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Focus unwavering in tough 2020

Dear Friends,

2020 continues to be one of the most challenging times in our lives. If covering the news amidst the pandemic wasn't already difficult enough, George Floyd was killed by a white police officer which set off worldwide protests and unrest. Added to this, an especially divided country during a presidential election has made these months even more difficult.



Amy Gaskin
President

beforehand, and then honored your great work. We tested the limits of Zoom, and provided an interactive ceremony for the first time. Thanks to our tech wizards and editors: Arturo Quezada, Khai Le, and Ronen Tivony, the Board in rehearsals, John McCoy on the script, and Dave Lopez, MC. Khai made it truly interactive, so we saw your work onscreen in videos

and stills then celebrated live with you in your homes!

Our wonderful sponsors stepped in to help, and presented awards and raffle prizes onscreen. Their presence was a morale boost and a great help with raffle fundraising. We truly couldn't do this without them. Special thanks to Sara Wood, Nikon; Elizabeth Pratt, Canon; Deanne Fitzmaurice and Matt Fabiano, ThinkTank; Erica Robinson, Tamron; JetBlue, and Southwest!

We welcomed LAFD Captain Erik Scott as our Honorary Member, and we were joined online by LAFD friends.

Thanks to the photo staff of the Seattle Times for Stills judging, and to Gary Brainard for rallying the team of video judges who "blind judged" all entries.

We celebrated the 25th anniversary of our Student Photojournalist of the Year Award, sponsored by Nikon and the Past Presidents and Retired Members Scholarship Fund. We initiated a new Student Multi Media Award. Rick Meyer was honored with the President's Award for his leadership.

Khai Le also received a well deserved President's Award. Thanks to Khai, we have a new look on our website, successful online events, and help in too many ways to count!

Our educational online series began with a bang. In this issue you'll hear about the phenomenal drone webinar by Ann Johansson and Travis Geske.

We are happy to kick off the year

Through these trying times one thing hasn't changed: the power of a great photo to make a difference in the world.

with a new Quarterly format and many first time entrants. The legendary Dave LaBelle served as our inaugural judge and produced our first ever educational videos. Check out our redesigned galleries and videos online! You'll be seeing many of your images in newsletters and in the yearbook.

Speaking of community, we'll be having some fun, social events soon. The "social hour" prior to the Awards Ceremony was extremely popular and we'll be bringing a version of it back. Want to help? Let us know!

Our outreach to members and schools continues and we are welcoming new members. Education Chair Jose Lopez is reaching out to schools, and leading a team to go into college classrooms this Fall via Zoom. Member Outreach Chair Karen Loberg has been managing the team of callers who reaches out to all of our professional members.

We continue to update our COVID-19 Resource List with help and hope. You will find financial, mental health, and other resources on our site.

In the spirit of community, please contact me at president@ppagla.org if you are interested in volunteering to help us. Our immediate need is for members to help administer our contests.

We are continuing to build community. We are making the best of it. We will get through this. Together.

Amy
president@ppagla.org

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PPAGLA member Jim Caccavo featured in book on veterans who served in Vietnam

A book released earlier this year chronicles the lives of veterans after their service in the Vietnam war, including that of Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles member Jim Caccavo.

"They Were Soldiers: The Sacrifice and Contributions of Our Vietnam Veterans," which was released in May, features Caccavo as one of 48 veterans who had distinguished themselves after coming home.

Caccavo has more than three decades of photography experience and currently serves on PPAGLA's board of directors.

The book, by Joseph L. Galloway & Marvin J. Wolf, published by Nelson Books of HarperCollins and is available on Amazon and book stores everywhere.

Other veterans featured in the book include Oliver Stone (Bronze Star & Purple Heart); ret. Gen. Barry McCaffrey; former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel; astronaut Guy Bluford Jr; Fred Smith, founder of FedEx; and many more.

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Ronen Tivony

Travis Geske and Ann Johansson lead a PPAGLA webinar on drones moderated by President Amy Gaskin.

Webinar series flies high on drones

By Jim Ober

Recently, two of PPAGLA's talented members, Ann Johansson and Travis Geske, gave a presentation about drone photography which was presented online as the first session of our webinar educational series to approximately 85 eager attendees.

Johansson is an environmental photographer specializing in climate change. Her presentation showed how she uses drone photography in her work on climate change. She also did a section on how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected our society which showed photos of deserted schools, tennis courts, playgrounds and piers all shot from the air.

She featured a photo essay shot in the community of Trona, Calif., which has the only coal-burning power plant in the state. Her im-

age of a burial in one of the town's cemeteries with the coal plant in the background was a stunning photograph.

Geske was news photographer in the Salinas area before moving to Southern California and getting into the drone business. He has had great success in this field, making drone videos for the LA Times, Good Morning America (shot in Iceland), and commercials for KIA car company among others. He also has traveled doing journalism and commercial work in Italy, the Bahamas, and Normandy Beach in France.

"You can accomplish more nowadays that you could five years ago with much more robust and compact gear and at a cheaper price", Geske said. The cost has dropped due to advancements in technology: Drone manufacturers are creating

better and smaller drones at more affordable price points.

Geske walked us through what it takes to accomplish the mission under various circumstances and the equipment he uses. Geske uses a variety of DJI drones.

He also emphasized the importance of knowing the law and where and where not to fly. There are a number of phone apps that can be purchased to help drone flyers work through the maze of permissible areas and no fly zones.

To do most of his work, he has a commercial drone pilot license and a \$5 million insurance policy, which is becoming more affordable over time. Travis was one of the first commercial drone pilots licensed in the United States.

