



Honors &
Awards *Night*
A Celebration of Student Achievement

USC SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM AND MASS COMMUNICATIONS

**April 16th, 2009 6:00 p.m.
Law School Auditorium**

Honor Graduates

Jacqueline D. Alexander
Amber J. Bahweg
Gregory W. Bajan
Thomas J. Benning
Jessica L. Berger
Kristin Bevacqua
Sydney L. Botelho
Molly C. Bracknell
Melanie L. Byer
Lauren M. Cafferty
Morgan M. Castano
Mary C. Catalanotto
Courtney L. Cockfield
Casey E. Colomb
Kelly E. Connor
Rachel E. Cope
Andrew J. Daniels
Heather M. Darazs
Kyle S. Dicke
Jordan E. Dudley
C. Ann Elebash
Amy Beth Franks
Zachary M. Garfinkel
Virginia G. Gibson
Jordan V. Goldenberg
Daniel J. Gordon
Kathleen M. Gram
Megan M. Hair
Sara Ann Haulik
Stephanie R. Helling
Megan E. Heltzel
Megan K. Herring
Kristen M. Highley
Daniel R. Jones
Jennifer L. Kresslein
Cortney A. Lassetter
Jenna M. Lindberg
Kate D. Macary
Anna M. Mader
Melissa L. Martin

Elizabeth C. McClintic
Caitlin McLaren
James T. Mobley
Matthew E. Moore
Alyson J. Murphy
Emily B. Murphy
Karolyn C. Nordfors
Mary C. Palles
Caroline E. Pollard
Elizabeth R. Propp
Gwyndolyn A. Raisner
Candace O. Rapp
Megan L. Richardson
Courtney M. Robinson
Rosemarie N. Robson
Mallory E. Rotz
Samantha J. Rutkowski
Brittany M. Ryan
Kathleen A. Shank
Ryan A. Shelton-Benson
Allyson M. Smith
Whitney A. Sousa
Matthew S. Sulem
Daniel F. Sweeney
Rachael L. Taft
Kimberly H. Timmers
Cara Ellen Todd
Shannon M. Townes
Jordan A. Truesdale
Martha M. Trundle
Gina M. Vasselli
Sarah E. Waller
Kristin E. Walser
Kristen I. Walsh
Krystal R. Webber
Sarah R. Weeden
Todd F. Weyandt
William B. White
Christina I. Wilder
Noelle S. Williams

Kappa Tau Alpha

Top Undergraduate Scholar

Kristin E. Walsler

Top Graduate Scholar

Bradley J. Petit

Tasneem Anjarwalla

Charlotte Elizabeth Bishop

Jamie Lynn Black

Jessica N. Carlson

Rachel Elizabeth Cope

Elaine Kathryn Evans

Stephanie Anne Ewell

Chantelle Lauren Lytle

Megan Brooke Matthews

Ellen R. McDaniel

Hollis Elayne Murphy

Elizabeth Rebecca Propp

Kara Michelle Roache

Christa Elizabeth Robertson

Whitney Alison Sousa

Amanda M. Smith

Allyson Marie Smith

Kimberly Hope Timmers

Matthew Charles Tryon

Sarah R. Weeden

Kelsie Lauryn Weekes

Joy Ballard Wilkerson

Program

Welcome

Charles Bierbauer

Dean

College of Mass Communications
and Information Studies

Sequence Awards

Advertising and Public Relations

Dr. Ran Wei

Journalism

Dr. Kenneth Campbell

Visual Communications

Mr. Van Kornegay

Graduate Awards

Dr. Carol J. Pardun

Director

School of Journalism and
Mass Communications

Kappa Tau Alpha

Jay Bender, J.D.

Honor Graduates

Mr. Art Farlowe

Undergraduate Student Services Manager
and

Dr. Carol J. Pardun

Closing Remarks

Dr. Carol J. Pardun

Advertising



Outstanding Advertising Senior
Courtney M. Robinson



Outstanding Advertising Senior
Samantha J. Rutkowski

AAF National Advertising Competition Team

Philip Askins, Amber Bahnweg, Melissa Berry, Mary-Catherine Burton, Amanda Croy, Heather Darazs, Alexandra Gardner, Jordan Goldenberg, Jennifer Hampe, Megan Moeller, Stephanie Owens, Chrissy Robertson, Lauren Robirds, Brittany Ryan, Samantha Rutkowski, Kristin Walser, Stephanie Warren, and faculty advisers Prof. Karen Mallia and Dr. Tom Weir.

