

Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards: 2020 winners announced!

Pauli van Wyk was named Journalist of the Year, at this year's virtual Standard Bank Sikuvile Awards, for "Cruising Nicely on VBS Money", which together with her "The Elements of a Bank Heist" made up the body of work that was named South African Story of the Year. Both were for Scorpio and *Daily Maverick*. Van Wyk also won the Investigative Journalism category with "Cruising Nicely on VBS Money".

“ 2020 South African Story of the Year Pauli Van Wyk for her body of work for Scorpio and [@dailymaverick #SBSJA20 @SikuvileAwards @StandardBankZA @Publishers_SS pic.twitter.com/AXmaTO9jlf](#)— PSS (@Publishers_SS) [October 15, 2020](#) ”

A challenging story

Commenting on the story she says it was a challenging story. “It required technical analysis and a difficult investigation to conclude and I am proud that I was able to do it and in the way I did it.”

She adds that journalism is one of the pillars of democracy. “Thank you, Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism Awards for helping us to strengthen journalism.”

Last year VBS also won with *City Press* journalists Dewald van Rensburg and Sipho Masondo winning Journalist of the Year and South African Story of the Year for their breaking of the VBS scandal.



#SBSJA19: All the Standard Bank Sikuvile Journalism winners!

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Allan Kirkland Soga Lifetime Achiever Award

The Allan Kirkland Soga Lifetime Achiever Award went to anti-Apartheid and trade union movements journalist, Zubeida Jaffer, who was arrested numerous times in the 1980s, after she exposed police killings, and held in solitary confinement, tortured and beaten. In 1994 Jaffer was a member of the Independent Media Commission for South Africa's first democratic elections. She worked at Independent Newspapers and the *Daily News*.

Accepting the Award, Jaffer said that their generation of journalists did what they had to do when they had to do it. Talking about journalism today she says:

“ *Journalists have to continue to clear the cobwebs and share both the good and bad of our amazing country and nurture the hope that can help us continue to trudge up the steep mountains ahead. We have done it before and can do it again.* ”

Brümilda Swartbooi of the *Worcester Standard* was named Upcoming/Rising Star of the Year for “Sy het hard vir ons gewerk.” She says she wrote the story to highlight the innocent people being killed and the loss of this for the family. “One of the victim’s husband told me in an interview that he dropped his wife off every morning, and he never thought that she would be killed minutes after this.”

She would like to be remembered as a brave and hardworking journalist. “I have learnt that you never shy away from a story that is of public interest and that needs to be told, instead you find an open door to tell it. “

Winning the Award has motivated her in her career even more she adds. “I hope it will also be an inspiration to aspiring journalists.”

Standard Bank Sikuville Journalism Awards 2020 winners			
Category 1: Hard News			
Winner	Graeme Hosken	“Inside the great Rupert heist”	Sunday Times
Category 2: Columns / Editorial			
Winner	Richard Poplak	“Get out – a gutted DA stumbles into the past”	Daily Maverick
Category 3: Enterprise News			
Winner	Susan Comrie	“ANC gambles on Twitter influencers”	Amabhungane
Category 4: Feature Writing			
Winners	Ahmed Kajee and Thomas Holder	“Government or God?”	EWN
Category 5: Investigative Journalism			
Winner	Pauli van Wyk	“Cruising nicely on VBS Money”	Scorpio, Daily Maverick
Category 6: Editorial Cartoons			
Winner	Carlos Amato	“The Second Coming”, “Cookbooks”	New Frame, Mail and Guardian
Category 7: Graphic Journalism			
Winner	Isabella Botshilo Maake	“25 Years of Democracy: A Timeline”	City Press
Category 8: Popular Journalism			
Winner	Mampuru Meta Mphahlele	“Two ministers and a fed-up slay queen”	Sunday World
Category 9: News Photographs			
Winner	Brendan Magaar	“Refugees clashes with police”	Weekend Argus
Category 10: Feature Photographs			
Winner	Alaister Russell	“Cyclone Idai; First Response”	Sunday Times
Category 11: Sports Photographs			
Winner	Phandulwazi Jikelo	“Siya Kolisi”	Cape Times
Category 12: Presentation			
Winner	Shaun Uthum	“What if we just shut down SAA?”, “Who broke auditing...and can it be fixed?”	Financial Mail
Category 13: Multiplatform Stories			
Winner	Jana Marx, Thinus Dippenaar, Maryke Cumpsty, Carolien Saayman, Jaco Grobbelaar	“Bloedspoor deur Krugersdorp”	Netwerk24
Category 14: Lifestyle			
Winner	Phumlani Sithebe	Body of Work: “SA’s Codeine Love Affair”, “Let’s talk about period sex”, “Where does your trash end up?”	City Press

No bursary for a mid-career journalist was awarded as no nominations had been received.

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