We thank Ann and Travis for their great seminar! Stay tuned for more great online offerings from PPAGLA.

Remembering George R. Fry

We are sorry to report that our friend and colleague George R. Fry passed away peacefully at home July 16 with his kind and caring wife Ruth at his side.

George was a wonderful friend to PPAGLA, served as our president in 1969, and was a member for more than 50 years.

George worked as a photographer at the Los Angeles Times for over 30 years from the end of the 1950s to the early 1990s.

His career spanned an ever-changing environment in journalism. He started out as a hard-news photographer on the Westside of Los Angeles, covering homicides, fires, accidents and later, court cases involving the rich, famous and infamous. Near the end of his career he enjoyed success photographing the Space Shuttle as it landed at night at Edwards Air Force Base.

His good friend Bob Chamberlin remembers especially George's hard work ethic and integrity and told us about a recent comment from Bob that shows his passion for our field: "Bob, we had such a great job," he exulted during the celebration of his 92nd birthday last March.

We will miss you George.
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Courtesy photo

Former PPAGLA President George R. Fry died July 16.

Remembering Frank Potter Cowan



Courtesy photo

PPAGLA Honorary Member Frank Potter Cowan died Aug. 16.

Longtime PPAGLA member and Honorary Member Frank Potter Cowan passed away peacefully from cancer on Aug. 16.

"Frank created the crisis communications training at California Specialized Training Institute and through those classes he taught hundreds, probably thousands of communicators how to keep the public informed during a crisis," said friend Karen Terrill. He was tough, passionate, and included humor in his workshops.

While he was first and foremost a trainer for Public Information Officers, he wore many hats. He worked as a broadcast news reporter, a print photographer, a sworn police officer, an emergency response manager, and a PIO.

Frank was a true friend to PPAGLA and advised us on the 1992 publication of our Media Access Guidebook.

Rick Meyer said, "As an honorary member, Frank didn't have to pay dues, but he insisted and paid his dues every year. He loved the PPAGLA and was proud to be a news photographer."

He leaves his wife Becki, son Brian, daughter Erin and four grandchildren, plus countless friends and fans.

We will miss you Frank.
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PPAGLA Banquet Makes Best of Year

Nancy Newman

By Jim Caccavo

The selections for this year's Press Photographers' Association of Greater Los Angeles annual awards luncheon banquet had its usual main entree choice of beef or chicken / fish, but this year's selection for me was a peanut butter & jelly sandwich on whole wheat toast with a cup of coffee as I, along with scores of others, watched this year's awards presentation from a computer.

For the first time in its 84 year history, the PPAGLA had its annual awards banquet without table setting and without attendance, but instead a virtual reality through a live webcam on Zoom in which signed-on members could witness the announcement of winners and presentations of recipients in the

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2020 event. Actual plaques would be delivered later. No one had a problem with parking this year, because everyone was locked down.

The new year brought in a new president, Amy Gaskin, and a new board with the usual excitement as everyone got busy with new appointments and tasks, but also coming in the new year was a yet to be officially recognized deadly pandemic that would take its toll in lives and on the economy — worldwide. With flyers already out to membership for reservations and raffle tickets already purchased, Amy and

the board were faced with the very real prospect of an empty luncheon. Would we be able to get a refund on our deposit from our original venue for the scheduled March 28 event with the likelihood that people would fear going to any public event? That issue was quickly resolved when L.A. went into lockdown and L.A. traffic literally vanished overnight. Amy wasted no time getting PPAGLA's payment back from the venue as the board twisted with how to salvage the main event of the year robbed from us by events beyond our control.

The board was already meeting now via Zoom, and a planned seminar was now being re-organized as a webinar, so the idea was suggested that we do the same with the banquet with first suggesting a drive-in theater — if we could find one.



Dave Lopez was the emcee of the banquet.



Joel Lugavere attended from Las Vegas.



Apu Gomes, CNN, won Best Web News Feature.



Arturo Quezada, KMEX, won several awards.

Ronen Tivony, who pulled together the May 14 Drone Webinar encouraged taking the award ceremony onto a webinar, so a plan was launched with a rehearsal on Sunday, May 17. Khai Le would be the technology base host, and local broadcast legend Dave Lopez would be hosting the presentations.

At 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, the first PPAGLA awards luncheon webinar kicked off with our customary social hour as members signed in for the main event beginning at noon with Amy moderating

and introducing raffle sponsor Matt Fabiano of ThinkTank. ThinkTank founder Deanne Fitzmaurice would speak later to present the first ever ThinkTank Photo Story award. After Amy, Dave Lopez came on — from home as he made the transition from past president Lou Gabriel to Amy Gaskin. While Dave Lopez was on screen, we caught a quick glimpse of former board member Diandra Jay, Dave's wife. Former PPAGLA President David Fernandez made a quick cameo — the only one to appear like he was going to

a real banquet, wearing a shirt and tie.

The rest of the program went rather smoothly with videos and stills of this year's winners. The only major change was the Lifetime Achievement Awards being moved to 2021. The actual plaques will be delivered physically to the recipients at a later date. Meanwhile the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, still holds the upper hand over public gatherings, but was unable to stop the recognition of this year's talented winners.



