



Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship Award

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ALL DIVISIONS:

Best in Show -- Television

WUSA 9, Washington
News Series
"Stories of the Capitol Riot"

It's one thing to see the video of the January 6th insurrection, but to hear the raw stories from the people who were affected and are still haunted by that day, was relaly powerful. WUSA's Eric Flack told some incredibly impactful stories.

Best in Show -- Radio

Karsonya Wise Whitehead,
Justina Pollard and Andre Melton
WEAA-FM, Baltimore
Talk Show
"An Attack on the Capitol Is an
Attack on Democracy"

This was superb live radio. Riveting coverage--and opinion---as the events of January 6 unfolded. Dr. Kaye and her WEAA team deftly mixed caller reaction with updates from the scene. Terrific job. Congratulations!

Best Podcast-Audio

First Place
WTTG-TV, Washington
Lindsay Watts, Van Applegate and
Mia Rosas
"Siege on Democracy"

Great set up and use of natural sound to build up the story. Very listener friendly and interesting.

Second Place
WTOP-FM, Washington
Paul Wagner
"American Nightmare: Season 2"





TV I/Large Market:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Delia Goncalves and James Hash

"One-Year-Old Killed"

Heartbreaking coverage of a devastating story, empathetically told.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

"Pentagon Attack"

Strong cold open. Concise reporting from multiple angles, and still holding officials in charge accountable.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

"Chaos at the Capitol"

Excellent job covering the chaos at the Capitol during the insurrection - and in the days following.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"The Insurrection Investigation"

Excellent investigative journalism!

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Stories of the Capitol Riot"

Reporter told 3 different stories, shining a light on different perspectives of Jan 6. events. The sometimes raw photography, well-paced writing and lingering soundbites enhanced the objective storytelling on display. Sandra's story moved me to tears. WUSA delivered critical information in the most compelling fashion.





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2021 Winners and Judges' Comments

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Maxine Streicher and Philip Dupont
"Breaking the Glass Ceiling"

Close 2nd!! The edits of nat sound and crisp photography were the steady heartbeat of this series. The reporter's stand-ups showed and told, and all served a purpose. The cold open featuring the different women in forensics was the most effective way to begin. Inspiring characters across the age, race and experience spectrum had the microphone. Terrific process writing.

Outstanding Photography

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Ruth Morton

The thoughtfulness of each shot and how the stories are presented are top-notch. The best part of how you visually tell stories is the "what is coming next factor." The little things with nat breaks and pauses add depth to the stories. Great work and congratulations.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

James Hash

I felt as though I were watching a documentary. The music, nat breaks, and variety of shots are phenomenal. Also, the addition of graphics helps to drive the story. Great job and congratulations.

Best Producer

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Kelly Chase
"Election Night 2021"

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Teneille Gibson
"Quiet Storm: Melodies, Moods and Mixes of Melvin Lindsey"





Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Inequality in America: The Redline in Housing Discrimination"

Great in-depth stories about the issue of redlining. WRC-TV did a great job explaining the issue, providing both a historical context and detailing the impact redlining, and similar practices, continue to have on families - along with efforts to correct the longstanding practice. Excellently produced - with compelling storytelling - great job all around!

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Chris Papst, Carolyn Peirce and Dwayne Myers
"Failure Factory"

Outstanding Specialty Reporting

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Susan Hogan, Rick Yarborough and Steve Jones
"The Rollaway Risk"

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Eric Flack and Jordan Fischer
"Digging Deeper Into the Capitol Riot"

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Democracy Divided: Stories of the Capitol Riot"





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Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Chris Papst, Carolyn Peirce and Jed Gamber
"Failure Factory"

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Chris Papst, Carolyn Peirce and Ray Rogowski
"The Bus Bust"

Bravo! A network quality piece. Well researched and balanced. Excellent production values. This checks all the boxes for outstanding enterprise reporting. What's more important than the safety of kids? This kind of reporting will make a difference and potentially save lives! Great job!

