



CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

Winners in the 2023 Chesapeake AP Broadcasters Association Contest:

ALL DIVISIONS:

Best in Show—Television: Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington, for "Inside Story: A Shadow Over Dallas" in the Best Producer category.

Best in Show—Radio: WTOP-FM, Washington, for Outstanding News Entry.

Best Podcast-Audio: First, 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"; **Second,** Tony Pann and Dave Gegorek, WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Weather Talk."

COLLEGE TV:

Outstanding General News: First, Tolulope Ajayi, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "DC Crime Worsens."

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

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

Outstanding Newscast: First, Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

TV I/LARGE MARKET:

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TV II/SMALL MARKET:

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

RADIO I/METRO:

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

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

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

Outstanding Use of Sound: First, Matt Kaufax, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Amaizin' Cyclist"; **Second**, 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'."

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





RADIO II/NON-METRO:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

Best Reporter: First, Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media; **Second**, Quinn Kirkpatrick, Delaware Public Media.

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

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

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

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

