

The **Society of Professional Journalists** recognizes the best collegiate journalism in Region 11 with the **2024 Mark of Excellence Awards**. We are proud to announce the winners and finalists at this year's Region 11 conference in San Francisco.

SPJ's **Region 11** comprises California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawa'i'i and the Mariana Islands. **First-place winners will compete at the national level among other MOE winners from the 12 SPJ regions.** National winners will be notified later in the year.

MOE Awards entries are judged by professionals with at least three years of journalism experience. Judges were directed to choose entries they felt were among the best in student journalism. If no entry rose to the level of excellence, no award was given. Any category not listed has no winner.

School divisions are based on student enrollment, including both graduate and undergraduate: Large schools have at least 10,000 students and small schools have 9,999 or fewer students.

The list below details all Region 11 winners. If you have any questions regarding the MOE Awards, contact SPJ Manager of Publications and Awards Lou Harry **by email**.

This list reflects the spelling and titles submitted in the award entries.

Winners

Category	Winner	Name	Publication	University/College	Name of entry
Photo Illustration	Winner	Ollie Slade	State Press Magazine	Arizona State University	Tears, sweat and stamina
Collaborative Journalism	Winner	Staffs	Carnegie-K night News21	Arizona State University and other schools	Fractured: News21 examines the state of American democracy
Retail/Small Business Journalism	Winner	Abby Wilt	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Malibu Country Mart struggles with crime
Radio In-Depth Reporting	Winner	Ethan Huang	uscannenbergmmedia.com/dimelo	University of Southern California	A changing Chinatown frozen in time
Radio News Reporting	Winner	Jennifer Nehrer	uscannenbergmmedia.com	University of Southern California	Students march silently to support Asna Tabbasum
Sports Column Writing	Winner	Julio Rodriguez	The Southwestern College Sun	Southwestern College	Sun columns
Data Visualization	Winner	Samantha Torre	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	How weather on PCH impacts commutes
Best Independent Online Student Publication	Winner	Staff	uscannenbergmmedia.com	University of Southern California	USCAnnenbergMedia
In-Depth Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	Josie Collier	The Santa Clara	Santa Clara University	Leveling the playing field in the NIL era
Feature Writing (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	Sarah Van Buskirk	La Verne Magazine	University of La Verne	Overspray progresses past graffiti stereotypes
Feature Photography	Winner	Olivia Modarelli	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Sluttny performs at The Haven

Television General News Reporting	Winner	Denzen Cortez	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Families at the border
Breaking News Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	M.J. Kaspura	The Santa Clara	Santa Clara University	Student Kephass Pope killed in car accident
Radio Feature	Winner	Molly Phan, Jadon Frank	uscannenbergmmedia.com	University of Southern California	The spirit of legendary Dodgers pitcher Fernando Valenzuela lives on in the World Series...
Regional Political Reporting	Winner	Lillie Boudreaux, Mason Ald	Scripps News	Arizona State University	Theme parks, private planes and Paris: The leadership PAC loophole
Photo Essay/Slideshow	Winner	Mijail Jones	The Southwestern College Sun	Southwestern College	Otherworldly dance
Sports Writing (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	Emily Ingco	The Southwestern College Sun	Southwestern College	Hardwood superheroes
General News Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	Taylor Cook	The Santa Clara	Santa Clara University	Tiny majors
Personality Profile (Small, under 10k+ students)	Winner	Rebecca Keeler	La Verne Magazine	University of La Verne	Owning her narrative
Television Sports Reporting	Winner	Enrique Ortega	Cronkite News on Arizona PBS	Arizona State University	Holbrook's hardwood dreams
Food/Restaurant Journalism	Winner	Athena Cheris	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Food on campus columns
News Videography	Winner	Federico Velez	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Student Employment Services encourages students to find non-work study jobs
Feature Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Celeste Hamilton Dennis	San Francisco Chronicle	UC Berkeley	'It's a crisis': Chronic hoarding is costing some older people their homes

