

**Winners in the 2023 Virginias AP Broadcasters Contest:**

**COMBINED DIVISION (TV/RADIO):**

**Best Podcast-Audio: First**, Trey Kay and Christina Stella, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Us & Them: SNAP – Do the Hungry Get More Policy Than Nutrition?"; **Second**, Trey Kay and Mitch Hanley, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Us & Them: Compassion Fatigue."

**TVI/LARGE MARKET:**

**Best Spot News: First**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Huguenot Graduation Shooting"; **Second**, Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Graduation Mass Shooting."

**Best Continuing News: First**, Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "This Is a Mental Health Crisis: The Death of Irvo Otieno"; **Second**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Huguenot Graduation Shooting."

**Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First**, Keith Morehouse, Jim Treacy and Joseph Payton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV; **Second**, Mark Martin and Jason Hurst, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV.

**Best Documentary or In-Depth: First**, John Carlin, Jeff Perzan and Maisy Carvalho, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "On the Frontline"; **Second**, Kevin Romm, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA, "Catching Kathleen's Killer."

**Best Light Feature: First**, GeNienne Samuels and Brad Wilson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Sam's Purpose: Make Every Breath Count"; **Second**, Joi Fultz and Brad Wilson, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Gifted Hands."

**Best Serious Feature: First**, Alex Littlehales and Adrian Guerra, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Greenbook"; **Second**, Jessica Larche and Lydia Johnson, WTKR/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Chesapeake Basketball Coach Fights to Clear His Name."

**Best Sports Feature: First**, Bethany Reese and Adrian Guerra, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Mia Makes Moves"; **Second**, John Carlin and Sarah Tabor, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "Kinzie Goes Downhill."

**Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: First**, Alex Littlehales, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA; **Second**, Desiree Montilla, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA.

**Best Reporter: First**, Alex Littlehales, WVEC-TV, Norfolk, VA; **Second**, Elizabeth Holmes, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

**Best Specialty Reporting: First**, GeNienne Samuels, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Medical Reporting"; **Second**, John Carlin, Carter Malpass and Sarah Tabor, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "John Carlin's Outdoors."

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**Best Spot News Photography: First**, Emmanuel Jaime and Matt Durrett, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Regal Apartments Fire"; **Second**, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA, "Central Virginia Wildfires."

**Best Feature Photography: First**, Enza Marcy and Greg McQuade, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Smith Point Sea Rescue: They Wouldn't Have Survived"; **Second**, Joe Valdez and Greg McQuade, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Lee Harvey Oswald's Ride: It Is an Eerie Connection."

**Best Multi-Platform Story: First**, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Mass Shooting at High School Graduation"; **Second**, WTKR/WGNT-TV, Norfolk, VA, "Virginia Beach Tornado: The First 24 Hours."

**Best Investigative Reporting: First**, Curtis Johnson and Kristen Bentley, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "False Security"; **Second**, Sarah Sager, Kristen Bentley and Jay Melvin, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "The Secret Next Door."

**Best Website: First**, Alyssa Hannahs and Eric Fossell, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV; **Second**, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA.

**Best News Promo: First**, Ashly Richards and Pete George, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA, "Mass Shooting"; **Second**, Brandy Brown and David Stotts, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Reopen the Case: Sam Flougher."

**Best Station Promo: First**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "News Where We All Live"; **Second**, David Stotts, Brandy Brown and Enzo Domingo, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "A Voice for All."

**Best Newscast: First**, Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Sarah Mickle, Jennifer Carr and Robert Hughes, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Deadly Graduation Day Shooting."

**Best Weathercast: First**, Zach Daniel, Mike Stone and Chris Munnings, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "Zach at the Floodwall: Hurricane Season Begins"; **Second**, Jeff Haniewich, Chris Michaels and Parker Beasley, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA, "The Matt's Creek Wildfire."

**Best Weathercaster: First**, Steve Fundaro, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA; **Second**, George Flickinger, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA.

**Best TV News Anchor: First**, Marielena Balouris, WAVY-TV, Hampton Roads, VA; **Second**, John Carlin, WSLS-TV, Roanoke, VA.

