

SPJ's Top of the Rockies winners 2020

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Category Name	Award	Credits	Organization	Entry Title
Single Page Design	First Place	Heidi Perry	Deseret News	Rudy Towering
Single Page Design	Second Place	Jennifer Swanson	Albuquerque Journal	Jennifer Swanson
Single Page Design	Third Place	Heather Tuttle	Deseret News	The North Pole
Front Page Design	First Place	Leah Derrington	Albuquerque Journal	Leah Derrington
Front Page Design	Second Place	Heidi Perry	Deseret News	150 Golden Moment
Front Page Design	Third Place	Todd Adams	Salt Lake Tribune	A1 on March 17, 2019
Feature Page Design	First Place	Rudy Mesicek	Salt Lake Tribune	"Losing her religion"
Feature Page Design	Second Place	Heather Tuttle	Deseret News	Life Cycle
Feature Page Design	Third Place	Heidi Perry	Deseret News	Galaxy's Edge Backcountry.com sues anyone who uses its namesake. Is it bullying or just business?
Business: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Jason Blevins	Colorado Sun	
Business: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Tamara Chuang	Colorado Sun	Electric vehicles Salt Lake Chamber invite to pay \$10k to talk inland port...
Business: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Katie McKellar	Deseret News	
Multimedia Story	First Place	Robert Browman, Roberto E. Rosales, Angela Kocherga, Robert Browman, Martín Salazar, Roberto E. Rosales, Elise Kaplan, Katy Barnitz, Matthew Reisen, Cathryn Cunningham	Albuquerque Journal	8 Hours on the Border
Multimedia Story	Second Place	Lee Davidson, Jessica Miller, Tony Semerad, Brian	Albuquerque Journal	72 Hours - Life & Addiction in Albuquerque
Multimedia Story	Third Place		Salt Lake Tribune	How Utah has changed this decade

		Maffly, Suzanne Paylor, Christopher Cherrington		
Spot News Photography	First Place	Rick Egan	Salt Lake Tribune	Green Ravine Fire plane
Spot News Photography	Second Place	Francisco Kjolseth	Salt Lake Tribune	Green Ravine Fire
Spot News Photography	Third Place	Trent Nelson	Salt Lake Tribune	Port protest
Sports Photography	First Place	Kristin Murphy	Deseret News	Dive
Sports Photography	Second Place	Scott Winterton	Deseret News	High Kick
Sports Photography	Third Place	Leah Hogsten	Salt Lake Tribune	Donovan's water bottle
News Photography	First Place	Spenser Heaps	Deseret News	A Different Path
News Photography	Second Place	Jim Thompson	Albuquerque Journal	Best friend to the end
News Photography	Third Place	Jim Thompson	Albuquerque Journal	Father accused in baby's death released
Feature Photography	First Place	Francisco Kjolseth	Salt Lake Tribune	Bison roundup
Feature Photography	Second Place	Kristin Murphy	Deseret News	New Home Revealed
Feature Photography	Third Place	Leah Hogsten	Salt Lake Tribune	Firefly
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Courtney Tanner	Salt Lake Tribune	How the University of Utahs police department treated female victims and officers
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Jessica Miller	Salt Lake Tribune	Violence at Red Rock Canyon School
Investigative/Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Christopher Osher, Jennifer Brown	Colorado Sun	No Colorado school districts meet federal safety standards for behavioral health staffing, investigation shows
General Reporting-Series or Package	First Place	Jennifer Brown, Kevin Simpson	Colorado Sun	Parked: Half the American Dream
General Reporting-Series or Package	Second Place	Edmundo Carrillo	Albuquerque Journal	The Gary Gregor child abuse case: 'Justice has been served'