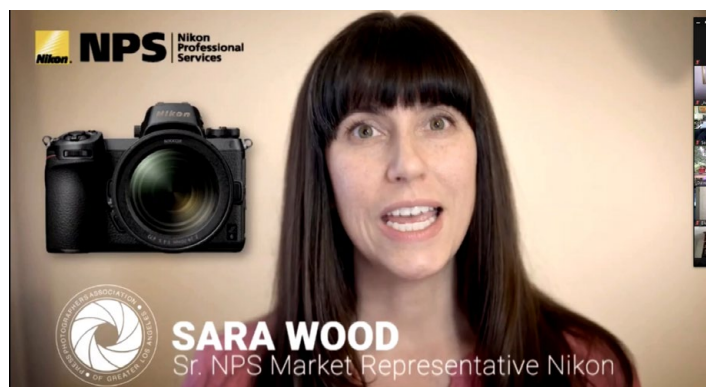
Top Awards

Videographer of the Year, presented by Canon



Sean Browning was our Videographer of the Year, sponsored by Canon. Elizabeth Gale Pratt of Canon was online from Chicago to present the award. Sean received a Canon XF 405 Professional Camcorder. Thank you Elizabeth and Canon!

Photographer of the Year, presented by Nikon



Terry Pierson took home the Photojournalist of the Year prize as presented by Nikon's Sara Wood. He received a Z6 body and kit. Thank you Sara and Nikon. *Editor's Note: Terry was called to assignment before he could accept the award.*

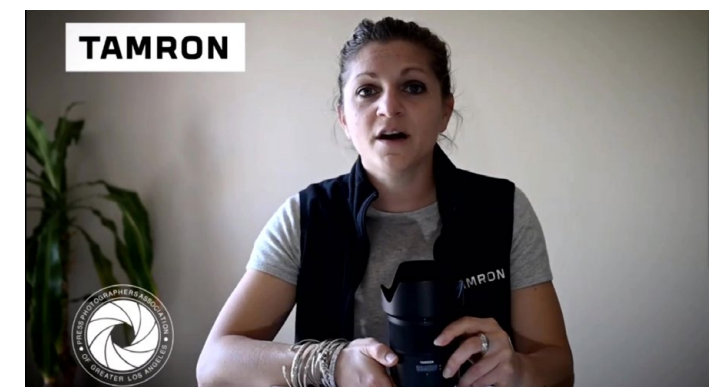
Photo Story of the Year, presented by ThinkTank



This year we were pleased to have a newly sponsored award: ThinkTank founder and Pulitzer winner Deanne Fitzmaurice, left, presented our first Photo Story Award sponsored by ThinkTank to Francine Orr of the Los Angeles Times.

Thanks to our raffle sponsors

Our sponsors generously stepped up and helped us out by appearing on camera. Nikon donated a CoolPix A1000 to the raffle. Southwest and JetBlue generously gifted us with airline tickets for the raffle and silent auction.



Tamron's Erica Robinson presented a lens for raffle.



Matt Fabiano of ThinkTank presents one of several prizes.

Station of the Year

KNBC took home Station of the Year honors. Several members of that staff were in attendance.



Honorary Member



Capt. Erik Scott of the Los Angeles Fire Department

Capt. Scott was happy to receive the distinction of becoming our Honorary Member. He gave a moving speech about the need for photojournalists to cover fires and what the award meant to him.



Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Erik Scott, left, has been a tremendous resource for the PPAGLA members.

President's Awards

Khai Le received the President's Award for his work on the PPAGLA website and other technological support.



Rick Meyer received the President's Award for to mark his 25 years of service to PPAGLA. He's seen with his wife, Jeannette. His kids also attended the banquet.

Winners List

We thank the photo staff of the Seattle Times for judging our Annual Stills contest and Gary Brainard for assembling a local team of video judges. All entries were "blind" judged.

To see all the award-winning entries, go to PPAGLA.org or our annual yearbook later this year.

Still photo

Best UCLA Sports Photo, sponsored by the Stan Troutman Endowment Fund:
Katharine Lotze, Getty Images

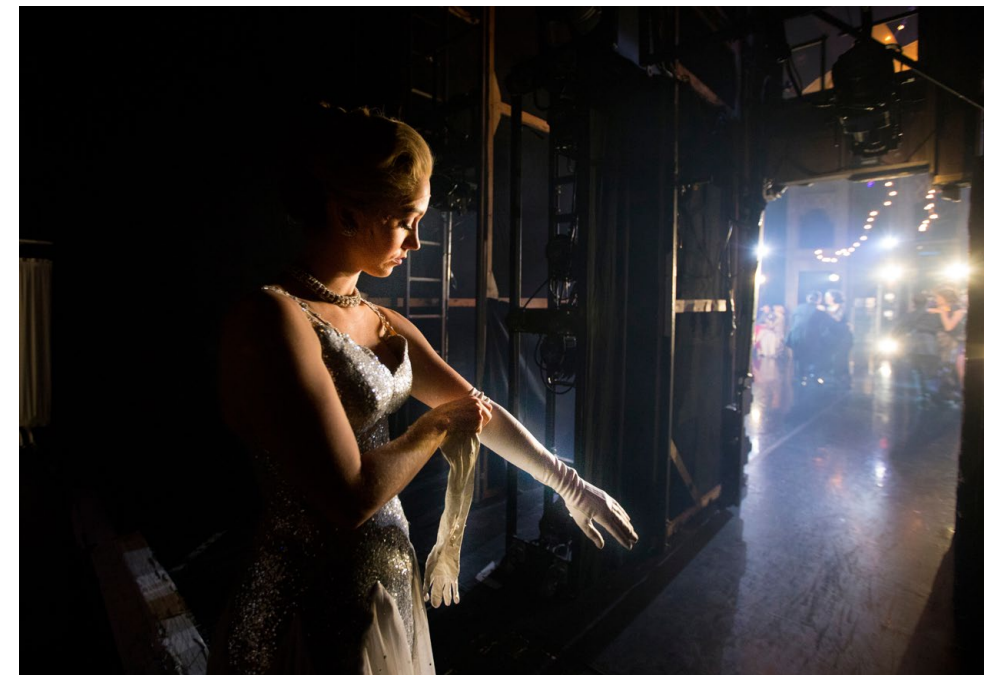


Katharine Lotze, Getty Images
UCLA's Norah Flatley celebrates with teammate Sekai Wright after competing on uneven bars during a PAC-12 meet against Arizona State at Pauley Pavilion on Jan. 21, 2019, in Los Angeles.



