate (Baton Rouge), *American Press* (Lake Charles), *The Courier* (Houma), *Jennings Daily News*, *The Daily News* (Bogalusa), the *Tri-Parish Times & BusinessNews* (Houma), *The West Side Journal* (Port Allen), and the *Amite Tangi-Digest* earned Newspaper of the Year honors in their respective divisions at the 130th Annual Louisiana Press Association Convention in Lafayette.

The designation for the Newspaper of the Year is based on the number of points earned in the Better Newspaper Editorial Competition and the Better Newspaper Advertising Competition for 2009 with awards being given in individual contests for first, second, third places and honorable mention. The editorial contests range from news story writing to graphic design while the advertising entries were judged based on design, creativity and effectiveness. The Florida Press Association judged both competitions this winter.

Sixty-seven newspapers, publications, and college/university student newspapers submitted 3,533 entries.

Earning sweepstakes awards in the editorial competition were *The Advocate* (Baton Rouge), *The News-Star* (Monroe), *The Courier* (Houma), *Jennings Daily News*, *The Daily News* (Bogalusa), the *Tri-Parish Times & BusinessNews* (Houma), *The West Side Journal* (Port Allen), and the *Amite Tangi-Digest*.

Earning sweepstakes awards in the advertising competition were *The Advocate* (Baton Rouge), *American Press* (Lake Charles), *The Courier* (Houma), *Jennings Daily News*, *The Daily News* (Bogalusa), *The Plaquemines Gazette* (Belle Chasse), *The West Side Journal* (Port Allen), and the *Amite Tangi-Digest*.

The age-old philosophy of following the money led reporter Barbara Leader of *The News-Star* (Monroe) to let the public know just how their money was being spent by the Monroe City School Board. The School Board stalled on producing the public records requested by *The News-Star* (Monroe), including the superintendent's purchasing card expenses, but the newspaper persisted and published stories about the documents as they were received. Among its discoveries were that administrators spent \$90,000 on business trips and the superintendent enjoyed dining with district employees, even when not traveling out of town, spending more than \$3,400 on meals. The superintendent also charged gasoline on his public credit card, despite getting a \$700 per month car allowance. More importantly, the newspaper reported how there were no policies in place that guided and checked the spending of school officials granted the privilege of a public credit card. The result of *The News-Star's* (Monroe) tenacity was a policy to more closely monitor credit card purchases with stringent penalties for those who do not follow the rules. For this *The News-Star* (Monroe) is the deserving winner of this year's Freedom of Information Act Award.

2009 Better Newspaper Competition

Best Front Page

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | 1st Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Plaquemine Post South | Plaquemine |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | 1st Place | Donaldsonville Chief | Donaldsonville |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Welsh Citizen | Welsh |

Best Editorial Page

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times | Shreveport |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | 1st Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville |
| 6 | 2nd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |

Best Single Editorial

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Lanny Keller |
| 2 | 1st Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Bill Decker |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Ken Stickney |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Bobby Dower |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Mike Gorman |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Mike Gorman |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Mike Gorman |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Mike Gorman |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Scott Lewis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | David Specht Jr. |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Elizabeth DeGrie |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Mike Dowty |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Wade McIntyre |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Erik Sanzenbach |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Shell Armstrong |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Terri Sercovich |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Scott Beder |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Shell Armstrong |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Richard "Sarge" Garwood |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Richard "Sarge" Garwood |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Joy Lofton |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Joy Lofton |

Best Feature Story

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times | Shreveport | Jason Pugh |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Ellyn Couvillion |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times | Shreveport | Alisa Stingley |
| 1 | Honorable Mention | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Benjamin Alexander-Bloch |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Stephen Largen |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Tina Marie Macias |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Amanda McElfresh |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles | Laura Heller |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Nikki Buskey |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Robert Zullo |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Laura McKnight |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Robert Zullo |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Laura McKnight |
| 4 | 1st Place | The Daily Review | Morgan City | Mary Catherine Holcomb |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Scott Lewis |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Wes Helbling |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Beauregard Daily News | DeRidder | Rachel Reischling |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Lisa Dowty |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Carol Stuart |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Shell Armstrong |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Inquisitor | Shreveport | Kerry M. Kirspele |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Teche News | St. Martinville | Derek Albert |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Guardian-Journal | Homer | Jenni Williams |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Deke Bellavia |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Margaret Andrews |
| 8 | 3rd Place | St. Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Becky Hilliard |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |

Best News Story

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Ramon Antonio Vargas |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Michelle Millhollon |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Greg Garland |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Staff |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Hector San Miguel |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Greg Hilburn |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Raymond Legendre |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Lloyd Nelson |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Stephen Hemelt |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Matthew Pleasant |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | T. Scott Boatright |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Rebecca Chaisson |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Jana Ryan |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Tiffany Flournoy |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Chris Butler |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Alice Dowty |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Anne Lautzenheiser |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Wade McIntyre |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Brett Schweinberg |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Inquisitor | Shreveport | Danny Lawler |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Jonathan Menard |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Richard A. Webster |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 7 | Honorable Mention | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Frank McCormack |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Steve Bannister |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |

Best Sports Story

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Jeff Duncan |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Scott Hotard |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Mike Triplett |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Scooter Hobbs |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Brady Aymond |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Kevin Foot |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe | Tabby Soignier |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Chris Singleton |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Neal McClelland |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Chris Landry |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | O.K. Davis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | O.K. Davis |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | O.K. Davis |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Kevin Mullen, Scott Lewis |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | brandon Wright |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Peter Silas Pasqua |
| 5 | 3rd Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace | Ryan Arena |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | L'Observateur | LaPlace | Ryan Arena |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | St. Tammany News | Covington | Chris Kinkaid |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Kyle Carrier |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Jennifer Kilcrease |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Kyle Carrier |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Keyon K. Jeff |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 8 | 1st Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | J.J. Phillips |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Donaldsonville Chief | Donaldsonville | Peter Silas Pasqua |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |

Best Regular Column

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Lanny Keller |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Stephanie Grace |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Danny Heitman |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Pamela Seal |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Jim Beam |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Bill Decker |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | John DeSantis |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Keith Magill |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Mike Gorman |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Laura McKnight |
| 4 | 1st Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Josh Beavers |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Laura Bond |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Scott Lewis |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | David Specht Jr. |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Eunice News | Eunice | Jim Butler |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Eunice News | Eunice | Jamie Anfenson-Comeau |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Wade McIntyre |
| 6 | 1st Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Autumn C. Giusti |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sammy J. Franklin |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Darrin Guidry |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Deon Roberts |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Ouachita Citizen | West Monroe | Sam Hanna Jr. |
| 7 | 1st Place | Cameron Pilot | Cameron | A.B. McCain |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Richard "Sarge" Garwood |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |

Best Sports Column

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Gary Laney |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Perryn Keys |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Randy Rosetta |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Ethan Conley |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Scooter Hobbs |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Tabby Soignier |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Neal McClelland |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Matt LeBlanc |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Chris Singleton |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | O.K. Davis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Carl Langley |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | T. Scott Boatright |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Pee Wee Day |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Lyle Johnson |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jan Gibson |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Peter Silas Pasqua |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Casey Gisclair |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Keyon K. Jeff |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Kyle Carrier |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | John Dupont |
| 7 | 2nd Place | Cameron Pilot | Cameron | Loston McEvers |
| 8 | 1st Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Deke Bellavia |

Best Overall Sports Coverage

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times | Shreveport |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Leesville Daily Leader | Leesville |
| 5 | 1st Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 6 | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Plaquemine Post South | Plaquemine |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Donaldsonville Chief | Donaldsonville |

Best Lifestyle Coverage

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times | Shreveport |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 6 | 1st Place | Teche News | St. Martinville |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Ouachita Citizen | West Monroe |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | 1st Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary |

Best News Coverage

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | 1st Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 5 | 2nd Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Guardian-Journal | Homer |
| 6 | 3rd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | 1st Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh |

