



**Finalists in the 2023 Chesapeake AP Broadcasters Association Contest:**

**ALL DIVISIONS:**

**Best Podcast-Audio:** Michael Lipin and Steve Miller, Voice of America-Radio, Washington, "Flashpoint Iran: Why Iran's Proxies Seek to 'Drag Out' Low-Level Conflict with Israel"; Tony Pann and Dave Gegorek, WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Weather Talk."

**COLLEGE TV:**

**Outstanding General News:** Tolulope Ajayi, Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., "DC Crime Worsens."

**Outstanding Feature:** Tolulope Ajayi, Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., "Healthy Kid Menu Options"; Barbara Ron, Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., "Rescued Horses."

**Outstanding Sports Reporting:** Keara Bruno, Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., "Taylor Cummings"; Kevin McNulty, Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md., "Sports Betting at University of Colorado."

**Outstanding Newscast:** Capital News Service, University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

**TV I/LARGE MARKET:**

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** Kate Amara, Mac Finney and Sky Team 11, WBAL-TV, Baltimore, "Escaped Inmate Captured Live on Air"; WUSA 9, Washington, "District Dogs Flash Flood."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** WUSA 9, Washington, "Demanding Answers After Deadly Flood at Doggy Daycare"; WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "The Unicorn."

**Outstanding News Series:** Teneille Gibson and Mauricio Casillas, WRC-TV, Washington, "Los Disturbios de Mount Pleasant"; Nick Minock, Kurt Mueller and Michael Vaughn, WJLA-TV, Washington, "Uncovering Local Politicians' Lavish International Travel."

**Best Television Photography:** Edwin Gonzalez, WUSA 9, Washington; Ben Otte, WBFF-TV, Baltimore.





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**Best Producer:** Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington, "Inside Story: A Shadow Over Dallas"; Rick Yarborough, WRC-TV, Washington, "American Pride Is Universal."

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Mitch Blacher and Trevor Taylor, WJLA-TV, Washington, "Highway Robbery: Inside DC's Auto Theft Epidemic"; WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Learned Helplessness."

**Best Specialty Reporting:** WUSA 9, Washington, "#EnvironmentMatters"; WUSA 9, Washington, "Health: Menopause, Concierge Medicine, Frozen Pre-Embryos."

**Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting:** Elizabeth Lee, Jessica Jerreat and Amy Katz, Voice of America-TV, Washington, "From Fear to Freedom: A Uyghur's Journey"; WRC-TV, Washington, "The Next Migration."

**Best Enterprise Reporting:** WRC-TV, Washington, "Cop on Cop Retaliation"; WRC-TV, Washington, "Paying to Patrol?"

**Outstanding Sports Feature:** Scott Abraham and Kendall Griggs, WJLA-TV, Washington, "Rocky's Shot"; Morgan Adsit and Layne Blank, WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Meet Ellie."

**Outstanding Serious Feature:** Mark Hyman and Larry Deal, WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Maine: What's in the Water?"; Mark Hyman and Larry Deal, WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Sober Nightclub."

**Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster:** Doug Kammerer, WRC-TV, Washington, "Tracking Severe Storms"; WUSA 9, Washington, "Winter Weather Forecast."

**Best Multimedia Journalist:** Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington; Jay Korff, WJLA-TV, Washington.

**Outstanding Light Feature:** BJ Forte and Adam Tuss, WRC-TV, Washington, "Maryland Highway Shop"; Jay Korff, WJLA-TV, Washington, "Promotion Day."

**Best Reporter:** Aimee Cho, WRC-TV, Washington; Katie Lusso, WUSA 9, Washington.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** DC News Now, Washington; WJLA-TV, Washington.

**Outstanding Website:** WMAR-TV, Baltimore, "Balancing Out Your Day"; WRC-TV, Washington.

**Outstanding Morning Newscast:** WBAL-TV, Baltimore; WUSA 9, Washington.





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**Outstanding Late Newscast:** Nick Rios Lopez, Michael Jaffe and Rebecca McDevitt, WJLA-TV, Washington; WRC-TV, Washington.