Mindy Schauer, The Orange County Register/SCNG
Doris Bachman of Irvine gets canine love from Lexie while getting treated at Joseph Hospital's Center for Cancer Prevention in Orange on April 30, 2019.

Animals sponsored by the Don Brinn Endowment Fund
1st: Mindy Schauer, The Orange County Register
2nd: Ringo Chiu, freelance.
3rd: Terry Pierson, The Press Enterprise



Entertainment sponsored by The Otto Rothschild Endowment Fund
1st: Francine Orr, Los Angeles Times
2nd: Mindy Schauer, The Orange County Register
3rd: Thomas R. Cordova, Long Beach Post

Francine Orr, Los Angeles Times
Cinderella, portrayed by Ashley Shaw, puts on her long white gloves as she waits backstage during "Cinderella" at the Ahmanson Theatre in Los Angeles on Feb. 8, 2019.



Kent Nishimura, Los Angeles Times

Agents inspect the aircraft passenger stairs that President Donald J. Trump will use to disembark from Air Force One at Los Angeles International Airport on April 5, 2019.

Feature

1st: Kent Nishimura, Los Angeles Times
2nd: Francine Orr, Los Angeles Times
3rd: Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin



Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

A U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard carries the casket of James Black at Riverside National Cemetery on Dec. 17, 2019, in Riverside. Black, 42, died after being shot by fugitive Chad James Green.

General News

1st: Will Lester, Inland Valley News
2nd: Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles Times
3rd: Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise

Fire sponsored by The United Firefighters of Los Angeles City / IAFF Local 112 AFL-CIO

1st: Hans Gutknecht, Daily News
2nd: Mike Meadows, Independent
3rd: Mindy Schauer, The Orange County Register

Hans Gutknecht, Los Angeles Daily News /SCNG

Firefighters makes their way to battle the Tick Fire as it burns out of control in Canyon Country on Oct. 24, 2019.



Portrait

1st: Karen Quincy Loberg, Freelance
2nd: Thomas R. Cordova, Long Beach Post
3rd: Thomas R. Cordova, Long Beach Post

Karen Quincy Loberg, Freelance

Kakai Deborah, right, 7, is among the children swarming a guest of their tribal chief in the remote village of Lwaboba, Uganda on Aug. 10, 2019. The father of Deborah abandoned her family upon seeing her blindness as a newborn.



John McCoy, Getty Images

The Rockies' Peter Lambert, left, and Tony Wolters nearly fall into the dugout while chasing a foul ball hit by Will Smith of the Dodgers at Dodger Stadium on Sept. 20, 2019 in Los Angeles.

Sports Action

- 1st: John McCoy, Getty Images
- 2nd: Keith Birmingham, Pasadena Star-News
- 3rd: Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise



Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

An elderly resident of the Riverside Heights Healthcare Center in Jurupa Valley are evacuated from their care facility as flames and smoke from the Hill Fire approach on Oct. 30, 2019.

Spot News given in Memory of Jerry Clark by Retired LA Times members

- 1st: Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin
- 2nd: Michael Coons, The Acorn Newspapers
- 3rd: Dan Watson, The Santa Clarita Valley Signal

Sports Feature:

- 1st: Amy Gaskin, Blood Horse Magazine
- 2nd: Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register
- 3rd: Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Amy Gaskin, Blood Horse Magazine
Owner Mike Repole, his parents, left, and family celebrate with daughter Gioia, center, as Vino Rosso and Irad Ortiz Jr. win the Breeders' Cup Longines Classic (G1) on Nov. 2, 2019, at Santa Anita in Arcadia.



Dan Watson accepts his award for for 3rd place in Spot News.

Bonnie Burrow

Photo Story,
sponsored by *ThinkTank*
1st: Francine Orr,
Los Angeles Times
2nd: Gina Ferazzi,
Los Angeles Times
3rd: Katharine Lotze

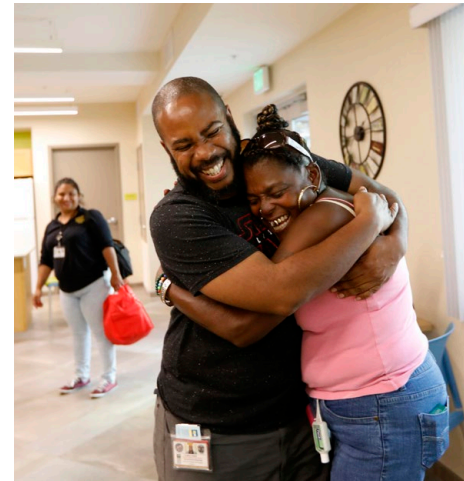
'The Street Within'

Photos by Francine Orr,
Los Angeles Times

Homelessness had become a crisis of historic proportions. It destroyed lives, consumed civic discourse, threatened political careers and exhausted public patience. Social services struggled to keep up.