Best Continuing Coverage of a Single News Event

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Sarah Chacko |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Kimberly Vetter |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Bruce Alpert/Jonathan Tilove |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Staff |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Tina Marie Macias; Jeff Moore; Claire Taylor |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Vincent Lupo |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Claire Taylor; Tina Marie Macias |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe | Barbara Leader |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Raymond Legendre |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Raymond Legendre, Lloyd Nelson |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Matthew Pleasant, Robert Zullo |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | N. McClelland, S. Hemelt, C. Landry, J. Mustian |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Scott Lewis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | T. Scott Boatright |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Wes Helbling, Dee Tubbs |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Laura Bond |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Review | Morgan City | Geoffrey Stoute, Steve Shirley |
| 5 | 1st Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace | Robin Shannon |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann, Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann, Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Scott Beder, Mary Nash-Wood |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Plaquemine Post South | Plaquemine | Deidre Cruse |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Pointe Coupee Banner | New Roads | Tommy Comeaux |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Joy Lofton |
| 8 | 3rd Place | St. Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Becky Hilliard |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |

Best Investigative Reporting

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Robert Travis Scott |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Bob Anderson |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times | Shreveport | Alison Bath |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Barbara Leader |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Johnny Gunter |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Matthew Pleasant, Robert Zullo |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Ben Lundin |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Jim Mustian |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Daniel McBride, Robert Zullo |
| 4 | 1st Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Wes Helbling, Dee Tubbs |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Tiffany Flournoy |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Rebecca Chaisson, Sheryl Howard |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Rebecca Chaisson |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Alice Dowty |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Inquisitor | Shreveport | Danny Lawler |
| 6 | 2nd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Ben Myers |
| 6 | 3rd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Deon Roberts |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Richard A. Webster |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |

Most Effective Use of Graphic Design on Single Page

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Adrianna Garcia, Tony Champagne |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Tiffany Bennett Leashore |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Jay Martin |
| 2 | 1st Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Alex Braun; Bob Heist |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Donna Price |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Mandy Bixler |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Donna Price |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe | Ethan Conley |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | April Rome |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Tammy Miller |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | April Rome |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | April Rome |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | April Rome |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Nicole Lewis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | LaBanda Allen |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Beauregard Daily News | DeRidder | Aaron Powers |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Nicole Lewis |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Andrea Daniel |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Andrea Daniel |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 6 | 1st Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Alex Borges |
| 6 | 2nd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Lisa Finnan |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Franklin Sun | Winnsboro | Katie Norwood |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Kristi Lynch, Stacy Gill |
| 8 | 2nd Place | St. Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Becky Hilliard |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Joy Lofton |

Best Headline

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Carol Carpenter |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Steven Kress |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Gary Couvillion |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Pamela Seal |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Nick Deriso |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Tony LeBlanc |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles | Gail Norris |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Keith Magill |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Keith Magill |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Keith Magill |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Keith Magill |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Don Shoopman |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Dona H. Smith |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Bonnie Culverhouse |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Nick Todaro |
| 5 | 1st Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Michael Tortorich |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Carol Stuart |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Cheryl LeBlanc Babin |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | The Eunice News | Eunice | Jim Butler |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Scott Beder |
| 6 | 2nd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Christian Moises |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Shell Armstrong |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Shell Armstrong |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Casey Gisclair |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Joy Lofton |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Alissa Cannon Brown |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Stacy Gill |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |

Best Breaking News Photo

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Richard Alan Hannon |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Travis Spradling |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Michael DeMocker |
| 1 | Honorable Mention | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Heather McClelland |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Karen Wink |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Margaret Croft |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Karen Wink |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Jim Mustian |
| 4 | 1st Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Jana Ryan |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Danica Abraham |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Chris Butler |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Eunice News | Eunice | Jim Butler |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | David Normand |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Terri Sercovich |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Franklin Sun | Winnsboro | Monica Huff |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Thelezia Folse |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |
| 8 | 2nd Place | The Watchman | Clinton | Holley Lipscomb |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |

Best Feature Photo

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Arthur D. Lauck |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | John McCusker |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Brett Duke |
| 1 | Honorable Mention | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Ted Jackson |
| 2 | 1st Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | P.C. Piazza |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Leslie Westbrook |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Brad Puckett |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles | Brad Puckett |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Abby Tabor |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Holly Leleux-Thubron |
| 4 | 1st Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Dee Tubbs |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Dee Tubbs |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Rebecca Chaisson |
| 4 | Honorable Mention | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Nicole Lewis |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Marcelle Hanemann |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | David Normand |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Erik Sanzenbach |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | L'Observateur | LaPlace | Robin Shannon |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Franklin Sun | Winnsboro | Monica Huff |
| 6 | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Jonathan Menard |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Keyon K. Jeff |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Jonathan Menard |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 8 | 1st Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Holley Lipscomb |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Stacy Gill |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Alissa Cannon Brown |

Best Sports Photo

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer |
|------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Mark Saltz |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Chuck Cook |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Chris Granger |
| 1 | Honorable Mention | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Liz Condo |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Michael Dunlap |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Brad Kemp |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Brad Puckett |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Lee Ball |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 4 | 1st Place | Leesville Daily Leader | Leesville | Fred Harris |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Josh Beavers |
| 4 | 3rd Place | The Daily Review | Morgan City | Geoffrey Stoute |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | David Normand |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Michael Tortorich |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Craig Franklin |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Keyon K. Jeff |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Craig Franklin |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur | Mike Rizzuto |
| 8 | 2nd Place | St. Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Becky Hilliard |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh | Bengt Lindell |

Best Photo Package

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Liz Condo |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Bettina Hansen |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Richard Alan Hannon |
| 2 | 1st Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | P.C. Piazza |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette | Denny Culbert |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Brad Puckett |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles | Karen Wink |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Matt Stamey |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Emily Schwarze |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Lee Ball |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Scott Lewis |
| 4 | 2nd Place | The Daily Review | Morgan City | Geoffrey Stoute |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Bonnie Culverhouse |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | David Normand |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Jacob Brooks |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Keyon K. Jeff |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Staff |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Terri Sercovich |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Teche News | St. Martinville | Henri C. Bienvenu |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Chad M. West |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Michael Jacobs |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Aaron Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Staff |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Stacy Gill |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Holley Lipscomb |

Best Editorial Cartoon

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Cartoonist |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| A | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | David Norwood |
| A | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Steve Kelley |
| A | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | David Norwood |
| B | 1st Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans | Alex Borges |
| B | 2nd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Terri Sercovich and staff |

Best Special Section

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 5 | 1st Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 5 | 3rd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 5 | Honorable Mention | L'Observateur | LaPlace |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse |
| 6 | 2nd Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi |
| 8 | 1st Place | The Watchman | Clinton |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary |
| 8 | 3rd Place | The Watchman | Clinton |
| 8 | Honorable Mention | Gueydan Journal | Gueydan |

Community Service

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| A | 1st Place | The Times | Shreveport |
| A | 2nd Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| A | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| B | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| B | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| C | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie |
| C | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| C | 3rd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma Staff |

Freedom of Information

| Place | Newspaper | City |
|--------------|------------------|-------------|
| 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 1st Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |

General Excellence

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | 1st Place | The Daily Advertiser | Lafayette |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden |
| 5 | 1st Place | L'Observateur | LaPlace |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | 1st Place | New Orleans CityBusiness | New Orleans |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Welsh Citizen | Welsh |
| 8 | | Lake Arthur Sun Times | Lake Arthur |

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| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Van Fuller |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Janet Fuller |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Erica Coe |
| 1 | Honorable Mention | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Judy Galloway |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | LaBanda Allen |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Ron May/ Will Avery |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | LaBanda Allen |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Penny Martinez |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Teche News | St. Martinville | Melissa Landry |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Alissa Zeringue |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Erin Theriot |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Gueydan Journal | Gueydan | Angie Longon, Sherry Evans |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Virgil Howell |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Jesse Sims |