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Larry Miller, Tom Kopania and Loriston Sindass
"Appraising Prince George's County"

Excellent work! Good storytelling from the perspective of the people most harmed by this practice. Well done young man! Buyer beware!

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WJZ-TV, Baltimore

Cory Sellgren and Max McGee
"Fighting for Greatness"

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Mikenzie Frost and Nathan Frost
"Miracle on Ice"





Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Lynn Davis, Marcus Harton and
Carolyn Presutti

"The GPS Man Trapped in
Afghanistan"

The amount of reporting required for this piece -- across the globe -- made it stand out among 30 amazing pieces. The detail taken to protect the lives of those still in Afghanistan is both important and harrowing.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff and Ryan Eskalis

"The Portrait"

I found myself crying throughout this piece. So much pain. Yet through the storytelling in this package, there is healing and kindness from strangers. Beautifully executed piece.

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Bill Kelly

Bill starts off cool, calm and confident for severe weather. I like that he continues to add information without missing a beat throughout the whole clip. I like that he uses the double box feature and is able to track out the storms by using the arrows. You can tell he is definitely aware of his region and is knowledgeable about it.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Doug Kammerer

This meteorologist is the most knowledgeable about his DMA, especially going into detail about the schools. He mentions that that some of the counties had let out of school early, which shows he knows more than just the forecast. Overall, I think he does a phenomenal job of severe weather coverage.

Video Journalist/One-Person Band Reporter

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

"Old Man One Man Band Rides
Again"

Beautiful shooting, strong use of nats, great storytelling. A pleasure to watch.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Teneille Gibson





Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

"The Pandemic Plane Project"

Fantastic storytelling. Strong character. Compelling visuals.
Well done!

Second Place

**Capital News Service, College Park,
Md.**

Morgan Pravato

"The Holy Spirit Was Blowing
Through"

Best Reporter

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Matthew Torres

Torres is the epitome of cool, calm and collected while presenting information in a descriptive and creative way. His approaches to typical news happenings (flooding angle, subject face off camera) was innovative and fun! Great pacing for dayturns.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

Korff does a terrific job of letting his characters' sound breathe and their video, play out. It's clear he gives his subjects the space and confidence to be themselves, which produces the best interviews. He makes hometown stories in a big city feel personable and relatable.

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Darren M. Haynes and Sharla

McBride

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington





Outstanding Website

First Place

WBAL-TV, Baltimore

Greg Ng, Jenny Fulginiti and Tramon Lucas

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Brian Sasser and Kelly Lamp

Great energy and thorough coverage of breaking news off the top with perspective. Also liked the showcasing and balance of adding positive stories into the mix.

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Meredith Devereux

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Adam Longo

Great communicator. Clear and concise.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Michelle Marsh

Good communicator.

Best TV Sports Anchor

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Darren M. Haynes

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Scott Abraham





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2021 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Excellent! Your commitment to strong journalism and excellent storytelling was clearly evident in your entry. I was particularly impressed with your sample of special broadcasts. Well done! It's very evident to me that NBC 4 is clearly living up to your brand "Working 4 You". Keep it up!

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Very nice! I was particularly impressed with the full flavor of the station you presented in your entry. A terrific sample of excellent work! It's clear that 7 News is "On Your Side" for the DMV!

TV II/Small Market:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WDVM-TV, Hagerstown, Md.

Randi Bass

"Rock Creek Flooding"

The use of the local puts the audience in the middle of the story. It gives the story a more authentic feel. The use of nat breaks was also a nice touch. Well done.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Chandler Parr and Zeke Dumm

"President Biden's Arrival Outside of the Milford Boys and Girls Club"

This story was well put together with the variety of shots and feeds woven together. Good job.





Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich
"The Murder of Corporal Keith Heacock"

WBOC did a good job of following this story through the entire process, from the murder of the officer, funeral and subsequent discussion and approval of pay increases for the officers. Well-rounded coverage. Nice coverage of the spot news to start and covering all developments throughout the following months.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

"Delmar Police Tragedy"

This was a good effort by the station to cover the death, funeral and ongoing discussion of pay increases for officers.