Illustration	Winner	Ren Martino	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Cartoon's contemplative corners
Podcast (Narrative)	Winner	Celeste Hamilton Dennis	KQED	UC Berkeley	The enduring reign of El Daña, drag king of the Central Valley
Personality Profile (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Marshall Baker	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	How Kenneth Shirley danced Indigenous representation into the mainstream
Sports Photography	Winner	Anthony Cavale	The State Press	Arizona State University	ASU dominates Wildcats in 98th Territorial Cup 49-7, Sun Devils en route to Big 12 championship
Corbin Gwaltney Award for Best All-Around Student Newspaper (Small, under 10k students)	Winner	Staff	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	The Graphic
Feature Videography	Winner	Alexis Heichman	The State Press	Arizona State University	Snow Devils explore Utah, create lasting memories
Science/Environment/Climate Reporting	Winner	Kanoa Joseph Kalaulani McNicoll Jacang, Samantha Mooth, Karen Bartunek	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Us against u(ranium)
Television In-Depth Reporting	Winner	Madison Perales	Cronkite News/Cronkite Borderlands Initiative	Arizona State University	The cost of moving north
Sports Videography	Winner	Nico Schwegler, Cole Miller, Alex Dorr	Chapman Sports Broadcast Network	Chapman University	Bob Owens 100 wins
Best All-Around Television News Magazine	Winner	Staff	AZPBS/Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Cronkite News

General News Photography	Winner	Darren Loo	The Poly Post	Cal Poly Pomona	Bridge fire scorches SoCal
Editorial/Opinion Writing	Winner	Vani Aggarwal	The Santa Clara	Santa Clara University	The Santa Clara editorials
Best Use of Multimedia	Winner	Rachel Flynn	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Franklin fire: Timeline lapse
Best Affiliated Web Site	Winner	Staff	The Union	El Camino College	The Union
Campus of Reporting	Winner	Eric Yeh, Lyme Cho, Michael Gribbon, and Kylee Warden	Annenberg Media	University of Southern California	USC Pro-Palestinian clashes with campus security on campus
Sports Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Celeste Hamilton Dennis	San Diego Magazine	UC Berkeley	Paddling out with California's older women surfers
General News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Hannah Bensen, Arundathi Nair	Peninsula Press	Stanford University	How Trump's mass deportation promise is already impacting California's undocumented community
Television Feature Reporting	Winner	Denzen Cortez	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Best foot forward
Best All-Around Television Newscast	Winner	Staff	Beach TV News	California State University Long Beach	Beach TV News
Corbin Gwaltney Award for Best All-Around Student Newspaper (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Staff	The Corsair	Santa Monica College	The Corsair
In-Depth Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Jianzen Deananeas, Joss Gabriel Oliveros, Ma. Alyanna Selda, Zoe	The Flame	University of Santo Tomas	From streets to sheets: Motorcycle drivers ride on sex work as they traverse hard times

		Airabelle Aguinaldo			
General Column Writing	Winner	Mateo-Luis Planas	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Los Angeles Loyolan columns
Arts/Entertainment/Fashion Journalism	Winner	Phoenix Guevara	The Poly Post	Cal Poly Pomona	Cal Poly alumnus Kyle Smith named NFL's first fashion editor
Investigative Reporting	Winner	Oliver Kindt and Emelle Raschein	The Oak Leaf News	Santa Rosa Junior College	Problems at Polly Hall
Breaking News Photography	Winner	Mia Rivers	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Students protest following ASLMU president's veto and demand University calls for ceasefire
Breaking News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Winner	Senna James	The State Press	Arizona State University	ASU student faces charges of first degree attempted murder for alleged stabbing
Best Ongoing Student Magazine	Winner	Currents staff	Currents Magazine	Pepperdine University	Currents Magazine

Finalists

Category	Finalist	Name	Publication	University/College	Name of entry
Sports Column Writing	Finalist	Amani Rivers	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Los Angeles Loyolan columns
Data Visualization	Finalist	Athena Cheris, Kylie Clifton	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Spilling the tea: A guide to LMU's tea options
Best Independent Online Student Publication	Finalist	Staff	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	The Los Angeles Loyolan
In-Depth Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Grace McNeill, Kylie Clifton	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	President Timothy Law Snyder's annual pay package jumps 33% to \$1.18 million
Feature Writing (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Sarah Van Buskirk	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Goat farm set to move by end of year
Feature Photography	Finalist	Mia Byington	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Heavy/Hitter singer Austin Hayes
Television General News Reporting	Finalist	Tabitha Bland	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Homeless solutions
Breaking News Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Gabrielle Salgado	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Franklin fire ignites in Malibu Canyon
Radio Feature	Finalist	Ethan Huang	uscannenbergmedia.com	University of Southern California	Voice actors in the struggle against AI
Regional Political Reporting	Finalist	Mackenzie Krause	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	5 candidates run for Malibu City Council
Regional Political Reporting	Finalist	E2024 Staff	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	E2024's border coverage
Photo Essay/Slideshow	Finalist	Lindsey Pacela	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Sex workers: Stepping out of the shadows