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| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Candace Myers |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Naoma McManus |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | David Rawls |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Ted Smith |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Ted Smith |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Frank Collins |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City | LaBanda Allen |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Leroy Beckham |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 6 | 1st Place | Teche News | St. Martinville | Melissa Landry |
| 6 | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Kevin Orgeron |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | St Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Kristi Lynch |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Gueydan Journal | Gueydan | Angie Longon, Stacy Jabusch |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Kristi Lynch |

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| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Janet Fuller |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Shelli Martin |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Rodney King |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Maria Johnson |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Robyn St. Andre, Composing |
| 5 | 1st Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Leroy Beckham |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Alissa Zeringue |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | The Pointe Coupee Banner | New Roads | Dodie Ferachi |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Erin Theriot |
| 8 | 1st Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Virgil Howell, Jesse Sims |

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| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Julyn Duke |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Tim Elsea |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Janet Fuller |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Sarah Cooley |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Thaddeus Hoston |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Derek Murray |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Sheila Allemand |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Lesley Rocque |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Erin Theriot |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Nick Hebert |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Jesse Sims |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Virgil Howell, Cathy Chapman |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Virgil Howell, Cathy Chapman |

Best Ad Campaign

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-----------|--------------------------|--------------|--|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Tim Elsea |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Ellen Comisky |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Staff |
| 2 | 2nd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Ted Smith |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Advertising Staff |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Alissa Zeringue, Nick Hebert, Kevin Orgeron, Eric Dolese |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Staff |

In-Paper Promotion -Black & White

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Stan Taylor |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Talisha Square, Stan Taylor |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Staff |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Sarah Cooley |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Maria Johnson |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Rick Hohlt |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Angela Latiolais |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Staff |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | Honorable Mention | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Stacey Mayeaux |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Jesse Sims, Cathy Chapman |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Stacey Mayeaux |

In-Paper Promotion-Color

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Candace Myers, Talisha Square |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Talisha Square, Stan Taylor |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Stan Taylor |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Maria Johnson |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 2 | 3rd Place | The News-Star | Monroe | Marcos Gonzalez Villalba |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Rick Hohlt |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Terri Sercovich |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Teche News | St. Martinville | Mark DeVillier |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Kristi Lynch |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Virgil Howell |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Production Staff |

Multiple Advertiser Page

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Staff |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Staff |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Staff |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Advertising Staff |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Advertising Staff |
| 2 | 3rd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Advertising Staff |
| 2 | Honorable Mention | American Press | Lake Charles | Sarah Cooley |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Advertising/Composing |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Sheila Allemand |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Penny Martinez, Aanifa LeBlanc, Sabrina Linton |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales | Penny Martinez, Aanifa LeBlanc, Sabrina Linton |
| 6 | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert & Josie Henry |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Teche News | St. Martinville | Melissa Landry |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele, Michelle Boyd |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Lesley Rocque |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Kentwood News Ledger | Kentwood | Virgil Howell |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Virgil Howell |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Production Staff |

Advertising Idea or Promotion

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Staff |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Julyn Duke |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Staff |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Sarah Cooley |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Allsion Benoit |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Staff |
| 3 | Honorable Mention | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Bastrop Daily Enterprise | Bastrop | Frank Collins |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Advertising, Composing, R. Hohlt |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Staff |
| 5 | 1st Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Angela Latiolais & Paul Hatton |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Jena Times | Jena | Sherry Steele & Michelle Boyd |
| 6 | 2nd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert, Josie Henry, Lisa Soileaux |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Chad Hebert, Josie Henry, Lisa Soileaux |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Teche News | St. Martinville | Mark DeVillier, Melissa Landry |
| 8 | 1st Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie | Garland Forman |

Best Classified Section

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia |
| 4 | 1st Place | Bossier Press-Tribune | Bossier City |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | 1st Place | St. Tammany News | Covington |
| 5 | 2nd Place | Gonzales Weekly Citizen | Gonzales |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | 1st Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse |
| 6 | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte |
| 6 | 3rd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne |
| 8 | 1st Place | Donaldsonville Chief | Donaldsonville |
| 8 | 2nd Place | Bunkie Record | Bunkie |