Outstanding News Series

First Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson
"Hispanic Heritage Month: Covering Hispanic Culture on Delmarva"

Second Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Daniela Cado
"Hispanic Heritage Month Series"

Outstanding Photography

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Charlie Paparella
"Travels With Charlie: Faith in a Flower"

Outstanding composition and visual story-telling. The shots complemented the script and the overall narrative of the story. Comparing the leaves of the dogwood trees to the cross and the story of the Jesus was told very well.





Best Producer

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kyle Johnson

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WDVM-TV, Hagerstown, Md.

Ross Simpson, Katie Misuraca and Anthony Deng

"Veterans Voices - Pearl Harbor 80th Commemoration"

Great use of storytelling through different interviews connected to Pearl Harbor. Great use of on location feel to bring the viewer along to Pearl Harbor and place them at the ceremony. Host was enjoyable.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Dearing and Bill Shull

"One Year Later"

Comprehensive look back at the one-year mark of COVID. Really enjoyed the use of so many of the station reporters telling so many different angles of the story. A lot was covered in this hour. I liked the opening and the montage at the end.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jordan Kudisch and Mike Lawrence

"Trail to the Truth"

Great job on tracking down everyone for the interviews. Their perspective helped make the stories relatable and helped drive the narrative. Visually -- excellent job on the use of file video and pictures. Good use of monitors and surroundings to tell the story.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

"Covering the Hispanic Community Across Delmarva"

Excellent job in coverage of the Hispanic community. Watching these stories gave perspective of the challenges and achievements within the community. Also, stories narrated in Spanish was a nice touch.





Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich

"Honoring Corporal Keith Heacock"

Well-rounded coverage of the officer funeral. Lots of crews handling many different angles of a large event with different moving parts.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jordan Kudisch and Mike Lawrence

"Trail to the Truth: Chovonne Dolberry"

Very interesting story of the cold case and death investigation. The story was well told. Lots of good elements even with limited file video resources.

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kyle Johnson

"Nursing Home Reunion"

Nice job setting up the piece.

Second Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

"Learning About the History of Horseshoe Crabs on Delaware's Coast"

Good job of letting viewers know about the crabs and their importance.

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Zach Parnes

"Anya Knappenberger: Fighting Fires, and Fighting the Competition"

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Brandon Bossert

"After the Whistle"





Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

"H2B Visa Workers, an Essential Part of Maryland's Crab Picking Industry"

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kyle Johnson

"Lynching Memorial"

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Paul Williams

His animation, confidence and knowledge really showed. I wish I could have seen more. I liked his explanation of the temperature variation and that adding to why the precipitation is the way that it is. His science background also showed in a way that was easy for a viewer to understand.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Mike Lichniak

Overall, you can tell this meteorologist knows what he is talking about and in terms of severe weather he is definitely a leader. I love his graphic selection, especially of the tornado. I haven't seen anything like it and it is a great visual. He is also a good explainer and you can tell puts in the time and effort for his explainer graphics. I also like how he used arrows in his one clip to show storm direction.

Video Journalist/One-Person Band Reporter

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon

Solid in all live shots showcased in this reel. Good use of a variety of different stories to showcase the video work it takes to tell the stories day in and day out. Just a really solid reel.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kyle Johnson

Good use of being a one-man band in capturing the urgency and emotion of this meeting. This story shows that being a one-man band, you have to try and capture it all, which is not always easy. But this story puts the viewer right there in the meetings.





Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

"Members of a Guatemalan-Mexican Band in Sussex County Work to Become Successful at All Costs"

Great moving story. Good reporting.

Second Place

WDVM-TV, Hagerstown, Md.

Joseph Olmo and Caleb Popper

"A Day in the Life of a CBP Officer"

Great story. Good reporting.

Best Reporter

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon

Great use of live shots. Loved being in the helicopter for breaking news involving the judge. Solid reporting, steady and calm in live reporting.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

Great selection of a variety of stories and content. I love that you can use English and Spanish to convey stories to even more of your audience. Solid reporting on a variety of topics.