**Best TV Sports Anchor: First**, Lane Casadonte, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Joseph Payton, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV.

**Best Producer: First**, Katie Wells, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Jessica Wetzler, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

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**Best Team News Coverage: First**, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Regal Apartments Fire"; **Second**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Death of Irvo Otieno - Video Released."

**Best Old Dominion Heritage: First**, Greg McQuade and Curtis Akers, WTVR-TV, Richmond, VA, "'I Have a Story' Secretariat: It Was Thrilling to Watch Perfection"; **Second**, Deanna Allbrittin and Forrest Shelor, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA, "Retracing My Roots."

**Best Mountain State Heritage: First**, Brad Rice, WCHS-TV, Charleston, WV, "Traveling West Virginia"; **Second**, Pat Simon, WOWK-TV, Charleston, WV, "Mountain Stage Turns 40!"

**Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: First**, WSET-TV, Lynchburg, VA, "Voices Against Violence"; **Second**, Joseph Payton and Jay Melvin, WSAZ-TV, Charleston/Huntington, WV, "Fired up Friday: Turning up the Heat."

**Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First**, Frank Jones, WWBT-TV, Richmond, VA; **Second**, WRIC-TV, Richmond, VA.

### TVII/SMALL MARKET:

**Best Spot News: First**, WTAP News, WTAP-TV, Parkersburg, WV, "August Storms"; **Second**, Maggie Glass, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Attempted Abduction at UVA."

**Best Continuing News: First**, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "The Escape of Sean Williams"; **Second**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville's Tent City."

**Outstanding Sports Operation of the Virginias: First**, Rob Metzger, Jack Hillgrove and Bill Phillips, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV; **Second**, Jarvis Haren, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

**Best Documentary or In-Depth: First**, Isabel Cleary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville Family Deals With Rat Infestation"; **Second**, Autumn Collins, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Honoring Black History: Tragedy in the Tunnel."

**Best Light Feature: First**, Kristen Quon, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Kingsport Barber Still Cutting Hair at 90"; **Second**, Marty Hudtloff, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Greene County Man Is Mustache Champion."

**Best Serious Feature: First**, Anahita Jafary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Iranians in Charlottesville"; **Second**, Anahita Jafary, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Defibrillators in Central Virginia Schools."

**Best Sports Feature: First**, Jon Surratt, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Tazewell Girls Softball"; **Second**, Marty Hudtloff, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "UVA Rower Skylar Dahl."

**Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: First**, Dryden Quigley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Baylee Martin, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV.

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**Best Reporter: First**, Caleb Perhne, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA; **Second**, Michael Staley, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

**Best Specialty Reporting: First**, Andrew McClung, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "The Good Stuff"; **Second**, Heather Williams, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "The Streets of Chicago."

**Best Spot News Photography: First**, Jessica Nuzzo, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Firefighting."

**Best Feature Photography: First**, Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Veterans Voices: Herb Wheeler"; **Second**, Larry Marrs, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "FLP Rocket Launch."

**Best Multi-Platform Story: First**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Standoff Ends in Officer Involved Shooting"; **Second**, Caleb Perhne, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA, "Hope for the Homeless."

**Best Investigative Reporting: First**, Tanner Gilmartin, John Blashke and Chris Yost, WDTV-TV, Bridgeport, WV, "Senators Call for Investigation Into Alleged Serious Misconduct at FCC Hazelton"; **Second**, Jessica Farrish, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "Southern Regional Jail Concerns."

**Best Website: First**, Brandon Eanes, Seth McVey and Danielle Sandler, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV; **Second**, John Early, Julia Ocasio and Caroline Rawlins, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

**Best News Promo: First**, Caleb Swortzel and Stephen French, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA, "First Alert Weather"; **Second**, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "What's in the Water?"

**Best Station Promo: First**, David Mott, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV, "We're All in This Together"; **Second**, Alex de Montbel and Joey Kinsley, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Lego Masters."

