

Winners in the 2021 Virginias AP Broadcasters Contest:

COMBINED DIVISION (TV/RADIO):

Best Podcast-Audio: First, Leanna Scachetti and Ben Riquelmy, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Bridging the Great Health Divide: Strokes"; **Second**, Moriah Sprinkel, Daniel Gray and Cassidy Burton, WQLU-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "School Survival Podcast."

TVI/LARGE MARKET:

Best Spot News: First, Jon Burkett, Sarah Danial and Ian Ramprashad, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Bullets Fly on Belt Atlantic: Community Mourns"; **Second**, Kelsey Souto, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Flood Damage."

Best Continuing News: First, Cynthia Beasley, Tony Day and Dominick Sarazen, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA, "Liberty University Sexual Assault Allegations"; **Second**, Jessica Larche, Kelly Dietz and Erin Miller, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Norfolk Doctor's Ties to Ivermectin Controversy."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, Lane Casadonte and Sean Robertson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, John Appicello, Eric Johnson and Brooke Leonard, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Jason Marks, Kevin Romm and Adrienne Mayfield, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "The Patients vs. Perwaiz"; **Second**, Janet Roach and Adrian Guerra, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Donovon."

Best Light Feature: First, Tom Schaad and Jack Noonan, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Hampton's Little England Chapel"; **Second**, Brad Wilson and Greg McQuade, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Tommie's Trash Crusade: If I Don't Do It, I'd Be in a Wheelchair."

Best Serious Feature: First, Alicia Cherem, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Oyster Reef Memorial"; **Second**, Brendan Tierney, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "First to Worst."

Best Sports Feature: First, Alex Littlehales, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Triathlete Breaking Barriers"; **Second**, Greg Moore and Eric Johnson, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "More Than a Touchdown."

Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: First, Ashley Boles, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, A.J. Nwoko, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best Reporter: First, Karina Bolster, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Ben Dennis, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

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Best Specialty Reporting: First, Chris Michaels and Chase Parker, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Tasty Tuesday"; **Second**, Jackie DeFusco, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best Spot News Photography: First, Malcolm Key, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "God Is Gonna Give Me Something Better"; **Second**, Janelle Pierangelino, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "We Could See the Smoke."

Best Feature Photography: First, Curtis Akers and Greg McQuade, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Tomb of the Unknown Turns 100: The Mission Is Going to Embrace You for Life"; **Second**, Jack Noonan, Kevin Romm and Jason Marks, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "The Show Must Go On."

Best Multi-Platform Story: First, Leanna Scachetti and Ben Riquelmy, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "The Epidemic Inside the Pandemic: How COVID-19 Affected the Opioid Crisis"; **Second**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Lee Monument Comes Down."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Kelly Avellino and AJ Nwoko, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Finding Brittany Renee Williams"; **Second**, Jenna Zibton, Sarah Tabor and Chase Parker, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Nursing Home Investigation."

Best Website: First, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA.

Best News Promo: First, David Stotts and Rob Byrne, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Cumberland Hospital 911"; **Second**, Brandy Brown, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "9/11 Heroes 20 Years Later."

Best Station Promo: First, David Stotts, Brandy Brown and Victoria Bostic, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Looking Back and Moving Forward"; **Second**, Terrell Thompson, Mason Adams and Rob Edmonds, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Get Your Forecast."

Best Newscast: First, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Lee Monument Comes Down"; **Second**, Chelsea Armstrong, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

Best Weathercast: First, Zach Daniel, Mike Stone and Curtis Akers, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "February Ice Storm"; **Second**, Spencer Adkins, Bryan Hughes and Joe Fitzwater, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Ice Storm."

Best Weathercaster: First, Spencer Adkins, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV; **Second**, Andy Chilian, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

Best TV News Anchor: First, Danner Evans, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA; **Second**, Dan Kennedy, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA.

Best TV Sports Anchor: First, Nathan Epstein, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA; **Second**, Keith Morehouse, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

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

Best Team News Coverage: First, Tiaira Shoultz, Alexandra Richardson and Monica Logroño, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Virginia Beach Oceanfront Shooting"; **Second**, Brendan King and Ian Ramprashad, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Robert E. Lee Statue Taken Down."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Greg McQuade and Brad Wilson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Finding Her Roots at Hickory Hill"; **Second**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Honoring Black History."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, Brad Rice, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Traveling West Virginia"; **Second**, Rob Macko and Elbert Mosley, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Kimball War Memorial."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, Jessica Larche, Kelly Dietz and Gerardo Lopez, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Have You Seen Me? Addressing Disparities in Missing People of Color Cases"; **Second**, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Solutions for an Addicted Appalachia."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, Stephen Hayes, Sheryl Barnhouse and David Stotts, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV.

