

SPOA announces finalists for 2023 National School Photographic Competition

Top school photography finalists announced by industry trade association

GREENVILLE, SC, UNITED STATES, June 19, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [School Photographers of America \(SPOA\)](#) announced the finalists for the 2023 National School Photography Competition. The grand champions for each category will be announced July 13th in [Greenville, S.C.](#), at the International Conference on School Photography and Yearbooks at the Hyatt Regency Ballroom Downtown. The contest spotlights the best in school photography, from traditional classroom portraits and graduation photos to dynamic school sports photography and creative senior portraits.

"I am so excited about this year's competition," says [David Crandall](#), executive director, SPOA. "After the judges were done and the software brought up the finalists' images, I was so impressed. There are some seriously talented photographers in our industry that have a heart for kids and a passion for photography. The competition has promoted some healthy competition while increasing the level of photographic quality across the country!"

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School Photographers of America will be honoring the finalists in each category - as well as celebrating the grand champion with a prized trophy — at a formal dinner and awards show at the conference. Photographers from all over the United States entered this competition.

The finalists are:



Fall Underclass Pictures for 2023

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| Montel | Anderson | Wagner |
| Portrait Group | Single | |
| Meghan | Blaney | Visual Image |
| Photography | Multiple | |
| Magaly | Bocangel | Edge Imaging |
| | Multiple | |
| Karl | Boettcher | Visual |
| Image Photography | Single | |
| Bryan | Bowman | Dorian Studio |
| | Single | |
| Theresa | Brickman | Inter-State |
| Studio | Multiple | |
| Brittney | Carbone | |
| SchoolPictures.com | Multiple | |
| Ryan | Carll | Upstate Images |
| | Multiple | |
| Corallynn | Chesser | Leonard's |
| Photography | Single | |
| Tomisina | Collopy | Strawbridge |
| Studios | Single | |
| Buford | Curry | Photo Texas |
| Photography | Single | |
| Karlee | Daugherty | Photo |
| Texas Photography | Single | |
| Melissa | Davis | Focused |
| School Photography | Multiple | |
| Chris | DeCamillo | Upstate |
| Images | Multiple | |
| Tyler | Desjardins | Upstate |
| Images | Single | |
| Allyson | Eames | Leonard's |
| Photography | Multiple | |
| Joshua | Flye | Strawbridge |
| Studios | Single | |
| Chance | Foster | Photo Texas |
| Photography | Single | |
| Candice | Funk | Larson |
| Brothers Photography | Single | |
| Allison | Giles | Leonard's Photography |
| | Multiple | |
| Yohskarla | Gutierrez | The Missing Sock Photography |
| | Single | |
| Alissa | Harmon | Leonard's Photography |
| | Multiple | |
| Anne | Hull | Focused School Photography |
| | Multiple | |
| Korin | Janes | Inter-State Studio |
| | Single | |



Celebrating Sports Team and Individual Pictures - 2023



Celebrating the PK-11 grade journey through Senior Photography 2023

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| Christina | Kallis | SchoolPictures.com | Single |
| Katherine | Keeney | Upstate Images | Single |
| Ron | Ladao | Visual Image Photography | Single |
| Christina | Lindenman | Visual Image Photography | Single |
| Jake | Mark | Dorian Studio | Single |
| Madison | Meyer | Upstate Images | Single |
| Tanya | Molander | Strawbridge Studios | Single |
| Peter | Muhly | Leonard's Photography | Multiple |
| Aceson | Murray | Cady Studios | Single |
| Mayra | Pantoja | Focused School Photography | Single |
| Amanda | Ponte | Made the Grade Photography | Single |
| Ryan | Ponte | Made the Grade Photography | Single |
| Dev | Rolston | Upstate Images | Single |
| Enrico | Romano | Photo Texas Photography | Multiple |
| Darcie | Saefkow | SchoolPictures.com | Multiple |
| Tanya | Saenz | Photo Texas Photography | Single |
| Timothy | Smith | Upstate Images | Single |
| Stephaine | Staley | HR Imaging | Single |
| Alexis | Stewart | Edge Imaging | Single |
| Dana | Stiefel | SchoolPictures.com | Multiple |
| Jake | Tenner | Upstate Images | Single |
| Tom | Thomasino | HR Imaging | Single |
| Will | Thorne | SchoolPictures.com | Single |
| Madeline | Thornton | Strawbridge Studios | Single |
| Jennifer | Turrell | Upstate Images | Single |
| Jack | Upton | Strawbridge Studios | Single |
| Martin | Veloz III | Larson Brothers Photography | Single |
| Emily | Walsh | Geskus Photography | Single |
| Chris | Whitson | SchoolPictures.com | Multiple |
| Zack | Zeinz | Visual Image Photography | Single |
| Clara | Zonis | Upstate Images | Single |

The competition uses online photography software specific to scoring and running photographic competitions. There were two rounds of judging that included specific scoring on things such as impact, expression, lighting, and composition. Judges spent many hours preparing months in advance by discussing categories, and facilitating benchmark sample scoring before spending almost two weeks judging the entries. The finalists should be very proud of their achievements and the honor it brings not just to their company but the students and schools they represented.

The following 24 categories represent top programs that are desired by schools, families and students today and are a great representation of the work school photography companies provide to the schools, students and communities they serve.

Preschool - Fall Portrait
Preschool - Graduation
Underclass - Fall Portrait - Traditional
Underclass - Fall Portrait - Creative
Underclass - Spring Portrait
Classroom Groups - Traditional
Classroom Groups - Creative
School Staff Groups
School Sports - Individual
School Sports - Team - Traditional
School Sports - Team - Creative
League Sports - Individual
League Sports - Team
Large Group Panoramic
Cap & Gown
Prom/Dance
Seniors - Formal Portrait
Seniors - Casual
Seniors - Lifestyle/Environmental
Seniors - Creative/Open
Seniors - Portfolio
School Buildings
Photographer - Creative/Open
Photographer - Portfolio

About School Photographers of America:

School Photographers of America (SPOA) is the national trade association for school photography and yearbooks. SPOA's mission is to advocate, educate, promote, protect, and preserve the rich traditions of school photography and yearbooks.

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