Yvette Grant, left, known as "Big Mama," cries out in pain next to her tent north of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Broadway Place in Los Angeles on March 6, 2018. She is recovering from spine surgery and is homeless. She is bagging Geoffrey Goosby, right, an outreach worker from LAHSA, for help.



Goosby, left, an outreach worker with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, hugs Big Mama in the community room moments after she saw her new apartment on Sept. 14, 2018.



Duanne Hardaway, known as "X", age 44, cleans up around the small homeless encampment where he lives on Broadway Place in Los Angeles on April 4, 2018.



Bonnie Burrow
Mike Meadows and Joel Fallon accept several awards.



Bonnie Burrow
Sean Browning and his family accept his awards.

Video

Animal sponsored by The Don Brinn Endowment Fund
1st: Dennis Lahti, KNBC
2nd: Sean Browning, KNBC
3rd: Ernesto Torres

Feature Evergreen
1st: Andres Bonilla, KMEX
2nd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX
3rd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX

Feature Day of Air
1st: Sean Browning, KNBC
2nd: Sean Browning, KNBC
3rd: Francisco Vasquez, KMEX

Fire
1st: Ernesto Torres, KNBC
2nd: Francisco Vasquez, KMEX
3rd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX

General News
1st: Francisco Vasquez, KMEX
2nd: Juan Guerra, KVEA
3rd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX

In Depth Feature
1st: Andres Bonilla, KMEX
2nd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX
3rd: Andres Pruna, KMEX

Breaking News sponsored by The Bill Knight Endowment Fund
1st: Joel Fallon, KCBS
2nd: Halie Cook, KNBC
3rd: Joel Fallon, KCBS

Live Coverage
1st: Alex Vasquez, KNBC
2nd: Ernesto Torres, KNBC
3rd: Matthew Halla, KNBC

Multi-camera
1st: Sean Browning, Alex Vasquez, KNBC
2nd: Ernesto Torres, Tony Shin, KNBC
3rd: Arturo Quezada, Juan Hernandez, KMEX

Sports Action Day of Air
1st: Alex Vasquez, KNBC

Sports Feature Day of Air
1st: Alex Vasquez, KNBC
2nd: Hector Gonzalez, KMEX
3rd: Halie Cook, KNBC

Web

Web General News
1st: Thomas Cordova,
Long Beach Post

Web In-Depth Feature
1st: Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles Times

Web News Feature
1st: Apu Gomes, CNN
2nd: Francisco Vasquez, KMEX
3rd: Alex Vasquez, KNBC

Web Sports Feature
1st: Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles Times
2nd: Thomas R. Cordova,
Long Beach Post
3rd: Arturo Quezada, KMEX

All winners have been notified with arrangements being made for delivery of prizes.

Hopefully next year in 2021 we'll be able to socialize in a normal manner.

Top Student Journalists

Dear PPAGLA Award Committee and Richard Turner Scholarship Fund,

I would like to take a moment to extend my sincere gratitude for being a part of Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles 2019 contest. Receiving the "Student Photojournalist of the Year" award on the 25th anniversary of PPAGLA, especially during the challenging time we're in, was certainly an honor and relief for me. I cannot express how grateful I am and how inspiring it was for me during the ceremony, to be awarded among so many talented and highly respected visual journalists.

I would also like to thank Sara Wood and Nikon for their generous support, your generosity truly makes a difference. I also want to thank Professor Gerard Burkhart, my advisor at Santa Monica College for his guidance and support during the past 2 years.

Gratefully,
Yasamin Jafari Tehrani
Richard Turner Student Photojournalist of the Year 2019

Richard Turner Student Photojournalist of the Year 2019
 sponsored by the Richard Turner family and Nikon, NPS



Photojournalist of the Year: Yasamin Jafari Tehrani, Santa Monica College. Yasamin received a gift from Nikon presented by Nikon's Sara Wood and a check for \$1,000 from the Richard Turner family and past president's fund.

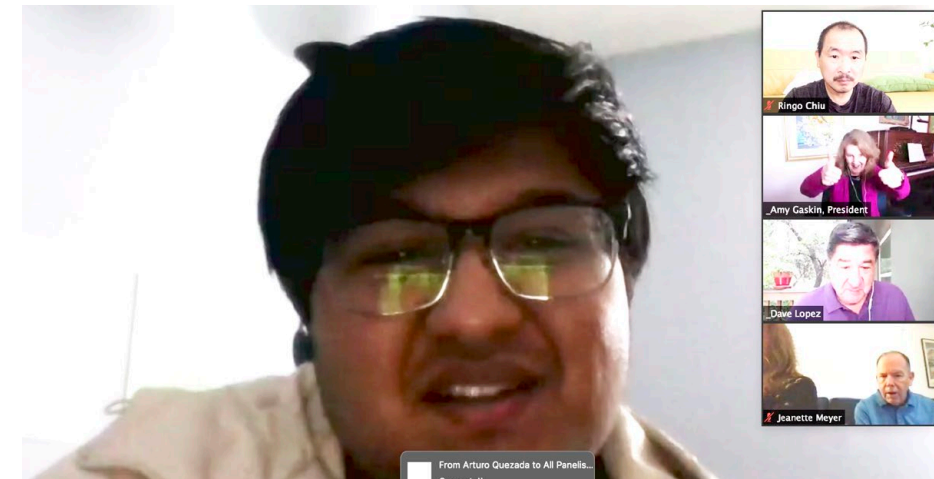
Top Student Journalists

Student Multimedia Photojournalist of the Year Award 2019
 launching the first multimedia award in this category sponsored by professional & retired PPAGLA members.