General Reporting-Series or Package	Third Place	Kevin Simpson, Shannon Mullane, Moe Clark, Anna Scott, Anna Blanco, Jackson Reed, Will Halbert	Colorado Sun	Gentrification
Marijuana Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Mike Gallagher	Albuquerque Journal	Legal pot or not? A New Mexico debate
Marijuana Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Ben Winslow, Ben Winslow, Mike Reidel, Eric Weseman, Todd Gilbert, Todd Tanner	KSTU FOX 13	Utah's state-run medical cannabis system makes government workers drug dealers
Marijuana Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Gilbert, Todd	KSTU FOX 13	Utah doctors can recommend medical cannabis, but patients struggle to find those willing to
A&E and Food: Single Story	First Place	Herb Scribner	Deseret News	"Joker" coverage
A&E and Food: Single Story	Second Place	Court Mann	Deseret News	Utah's Gateway Mall
A&E and Food: Single Story	Third Place	Scott D. Pierce	Salt Lake Tribune	Asian representation in the arts
Feature: Long form	First Place	Jesse Paul	Colorado Sun	A slain deputy. A political brawl. A school shooting: How Sheriff Tony Spurlock is handling years of turmoil
Feature: Long form	Second Place	Gillian Friedman	Deseret News	What really happened to Lauren McCluskey
Feature: Long form	Third Place	Courtney Tanner	Salt Lake Tribune	How a Utah coach responded after two boys on his lacrosse team died by suicide
Feature Videography	First Place	Rex Warner, Adrienne St. Clair, Court Mann	Deseret News	How 'Napoleon Dynamite' became Hollywood's template for Middle America
Ag and Environment: General Reporting	First Place	Nancy Lofholm	Colorado Sun	In the age of go back where you came from, Palisade carries on tradition of thanking orchard workers before they leave
Ag and Environment: General Reporting	Second Place	Lois M Collins	Deseret News	America's tree crisis

Sports: Columns	First Place	Gordon Monson	Salt Lake Tribune	Gordon Monson columns
Sports: Columns	Second Place	Brad Rock	Deseret News	Brad Rock columns
Sports: Columns	Third Place	Amy Donaldson Spenser Heaps, Rex Warner, Adrienne St. Clair, Gillian Friedman	Deseret News	Amy Donaldson He was sexually abused as a child. Now this Orthodox rabbi tells his story.
News Videography	First Place	Spenser Heaps, Rex Warner, Jesse Hyde, Adrienne St. Clair	Deseret News	Can the vision of an American nun save the Amazon?
News Videography	Second Place	Amy Joi O'Donoghue, Rex Warner, Spenser Heaps, Jeffrey Allred	Deseret News	Americans will soon have a \$5 billion wild horse problem
News Videography General Podcasting Excellence	First Place	Xoel Cardenas, Yvette Cruz Peggy Fletcher	KSL.com	KSL Cafecito
General Podcasting Excellence	Second Place	Stack, David Noyce, Sara Weber	Salt Lake Tribune	"Mormon Land"
General Podcasting Excellence	Third Place	Ben Winslow	KSTU Fox 13	Utah Booze News: An Alcohol Policy Podcast
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Erica Evans	Deseret News	Sexual harassment and Title IX at USU
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Jessica Miller	Salt Lake Tribune	Captive customers Most states protect seniors in debt from losing their possessions
Legal: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Jennifer Graham Peggy Fletcher	Deseret News	LDS Church dumps its controversial LGBTQ policy
Breaking News Story	First Place	Stack, Benjamin Wood, Robert Kirby	Salt Lake Tribune	
Breaking News Story	Second Place	Courtney Tanner , Erin Alberty	Salt Lake Tribune	Students walk out of West High
Breaking News Story	Third Place	Jennifer Brown, Jesse Paul Courtney Tanner, Jessica Miller , Erin Alberty	Colorado Sun	STEM School shooting New criticisms - and changes - for BYU's Honor Code
Education: General Reporting	First Place		Salt Lake Tribune	Is this school's mascot racist or does it honor Native Americans?
Education: General Reporting	Second Place	Erin Alberty	Salt Lake Tribune	

Education: General Reporting	Third Place	Gretel Kauffman John Frank, Jesse Paul, Brian Eason, Sandra Fish	Deseret News	Guns in class
Public Service	First Place	Erica Meltzer, Melanie Asmar, Yesenia Robles, Ann Schimke , Eric Gorski, Philissa Cramer	Colorado Sun	Capitol Sunlight Project
Public Service	Second Place		Chalkbeat Colorado	Denver Public Schools Strike Coverage
Public Service	Third Place	Courtney Tanner	Salt Lake Tribune	The murder of Lauren McCluskey Victim hopes child sex abuse conviction of priest leads to healing Can America's religious freedom ambassador save the world?
Religion General Reporting	First Place	Colleen Heild	Albuquerque Journal	
Religion General Reporting	Second Place	Kelsey Dallas	Deseret News	
Religion General Reporting	Third Place	Peggy Fletcher Stack	Salt Lake Tribune	Polygamy lives on in LDS temples
Info Graphic	First Place	Christopher Cherrington	Salt Lake Tribune	Salt Lake City goes vertical
Info Graphic	Second Place	Christopher Cherrington	Salt Lake Tribune	Fatal courthouse shooting
Info Graphic	Third Place	Mary Archbold	Deseret News	175th Anniversary of Martyrdom Do you know where your paper and plastic go?
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	First Place	Erica Evans	Deseret News	
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	Second Place	Erica Evans	Deseret News	Climate change converts This Colorado ranch-made-lab is turning beetle-kill trees into lumber in the name of forest health
Ag and Environment: Enterprise	Third Place	Jason Blevins	Colorado Sun	
Editorials	First Place	D'Val Westphal The Salt Lake Tribune Editorial Board	Albuquerque Journal	Westphal Editorials
Editorials	Second Place		Salt Lake Tribune	The Salt Lake Tribune
Editorials	Third Place	Christian Sagers	Deseret News	Christian Sagers' editorials

