

# JCOM honors Class of 2012, outstanding students; awards scholarships | Journalism

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The Department of Journalism & Communication at Utah State University honored its best and brightest Friday in ceremonies to name its outstanding students of the year, and to award more than \$31,000 in scholarships for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Departing from the traditional banquet, the department held its awards ceremonies on campus to show off its new home in the \$43 million Agricultural Science & Research Building on the east end of the USU Quad.

The JCOM event was held in the new Ag auditorium, with a reception following in the airy, three-story atrium and tours of the new JCOM TV studio and computer labs on the first floor, and faculty offices on the third floor.

“As much as we will miss our old home high atop the Animal Science Building,” said department head Ted Pease, “you have to admit that this place is pretty nice.” The JCOM faculty moved from the Animal Science Building—the oldest unrenovated academic building on campus, which the department occupied for more than 30 years—to USU’s newest building on March 30.

Pease presided as the JCOM faculty celebrated graduation for more than 90 members of the Class of 2012 who will receive diplomas on May 5, and handed out certificates to 37 outstanding graduates, seniors and juniors in agricultural communication and journalism, broadcasting and electronic journalism, journalistic writing, and public relations.

**VIDEO: JCOM Rocks! End of year 2012 by Emily Landeen**

The department also named 23 new and continuing JCOM students as scholarship winners for the coming year.

“We have had an extraordinary year,” Pease told students, faculty and family members gathered for the awards, pointing to the Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) chapter’s fourth straight regional conference in March, Aggie journalists’ dominance of the regional Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) awards two weeks ago, and the additional of four new faculty since 2010.

John Allen, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, echoed Pease’s statements. “I am very proud of JCOM, and the college is very supportive of this program,” said Allen, a sociologist who started his career as a radio and wire service journalist. “We have a lot of faith in you and your professors.”

## 2012-2013 JCOM SCHOLARSHIPS

### The Deseret Management Corporation Scholarships

**The Deseret News Scholarship:** Rhett Wilkinson

**The Deseret Book Scholarship:** Mackenzie Love

**The Deseret Digital Media Scholarship:** Emily Landeen

**The KSL News Scholarship:** Brianna Bodily

### The Lee C. Frischknecht Scholarship

*Established in honor of National Public Radio pioneer.*

Mackinzie Hamilton

### The Joseph A. Hays Scholarship

*Established by a JCOM alumnus and former Chicago Tribune executive.*

Kinsey Eborn

### The Jay W. Glasmann Family Scholarships

*Endowed by the family of the former owners of the Ogden Standard-Examiner.*

Alexandra Evensen

Mandy Morgan

Lindsay Nemelka

Drew Van Dyke

### The Glacus and Marie Merrill Scholarship

*Established by JCOM alumni in honor of their parents, Northern Utah pioneers in radio broadcasting.*

Kelton Wells

### The Ogden Standard-Examiner Scholarships

*Created in support of northern Utah journalism.*

Alexandra Jeppson

Lis Stewart

### The Lane M. Palmer Scholarship

*Established in honor of a USU alumnus and former farm magazine editor.*

Rachel Kenley Fry

#### **The Wilford D. Porter Scholarship**

*Established in honor of USU's first journalism professor by his students.*

Taylor Decker

#### **The Salt Lake Tribune Scholarships**

*Created by the state's largest newspaper in support of journalistic excellence.*

D. Whitney Smith

Tavin Stucki

#### **The Josey Barnes Wayman Scholarships**

*Endowed by an Aggie alumna, the first woman TV host in Utah, for women in broadcasting.*

Kelsey Keller Weller

#### **The Leah and Estel Wright Scholarships**

*Established by JCOM alumnus Lee Roderick in support of JCOM's best and brightest.*

Jenna Black

Betsy Blanchard

Aaron Griffiths

Amanda Harris

Caitlin Moffitt

## **JCOM OUTSTANDING STUDENTS OF THE YEAR, 2011-2012**

**2012 JCOM Student of the Year:** Katherine Rouse DuHadway

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMUNICATION & JOURNALISM**

**2012 Agricultural Communication & Journalism Student of the Year:** Rachel Kenley Fry

#### **Outstanding 2012 Agricultural Communication & Journalism Graduates**

Kennedy Speirs

Morgan Blackhurst

## **BROADCAST/ELECTRONIC JOURNALISM**

**2012 Broadcast Journalism Student of the Year:** Jessica Black

**Outstanding 2012 Broadcast Journalism Graduates**  
Britta Anderson

John Ryan Baylis

Bailey McMurdie

#### **Outstanding 2012 Broadcast Journalism Seniors**

Karlie Liechty

Romina Nedakovic

Kelsey Keller Weller

#### **Outstanding 2012 Broadcast Journalism Juniors**

Brianna Bodily

Emily Landeen

Kelton Wells

## **PRINT JOURNALISM/ JOURNALISTIC WRITING**

**2012 Print Journalism Student of the Year:** Katherine Rouse DuHadway

#### **Outstanding 2012 Print Journalism Graduates**

Megan Allen

Catherine Meidell Bennett

Cassidee J. Cline

#### **Outstanding 2012 Print Journalism Seniors**

Alexandra Evensen

Lis Stewart

Rhett Wilkinson

#### **Outstanding 2012 Print Journalism Juniors**

Alexandra Jeppson

Mandy Morgan

D. Whitney Smith

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

**2012 Public Relations Student of the Year:** Jacqueline Berryhill

#### **Outstanding 2012 Public Relations Graduates**

Zachary Bosch

Stephanie Lewis

Erika Rasmussen

Clelia Rivera

Rose Wiarda

#### **Outstanding 2012 Public Relations Seniors**

Rebecca Holliday

Kandace Reader

Kara Rindlisbacher

Taylor Spencer

#### **Outstanding 2012 Public Relations Juniors**

Jaron Dunford  
Amanda Harris  
Mackenzie Love  
Rachael Wabel

**JCOM Best New Talent, 2012**

Betsy Blanchard  
Tmera Bradley  
Mackinzie Hamilton  
Drew Van Dyke