Photo Essay/Slideshow	Finalist	Tom Fathi	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Bringing native plants to the green roof on the Life Sciences Building
Sports Writing (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Chris Benis, Olivia Palombo	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Changing the big leagues: Former MLB player Billy Bean ('86) reflects on historic career
Sports Writing (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Jack Janes	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Student-athletes not immune to mental health crisis
General News Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Stephen Gilson Jr.	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Fairplex takes in horses displaced by wildfires
General News Reporting (Small, under 10k students)	Finalist	Olivia Russo	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Leo Food Pantry offers food security to students
Personality Profile (Small, under 10k+ students)	Finalist	Jayleen De La Cruz	La Verne Magazine	University of La Verne	Beyond the beat: The Stacey Strickland story
Personality Profile (Small, under 10k+ students)	Finalist	Valerie Braylovskiy	The Santa Clara	Santa Clara University	Barbara Kelley reflects on the past, present, and future of journalism
Television Sports Reporting	Finalist	Steven Hogencamp, Lisa Wong, Loren Joy de Los Santos	Chapman News	Chapman University	Paralympian profile
Television Sports Reporting	Finalist	Nico Schwegler, Alex Dorr, Cole Miller, Grace Littrel	Chapman Sports Broadcast Network	Chapman University	Chapman Football seniors
Food/Restaurant Journalism	Finalist	Natalia Rodriguez	The State Press	Arizona State University	Local Hispanic-owned restaurants: Where to find homemade authenticity
Food/Restaurant Journalism	Finalist	Reese Velez, Loren Joy de Los Santos	Chapman News	Chapman University	Filipino restaurant culture
News Videography	Finalist	Gabrielle Salgado	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Malibu continues the fight to make PCH safe
News Videography	Finalist	Nathaniel Rudolph,	Chapman News	Chapman University	OC E-bike safety

		Zachary Richter			
Feature Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Abigail Wilt	State Press Magazine	Arizona State University	Tears, sweat and stamina
Feature Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Evan Silverberg	State Press Magazine	Arizona State University	I have to cling onto what is still there'
Illustration	Finalist	Ma. Gisela Ordenes	Warrior Life	El Camino College	Spoiled? American students are pampered, they just don't know it
Illustration	Finalist	Lavanya Paliwal	State Press Magazine	Arizona State University	State Press Magazine Generation Issue cover
Podcast (Narrative)	Finalist	Ellie Prickett-Morgan, Nava Rawls, Lisa Plachy, Julia Mayer, Anna Zou	KALX	University of California Berkeley Journalism	Routes, riders, and Rondo alla Turca
Podcast (Narrative)	Finalist	Arundathi Nair	Peninsula Press	Stanford University	Unrepresented: The complicated history of the 33 million missing votes in the 2024 election
Personality Profile (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Catherine Wu	The Stanford Daily	Stanford University	Unconventional Cardinal: A transfer student's journey from child marriage to Stanford's campus
Personality Profile (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Mia Milinovich	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Navajo psychiatrist bridges gaps between Native American culture and behavioral health care
Sports Photography	Finalist	Christian Magdaleno	The Poly Post	Cal Poly Pomona	Dodgers host championship parade at home after 36 years
Sports Photography	Finalist	Camila A. Gonzalez	The Southwestern to College Sun	Southwestern College	Winless and wonderful

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Feature Videography	Finalist	Blake Niemann	AZPBS/Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Grand Champion family
Feature Videography	Finalist	Kayla Marieneau	AZPBS/Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Marching to Manhattan
Science/Environment/Climate Reporting	Finalist	Xavier Brathwaite, Kelechukwu Iruoma, Kayla Mae Jackson, Nicole Macias Garibay	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	A voice for the stars
Science/Environment/Climate Reporting	Finalist	Ellie Willard, Alexis Heichman, Molly Mazinter, Chito Sakala	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Pollinator protectors
Television In-Depth Reporting	Finalist	Daniel Stipanovich	Cronkite News on Arizona PBS	Arizona State University	State of play
Television In-Depth Reporting	Finalist	Caitlin Thompson	PBS News Hour	Arizona State University	Water v batteries
Sports Videography	Finalist	Jonah Krell	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	McInerney celebrates 40 Years
Sports Videography	Finalist	Lauren Avenatti	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	The Lumberjacks