General Website Excellence	First Place	Eric Lubbers, Jesse Paul, Colorado Sun Staff	Colorado Sun	The Colorado Sun
General Website Excellence	Second Place	Staff	Deseret News	Deseret News
General Website Excellence	Third Place	staff	Salt Lake Tribune	The Salt Lake Tribune
Headline Writing	First Place	Matthew Reisen	Albuquerque Journal	Matthew Reisen
Headline Writing	Second Place	Greg Peretti	Albuquerque Journal	Greg Peretti
Headline Writing	Third Place	Helen Taylor	Albuquerque Journal	Helen Taylor
Special Section	First Place	Kelsey Dallas, Erica Evans, Lois M. Collins	Deseret News	The American Family Survey
Special Section	Second Place	Carter Williams, Katie Workman, Jacob Klopfenstein, Graham Dudley, Liesl Nielsen, Lauren Bennett	KSL.com	Into the Voting Booth
Special Section	Third Place	Lois M. Collins, Kelsey Dallas, Erica Evans, Gillian Friedman, Sofia Jeremias	Deseret News	1000 days of President Donald Trump
Marijuana General Reporting	First Place	Bethany Rodgers	Salt Lake Tribune	Utah hemp farmers find success and struggles in their first year of growing
Marijuana General Reporting	Second Place	Ben Winslow	KSTU FOX 31	Utah's state-run medical cannabis system makes government workers drug dealers
Marijuana General Reporting	Third Place	Dan Boyd	Albuquerque Journal	Medical users struggle with costs
Politics: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	John Frank, Jesse Paul, Sandra Fish, John Ingold, Eric Lubbers	Colorado Sun	Democratic Takeover
Politics: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Sara Israelsen-Hartley	Deseret News	The power broker

Politics: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Zak Podmore	Salt Lake Tribune	Heres how San Juan County reached this historic moment and why the tension in southeast Utah wont end anytime soon Mayor Biskupskis deal to sell Utah Theater irked those who want to save it. Heres how it got to this point. What is blockchain and can it keep our elections more secure? Why Utah has a "once in a generation" opportunity
Business: General Reporting	First Place	Tony Semerad	Salt Lake Tribune	
Business: General Reporting	Second Place	Art Raymond	Deseret News	
Business: General Reporting	Third Place	Art Raymond	Deseret News	
Column Personal/Humor	First Place	Joline Gutierrez Krueger	Albuquerque Journal	Joline Gutierrez Krueger
Column Personal/Humor	Second Place	Savannah Hopkinson	Deseret News	Savannah Hopkinson columns
Column Personal/Humor	Third Place	Christian Sagers	Deseret News	Christian Sagers' personal columns
Best Solutions Journalism	First Place	Jessica Dyer	Albuquerque Journal	Sheltering the Homeless
Best Solutions Journalism	Second Place	Shelby Perea	Albuquerque Journal	Extended learning time brings hurdles Understanding AI through Holly, the fast-food bot taking breakfast orders at Good Times
Science and Technology: General Reporting	First Place	Tamara Chuang	Colorado Sun	
Science and Technology: General Reporting	Second Place	Wendy Leonard	Deseret News	Gamma knife Paging Dr. Algorithm: How AI and other new tech are changing care in Colorado hospitals
Science and Technology: General Reporting	Third Place	Michael Booth	Colorado Sun	
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Tamara Chuang	Colorado Sun	Colorado's Digital Divide Does facial recognition software belong at church?
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Kelsey Dallas	Deseret News	
Science and Technology: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Liesl Nielsen	KSL.com	How a \$1.8B acquisition 10 years ago turned the