Dear Past Presidents and Retired Members Scholarship Fund:

Thank you so much for naming me Student Multimedia Photojournalist of the Year. I am extremely thankful for receiving this award and it has inspired me to continue to get creative with the way I use multimedia in my reporting. Especially when reporting emotional stories, visuals can speak to people's lived experiences in a way that writing may not fully capture and I feel privileged to be able to create something that shed light on important local issue like gentrification.

I'd like to thank PPAGLA members Rick Meyer and Jose Lopez for encouraging submissions to the contest. I won't forget how Jose Lopez visited my college last spring and spoke about the various opportunities that PPAGLA puts up. It's incredibly encouraging as a student



Multimedia First Place: Omar Rashad of El Camino College. Omar received \$1,000.

journalist to see organizations of professionals choose to uplift the work of those looking to enter the journalism industry. It makes us feel like our aspirations are within reach and that there are many who are

willing to usher us into a career so focused on telling genuine stories about everyday people.

Omar Rashad
Student Multimedia Photographer of the Year 2019

Dear Richard Turner Scholarship Fund:

I was deeply honored by the recognition that you entrusted me to receive at the online ceremony last Saturday.

Thank you so much for considering me as a Runner-up for the Student Photojournalist of the Year award.

Just learning that my work was acknowledged by veteran photojournalists is already a huge reward and motivation for me to go farther in my photojournalistic journey.

This has been an answered prayer. Recently, I was planning to upgrade my 6-year-old crop sensor camera to full frame. With the monetary prize, I can finally add money to my budget in buying a new gear.

Thanks to all the members of Press Photographers Association of Greater Los Angeles (PPAGLA)



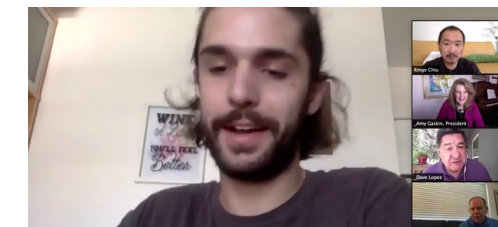
Runner Up: Kevin Lendio, Pierce College. Kevin received \$750.

for making this happen.

You are an inspiration to student photojournalists like myself who are still taking our baby steps in this beautiful chaotic world of photojournalism.

Thank you for your service and your undying passion. I will not stop here. I will take this experience as a fuel to take more photos and boldly explore the unfamiliar.

Kevin Lendio
Runner-up Richard Turner Student Photojournalist of the Year 2019



Multimedia Runner Up: Evan Reinhardt, Moorpark College. Evan received \$500.

Dear Past Presidents and Retired Members Scholarship Fund:

Thank you for the immense amount of inspiration I get when I see the work of others. I appreciate knowing that this level of great work is rewarded, and therefore encouraged.

It's fantastic to see the involvement of Nikon and their commitment to helping journalists. The membership in this association is gift that keeps giving, and introducing me to new exciting opportunities. Thank you.

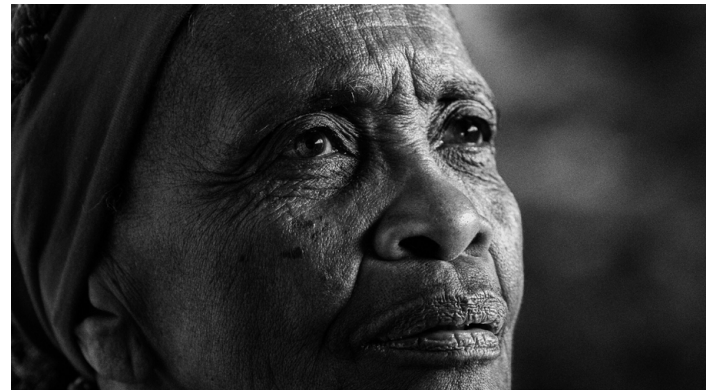
Evan Reinhardt
Runner-up Student Multimedia Photographer of the Year 2019