Vance Stickell Internship

Erika Sturino

AAF Most Promising Minority Student

Courtney Robinson

AAF Honor Roll

Katie Okawa
Noelle Williams

AAF of the Midlands ADDY Awards

Rachel Cope (Silver)
Elizabeth Mathews (Silver)
Samantha Rutkowski (Special Judges Recognition, Gold and Silver)
Dana Smith (Gold and Silver)

Alpha Delta Sigma Honor Society

Amber Bahnweg
Rachel Cope
Heather Marie Darazs
Shane Johnson
Megan Hedi Moeller
Samantha Rutkowski
Brittany M. Ryan
Kristin E. Walser
Sarah Rebecca Weeden

Graduate Student Awards



2009 Graduate Research Award
Heidi D. Campbell



Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar
Bradley J. Petit

Bryce Rucker Excellence in Student Research Award

Qingjiang Yao

2009 Graduate Research Award

Heidi D. Campbell, Hilary Fussell Sisco, and Yang-Hwan Lee

Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar Award

Bradley J. Petit

Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Award

Matthew Charles Tryon
Joy Ballard Wilkerson

Dera D. Parkinson Fellowship

Youngshin Hong

Oral Presentation Awards

Heidi Campbell
Third place
“Propagating the ‘Womanpower’ Campaign during WWII”

Beth Concepcion
Third place
“When does reporting become obstruction of justice?:
A case study of ethics in the newsroom.”

Electronic Journalism



**Outstanding Electronic Journalism
Senior Award for Leadership**
Ashleigh Jourdan Orthen



**Outstanding Electronic Journalism
Senior Award for Reporting**
Matthew E. Moore

Radio Television News Directors Association of the Carolinas Student Awards 2008

Michelle Hamel
Ashley Jeffery

AAF of the Midlands ADDY Awards

Corey Burkarth
Gold

Brian Walker
Gold

SPJ Region 3 Mark of Excellence Awards

Catherine Martin
Aryana Oveissi

Print Journalism



J. Rion McKissick Award
Jacqueline D. Alexander



George Buchanan Award
Thomas J. Benning

SPJ Region 3 Mark of Excellence Awards

Brett Bechtol
Thomas J. Benning
Austin Collins
Monique Cunin
Jess Davis
Tsuyoshi Inajima

The Carolina Reporter
(Outstanding Non-Daily Newspaper)

SC Press Association Collegiate Division Contest Winners

Jacqueline Alexander
Brett Bechtol
Paul Bowers
Jess Davis
Sean Gruber
Jillian Hare
Soren Kornegay
Alex Riley
Cristina Sotela
Liz White

Visual Communications



Outstanding Visual Communications Senior

Elizabeth L. Wilson

AAF of the Midlands ADDY Awards

Editorial spread

3 Golds - Aidan Zanders (art director)

Caitlin Bradley (photographer)

Illustration

Gold - Amanda Croy

Single Consumer/Trade magazine

Silver - Amanda Croy

Cover design

Silver - Meredith Ray

Silver - Megan Sinclair, Caitlin Bradley (photographer)

Editorial Spread

Silver - Elizabeth Howell

South Carolina Press Association Awards

Front Page Layout and Design Over 5,000

First Place

The Daily Gamecock - Lizzie Erickson

Second Place

The Daily Gamecock - Meredith Ray

Third Place

Specialty Page Layout and Design Over 5,000

First Place

The Daily Gamecock - Kailey Waring

Third Place

The Daily Gamecock - Meredith Ray

Single Advertisement -All Divisions

First Place

The Daily Gamecock - Anthony Bikowski

Photograph Over 5,000

Second Place

The Daily Gamecock - Keri Goff

Public Relations



Outstanding Public Relations Senior

Megan K. Herring

The Bateman Team

Carly Reed, Neal Robinson, Mary Catalanotto, Kaitlin Sanderson.

The Carolina Agency

Amanda Bartlett, Owen Black, Anna Burns, Kelsey Clardy, Kenny Dorian, Megan Heltzel, Brittany Monroe, Christina Nosal, Thomas Pearson, Laura Rizer, Allison Sanders, Kaitlin Sanderson, Sarah Katherine Shearin, Jenna Quigley, Jessica Wessinger, and Prof. Jeff Ranta (faculty adviser).

Awards won by The Carolina Agency

Midlands Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators Awards (IABC)

Southern Regional Award
Ronald McDonald House Charities

Award of Merit
Birthright Charities Campaign

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Ronald McDonald House Charities
Direct Mail Campaign