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.





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2021 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Website

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

7 local stories above the fold! Nice. Every link on this homepage invites people to click it and come further into the website. More options = more clicks, and this team appears to have that figured out. Good blend of local and wire stories too. Overall, a good user experience.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kye Parsons

Nice organization of content. The main things a viewer would look for are clearly labeled and able to be quickly found in one click. That yellow broadcast bar at the top is a nice way to move people to the newscast. Headlines are succinct and clear. Overall, a good user experience.

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich

Good job of building up the big story with team coverage and other elements. I felt like there was good pacing with the big reporter stories and pacer vo's and vo/sots. Nice use of franchises to give the viewer a feel of lots of different things happening in the coverage area.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Tanjeen Twinkle, Matt Pencek and Bill Shull

Nice show with a good mix of the big stories of the day and lifestyle stories. Nice balance.

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

Telemundo Delmarva, Milton, Del.

Rodaris Richardson

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jimmy Hoppa





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Best TV Sports Anchor

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Zach Parnes

Zach has a lot of energy. He handles himself well in a variety of situations from the anchor desk, video screen and live shots. He shows a mastery of various sports and relates well to the viewer.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Brandon Bossert

Brandon is energetic and has a good understanding of stacking and flow of his sportscasts. Solid calls of highlights.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Dearing, Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich

WBOC had a well-rounded approach to their news overall. It was well written and executed. Also it had the necessary balance of hard news and positive stories to make it the winner.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.





Radio I/Metro:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

Bloomberg 99.1, Washington

Karen Moskow, Nathan Hager and
Richard Trueman
"Insurrection at the Capitol"

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Rachel Baye
"General Assembly Passes Last-
Minute Laws Related to Immigration,
Parole, Sports Betting"

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

"Capitol Insurrection"

Clearly on top of the story as it was breaking, and staying smooth with evolving details. Good diversity of reporters and sound bites.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"Baltimore's Battle Against Crime"

Nice header sound into anchor, with good lead story line. Music SFX under parts of story broke up the long segments. Well balanced.

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Rachel Baye
"Missed Shots: COVID-19 Vaccine
Resistance in Garrett County"

Well done report. Gives important human information about why people aren't getting their COVID vaccinations. Doesn't take a spin, just delivers the facts in an interesting way (although I prefer the grilled corn on the cob to the fries).

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

J.J. Green
"COVID-19 Conspiracy"

Delivers important information on a controversial international subject. Gives facts in an interesting way. Well done!





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2021 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Mike Murillo

"Fire Ops"

Fire Ops was best use of sound and quality of sound. Ambient sound and quick bites made the piece very interesting.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Sarah Y. Kim

"The Fight Against COVID-19 Goes to the Sewers"

Subject of piece was good.

Outstanding Talk Show

First Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton

"An Attack on the Capitol Is an Attack on Democracy"

This was superb live radio. Riveting coverage--and opinion--as the events of January 6 unfolded. Dr. Kaye and her WEAA team deftly mixed caller reaction with updates from the scene. Terrific job. Congratulations!

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Tom Hall, Malarie Pinkard-Pierre and Rob Sivak

"Critical Race Theory"

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Joel Oxley

"Enough Is Enough"

Solid presentation of vital issue.

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton

"Not an Equal Pay Day for All"





Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Sheilah Kast, Maureen Harvie and
Melissa Gerr

"The Painful Reality of Long COVID-
19"

Sheilah does a great job asking questions of an expert and patient for first-hand knowledge. Nice pace. Kept my interest.

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Mike "Nyce" Middleton and Mike
Ballard

"Baltimore City Mural Series"

Very culturally relevant piece, with a good mix of history and a sense of reason for the story. Nicely produced.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

John Lee

"The Baltimore County Public
Schools"

Gets a 10 out of 10!