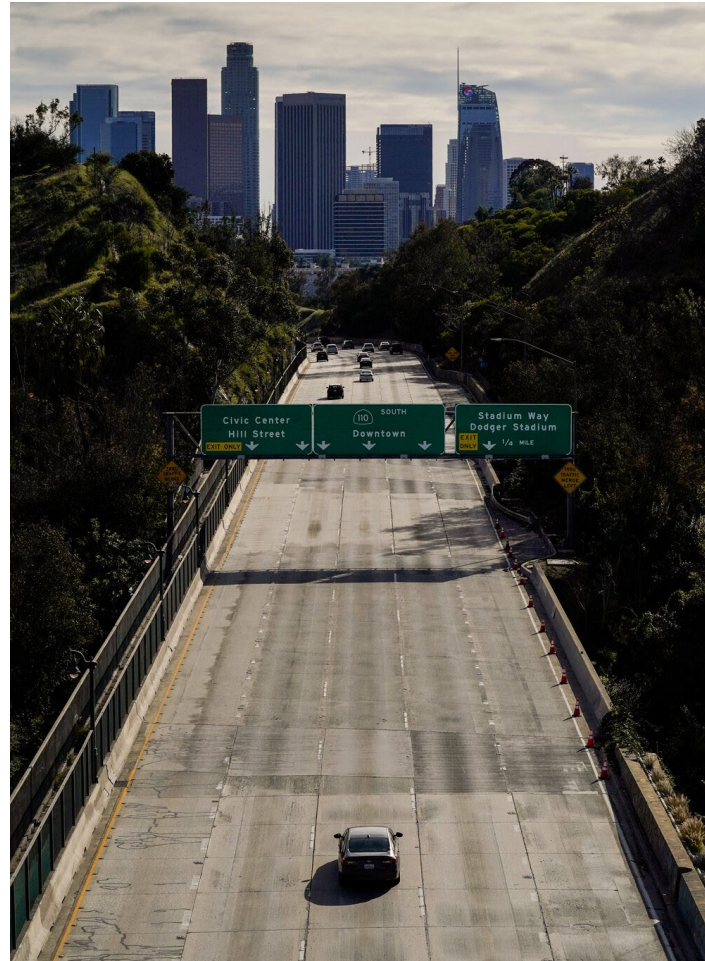
Justin Stewart

Honorable Mention, News: People attend a Bernie Sanders rally at the L.A. Convention Center on March 1.



Thomas R Cordova, Long Beach Post

First Place, Portrait: Evelyn Knight at her home in Compton on Feb. 3.



Kent Nishimura, Los Angeles Times

Honorable Mention, Feature: Downtown Los Angeles is a backdrop to a seemingly empty Interstate 110 photographed on March 21.



Jay L. Clendenin, LA Times

Second Place, Portrait: A portrait of Leonardo DiCaprio who was nominated for a Oscar for his role in "Once Upon a Time... in Hollywood."



Damian Dovarganes, Associated Press

Second Place, General News: A demonstrator offers flowers to a National Guardsman stationed outside the office of Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey on June 3, 2020, in Los Angeles.



Mel Melcon, Los Angeles Times

First Place, Feature: Michael Fiala and Sox, his Siberian husky, travel along Route 33 near Blackwell's Corner, a gas station and rest stop, in February. They were on their way to Pinnacles National Park.

Quarterly contest revs up first wins

We are excited to announce our first Quarterly results and are happy to have the help of Dave LaBelle as our inaugural judge.

For a complete listing of winners and to see two videos by LaBelle about his judging process, go to PPAGLA.org. Our hope is that pros and students alike will benefit. Enjoy!

ABOUT THE JUDGE

Throughout his 50-year career, Dave LaBelle has been a photographer, editor, teacher, author and lecturer.

LaBelle has worked for 20 newspapers and magazines in nine states.

His work has won numerous



Dave LaBelle

awards including National Press Photographers Association Region 10 Photographer of the Year three times, runner-up to W. Eugene Smith for the first Nikon World Understanding award in 1974 and runner-up for the NPPA National Photographer of the Year award in 1979.

LaBelle is also a master teacher whose students have gone on to win more than 10 Pulitzer Prizes. NPPA honored him with the Robin F. Garland Award for photojournalism education in 1991. He also taught at University of Kentucky and was director of Kent State University's Photojournalism program for many years.

He is the author of 5 books including The Great Picture Hunt which is widely regarded as the cornerstone book for shooting features.

LaBelle has served as judge for Pictures of the Year International, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame Photo Contest among many others.

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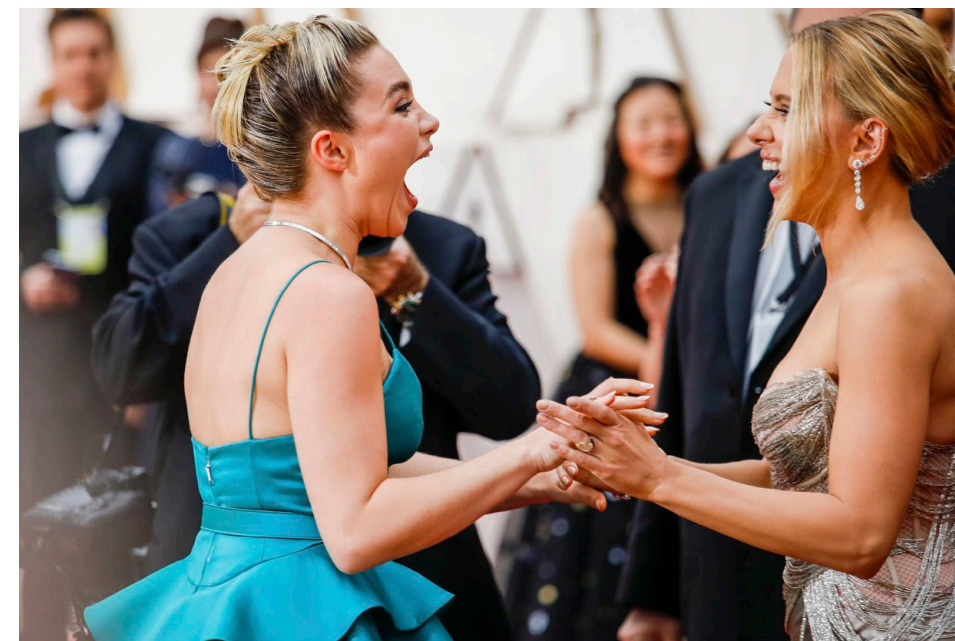
Honorable Mention, General News: Michael Coons, The Acorn Newspapers
The Westlake High mock trial team celebrate after advancing to the finals of the Ventura County Mock Trial on Feb. 27 at the Ventura County Government Center.



Patrick T. Fallon, for Bloomberg News
First Place, General News: Joe Biden, 2020 Democratic presidential candidate, right, watches as his wife Jill Biden, center, blocks activist Ashley Froud, left, from arriving on stage during a rally in Baldwin Hills on March 3, 2020.