TVII/SMALL MARKET:

Best Spot News: First, CJ Paschall and Tony Franklin, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville Removes Its Confederate Statues"; **Second**, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Hexpol Fire."

Best Continuing News: First, Isabel Cleary, Riley Wyant and Madison McNamee, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Central Virginia Mail Delivery Issues"; **Second**, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Jason Shay Leaves ETSU."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV; **Second**, Preston Willett and Danielle Stein, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Kristen Quon and Troy Prater, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Cry for Help: The Hurley Floods"; **Second**, Larry Marrs and Riley Phillips, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "20th Anniversary of Wyoming County Flood."

Best Light Feature: First, Elizabeth Holmes and Patrick Huddleston, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Elementary Student Helps Neighborhood, One Trash Collection

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at a Time"; **Second**, Ian Roth, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "Local WWII Veteran Celebrates 100th Birthday."

Best Serious Feature: First, Kristen Quon, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Convicted"; **Second**, Max Marcilla, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Remains of Virginia Korean War Veteran Found After 70 Years."

Best Sports Feature: First, Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "A-Train Boxing"; **Second**, T.J. Eck, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "The T.R. Williams Story."

Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: First, Elizabeth Holmes, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Crozet Church Uses Brewery to Hold Mass"; **Second**, Annie Moore, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Sugar Grove."

Best Reporter: First, Kristen Quon, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA; **Second**, Laura Bowen, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV, "Water Bill."

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Heather Williams, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Motorsports"; **Second**, Max Marcilla, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville City Council."

Best Feature Photography: First, Rachel Hirschheimer, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Guitars for Veterans"; **Second**, Tim Davis, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Pepin's Pet Projects."

Best Multi-Platform Story: First, Jamie Green, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, "The House That Nikki Built"; **Second**, Riley Wyant and John Early, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Governor Northam's COVID-19 Briefing."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Isabel Cleary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "ACRJ's Home Incarceration Program"; **Second**, Rachel Hirschheimer, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Organizations Working to End Child Trafficking."

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

Best News Promo: First, Taylor Thomas, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Election Pop"; **Second**, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Veterans Voices: Honoring Those Who Served."

Best Station Promo: First, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Freedom Isn't Free"; **Second**, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Thank a Veteran."

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Best Newscast: First, Steve Rappaport, Kasey Hott and Kristen Cauley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV.

Best Weathercast: First, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Ice Storm"; **Second**, Travis Koshko, AJ Willy and Franklin Spain, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Severe Weather."

Best Weathercaster: First, Catherine Maxwell, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV; **Second**, Jeff Oechslein, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV.

Best TV News Anchor: First, Kasey Hott, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, PJ Johnson, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA.

Best TV Sports Anchor: First, Mike Shiers, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Nick Farrell, WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV.

Best Producer: First, Kristen Cauley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Phyllis Smith, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV.

Best Team News Coverage: First, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Remembering Officer Chandler"; **Second**, Todd Baucher and Zach Shrivvers, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV, "Stephens Retirement."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Simone McKenny, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "The Journey"; **Second**, Heather Williams, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Marking Wise County's Dark History."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV, "Veterans Voices"; **Second**, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Veterans Voices."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Confederate Statue Removal Process"; **Second**, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Looking Back, Moving Forward, the 1,000 Year Flood."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

RADIO I/METRO:

Best Spot News: First, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Charlottesville Monuments Removed"; **Second**, Ian Stewart, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "Poll Workers Prepare for Another Pandemic Election Day."

Best Continuing News: First, Ben Paviour and Whitney Evans, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "Marijuana Legalization in Virginia"; **Second**, Liz McCormick, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Closing the COVID-19 Gap."

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

Best Documentary or In-Depth: First, Trey Kay and Ryan Katz, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Those Who Lack Good Oral Health Face Far More Than a Toothless Hillbilly Stereotype"; **Second**, Megan Pauley, Sara McCloskey and Crixell Matthews, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "Dreams Deferred: How an Overlooked Type of School Debt Is Affecting Thousands of Students in Virginia."