**Best Newscast: First**, Josh Irvine and Kristen Cauley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Tygra de Mello, Kayvon Ezami and Chad Merrill, WOAY-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Oak Hill, WV, "Fabulous Football Friday: Live From Greenbrier West High School."

**Best Weathercast: First**, Katherine Thompson, Jeffrey Hoole and Collin Rogers, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "August Storms"; **Second**, Jeff Oechslein, Nathan Shutt and Amanda Verrier, WTOV-TV, Wheeling, WV.

**Best Weathercaster: First**, Bradley Wells, WVNS-TV, Beckley-Bluefield-Lewisburg, WV; **Second**, Aubrey Urbanowicz, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

**Best TV News Anchor: First**, Ric Young, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Kasey Hott, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

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**Best TV Sports Anchor: First**, Marty Hudtloff, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Anne-Parker Coleman, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

**Best Producer: First**, Caleb Perhne, WCYB-TV, Bristol, VA; **Second**, Keith Beasley, WCAV-TV, Charlottesville, VA.

**Best Team News Coverage: First**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville HS Closes After Incident"; **Second**, Destini Harris and Maggie Glass, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville HS Reopens."

**Best Old Dominion Heritage: First**, Bria Stith and Dryden Quigley, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Indictment Against John Henry James Dismissed"; **Second**, Clayton McChesney, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Crystal Concert."

**Best Mountain State Heritage: First**, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV, "Veterans Voices"; **Second**, Robert Castillo, WVVA-TV, Bluefield, WV, "Former Coal Town Rebirth."

**Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: First**, WTRF-TV, Wheeling, WV, "No One Walks Alone"; **Second**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville Rewrites Zoning Ordinance."

**Outstanding News Operation of the Virginias: First**, WVIR-TV, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Chelsea Church, Kayla Brooks and Ethan Estrem, WHSV-TV, Harrisonburg, VA.

### RADIO I/METRO:

**Best Spot News: First**, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Quaker Run Fire"; **Second**, Whitney Evans, Lilly Knoepp and Riley Thompson, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "A Regional Look at Abortion Access, One Year After the Fall of Roe v. Wade."

**Best Continuing News: First**, Katherine Hafner, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "Norfolk's Floodwall Plan"; **Second**, Emily Rice, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "West Virginia's Opioid Settlement Money."

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

**Best Documentary or In-Depth: First**, Mallory Noe-Payne, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Branded: The Fight to Restore Voting Rights"; **Second**, Shaban Athuman, Whitney Evans and Connor Scribner, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Healthy City."

**Best Light Feature: First**, Rebecca Williams, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Wassailing Helps Singers in Asheville Connect to Ancestral Roots"; **Second**, Wendy Welch, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Appalachian Mushroom Experts Welcome Sprouting Newbies."

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**Best Serious Feature: First**, Craig Wright, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Problem Gambling"; **Second**, Gene Marrano, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA, "Cult Life."

**Best Sports Feature: First**, Connor Worley, WHRO-FM, Norfolk, VA, "MEAC Makes Mark on HBCU Esports With First Championship Tournament"; **Second**, Dennis Carter, Rich Roth and Derek Beard, WLNI-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "The Sportsline's Deep Dive Into the VHSL."

**Best Sports Play-by-Play: First**, Riley Clingman, WQLU-FM, Lynchburg, VA, "Ohio Bobcats vs. Liberty Flames Men's Hockey."

**Best MMJ/One-Person Band Reporter: First**, Patrick Larsen, VPM News, Richmond, VA; **Second**, Briana Heaney, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Many West Side Residents Are Frustrated They're Still in the Cold."

**Best Reporter: First**, Sandy Hausman, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, Jahd Khalil, VPM News, Richmond, VA.

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

**Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: First**, Bill Lynch, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Interview With an Appalachian Village Witch"; **Second**, Ian Stewart, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Veronica O. Davis: Civil Engineer, Transportation Planner, Self-Described Transportation Nerd."

**Best Specialty Reporting: First**, Ben Paviour, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Politics/Criminal Justice"; **Second**, Emily Rice, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Unwinding Medicaid."