Best All-Around Television News Magazine	Finalist	Staff	Annenberg Media	University of Southern California	ATVN See It Live
General News Photography	Finalist	Anthony Cavale	The State Press	Arizona State University	Turning Point's AmericaFest celebrates young voters, features president-elect
General News Photography	Finalist	Mary Elisabeth	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Dance in Flight touches hearts through performing 'Wonder'
Editorial/Opinion Writing	Finalist	Andreas Forslund, Vicky Pineda, Viri Garcia Gallardo	The Bulletin	California State University, Dominguez Hills	Perspectives
Editorial/Opinion Writing	Finalist	Graphic staff	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Staff editorials
Best Use of Multimedia	Finalist	Shelby Rae Wills	Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Mine your business
Best Use of Multimedia	Finalist	Nina Adams	Currents Magazine	Pepperdine University	A brief history of Malibu living
Best Affiliated Web Site	Finalist	Staff	The Corsair	Santa Monica College	The Corsair online
Best Affiliated Web Site	Finalist	Staff	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Pepperdine Graphic
Campus Reporting	Finalist	Grace McNeill, Julia King	The Los Angeles Loyolan	Loyola Marymount University	Grace McNeill and Julia King's non-tenure track faculty unionization coverage
Campus Reporting	Finalist	Henry Adams	The Graphic	Pepperdine University	Gender gap persists in Seaver Business division
Sports Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Andrew Dirst	The State Press	Arizona State University	Betting apps open door for underage sports gambling on campus
Sports Writing (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Aaron Decker	Cronkite News	Arizona State	Entertainment or exploitation: Controversial Micro Mania Tour that highlights wrestlers with dwarfism

General News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Gabriela M. Cervantes	Manoa Mirror	University of Hawaii at Manoa	The battle over feral chickens: Honolulu's dilemma
General News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Skylla Mumana	Richmond Confidential	University of California, Berkeley	Richmond's renaissance: Collective launches plan to make city a hub for the arts
Television Feature Reporting	Finalist	Kayla Marienau	AZPBS/Cronkite News	Arizona State University	Top dog
Television Feature Reporting	Finalist	Erika Driscoll	Annenberg Media	University of Southern California	How surfing is being used to prevent joint pain
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In-Depth Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Erin Edwards	Peninsula Press	Stanford University	"They ask for more every year with less and less people:" Fighter pilots face burnout...
In-Depth Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Itzel Luna, Jacqueline Munis	The Stanford Daily	Stanford University	Inside UG2 at Stanford: Surveillance, favoritism, intimidation
General Column Writing	Finalist	Izzie RoyerHelenchilde, Hannah Drake Litman, Benjamin	uscannenbergmedia.com	University of Southern California	Unappetizing: The truth behind the foods we hate
General Column Writing	Finalist	Chloe Shannon Wong	The Stanford Daily	Stanford University	Chronically online

Arts/Entertainment/Fashion Journalism	Finalist	Marley Penagos	Currents Magazine	Pepperdine University	Pre-loved in another life: The art of vintage clothing
Arts/Entertainment/Fashion Journalism	Finalist	Linda Liu	The Stanford Daily	Stanford University	Stanford (Taylor's Version): Four new classes study Swift's style and story
Investigative Reporting	Finalist	Howard Center for Investigative Journalism at ASU	Cronkite News, USA Today, News Hour	Arizona State University	Lithium liabilities
Investigative Reporting	Finalist	Andrew Zeng	The Stanford Daily	Stanford University	94% of elevators on campus have expired permits
Breaking News Photography	Finalist	Chris Rogers	Campus Times	University of La Verne	Bridge fire water drop
Breaking News Photography	Finalist	Kyle Garcia Takata	The Daily Californian	University of California, Berkeley	Law enforcement barricade Anna Head Hall, call for dispersal threatening arrests
Breaking News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Kelsey Oliver	The San Luis Obispo Tribune	UC Berkeley	Patients witnessed 'erratic' behavior from SLO doctor — one said he was sexually assaulted
Breaking News Reporting (Large, 10k+ students)	Finalist	Sullivan Barthel	uscannerbergmedia.com	University of Southern California	Academic Senate votes to censure President Folt, Provost Guzman
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Best Ongoing Student Magazine	Finalist	Staff	Word Magazine	UC Santa Barbara	Word Magazine