**Outstanding Election Night Coverage:** WUSA 9, Washington, "Virginia Decides"; WJLA-TV, Washington, "Your Voice, Your Vote on Election Night 2023."

**Best TV News Anchor:** Lesli Foster, WUSA 9, Washington; Lorenzo Hall, WUSA 9, Washington.

**Outstanding News Operation:** Cheryl Carson, WJLA-TV, Washington; WRC-TV, Washington.

### TV II/SMALL MARKET:

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** Deja Parker and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Mass Shooting in Salisbury"; Matt Pencek and James Weaver, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Wilkerson Sentencing Trial."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** Brandon Bossert, Deja Parker and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Laurel Youth Gun Violence"; Torie Seagraves, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Lewes Cannonball."

**Outstanding News Series:** Hannah Cechini and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Curious About Cannabis"; Mallory Metzner, Torie Seagraves and James Weaver, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Jimmie Allen Saga."

**Best Television Photography:** Bill Mich and Michael Neapolitan, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "A Tank on the Move"; Torie Seagraves, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

**Best Producer:** Tanjeen Twinkle, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Robyn Walters, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Best Specialty Reporting:** Ana Sofia Roman, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Alex Seymore, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

**Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting:** Lauren Miller, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Federalsburg Election Districts"; Rob Petree, Kolby Redden and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Justice for Heacock."

**Best Enterprise Reporting:** Rob Flaks and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Aquaculture Regulation Struggles"; Hunter Landon, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Wicomico County K-9 Death."





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**Outstanding Sports Feature:** Brandon Bossert, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Butch Waller's 900th Win"; Zach Parnes, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md., "The Grandfather of WiHi Hoops: Butch Waller Enters Season 57."

**Outstanding Serious Feature:** Jack Ford, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Pilot Enters Restricted Air Space"; Charles Reinert, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "OCPD Beating."

**Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster:** Paul Williams, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Rich Wirdzek, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Best Multimedia Journalist:** John Conway, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Torie Seagraves, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

**Outstanding Light Feature:** Jordie Clark and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "The Brightside - From Business Loss to Success"; Charles Reinert, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Milton Geese."

**Best Reporter:** Kirstyn Clark, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Hunter Landon, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Bill Vernon and Kayla Santiago, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

**Outstanding Website:** Sean Curtis, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Ava Krivosh, Bill Vernon and Kayla Santiago, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

**Outstanding Morning Newscast:** Alyssa Baker, Matt Pencek and Paige Marley, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Ron Krisulevicz, Bill Mich and Robyn Walters, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Outstanding Late Newscast:** Ron Krisulevicz, Bill Mich and Jana Ruark, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Tanjeen Twinkle, Madeleine Overturf and Charlie Sokaitis, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

**Outstanding Election Night Coverage:** Chris Weimer, Hunter Landon and Matt Rosenberg, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Best TV News Anchor:** Steve Hammond, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.; Tameka Norman, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

**Best TV Sports Anchor:** Tim Nolan, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.; Kayla Santiago, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

**Outstanding News Operation:** John Dearing, Madeleine Overturf and James Weaver, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.





## **RADIO I/METRO:**

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Baltimore Firefighters Killed in Row Home Fire."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** Emily Hofstaedter, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "The Aftermath of the Brooklyn Homes Shooting"; Scott Maucione, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Sexual Abuse and the Baltimore Archdiocese."

**Outstanding News Series:** John Domen, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Child Care at a Crossroads"; Mike Murillo, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Facing Down Fentanyl."

**Outstanding Use of Sound:** Mike "Nyce" Middleton, Ayanna Ross JaLo Morton and Jaiheim Codrington, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "50 years of Hip-Hop 'Salute to Women of HIP-HOP Series';" Matt Kaufax, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Amaizin' Cyclist."

