

Who won this year's Esserman-Knight Journalism Awards? 🗨️



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**Congratulations to the 2022
winning journalists!**



A special thanks to **Nicole Suárez**, News Anchor & Correspondent, and the **Telemundo Center** for hosting this year's virtual event. Watch the video to see interview with honoree **Leonard Pitts, Jr.** and all of this year's winners!



Sarah Blaskey



Ben Conarck



Aaron Leibowitz



Eddie Alvarez



Sohail Al-Jamea



David Newcomb



Rachel Handley

First Place (\$10,000)

House of Cards, How decades of problems converged the night Champlain Towers fell

Journalistic team: Sarah Blaskey, Ben Conarck, Aaron Leibowitz, Eddie Alvarez, Sohail Al-Jamea, David Newcomb, and Rachel Handley for the Miami

Herald

- [*Experience Surfside condo as it stood and as it collapsed | Miami Herald*](#)
 - [*Surfside tower was flawed from day one. Designs violated the code, likely worsened collapse*](#)
 - [*The last stand of Champlain Towers South. Computer model, witnesses reconstruct the tragedy*](#)
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Second Place (\$5,000)

Tallahassee Takeover

Journalist: Daniel Rivero for WRLN

- [*Key West: Small Town, Big Target*](#)
- [*How Florida Put The Silencer On Changing Gun Laws*](#)
- [*As Florida Minimum Wage Increases, A Potential Lesson For State Government*](#)



Daniel Rivero

Honorable Mention (\$1,000)

FPL investigative series

Journalist: Mary Ellen Klas for the Miami Herald

- [*Documents show FPL wrote bill to slow rooftop solar's growth by hampering net metering*](#)
- [*As opposition mounts to FPL's rate increase, regulators delay decision*](#)
- [*Residential customers to bear brunt of \\$1.5 billion FPL rate hike*](#)



Mary Ellen Klas

Honorable Mention (\$1,000)***Assassination of Haiti's President***

Journalist: Jacqueline Charles for the Miami Herald

- ['My life is in danger. Come save my life.' Haitian president's desperate final pleas](#)
- [Grenade-dropping drones, a paranoid president, guards who ran: Latest on Haiti assassination](#)
- [Haitian doctor with Florida connections arrested as a leader in Moïse assassination plot](#)



Jaqueline Charles



Brittany Wallman



Mario Ariza



Megan O'Matz

Honorable Mention (\$1,000)

Misuse of Police K9s on Black residents

Journalistic team: Brittany Wallman, Mario Ariza, and Megan O'Matz for the South Florida Sun Sentinel

- [How the Sun Sentinel investigated police K-9 use](#)
- [The Hunted: Police K-9s are meant to stop dangerous felons. They're more often unleashed on Black people accused of stealing. – Sun Sentinel \(sun-sentinel.com\)](#)



Spencer Norris



Brittany Wallman



Mario Ariza



Lisa J. Huriash



Susannah Bryan

Honorable Mention (\$1,000)

Surfside building collapse coverage

Journalistic team: Spencer Norris, Brittany Wallman, Mario Ariza, Lisa J.

Huriash, and Susannah Bryan for the South Florida Sun Sentinel

- [US bans company behind the fatal FIU bridge collapse. Florida is still paying its affiliate millions](#)
- [Becker & Poliakoff law firm the 'nemesis' of condo safety reformers – Sun Sentinel](#)
- [Investigation: Lax enforcement leaves South Florida condos at risk, Surfside catastrophe reveals – Sun Sentinel](#)

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