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Rachel Baye

"Vaccinating an Often Overlooked
Population -- Homeless Marylander"

Excellent writing and actuals.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Sullivan

"Searching for a Turn-Around on the
Highway to Nowhere"

Road to Nowhere a high interest story to the community. Shows a problem in the community and what led to it. Well researched and delivered.





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Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang

"The Shooting of a Baltimore Police Officer"

Santa Shortage a good water cooler story with a high level of interest. Well done.

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Megan Cloherty and Jack Moore

"DFS Scandal"

Excellent topic that impacts the community. Reporter very knowledgeable about the topic with very good follow up. Keeps updated on the subject and what's important to the listener.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Sullivan

"Baltimore's Tax Sale in the Pandemic Era"

Important topic to the public. Reporter put a lot of effort and follow-through on the story and its impact.

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Dave Johnson

"Sports and the Black Experience"

Excellent presentation, with well thought out questions and great guests. Nice variety of angles, all in the same topic field.

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Sullivan

"Tangled Titles Obstruct Generational Wealth for Thousands of City Families"

Good choice of topic -- a problem that took some research. Very well done. Good sound.



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Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Sullivan

"Baltimore Faith Community, City Leaders Grapple With Killing of Evelyn Player"

Touching topic. Sound really adds to story. Well done.

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

John Aaron

"Datsun Spirit"

Very well done in terms of creating a listener experience of being a part of the story. Great sounds and emotion, plus perfect guests.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

John Lee

"To Shake or Not to Shake: Coming to Grips With Hand Shaking"

An excellent viewpoint of the health crisis that hasn't been exploited. Great sound bites and story composition.

Best Reporter

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

John Domen

Great selection of stories -- very human interest. Good use of sound.

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Mike Murillo

Mike has achieved what many reporters never do. He sounds human. He tells the story, rather than reporting, which is much more relatable to the listener.

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

The reporters sound like they are indeed tops in their field!





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Outstanding Website

First Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Micarie Kemp

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Good pacing, anchors all sound engaged. Information pertinent to audience. Well-done cast.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Lots of information. Very professionally done.

Best Radio News Anchor

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Dimitri Sotis

Voice smooth, warm and authoritative. Handles breaking news well. Seems engaged and knows details of stories. Good pacing.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang

Very upbeat with quick pacing.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Excellent use of available media formats to provide headlines and details on relevant news stories. Live stories were polished and professional. Emotions in check to deliver breaking story parts accurately and concise.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Nice work with field reporters giving up-to-the-second details of the evolving story parts. Great coordination between reporters and anchors.





Radio II/Non Metro:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Ryan Hedrick, Kevin McManus and
Dianah Gibson
"Mass Shooting"

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.

Rita Rich and Julie Reiter
"Tornadoes Strike Annapolis and
Edgewater"

Solid coverage of the storm by WNAV from early warnings to the cleanup effort. What I liked: Quick comments on storm progress and damage from police and other city officials; Comprehensive reports on roads closed and alternate routes recommended, along with alerts on power outages. What I would have liked: Better editing of early on-the-scene reports (reporter's words difficult/impossible to understand over the roar of the storm); More early eyewitness reports on damage and impact on city residents; Consistent identification of interview subjects both after and before the clip.

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Amy Cherry
"Tales of Hope"

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush
"The Biogas Battle"





Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Maskless Third Friday"

Outstanding Talk Show

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Rick Jensen and Darryl Scott

"The Rick Jensen Show"

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Frank Mitchell and Tim May

"Mid-Maryland Live"

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Michael O'Loughlin

"Police Incident in Ocean City"

A strong and emotional, yet rationally argued criticism of excessive force used by local police in arresting black teens whose only "crime" was violating a vaping ordinance. His voice of outrage came across clearly and memorably, making it a great example of a radio commentary.

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Michael O'Loughlin

"September 11th"

A well-argued defense of diplomacy at a time of intense controversy over how to deter hostility, aggression and "acts of war" by radical sects or entire nations against others.





Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.
"Feed a Friend Food Drive"

WDEL through this program not only put a spotlight on social needs, they focused that spotlight on organizations that are successfully dealing with the issues, then went an extra step by using the program to raise funds for the organizations to continue their work.