Mindy Schauer, Orange County Register/SCNG
Honorable Mention, Feature: Although it appears Ken Kansler has Doheny State Beach to himself, there were pockets of other people exercising, surfing and picnicking in Dana Point on March 28.



Jay L. Clendenin, Los Angeles Times
First Place, Entertainment: Florence Pugh and Scarlett Johansson come together on the red carpet of the 92nd Academy Awards on Feb. 9 at the Dolby Theatre at Hollywood & Highland Center in Hollywood.



Ringo Chiu
Honorable Mention, Portrait: Marta Jandres, 54, wearing a face mask is reflected in the rear view mirror of her vehicle while she waits in his vehicle lined outside the Crenshaw Christian Center for COVID-19 in South Los Angeles on March 25.



Hans Gutknecht, Los Angeles Daily News

Honorable Mention, Sports Feature: Singer Usher takes a moment in the seats covered with Laker jerseys with Kobe Bryant's number 24 at the Staples Center before the Laker game on Jan. 31.



Jeff Gritchen, Orange County Register/SCNG

Honorable Mention, General News: Orange Coast College baseball players Zebadiah Storie, left, Oscar Favela, center, and Enrique Morales pause at a memorial remember coach John Altobelli in Costa Mesa on Jan 27.



Christina House, Los Angeles Times

First Place, Spot News: Firefighters work at the helicopter crash in Calabasas carrying Kobe Bryant.



Don Bartletti, Freelance

First Place, Pictorial (new category for 2020): The evening shadow of the Sierra Nevada Mountains begins its late afternoon creep across the Owen Valley and silhouettes a Fremont cottonwood tree against the Inyo Mountains near Lone Pine.



Gina Ferazzi, Los Angeles Times

Third Place, Feature: An ostrich steals a caretaker's cap at the farm for Exotic Meat Markets on Jan. 8 in Perris. There have been social media posts recently complaining of animal neglect, but animal control officers visiting the property everyday have found no signs of neglect. Owner Anshu Pathak insists the animals are all cared for and well fed. He leases part of the land.



Terry Pierson, The Press-Enterprise/SCNG

Honorable Mention, Pictorial: North swimmer Diego Gonzalez gets out of the pool after winning the varsity 100 yard Butterfly under storm clouds during a swim meet at Ramona High School in Riverside on Mar 10.



Scott Mitchell

Honorable Mention, Entertainment: Marcus Miller performs at the Catalina Bar and Grill in Hollywood on Feb. 21.



Mark J. Terrill, Associated Press

First Place, Sports Feature: Lakers center Dwight Howard's feet are seen after he crashed into fans while chasing a loose ball during the first half of an NBA game against Orlando on Jan. 15 in Los Angeles.

David Hume Kennerly
Honorable Mention, News: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell at U.S. Capitol where they awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to former New Orleans Saints safety Steve Gleason for his work with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis Washington, D.C., on Jan. 15.



Richard Vogel, Associated Press
Honorable Mention, Portrait: Photographer Robert Kerian ponders his future as a freelance photographer as his business comes to a standstill on March 7 in Los Angeles.



John McCoy, Getty Images

Second Place, Sports Action: Dwight Howard of the Lakers, right, fouls the Suns' Kelly Oubre Jr. at Staples Center on Jan. 1 in Los Angeles.



Keith Birmingham, Pasadena Star-News/SCNG

Honorable Mention, General News: New York police detective Hector Rodriguez, right, hugs Daniel Leist at the funeral for Leist's daughter, Los Angeles County sheriff's Detective Amber Joy Leist in Hollywood on Jan. 25.



Will Lester, Inland Valley Daily Bulletin/SCNG

First Place, Sports Action: Alex Bowman pits under yellow at the NASCAR Cup Series race on March 1 in Fontana.



Martin Nate Rawner

Honorable Mention, News: Firefighters prepare to attack a fire at the Barrington Plaza Apartments in West Los Angeles in January.



Katharine Lotze, Getty Images

Third Place, Sports Action: UCLA's Gracie Kramer competes in floor exercise during a meet against the Utah Utes at Pauley Pavilion on Feb. 23.



A monk looks at a photo of Albert Willner's family as Albert lectures a group in Biskupow, Poland.



The abandoned German Jewish cemetery and synagogue of Prudnik has a memorial for over 100 executed Jewish prisoners.

First Place, Photo Story

'Walk of Remembrance'

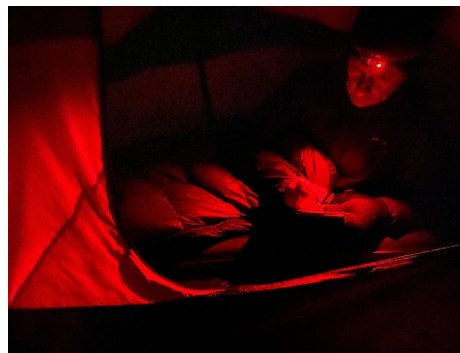
Photos by Michael Nelson

Albert Willner, a retired U.S. Army colonel, and his friend Mike Bayles walked the death march in January that his father and other prisoners were forced to march from Auschwitz concentration camp in January 1945.

Right: Willner and Bayles are accompanied by Maciej Szop and his dog Rudy as they cross a frozen field near Kijow, Poland.



Willner and Bayles toast to mark their walk's halfway point on the shore of Lake Otmuchowskie, Poland.



Willner writes down some notes at their campsite on the shore of Lake Otmuchowskie, Poland.



A guard tower at the Nazi concentration camp of Blechhammer where Jews were forced to work.