**Outstanding Talk Show:** Clarence Mitchell IV, Bryan Nehman and Kevin White, WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "C4 and Bryan Nehman"; Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "America Is not the Greatest Country in the World."

**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** Josh Spiegel, WBAL-AM, Baltimore; Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "America Has a Problem With Mass Shootings."

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Tom Hall, Teria Rogers and Malarie Pinkard-Pierre, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Townhall With Governor Wes Moore"; WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Organ Donation: Life-Giving Gifts."

**Best Specialty Reporting:** Carla Babb, Voice of America-Radio, Washington, "U.S. Military Beat"; Sandra Jones, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Consumer News."

**Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting:** WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Turning the Tide: Greater Baltimore's Battle Against Youth Violence"; WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Darkness Into Light: Reporting on Clergy Abuse."

**Best Enterprise Reporting:** Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "The State of Baltimore: A Conversation With City Council President Nick Mosby."

**Outstanding Serious Feature:** Emily Hofstaedter, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "The Club Nobody Wants to Be in': Bereaved Parents Find Community at Baltimore Fashion Show"; Kate Ryan, WTOP-FM, Washington, "College Behind Bars."





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**Outstanding Light Feature:** Lisa Mateo and Sebastian Escobar, Bloomberg 99.1, Washington, "Investing in Hispanic-Owned Businesses"; Scott Maucione, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "A Trip Into the Best Bathrooms in America at BWI Marshall Airport."

**Best Reporter:** John Domen, WTOP-FM, Washington; Scott Wykoff, WBAL-AM, Baltimore.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** WTOP-FM, Washington.

**Outstanding Website:** Will Carter, Katarina Hein and Rob Sobus, WBAL-AM, Baltimore; WTOP-FM, Washington.

**Outstanding Newscast:** WBAL-AM, Baltimore; WTOP-FM, Washington.

**Best Radio News Anchor:** Robert Lang, WBAL-AM, Baltimore.

**Best Radio Sports Anchor:** Valerie Preactor, WBAL-AM, Baltimore.

**Outstanding News Operation:** WBAL-AM, Baltimore; WTOP-FM, Washington.

### RADIO II/NON-METRO:

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Pro-Palestinian March Draws Hundreds to President Biden's Home"; Kevin McManus, WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md., "Tanker Fire."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Wilmington's Residency Requirement"; Kevin McManus, WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md., "Sheriff's Indictment."

**Outstanding News Series:** Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Black Maternal Health"; Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Downtown Development."

**Outstanding Use of Sound:** Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Pride Parade"; Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Indigenous Enterprise Workshops With K-12, UD Students, Keeping Native American Culture Alive."

**Outstanding Talk Show:** Rick Jensen, WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del., "The Rick Jensen Show"; Bryan Russo, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Pay it Forward."





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**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** Michael O'Loughlin, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Indictment and a Movement"; Michael O'Loughlin, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Ukraine Anniversary."

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Bryan Russo, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Buckingham: To Build or not to Build"; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del., "WDEL Feed a Friend."

**Best Specialty Reporting:** Bryan Russo, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "In Your Neighborhood."

**Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting:** Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Catholic Priest Scandal"; Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "How the Teacher Shortage Is Affecting Delaware."

**Best Enterprise Reporting:** Paul Kiefer, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware Grapples Over Leadership."

**Outstanding Serious Feature:** Paul Kiefer, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Housing Advocates Anticipate an Undercount in Latest Survey of Homelessness in Delaware"; Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Tubman: Beacon of Hope."

**Outstanding Light Feature:** Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Mount Pleasant High School Premieres 'Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical'"; Bryan Russo, WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md., "Ricky Skaggs Appearance on Eastern Shore."

**Best Reporter:** Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.; Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

**Outstanding Website:** Tom Byrne, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

**Outstanding Newscast:** WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.; WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

**Best Radio News Anchor:** Chris Carl, WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.; Peter MacArthur, WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

**Outstanding News Operation:** Kevin McManus, WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