Best Light Feature: First, Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Friends and Family Remember Russell Yann, Iconic Owner of Fairmont Hotdog Hotspot"; **Second**, Jordan Christie, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "The Legacy of Grace Sherwood, the Alleged 'Witch of Pungo'."

Best Serious Feature: First, Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Woman Underground -- How One West Virginia Miner Found Family and Fatherly Connection in Coal"; **Second**, Sam Turken, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "It's Coming Quicker Than We Realize: Reckoning With a Future of More Flooding."

Best Sports Feature: First, Ian Stewart, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond, VA, "One Year In, Black Girls Hike RVA Still Breaking Stereotypes"; **Second**, Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Fayetteville Native Takes 7th in Paralympics 100-Meters."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: First, Joshua Lipowski, WQLU-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "LCA's State Semi Final Football"; **Second**, Andrew Rogers and Nick Verzolini, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Marshall Men's Basketball vs. North Texas."

Best Reporter: First, Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV; **Second**, June Leffler, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV.

Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: First, Gene Marrano, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA, "Dopesick-Hulu Interview"; **Second**, Liz McCormick, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Returning Home: Berkeley County Special Education Teacher Lifts Up Students With Disabilities."

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Sam Turken, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "Sea Level Rise and Environmental Coverage"; **Second**, Ryan Murphy, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "Race in Hampton Roads."

Best Investigative Reporting: First, Paul Bibeau, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "More Than 400 Law Enforcement Calls Came From a Gloucester Assisted Living Facility. Will It Stay Open?"; **Second**, Ben Paviour and Abi Cole, WCVE-FM/VPM, Richmond,

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VA, "A Historically Black Town Stood in the Way of a Pipeline so Developers Claimed It Was Mostly White."

Best Website: First, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV.

Best Station Promo: First, Zane Bowles, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Robot Station"; **Second**, Zane Bowles, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Noisy Neighbors."

Best Newscast: First, Ian Price, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, Jeff Bossert, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

Best Radio News Anchor: First, Teresa Wills, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV; **Second**, Jeff Stapleton, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA.

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Jahd Khalil, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "The Appalachian Trail's COVID-19 Rebound."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Retired Miner Makes Traditional Cream Pull Candy"; **Second**, Trey Kay and Brad Stratton, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Us and Them: Blair Mountain."

Douglas Southall Freeman Award: First, William Fralin, Rick Mattioni and Sean Tubbs, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Civil Discussion Series."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV; **Second**, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

RADIO II/NON-METRO:

Best Spot News: First, Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Another Charlottesville City Manager Up and Quits"; **Second**, Jack Garrett, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Shooting on Rocklawn Avenue."

Best Continuing News: First, Jack Garrett, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Ingram Censure and Administrator Firing"; **Second**, Dori Zook and Tyler Hammel, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Sines vs. Kessler Trial."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First, Austin Bunn, Brandon Burnett and Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA; **Second**, Luke Neer, Adam Hawes and Channing Poole, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Light Feature: First, Josh Lineberry, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Rotary Donates \$50,000 for Riverfront Park."

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Best Serious Feature: First, Jack Garrett, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Governor's Announcement at Industrial Park"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Burley School Field Restoration Project - Not Just a Field, but a Neighborhood."

Best Sports Feature: First, Barry Richmond, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "NASCAR Noise"; **Second**, Josh Lineberry, Barry Richmond and David Hutcheson, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Behind the Wall Pre-Race Show."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: First, Channing Poole, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Baseball Is Berry, Berry Good to UVa"; **Second**, Austin Bunn, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "GW Football."

Best Reporter: First, Josh Lineberry, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA.

Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: First, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "How the Economy Will Impact the Housing Market"; **Second**, Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Danville Pittsylvania County Chamber of Commerce."

Best Specialty Reporting: First, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Where's the Real Estate Market Heading Approaching 2022."

Best Multi-Platform Story: First, Jack Garrett, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Caesar's Expands Plans for Danville Casino."

Best Website: First, Ginyah Woodson, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA; **Second**, Ginyah Woodson, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

Best Newscast: First, Jack Garrett, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA; **Second**, Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Anywhere but the ER for COVID-19 Testing."

Best Radio News Anchor: First, Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Hospitals and Omicron"; **Second**, Jack Garrett, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA.

Best Radio Sports Anchor: First, Adam Hawes, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Orange You Glad the Hoos Won"; **Second**, Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

Best Old Dominion Heritage: First, Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Local Hero Salute - Warrick Scott."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First, Jay Hart, Dori Zook and Rob Graham, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Jack Garrett and Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.