Second Place

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.
Rita Rich
"Men and Women in Blue
Committing Suicide: 'Operation 22 to
Zero'"

Sometimes the best interview technique is to ask the right question, then step aside and let the guest speak directly to the listener who most needs to hear what he/she has to say.

Outstanding Specialty Reporting

First Place

WDDE-FM, Dover, Del.
Sophia Schmidt
"Coastal Marshes Help Mitigate
Climate Change. So Why Is This
Delaware Marsh Contributing to It?"

This is an excellent story that does a great job explaining the complexities of climate change in a way that doesn't put me to sleep. I came away feeling like I learned something new. Good sources, good sound and production. Well done!

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WDDE-FM, Dover, Del.
Sophia Schmidt
"Researchers Say Some Delawareans
Pay Too Much for Flood Insurance,
Others Too Little"

Kudos to Sophia Schmidt for tackling an enormously complicated public policy issue: how to protect home owners against catastrophic loss from flood damage without putting an undue burden on taxpayers or encouraging continued home construction and reconstruction in flood-prone areas. Explaining complicated rules and regulations is tough on radio, where listeners can't ask for a rerun.





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2021 Winners and Judges' Comments

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Fighting the Sludge Facility"

This story really needed smell as well as sound for maximum impact! Don Rush's two pieces introduced a conflict we'll likely be seeing more and more in the years ahead -- how do you carry out the messy and smelly business of agriculture when farms and fields are no longer "out in the country," but smack up against residential areas where people want to be able to smell the roses.

Outstanding Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Amy Cherry

"Wrongful Eviction"

A well-done story. It illustrates what wrongful evictions can look like with a window into one local family's experience. The father sounds great on tape and the reporter does a good job letting him tell his story. Overall, great work.

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Sean Greene

"Running From the Past"

An outstanding piece by Sean Greene on Scott Day, a man who fought depression, job loss, obesity and suicide attempts by becoming a runner and eventually a marathon competitor.

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Girls on the Softball Field"

Nice piece featuring comments by players, coaches and families at a women's softball championship event .





Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WDDE-FM, Dover, Del.

Sophia Schmidt

"More PFAS Testing in Delaware Could Be Coming. Where Does the Contamination in New Castle Stand?"

This is an effective breakdown of the science, politics and community impact of PFAS chemicals in Delaware. It makes the science and politics easily understandable and gives the state an idea of what could come next. Well done.

Second Place

WDDE-FM, Dover, Del.

Mark Fowser

"Can 'Capping' I-95 Reconnect Parts of Wilmington It Divided?"

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Bailey Morris

"The Foodie Tour"

Second Place

WDDE-FM, Dover, Del.

Rebecca Baer

"Delawareans Seek a Return to 'Normal' Holiday Season While Pandemic Concerns Linger"

Best Reporter

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Amy Cherry

Excellent reporting by Amy Cherry. Good organization and selection of quotes. Excellent use of sound (drums, ice cream truck bell) to enhance radio experience.

Second Place

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.

Rita Rich





Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.
Steve Nibbs and Bob Dacey

Great to see the commitment to local sports this entry represents. Kudos to Sports Director Steve Nibbs for his play-by-play skills in both football and basketball, no easy feat, and he contributed a lot of color commentary, as well. Also a solid weekend program segment on the impact of COVID on the high school sports program and their efforts to resume competition.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Plenty of news, weather, traffic info and features, all neatly presented. It's immediately obvious this site belongs to a NEWS station.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Professional, well-produced and covers a lot of ground.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.
Kevin McManus and Nate Saunders

A tight top-of-the-hour newscast. Good delivery and interesting story choices.





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Best Radio News Anchor

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Chris Carl

Smooth, conversational delivery. Very pleasant to listen to.

Second Place

WNAV-AM, Annapolis, Md.

Julie Reiter

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

A comprehensive entry. It gave me a smorgasboard of the types of stories and community involment WDEL delivers.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Kevin McManus and Dianah Gibson

