

VIRGINIAS ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS

Finalists in the 2022 Virginias AP Broadcasters Contest:

COMBINED DIVISION (TV/RADIO):

Best Podcast-Audio: Trey Kay and Emily Haavik, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Court of Second Chances"; Mallory Noe-Payne, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Memory Wars."

TV I/LARGE MARKET:

Best Spot News: Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Tragedy at UVA"; WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Chesapeake Mass Shooting."

Best Continuing News: Margaret Ashburn, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "UVA Shootings"; WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "July 4 Mass Shooting Plot."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: Lane Casadonte and Sean Robertson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: Janet Roach and Adrian Guerra, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "The Fentanyl Crisis"; David Stotts, Jon Burkett and Brandy Brown, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Crime Insider Reopen the Case."

Best Light Feature: Greg McQuade and Curtis Akers, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Mystery Letters in the Attic: It Is Definitely a Love Story"; Samantha Willis and Martin Montgomery, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Rev. Cora's Gospel."

Best Serious Feature: Marlee Pinchok, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Blaine Boulevard"; Marlee Pinchok, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Neighbors Get Mail Delivery."

Best Sports Feature: Greg McQuade and Brad Wilson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Gowdy Gloves: Maybe This Is the Way I Get to the Show"; Joseph Payton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Young Burrow."

Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: Alex Littlehales, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA; Anthony Sabella, WTKR-TV/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA.

Best Reporter: Emily Bennett, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV; Laura French, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best Specialty Reporting: Marlee Pinchok, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Road Safety Concerns"; Logan Sherrill, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Hometown Eats."

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Best Spot News Photography: Ben Brady, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Tappahannock Fire"; Joe Valdez, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "What Are They Going to Do?"

Best Feature Photography: Andrew Robinson and Ricky Matthews, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Art From Above"; Dustin Weekley and Blake Whitener, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Memorial Services Held for CPD K9."

Best Multi-Platform Story: Jean Jadhon and Rob Chewning, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Addicted to Chance"; Tiaira Shoultz, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Cola Beale."

Best Investigative Reporting: Alyssa Rae and Greg Moore, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Blowing the Whistle - A College Football Scandal"; Noreen Turyn and Jeff Meyer, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA, "Johnny Cashman."

Best Website: Jeff Morris, Shannon Stowers and Kris Plona, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV; Jane Alvarez Wertz, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA.

Best News Promo: Rob Edmonds, Ashly Richards and Pete George, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Walk"; Joseph Payton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "53 Days."

Best Station Promo: Brandy Brown, David Stotts and Victoria Bostic, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Crime Insider Reopen the Case"; David Stotts, Kaci Taylor and Rob Byrne, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Backyard Weather All Year Long."

Best Newscast: Chelsea Armstrong, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Flash Flooding"; Sarah Callaway, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "UVA Shooting Aftermath."

Best Weathercast: Spencer Adkins, Bryan Hughes and Joe Fitzwater, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "First Big Snow"; Zach Daniel, Mike Stone and Chris Munnings, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Cold Water Weather."

Best Weathercaster: Spencer Adkins, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV; Zach Daniel, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best TV News Anchor: Jean Jadhon, WDBJ-TV, Roanoke, VA; Rachel Keller, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

Best TV Sports Anchor: Nathan Epstein, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA; Dave Walls, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA.

Best Producer: Mike Bergazzi, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Crime 360"; Jessica Wetzler, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

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Best Team News Coverage: WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Officers Killed in Line of Duty"; WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "UVA Shootings."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: George Noleff, WFXR-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Outdoors Bound and on the Farm: George Noleff Highlights All Nature Has to Offer in the Commonwealth"; Roberta Oster, Brad Clore and Dennis Ting, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Descendants' Voices at Monticello."

Best Mountain State Heritage: Taylor Eaton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Charleston Sternwheel Regatta Returns"; Brad Rice, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Traveling West Virginia."

Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: Kristen Bentley, Joseph Payton and Jay Melvin, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Fired up Friday: Igniting a New Tradition"; Julie Millet and Jon Dowding, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "The State of Education."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV; WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

TV II/SMALL MARKET:

Best Spot News: Gailyn Markham, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Police Involved Shooting"; Ian Roth and Celeste Gessner, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "I-79 Standoff."

Best Continuing News: WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville, Albemarle County Bus Driver Issues"; WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Winter Weather Causes Prolonged Power Outages."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: Rob Metzger, Jack Hillgrove and Bill Phillips, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV; WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: Laura Bowen, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV, "Vienna Baseball Field Fight"; Rachel Hirschheimer, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Refugees Struggle to Find Housing."

Best Light Feature: Chelsea Church, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "Ella's Cards"; Madison McNamee, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Award-Winning Orchestra Teacher Retires."

Best Serious Feature: Rachel Hirschheimer and Taylor Thomas, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Behind the Scenes at a COVID-19 Testing Event"; Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Faith and Recovery: The Jill Howell Story."

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Best Sports Feature: Andrew McClung, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Number One Fan"; Preston Willett, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "A Way of Life, Louisa County Football."

Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: Andrew McClung, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "A Cup of Lemonade"; Dryden Quigley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Reporter: Kristen Quon, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA; Rivers Upchurch, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV.

Best Specialty Reporting: Isabel Cleary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Central Virginia Mail Issues"; Madison McNamee, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Helping the Blue Ridge Area Food Bank."

Best Spot News Photography: Isabel Cleary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Hoax Threat Locks Down Charlottesville High School."

Best Feature Photography: Max Marcilla, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Fallen Veteran Receives Arlington Burial"; Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Future Leaders Program Rockets."

Best Multi-Platform Story: Ian Roth, Celeste Gessner and Joshua Jarnagin, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "I-79 Standoff"; WBOY-TV, Clarksburg, WV, "WVU Begins Search for Next Director of Athletics."

Best Investigative Reporting: Carly Haynes, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Stinky Septic Tank Troubles"; Annie Moore, Martin Staunton and Taylor Hankins, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Conditions at SRJ."

Best Website: John Early and Julia Ocasio, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; John Lynch, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV.

Best News Promo: Joey Kinsley, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "CBS19 Sports"; Jared Morrison, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "July Storms."

Best Station Promo: Aric Berg, Julian Bussells and Jay Webb, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; Jared Morrison, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Meteorologist Katherine Thompson."

Best Newscast: WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; Jake Waddell and Kristen Cauley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Weathercast: Jeff Oechslein and Nathan Shutt, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV, "Martin Luther King Day Snowstorm"; Katherine Thompson and Collin Rogers, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "July Storms."

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Best Weathercaster: Stephanie Penn, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA; Aubrey Urbanowicz, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

Best TV News Anchor: Kasey Hott, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; Melinda Zosh, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV.

Best TV Sports Anchor: Marty Hudtloff, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; Preston Willett, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Producer: Ben Casto, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Election Night Coverage"; Lynne Vogt, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

Best Team News Coverage: WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Snowstorm"; WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Tragedy on UVA Grounds."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: Simone McKenny, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "The Journey"; Heather Williams, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Breaking the Color Lines."

Best Mountain State Heritage: Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Greg Bishop"; WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV, "Veterans Voices."

Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: Jaime Baker and Rick Zumpano, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV, "Hearing the Homeless"; Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Faith and Recovery: Breaking the Chains of Addiction."

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

RADIO I/METRO:

Best Spot News: David Adkins, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Title IX Protest"; Caroline MacGregor, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Airport Expansion's Potential Impact on Coonskin Park Worries Local Residents."

Best Continuing News: David Lefkowitz, Gary Hess and Matt Demlein, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA, "UVA Football Tragedy"; WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "UVA Shooting."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: Andrew Rogers and Justin Zimmer, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV; WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA.

Best Documentary or In-Depth: Trey Kay and Marisa Helms, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "The Gun Divide"; Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "West Virginia Water Trails: Rebuilding Buffalo Creek's Identity."