Best Services Ad-Non-Retail

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Judy Galloway |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Janet Fuller |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Bernadette August |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Sarah Cooley & Earl Vital |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 3 | 1st Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 3 | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Daily Iberian | New Iberia | Staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Minden Press-Herald | Minden | Karen Kirkley |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Robyn St. Andre, Composing |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 2nd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 3rd Place | Livingston Parish News | Denham Springs | Paul Hatton |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Lesley Rocque |
| 6 | 2nd Place | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse | Erin Theriot |
| 6 | 3rd Place | The Pointe Coupee Banner | New Roads | Brent Roy |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Nick Hebert |
| 7 | 1st Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 8 | 1st Place | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite | Virgil Howell, Jesse Sims |
| 8 | 2nd Place | St Francisville Democrat | St. Francisville | Kristi Lynch |
| 8 | 3rd Place | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Kristi Lynch |

Best Success Story

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| A | 1st Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Sarah Tranchina |
| A | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Brian Golden |
| A | 3rd Place | Jennings Daily News | Jennings | Staff |
| A | Honorable Mention | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| B | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| B | 2nd Place | Tri-Parish Times | Houma | Liz Daigle |
| B | 3rd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | Josie Henry. Chad Hebert |

Best Retailer Ad

| Div | Place | Newspaper | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | 1st Place | The Times-Picayune | New Orleans | Ellen Comisky |
| 1 | 2nd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Van Fuller |
| 1 | 3rd Place | The Advocate | Baton Rouge | Van Fuller |
| 2 | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Maria Johnson |
| 2 | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Earl Vital |
| 3 | 1st Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Liz Arceneaux |
| 3 | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 3 | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | staff |
| 4 | 1st Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Robyn St. Andre, Composing |
| 4 | 2nd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Robyn St. Andre, Composing |
| 4 | 3rd Place | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston | Adam Hohlt / Composing |
| 5 | 1st Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 5 | 2nd Place | St. Tammany News | Covington | Sheila Allemand |
| 5 | 3rd Place | The Daily News | Bogalusa | Kim Gerald |
| 6 | 1st Place | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Lesley Rocque |
| 6 | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Alissa Zeringue |
| 6 | 3rd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte | Nick Hebert. Kevin Orgeron |
| 6 | Honorable Mention | Farmerville Gazette | Farmerville | Lesley Rocque |
| 7 | 1st Place | The St. Bernard Voice | Arabi | Erin Theriot |
| 7 | 2nd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |
| 7 | 3rd Place | The West Side Journal | Port Allen | Cole Williams |

Advertising Sweepstakes

| Div | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 3 | The Courier | Houma |
| 4 | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | The Plaquemines Gazette | Belle Chasse |
| 7 | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |

Editorial Sweepstakes

| Div | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 1 | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | The News-Star | Monroe |
| 3 | The Courier | Houma |
| 4 | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 7 | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |

Newspaper of the Year

| Div | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1 | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| 2 | American Press | Lake Charles |
| 3 | The Courier | Houma |
| 4 | Jennings Daily News | Jennings |
| 5 | The Daily News | Bogalusa |
| 6 | Tri-Parish Times | Houma |
| 7 | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| 8 | Amite Tangi Digest | Amite |

2009 Free Circulation and Special Interest Publication

Best Front Page

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | Thrive | Lake Charles |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central |

Best Feature Story

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Writer(s) |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Penny Font |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Penny Font |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Nathan Stubbs |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Barbara Gautreaux |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins, Catherine Wheeler, Candi Lee, Terrie Palmer |

Best News Story

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Writer |
|-----|-----------|------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Nathan Stubbs |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Nathan Stubbs |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Thrive | Lake Charles | Erin K Cormier |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins |

Best Regular Column

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Columnist |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | JR Ball |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Dorothy Bowden |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Walter Pierce |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins |

Best Lifestyle Coverage

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|-----|-----------|--------------------|--------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Thrive | Lake Charles |

Best News Coverage

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central |

Best Continuing Coverage of a Single News Event

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Writer(s) |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | JR Ball, David Jacobs and Olivia Watkins |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Emma James |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Stephanie Riegel |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins, Candi Lee, Terrie Palmer |