**Best Multi-Platform Story: First**, Megan Pauly and Connor Scribner, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Unchecked: Inside Richmond Public Schools Fire Inspections"; **Second**, Shaban Athuman, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Iwacu: A Journey to Rediscovering Home."

**Best Station Promo: First**, Whitney Evans, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Curious Commonwealth"; **Second**, Zane Bowles, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV, "Witchcraft."

**Best Newscast: First**, WFIR-AM/FM, Roanoke, VA, "Election Day in Virginia"; **Second**, Craig Wright, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

**Best Radio News Anchor: First**, Jeff Bossert, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA; **Second**, Craig Wright, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA.

**Best Radio Sports Anchor: First**, John Boggess, WMUL-FM, Huntington, WV.

**Best Old Dominion Heritage: First**, VPM News, Richmond, VA, "Curious Commonwealth"; **Second**, Roxy Todd, WVTF-FM, Roanoke, VA, "Searching for the Bog Turtle."

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**Best Mountain State Heritage: First**, Zack Harold, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "A Family Heirloom in Your Grocer's Freezer"; **Second**, Trey Kay and Todd Melby, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "A Fiddler Contemplates the Fate of the Mountain State."

**Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: First**, Mitch Hanley, Emily Haavik and Tasha A.F. Lemley, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Us & Them: The Challenges of Incarcerated Persons"; **Second**, Eric Douglas, WVPB-FM, Charleston, WV, "Getting Into Their Reality: Caring for Aging Parents."

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

### RADIO II/NON-METRO:

**Best Spot News: First**, Ryan Stone, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Danville Regional Airport Unveils New Terminal"; **Second**, Jay Hart, Dori Zook and Rob Schilling, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Charlottesville High School Staff Sickout."

**Best Continuing News: First**, Courteney Stuart, Rob Schilling and Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Concerns About Hostile Work Environment at Charlottesville-Albemarle SPCA Leads to Executive Director's Departure"; **Second**, Ryan Stone, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Danville Police Leadership Changes."

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

**Best Documentary or In-Depth: First**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Are There Solutions to Affordable Housing Challenges?"

**Best Light Feature: First**, Ryan Stone, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "Danville Represented in Macy's Parade"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Have a Housing Market Christmas."

**Best Serious Feature: First**, Caleb Peek, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA, "Homelessness in Harrisonburg - Tackling the Transient 'Problem' in the Friendly City"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Current Interest Rates and What Lies Ahead."

**Best Sports Feature: First**, Luke Neer and Amaka Agugua Hamilton, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "New UVA Women's Basketball Coach Mox and the Charlottesville Triangle"; **Second**, Barry Richmond, WAKG-FM, Danville, VA, "NASCAR Noise - Lori Warren, Richmond Raceway."

**Best Sports Play-by-Play: First**, Caleb Peek, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA, "Spotswood Upsets Turner-Ashby for Valley District Title in Overtime Thriller";

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**Second**, John Freeman, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "What Goes up Doesn't Come Down."

**Best Talk Show: First**, Rob Schilling, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "The Schilling Show: Ramping up for Good."

**Best QA (One-on-One) Interview: First**, Josh Lineberry, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA, "Discussing Danville With Josh - United Way"; **Second**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "New Zoning Ordinance With Free Enterprise Institute's Neil Williamson."

**Best Specialty Reporting: First**, Michael Guthrie, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "Projecting Third and Fourth Quarter Housing Market Numbers."

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

**Best Newscast: First**, Caleb Peek, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA; **Second**, Jay Hart, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "High School Sickout and Fire on High."

**Best Radio News Anchor: First**, Dori Zook, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA; **Second**, Ryan Stone, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

**Best Radio Sports Anchor: First**, Luke Neer, WINA-AM/FM, Charlottesville, VA, "ACC: The More, the Merrier"; **Second**, Ryan Stone, WBTM-AM, Danville, VA.

**Excellence in Public Service Through Journalism: First**, Mario Retrosi, WSVA-AM, Harrisonburg, VA, "Beyond the Soundbite."

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