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Best Light Feature: Mason Adams, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Floyd's Friday Night Jamboree Builds Community From Music"; Ryan Murphy, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "The Formula Fairy: A Hampton Roads Mom Invests Hours, Hundreds of Dollars to Keep Babies Fed."

Best Serious Feature: Whitney Evans, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Prisoners in Virginia Only Get Photocopies of Incoming Mail"; Roxy Todd, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Better School Lunches."

Best Sports Feature: Jeff Bossert, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Coalfields Baseball"; Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Poolside Math."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: Dennis Carter, Rich Roth and Derek Beard, WLNI-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "E.C. Glass"; Jason Philyaw, Ryan Epling and Luke Hamilton, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Marshall v. Appalachian State."

Best Reporter: Megan Pauly, VPM News, Richmond, VA; Roxy Todd, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

Best Talk Show: Mari White, Brian Weigand and Anthony McAvoy, WLNI-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "The Morningline."

Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: Eric Douglas, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Arthur' Author Appears at Book Festival"; WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA, "Retiring Police Chief Howard Hall."

Best Specialty Reporting: Ben Paviour, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Politics/Government Accountability"; Chris Schulz, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Mon County Bans Pride Flags in Schools, Receives Pushback."

Best Multi-Platform Story: Jessica Lilly, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "West Virginia Water Trails: Rebuilding Buffalo Creek's Identity."

Best Newscast: Luke Church, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA; Gary Hess, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA, "Another Mass Shooting Close to Home."

Best Radio News Anchor: Dennis Edwards, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA; Teresa Wills, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Bridge Safety and A Discussion About the State's Personal Income Tax on This West Virginia Morning."

Best Old Dominion Heritage: Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Moton School Historic Site"; Jahd Khalil and Scott Elmquist, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Removal of A.P. Hill Statue Points to New Era in Richmond History."

Best Mountain State Heritage: Lauren Griffin, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Dirt, Soot, Smoke and Oil: Mechanics Take on the Dirty Job of Repairing Antique Trains";

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Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "A Guitar Surgeon Gives Old Instruments Their Voices Back."

Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: Sandy Hausman and Michael Pope, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "The Cost of Living in Prison"; VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Another Way: How One Virginia City Reckons With Gun Violence."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: Makaylah Wheeler, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV; WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

RADIO II/NON-METRO:

Best Spot News: Dori Zook, Jay Hart and Jay James, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "UVA Culbreth Shootings."

Best Continuing News: Ryan Stone, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Board of Supervisors Turmoil"; Courteney Stuart, Dori Zook and Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Montpelier Descendants Committee Uprising on Montpelier Foundation Board."

Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: Luke Neer, Adam Hawes and John Freeman, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA; Ryan Stone, Brandon Burnett and Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

Best Light Feature: Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Michael's Real Estate-Themed Holiday Songs"; Josh Lineberry, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Danville Police Department New Headquarters."

Best Serious Feature: Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Importance of Providing Housing for Everyone"; Barry Richmond, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "NASCAR Noise - Joe Gibbs."

Best Sports Feature: Luke Neer, Vegas Mike and Taylor Pilkington, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "March Madness Bracket Preview."

Best Sports Play-by-Play: John Freeman, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Virginia Basketball Is the Show Tonight!"; Ryan Stone, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Final Seconds Harry Johnson Holiday Classic."

Best Talk Show: Rob Schilling and Samantha Federico, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "The Schilling Show: Newly Elected Second Term Congressman Bob Good and Callers."

Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Interview With New Vice Mayor JuanDiego Wade"; Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "DCC Job Fair."

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Best Multi-Platform Story: Ryan Stone, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Danville Economic Development and Tourism Study."

Best Website: Ginyah Woods, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA; Ginyah Woods, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

Best Station Promo: Jon Talbott, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Meet Ryan Stone."

Best Newscast: Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "UVA Shooting not the Only Game in Town That Morning"; Caleb Peek, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA.

Best Radio News Anchor: Caleb Peek, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA; Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Yo, Paper or Plastic."

Best Radio Sports Anchor: Luke Neer, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "UVA Basketball With a Red Hot Start."

Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: Ryan Stone and Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA; Dori Zook, Courteney Stuart and Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA.