

Winners in the 2022 Virginias AP Broadcasters Contest:

COMBINED DIVISION (TV/RADIO):

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

TVI/LARGE MARKET:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TVII/SMALL MARKET:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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RADIO I/METRO:

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

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

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

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

Best Light Feature: First, Mason Adams, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Floyd's Friday Night Jamboree Builds Community From Music"; **Second**, 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: First, Whitney Evans, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Prisoners in Virginia Only Get Photocopies of Incoming Mail"; **Second**, Roxy Todd, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Better School Lunches."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Radio News Anchor: First, Dennis Edwards, WRVA-AM, Richmond, VA; **Second**, 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: First, Jahd Khalil and Scott Elmquist, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Removal of A.P. Hill Statue Points to New Era in Richmond History"; **Second**, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Moton School Historic Site."

Best Mountain State Heritage: First, Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "A Guitar Surgeon Gives Old Instruments Their Voices Back"; **Second**, Lauren Griffin, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Dirt, Soot, Smoke and Oil: Mechanics Take on the Dirty Job of Repairing Antique Trains."

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

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

RADIO II/NON-METRO:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best Talk Show: First, 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: First, Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "DCC Job Fair"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Interview With New Vice Mayor JuanDiego Wade."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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