				Point of the Mountain into what it is today
Health: General Reporting	First Place	Jennifer Brown	Colorado Sun	This miracle drug was designed and manufactured for just one person a 9-year-old Boulder girl
Health: General Reporting	Second Place	Ashley Imlay	Deseret News	Insulin gray market Return To Sender: A Single Undeliverable Letter Can Mean Losing Medicaid
Health: General Reporting	Third Place	Markian Hawryluk	Kaiser Health News	A day in the life of a Utah public defender a whole bunch of cases and not enough time
Legal: General Reporting	First Place	Jessica Miller Jesse Paul, John Ingold, Kevin Simpson	Salt Lake Tribune	
Legal: General Reporting	Second Place		Colorado Sun	Death penalty How do you get justice? Sex accusations are dropped, but this Utah man remains ostracized in his rural town. His wife was first to use Colorados aid-in-dying law. His advocacy made him an accidental resource for others.
Legal: General Reporting	Third Place	Jessica Miller	Salt Lake Tribune	Feeling the Pain
Health: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Kevin Simpson	Colorado Sun	Abortion Columns by Scott D. Pierce
Health: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Colleen Heild	Albuquerque Journal	Lottie E. Johnson's A&E columns
Health: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Jennifer Brown, Sandra Fish	Colorado Sun	
A&E and Food: Criticism	First Place	Scott D. Pierce	Salt Lake Tribune	
A&E and Food: Criticism	Second Place	Lottie Elizabeth Johnson	Deseret News	
A&E and Food: Criticism	Third Place	Josh Terry	Deseret News	Josh Terry A&E Columns Inside the mind of the man who keeps Tom Brady in the game
Sports: General Reporting	First Place	Jennifer Graham	Deseret News	
Sports: General Reporting	Second Place	Dale Strode	Colorado Sun	The fastest kids in America are running hills

				and chilling in creeks around Crested Butte
Sports: General Reporting	Third Place	Ethan Bauer	Deseret News	A resort town, a team and a dream: Park City scripts its own Friday Night Lights In conservative Hildale, Water Canyon wrestlers are challenging traditional roles
Sports: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Amy Donaldson	Deseret News	
Sports: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Jeff Call	Deseret News	A different path Utah Jazz fans have a reputation for crossing the line, including into racist taunts. Heres what the team is trying to do about it.
Sports: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Andy Larsen,	Salt Lake Tribune	
Politics: General Reporting	First Place	Christopher Kamrani		
		John Frank, Brian Eason, Sandra Fish	Colorado Sun	The 2019 Election Utah's governor proposes revised rule to ban conversion therapy on LGBTQ children
Politics: General Reporting	Second Place	Ben Winslow	KTSU FOX 13	
Politics: General Reporting	Third Place	Katie McKellar	Deseret News	Salt Lake Chamber scraps plans He survived the Aurora Chuck E. Cheese shooting 25 years ago. A possible death penalty repeal is bringing it all back up. Suicides are taking a toll in and out of a Utah polygamous sect Teen Dies in Santa Fe juvenile lockup; DA: Referring cases to federal court a crime-fighting strategy Acres of destruction left by Colorados historic avalanche season are also delivering climate change evidence
News Reporting- Single Story	First Place	John Ingold	Colorado Sun	
News Reporting- Single Story	Second Place	Nate Carlisle	Salt Lake Tribune	
News Reporting- Single Story	Third Place	Elise Kaplan	Albuquerque Journal	
Features: Short form	First Place	Joe Purtell	Colorado Sun	

Features: Short form	Second Place	Jesse Paul	Colorado Sun	Colorados recall fever arrives in Idaho Springs, where leaders fear damage to their towns renaissance
Features: Short form	Third Place	Erin Alberty	Salt Lake Tribune	A Utah family tries to heal after a murder-suicide
A&E and Food: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Kathy Stephenson	Salt Lake Tribune	Why restaurants close from food to finances to family
A&E and Food: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Herb Scribner	Deseret News	Movie trailers
A&E and Food: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	John Frank	Colorado Sun	Colorado craft beer scene
Education: Enterprise Reporting	First Place	Shelby Perea Jennifer Brown, Kevin Simpson,	Albuquerque Journal	Elevated lead levels found at some APS schools
Education: Enterprise Reporting	Second Place	Tamara Chuang, Brian Eason	Colorado Sun	Four-day School Week No Colorado school districts meet federal safety standards for behavioral health staffing, investigation shows
Education: Enterprise Reporting	Third Place	Christopher Osher, Jennifer Brown	Colorado Sun	
News Column	First Place	Joline Gutierrez Krueger	Albuquerque Journal	Joline News Columns
News Column	Second Place	Lee Benson	Deseret News	Lee Benson columns
News Column	Third Place	Mario Nicolais	Colorado Sun	Mario Nicolais