

Winners in the 2020 Virginias AP Broadcasters Contest:**TVI/LARGE MARKET:**

Best Spot News: First, Brent Solomon and Peter Alvey, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "A Battle for Breonna: Outcome Pits Protesters Toe-to-Toe With Police"; **Second**, Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Chesterfield Flooding."

Best Continuing News: First, Margaret Ashburn, Brittney McGraw and Jeff Perzan, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "20/20 Focus: The Push for Equality Individual Segments"; **Second**, Mark Curtis, Steven Shaw and Rod Jackson, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Who's Murdering Veterans Inside the VA Hospital?"

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, Mark Martin, Josh Lewis and C.J. Harvey, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV; **Second**, Lane Casadonte and Sean Robertson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Janet Roach and Stephen Wozny, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Etched in Stone: The Hurt Behind the Heritage"; **Second**, Margaret Ashburn, Brittney McGraw and Brittany Furrow, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "20/20 Focus: The Push for Equality – News Special."

Best Light Feature: First, Diane Walker and Jennifer Warnick, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Terminally Ill Patient Fights for Dignity"; **Second**, Zak Dahlheimer and Justin Fleenor, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "88-Year-Old Math Tutor Helps Families Through Social Media During Pandemic."

Best Serious Feature: First, Laura French and Curtis Akers, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Seventeen Years Wasted"; **Second**, Hannah Goetz and Elbert Mosley, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Remembering Cassie Johnson."

Best Sports Feature: First, Adam Winkler, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Marlins, Mia Make Memories"; **Second**, Ashley Boles, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "My Heart Stopped."

Best Video Journalist/One Man Band: First, Maggi Marshall, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA; **Second**, Wayne Covil, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Wayne's World."

Best Reporter: First, Brent Solomon, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Evan Watson, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA.

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Anita Blanton and Larry Carney, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Courageous Conversations"; **Second**, Rachel DePompa, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Consumer Reporting."

Best Spot News Photography: First, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA, "Protest Violence"; **Second**, Brandon Graves, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Fugitive Shot, Killed."

Best Feature Photography: First, Adrian Guerra, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Oyster Farmer"; **Second**, A.J. Nwoko, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "An Impressive 'FEET.'"

Best Multimedia/Online Journalism: First, Karina Bolster, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Police Investigate Assault Leading to Highway Car Fire"; **Second**, Karina Bolster, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "400 People Tested in Mass COVID-19 Testing Event."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Diane Walker and Jennifer Warnick, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Nursing Home Investigation"; **Second**, Leslie Rubin, Larry Clark and Matt Durrett, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Why Is the Baby With the Mayor?"

Best Website: First, Jeff Williamson, Nicole Del Rosario and Samantha Smith, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA.

Best News Promo: First, David Stotts and Rob Byrne, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Cumberland Hospital"; **Second**, Erik Candiani, Mason Adams and Rob Edmonds, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "A Monumental Election."

Best Station Promo: First, Erik Candiani, Rob Edmonds and Mason Adams, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "RVA TV: Stronger Together"; **Second**, Erik Candiani, Terrell Thompson and Mason Adams, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "NBC12 Behind-the Scenes."

Best Newscast: First, Frank Jones and Sam Maneri, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Bob Bennett, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Election Day."

Best Weathercast: First, John Bernier, Matt DiNardo and Michelle Morgan, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Tornado Outbreak From Isaias"; **Second**, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "First Warning Weather."

Best Weathercaster: First, Zach Daniel, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, George Flickinger, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA.

Best TV News Anchor: First, Bill Fitzgerald, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Taylor Eaton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

Best TV Sports Anchor: First, Lane Casadonte, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Adam Winkler, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA.

Best Producer: First, Kelsey Stanger, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA; **Second**, Samantha Maneri, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best Team News Coverage: First, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Honoring a Hero"; **Second**, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Officer-Involved Shooting."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Stephen Wozny, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Saving Tangier"; **Second**, Tom Schaad and Mike Marrero, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Nat Turner's Rebellion."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, Lily Bradley and Elbert Mosely, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Woody Williams, Honoring West Virginia's Native Son."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, Tony Cavalier, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Corona Calculus"; **Second**, Kate Capodanno, Jane Caffrey and Leanna Scachetti, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Spanish Language Newscast."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, Stephen Hayes, Sheryl Barnhouse and David Stotts, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Chris Gegg and Taira Shoultz, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA.

TVII/SMALL MARKET:

Best Spot News: First, Larmie Sanyon, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, "Hundreds Gather in Morgantown to Protest for Police Accountability"; **Second**, Annie Moore, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "40-Year-Old Cold Case Solved."

Best Continuing News: First, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Amber Alert: Evelyn Boswell"; **Second**, Josh Croup, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "Fairmont Regional Medical Center Closure."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, Preston Willett and Danielle Stein, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Mike Shiers, Riley Wyant and Andrew Webb, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Innocence Lost: What Happened to Baby Evelyn?"; **Second**, Matt Talhelm and Patrick Huddleston, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Pandemic of the Past."

Best Light Feature: First, Riley Wyant, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Owen's Outdoor Museum"; **Second**, Kyle Rogers, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "Heroes and Helpers of 2020."

Best Serious Feature: First, Matt Talhelm, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Black UVA Professor's Fight for Tenure"; **Second**, Caleb Perhne, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "2020 Retrospective."

Best Sports Feature: First, TJ Eck, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "Road to Redemption: The Pee Wee Barber Story"; **Second**, Logan Ross and Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Hannah Blankenship."

Best Video Journalist/One Man Band: First, John Hood, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, Jasmin Adous, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV.

Best Reporter: First, Josh Croup, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV; **Second**, John Hood, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Daniel Grimes, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Open for Business"; **Second**, Josh Croup, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "Tasty Tuesday."

