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Alfonso Cuaron was honored with the Visionary Award last night at the 12th annual VES Awards, recognizing the best in visual special-effects — so it was no surprise that *Gravity* was also the ceremony's big winner. Cuaron's riveting outer-space thriller, starring Sandra Bullock and George Clooney, won six awards in total, including the top prize for Outstanding Visual Effects in a Visual Effects-Driven Feature Motion Picture.

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Frozen won four awards, including Outstanding Animation in an Animated Feature Motion Picture; Game of Thrones had three wins as well.

In the last five years, the winner of the top prize at the VES Awards has gone on to win the Oscar for Best Special Effects four times, including last year, when *Life* of *Pi* won both awards.

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