Best Investigative Reporting

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Writer |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Nathan Stubbs |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Tiffany Byram |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Tiffany Byram |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins |

Most Effective Use of Graphics On a Single Page

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Thrive | Lake Charles | Barbara Van Gossen |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Thrive | Lake Charles | Tony Lee |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Kevin Pontiff |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins and Terri Palmer |

Best Breaking News Photo

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Photographer |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins |

Best Feature Photo

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Photographer |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Robin May |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Brian Baiamonte |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Teddy Smith |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins |

Best Photo Package

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Photographer(s) |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|---|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Don Kadair |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Robin May |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Marie Constantin |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Scott Breaux |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Michael Spangler, Woody Jenkins, Jacob Jolibois, Bryce Glover |

Best Editorial Cartoon

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Cartoonist |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Margaret Timmons |

Best Special Section

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Thrive | Lake Charles |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 10 | Honorable Mention | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central |

Community Service

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden |
| 11 | 2nd Place | Central City News | Central |

General Excellence

| Div | Place | Publication | City |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central |

Staff Generated-Black & White 1/2 page or under

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Melito Glorioso |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Christy Quebedeaux |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Jason Roy |
| 10 | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Jason Roy |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Callie Borne |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Thrive | Lake Charles | Mike Foux |

Staff Generated-Black & White Over 1/2 page

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Tiffany Byram |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Tiffany Byram |

Staff Generated-Color over 1/2 page

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Hoa Vu |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Melito Glorioso |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Terri Palmer |

Best Ad Campaign

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Hoa Vu & Jeff Hay |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Callie Borne |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Jason Roy |

In-Paper Promotion- Black & White

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |

In-Paper Promotion- Color

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer(s) |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|--|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Hoa Vu |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Hoa Vu |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Jeff Hay |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins, Terri Palmer, Candi Lee |

Multiple Advertiser Page

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Kevin Pontiff |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Staff |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Christy Quebedeaux |

Advertising Idea or Promotion

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|--|
| 10 | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Kevin Pontiff |
| 10 | 2nd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Staff |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Kevin Pontiff |
| 11 | 1st Place | Central City News | Central | Woody Jenkins, Terri Palmer, Candi Lee |

Best Services Ad- Non-Retail

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Hoa Vu |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 3rd Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | |

Best Retailer Ad

| Div | Place | Publication | City | Designer |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10 | 1st Place | Acadiana LifeStyle | New Iberia | Christy Quebedeaux |
| 10 | 2nd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |
| 10 | 3rd Place | The Minute Magazine | Minden | Jackie Lewis |

2009 Better Student Newspaper Publication

Staff Generated-Black and White 1/2 page or under

| Place | Newspaper | City | Designer |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1st Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | LaDasha Flournoy |
| 2nd Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Patrick Costilow |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | LaDasha Flournoy |

Staff Generated-Color 1/2 page or under

| Place | Newspaper | City | Designer |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|
| 1st Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | LaDasha Flournoy |

Best News Story or News Feature

| Place | Newspaper | City | Designer |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 1st Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Davana Wilkins |
| 2nd Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Kris Leichtenberg |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Shakari Briggs |

Best Sports Story or Sports Feature

| Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1st Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Don Aime |
| 2nd Place | Xavier Herald | New Orleans | Maya Jones |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Imani Jackson |
| Honorable Mention | The Gramblinite | Grambling | LaDasha Flournoy |

Best Column

| Place | Newspaper | City | Writer |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1st Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Imani Jackson |
| 2nd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Imani Jackson |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Darryl D. Smith |

Best General News or Feature Photo

| Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1st Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Ally O'Keefe |
| 2nd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Darryl D. Smith |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Kaeyla Boyd |
| Honorable Mention | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Ally O'Keefe |

Best Sports Photo

| Place | Newspaper | City | Photographer |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1st Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Don Aime |
| 2nd Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Ally O'Keefe |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | John Preston |