Best Spot News Photography: First, Tara Todd, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Recovering From Flash Flooding in Staunton"; **Second**, Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "McDowell Flooding."

Best Feature Photography: First, Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Westside Rockets"; **Second**, Patrick Huddleston and Matt Talhelm, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Pandemic of the Past."

Best Multimedia/Online Journalism: First, Riley Wyant and Max Marcilla, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Noise Demonstration to Defund the Police."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Amanda Mueller, Daniel Rainar and Michael Corley, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, "Behind the Body Cam"; **Second**, Caleb Perhne, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Commissioners Jump the Line for COVID-19 Shot."

Best Website: First, John Lynch, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV; **Second**, Madison Greer, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

Best News Promo: First, Jared Morrison, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Election Night Coverage"; **Second**, Joey Kinsley, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Severe Weather."

Best Station Promo: First, Jared Morrison, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Here for You"; **Second**, Joey Kinsley, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Fox Virginia Launch."

Best Newscast: First, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, Autumn Collins, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Election Night."

Best Weathercast: First, David Rogers and Eric Pritchett, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Preparing for Snow"; **Second**, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, "Winter Storm Coverage."

Best Weathercaster: First, Aubrey Urbanowicz, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, David Rogers, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best TV News Anchor: First, Kasey Hott, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, David Horak, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV.

Best TV Sports Anchor: First, Heather Williams, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA; **Second**, Preston Willett, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Producer: First, Jack Selby, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV; **Second**, Valerie Sullivan and Heather Hall, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Veterans Voices."

Best Team News Coverage: First, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "COVID Locks Down UVA."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, John Hood, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "Hauntings With Hood"; **Second**, Andrew Webb, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Preserving History at Burley Middle School."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Back-to-School Special."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV.

RADIO I/METRO:

Best Spot News: First, Dave Mistich, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "There's an Endpoint: First Group in West Virginia Vaccinated for COVID-19"; **Second**, Ian Stewart, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "Christmas Tree Sales Spike Amid the Pandemic."

Best Continuing News: First, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Richmond's Summer of Reckoning"; **Second**, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA, "A Social Reckoning."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, Nick Verzolini and Andrew Rogers, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV; **Second**, Randy Leftwich and Greg Roberts, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Roxy Todd, Mason Adams and Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Finding a Way Forward"; **Second**, Trey Kay and Kyle Vass, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Without a Home Can You Be a Good Neighbor?"

Best Light Feature: First, Gina Gambony, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "Reporter's Notebook: A Walk on White Cane Day"; **Second**, Emily Allen, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Wrestlers and Fans Venture 'Out of the Darkness' With Drive-In Show."

Best Serious Feature: First, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Fentress Released"; **Second**, Robbie Harris, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Virginia Tech Cough Study."

Best Sports Feature: First, Nick Verzolini, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Ciara Debell Tries out for Team USA"; **Second**, Andrew Rogers, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Obinna Anochili-Killen Standout Athlete of the Week."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: First, Andrew Rogers, Nick Verzolini and Wesley Steele, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Marshall Men's Basketball vs Southern Miss."

Best Reporter: First, Mallory Noe-Payne, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, Robbie Harris, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

Best Editorial or Editorial Series: First, Trey Kay, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Us and Them: Let Us 'Bind up the Nation's Wounds.'"

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Caitlin Tan, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Folktales and Music Bring to Life the West Virginia/Welsh Connection."

Best Multimedia/Online Journalism: First, Whitney Evans, Julia Rendleman and David Streever, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "Safer at Home: Evicted During a Pandemic."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Dave Mistich and Brittany Patterson, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Coal Operator Who Fought Against Black Lung Regulations Files for Black Lung Benefits"; **Second**, Paul Bibeau, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "Five Hampton Roads Police Departments Have Military Vehicles. Here's How They Used Them."

Best News Promo: First, Zane Bowles, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Alexis-Newscenter 88."

Best Station Promo: First, Zane Bowles, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Coronavirus Recruitment."

Best Newscast: First, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, Benjamin Dolle, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA.

Best Radio News Anchor: First, Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Appalachian Strength in the Face of a Pandemic"; **Second**, Dennis Edwards, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA.

Best Radio Sports Anchor: First, Gary Hess, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA.

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Professor Apple"; **Second**, Luke Church, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Albert Hash."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "A Family Cultivates Tradition With a Nearly-Forgotten Tomato."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "The COVID-19 Minute."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA.

RADIO II/NON-METRO:

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Janet Michael, WZRV-FM, Front Royal, VA, "Community Health: COVID-19 Vaccine Has Arrived"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "The Importance of Property Rights."

Best Light Feature: First, Randy Woodward, WZRV-FM, Front Royal, VA, "Festivals and Fairs."

Best Serious Feature: First, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "How Charlottesville Has Changed Since August 12, 2017."

Best Sports Feature: First, Jay James and Bobby Chhabra, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "NCAA Tournament and COVID-19"; **Second**, Barry Richmond, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Nascar Noise."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: First, Dave Koehn, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Reporter: First, Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Janet Michael, WZRV-FM, Front Royal, VA.

Best Website: First, Janet Michael, WZRV-FM, Front Royal, VA.

Best Station Promo: First, Jon Talbott, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Good Morning, I'm Jack Garrett."

Best Newscast: First, Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Another Go at Governor for Terry"; **Second**, Jack Garrett, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

Best Radio News Anchor: First, Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Chief Lantz Crashes the Newscast"; **Second**, Jack Garrett, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA.

Best Radio Sports Anchor: First, Luke Neer, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA.

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, Dori Zook, Rob Graham and Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "We Wanna Grab Your Attention."
