UMTV AWARD WINNERS
2025-2026

College Television Awards

WINNERS

SHOW/ENTRY TITLE + CATEGORY	STUDENTS
SportsDesk: The Magazine Edition (2024)	Taryn Jacobs, Producer and Writer Delanie Haddad, Director and Producer Jacob Lyons, Producer and Writer Jadyn Cohee, Producer and Writer Regina Potenza, Producer and Writer Shea McDonald, Writer Wrigley Kordt, Writer

NOMINATIONS

SHOW/ENTRY TITLE + CATEGORY	STUDENTS
NewsVision (March 6, 2025)	Katelyn Kucharski, Producer Delanie Haddad, Director Chris Perez, Producer Emma Balleste, Writer Ximena Hidalgo, Producer Taryn Jacobs, Writer Lauren Harrington, Writer Shea McDonald, Writer Kayla Butter, Writer Jordyn Minnis, Producer John Stanley, Writer Christopher Perez, Writer
SportsDesk	Taryn Jacobs, Producer Delanie Haddad, Producer Jacob Lyons, Director Manny Naccarato, Writer Jake Baum, Writer Johnny Mustion, Writer Max Keller, Writer

	Ashley Freedland, Writer Jordyn Cerullo, Writer Penelope Gilbert, Writer

BEA Awards

Television Hard News Reporting
1st Place: Miami Street Medicine; Harvey Duplock

Television News Magazine
1st Place: Hometown Heroes: 2025 Edition; Katelyn Kucharski, Delanie Haddad & Gracie Palmer
3rd Place: Breaking Barriers: 2025 Edition; Ximena Hidalgo, Chris Perez & Jordyn Minnis

Television Newscast (3 Days a Week or Less)
2nd Place: NewsVision: March 6, 2025; Katelyn Kucharski, Delanie Haddad, Ximena Hidalgo & Chris Perez

Television News Reporter
Award of Excellence: Melanie Lowe: Reporter Compilation; Melanie Lowe

Television Short Feature Reporting
Award of Excellence: High School Senior Helps NICU Babies; Billie Brightman

Sports Video News Program
Award of Excellence: SportsDesk; Delanie Haddad, Taryn Jacobs, Jacob Lyons & Mel Tenkoff

SPJ Mark of Excellence Awards

Award Winners:
Best All-Around TV Magazine – 'Breaking Barriers 2025'
Best In-Depth Reporting – 'Special Compass' (Taryn Jacobs)
And is a finalist in:

Award Finalists:
Best All-Around TV Magazine – 'Hometown Heroes 2025'
Best All-Around TV Newscast – 'NewsVision: 11/13/2025'
TV Feature Reporting – 'From the 305 to the Mat' (Sumner Bradley, Laila Pettus, Kayla Singer, Gianna Satchell, Lauren Tomak)
TV General News Reporting – 'Coconut Grove Housing Troubled' (Melanie Lowe)
TV Sports Reporting – 'History of SportsDesk' (Taryn Jacobs)

TV Sports Reporting – 'Blind Soccer Player' (Delanie Haddad)

FABJ Awards (Florida AP, Florida News Awards)

Award Winners:
Hard News Feature – Learning How To Live: Five Years After the Parkland Shooting (Zach Macer, Olivia Howell, Max Keller)
Best Newscast – NewsVision (11-13-2025 Edition)

Award Finalists:
Education Reporting – Guitars over Guns Program Helps School Children (Gracie Palmer)
Hard News Feature – Miami Street Medicine Helps the Homeless Population (Harvey Duplock)
Health Reporting – High School Student Helps NICU Babies (Billie Brightman)
Politics/Government/Elections Reporting – No Kings Day Protest in Miami (Gavin Bicho)
Producer – UMTV This Morning (Wrigley Kordt and Shea McDonald)
Weathercaster – Ann Badowsky

NATAS Suncoast Student Production Awards

Award Winners:
Best Newscast: 'NewsVision: March 6, 2025'
Best Newscast: 'NewsVision: Nov. 13, 2025'
Best Solo Storyteller: Taryn Jacobs for 'History of SportsDesk'
Best Solo Storyteller: Wrigley Kordt for 'Stronger Than the Storm'
Best Non-Fiction Long-form: 'Florida's Most Wanted'
Best Public Affairs/Community Service: 'Peacocks in the Grove'
Best Magazine Program: 'UMTV PrimeTime Episode 7'
Best Sports Program: 'SportsDesk: Championship Countdown'

Nominations:
Best Feature News Report: Allyssa Beatty for 'We Can Sail'
Best Feature News Report: Madeline Darby for 'Playing by Heart'
Best Magazine Program: 'UMTV PrimeTime Episode 8'
Best Magazine Program: 'Hometown Heroes 2025'
Best Sports Program: 'SportsDesk: Magazine Edition'
Best Talent (News or Sports): Melanie Lowe

In addition, the following UM students have received generous scholarships from NATAS:
Jessica Valdes
Dani Vega

Gaby Collazo
Marcela Escribens

ACP Awards

First Place
Broadcast, Sports Story: Taryn Jacobs, UMTV — History of SportsDesk

Second Place
Broadcast, Feature Story: Ava Kezirian, UMTV — Oliver's Patches
Broadcast, Sports Story: Delanie Haddad, UMTV — Beyond the Goalposts: A Blind Soccer Player Who Inspires Far Beyond the Field

Fifth Place
Broadcast, Feature Story: Kayla Butter, UMTV — Sabrina Cohen's Fight for Inclusion

Sixth Place
Broadcast, Feature Story: Allyssa Beatty, UMTV — We Can Sail
Broadcast, News Story: Gavin Bicho, UMTV — No King's Day Protests in Miami

Ninth Place
NewsVision – Broadcast News Program (four-year campus)

SPJ Sunshine State Awards

Typically announced in the fall.