Most Effective Use of Graphics On Single Page

| Place | Newspaper | City | Designer |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1st Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling | LaDasha Flournoy |
| 2nd Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond | Patrick Costilow |
| 3rd Place | Xavier Herald | New Orleans | Stacey Windon |
| Honorable Mention | The Gramblinite | Grambling | Darryl D. Smith |

General Excellence

| Place | Newspaper | City |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1st Place | The Lion's Roar | Hammond |
| 2nd Place | The Nicholls Worth | Thibodaux |
| 3rd Place | The Gramblinite | Grambling |
| Honorable Mention | Xavier Herald | New Orleans |

2009 Better Website Competition

Best Overall Website

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| A | 1st Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette |
| A | 2nd Place | American Press | Lake Charles |
| B | 1st Place | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge |
| B | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma |
| B | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux |
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne |
| C | 2nd Place | St. Charles Herald-Guide | Boutte |
| C | 3rd Place | Donaldsonville Chief | Donaldsonville |
| C | Honorable Mention | Ruston Daily Leader | Ruston |

Best Web Project

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City | Designer |
|-----|-------------------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|
| B | 2nd Place | The Courier | Houma | Laura McKnight, Laura Bernheim |
| B | 3rd Place | The Courier | Houma | Ross Lapeyrouse, Laura Bernheim |
| B | Honorable Mention | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Thad Angelloz, Ross Lapeyrouse |
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | |

Best Multimedia Element

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City | Designer |
|-----|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|--|
| A | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Karen Wink |
| A | 2nd Place | The Independent Weekly | Lafayette | Walter Pierce |
| B | 1st Place | The Courier | Houma | Laura Bernheim, Naomi King, Matt Stamey |
| B | 2nd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Laura Bernheim |
| B | 3rd Place | Daily Comet | Thibodaux | Matt Stamey |
| B | Honorable Mention | The Courier | Houma | Laura McKnight |
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | |

Best Online Advertising -Single Ad, Static

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne |

Best Online Advertising- Single Ad, Animated

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne |

Best Online Advertising – Campaign

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City | Designer |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| A | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Roger Demary |
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | |

Best Online House Ad or Campaign

| Div | Place | Newspaper/Publication | City | Designer |
|-----|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| A | 1st Place | American Press | Lake Charles | Roger Demary |
| C | 1st Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | |
| C | 2nd Place | Rayne Acadian-Tribune | Rayne | |

2009 Individual Competition

Individual Feature Photo - Color

| Div | Place | Photographer | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| B | 1st Place | Aaron Williams | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| C | 1st Place | David Courtney | Central City News | Central |
| C | 2nd Place | Margaret Turner | Central City News | Central |
| C | 3rd Place | Toni Kessler | Central City News | Central |

Individual Photo-Black & White

| Div | Place | Photographer | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| B | 1st Place | Aaron Williams | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |

Individual Photo-Black & White

| Div | Place | Photographer | Newspaper | City |
|------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| C | 1st Place | Kate Young Philbin | Central City News | Central |

Individual Feature Writing

| Div | Place | Writer | Newspaper | City |
|------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| A | 1st Place | Naomi King | The Courier | Houma |
| A | 2nd Place | Laura McKnight | The Courier | Houma |
| A | 3rd Place | Mark H. Hunter | The Advocate | Baton Rouge |
| A | Honorable Mention | Naomi King | The Courier | Houma |
| B | 1st Place | Aaron Williams | The West Side Journal | Port Allen |
| C | 1st Place | Erin K Cormier | Thrive | Lake Charles |
| C | 2nd Place | Christine Fisher | Thrive | Lake Charles |
| C | 3rd Place | Elva Jo Crawford | Central City News | Central |
| C | Honorable Mention | Erin K. Cormier | Thrive | Lake Charles |
| C | Honorable Mention | Kristy Armand | Thrive | Lake Charles |

Best of Show

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Daily Division | The News-Star | Monroe | Margaret Croft |
| Community Division | Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Holley Lipscomb |
| Free Circulation & Special Interest | Baton Rouge Business Report | Baton Rouge | Brian Baiamonte |

Best of the Best of Show

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| Zachary Plainsman-News | Zachary | Holley Lipscomb |
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