



CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

2023 Winners and Judges' Comments

Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship Award

**Edward "Eddy" Calkins
Philip Merrill College of Journalism
University of Maryland
College Park, Md.**

ALL DIVISIONS:

Best in Show -- Television

**Kane Farabaugh
Voice of America-TV, Washington
Best Producer
"Inside Story: A Shadow Over
Dallas"**

It was well told, had a good set-up off the top, and used the historical footage to tell a story of Dallas that has been overlooked by many documentarians and journalists when discussing the events in the piece.

Best in Show -- Radio

**WTOP-FM, Washington
Outstanding News Operation**

This is a clinic in how radio news, especially large-market productions, should sound. So much of news is being in the right place at the right time, and this station capitalized on groundbreaking opportunities. From the coverage of Maryland's first black governor, to the House of Representatives first ouster of a sitting speaker, to an unprecedented DC crime spree -- comprehensive reporting creates the powerful sense that WTOP is on the listener's side





Best Podcast-Audio

First Place

**Voice of America-Radio,
Washington**

Michael Lipin and Steve Miller

"Flashpoint Iran: Why Iran's Proxies
Seek to 'Drag Out' Low-Level Conflict
with Israel"

High production values and thorough research and reporting, along with outstanding editing, make this podcast engaging and attention keeping.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Tony Pann and Dave Gegorek

"Weather Talk"

Excellent audio production. Outstanding talent and great delivery make this podcast stand out.

TV I/Large Market:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"District Dogs Flash Flood"

I love how you stuck with it and let the live shots breathe so you could take in all the moments that came along with the story that was unfolding before your eyes.

Second Place

WBAL-TV, Baltimore

Kate Amara, Mac Finney and Sky

Team 11

"Escaped Inmate Captured Live on
Air"

What a great way to utilize all of your resources to tell a story!

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"The Unicorn"

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Demanding Answers After Deadly
Flood at Doggy Daycare"





Outstanding News Series

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Nick Minock, Kurt Mueller and
Michael Vaughn

"Uncovering Local Politicians' Lavish
International Travel"

Compelling series of holding the powerful accountable. This is what journalists do! Well produced and thorough.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Teneille Gibson and Mauricio Casillas

"Los Disturbios de Mount Pleasant"

Very interesting perspective. I loved how the storytelling took us back in time to help explain where we are today.

Best Television Photography

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Ben Otte

Great use of nat sound and letting the subjects of the story tell the story. Very creative shooting and editing. Great job!

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Edwin Gonzalez

Best Producer

First Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Kane Farabaugh

"Inside Story: A Shadow Over Dallas"

Outstanding execution of topic.
Very good interviews and writing.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Rick Yarborough

"American Pride Is Universal"

Excellent topics.
Nice presentation.





Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"Learned Helplessness"

WBFF's story on Baltimore schools under fire for grade changing was excellent and hits on a subject that affects the children today and their future. The combination of storytelling from parents to teachers to school board members using investigative work made for a well-rounded and thorough coverage of a very important issue about the failure of the system.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Mitch Blacher and Trevor Taylor

"Highway Robbery: Inside DC's Auto Theft Epidemic"

WJLA's story on how cars in Maryland counties are rampantly stolen and taken across the state line into DC or put in containers for shipping overseas was eye opening. Very good work as this affects most everyone. Both these stories really set themselves apart from and above the other entries in how they were produced.

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Health: Menopause, Concierge Medicine, Frozen Pre-Embryos"

Delia Gonsalves delivers medical reports with a captivating style appreciated for its conversational tone. Her variety of standups adds depth to her storytelling. Despite the complexity of topics like menopause, concierge medicine, and frozen pre-embryos, she excels in simplifying them for audiences, showcasing her adeptness in tackling challenging subjects.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"#EnvironmentMatters"

Kaitlyn McGrath's environmental reports impress with their diverse range of stories and engaging standups. Her delivery and scriptwriting skills are commendable, consistently delivering compelling content on environmental issues.





Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Elizabeth Lee, Jessica Jerreat and
Amy Katz

"From Fear to Freedom: A Uyghur's
Journey"

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"The Next Migration"

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Cop on Cop Retaliation"

Excellent reporting. Important story. Great interviews.
Compelling video to support story.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Paying to Patrol?"

Relentless coverage on this story. Very well done.

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Morgan Adsit and Layne Blank
"Meet Ellie"

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Scott Abraham and Kendall Griggs
"Rocky's Shot"





Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Mark Hyman and Larry Deal

"Maine: What's in the Water?"

Showcased best ideas on how major problems can be solved once they have been identified.

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Mark Hyman and Larry Deal

"Sober Nightclub"

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Doug Kammerer

"Tracking Severe Storms"

Great, comprehensive overview of a dual-threat day: heat and severe storms. Thorough explanation of the dangers of both and what to expect out of these thunderstorms. Conversational, calm, clear...really nicely done.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Winter Weather Forecast"

Maybe the most creative winter outlook I've seen. Wow! Way to make the projection even more interesting, with team involvement.

Best Multimedia Journalist

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

Excellent use of nat sound. Very good video and interviews. Outstanding writing.

Second Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Kane Farabaugh

Solid writing and storytelling.





Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

"Promotion Day"

Heartwarming subject meets outstanding reporting and editing. This is a tightly written and produced package, but packs a punch. I was in tears!

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

BJ Forte and Adam Tuss

"Maryland Highway Shop"

Out of the ordinary subject matter for a feature. This package helps the viewer see something familiar in a new way. Excellent production, editing, writing, reporting.

Best Reporter

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Katie Lusso

It's clear Katie is an expert in her craft. Her reporting serves as an excellent example of what a hardworking, thorough and dedicated journalist should be.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Aimee Cho

Aimee is an impeccable storyteller who comes across as trustworthy, conversational and authentic. Her reporting is both informative and compelling. Great work!

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Second Place

DC News Now, Washington

Outstanding Website

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Second Place

WMAR-TV, Baltimore

"Balancing Out Your Day"





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2023 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Morning Newscast

First Place

WBAL-TV, Baltimore

Loved the team coverage of the big breaking story! Good showcasing at the top with the reporters and I'm glad you broke the story up between the two reporters to offer more depth.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

You all have great energy!

Outstanding Late Newscast

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Nick Rios Lopez, Michael Jaffe and
Rebecca McDevitt

Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

"Your Voice, Your Vote on Election
Night 2023"

Comprehensive coverage with a large team look.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Virginia Decides"

Comprehensive coverage, nice get with the former governor and like the big board analysis.





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2023 Winners and Judges' Comments

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Lesli Foster

Leslie Foster is a seasoned anchor and reporter with a reputation for her strong delivery and versatility in covering a range of topics, from town hall meetings to breaking news stories. Her anchoring style exudes gravitas, commanding attention and instilling trust in her audience. Foster excels at vividly describing breaking news videos and photos, bringing clarity and depth to unfolding events. Moreover, her recaps of news events are consistently thorough and insightful, providing viewers with comprehensive summaries of complex stories.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Lorenzo Hall

Lorenzo Hall is recognized for his remarkable delivery in anchoring and reporting. His style incorporates a personal touch that doesn't overwhelm viewers with grandiosity.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Cheryl Carson

Great quality work represented.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington





TV II/Small Market:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Matt Pencek and James Weaver

"Wilkerson Sentencing Trial"

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Deja Parker and Kolby Redden

"Mass Shooting in Salisbury"

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Brandon Bossert, Deja Parker and

Kolby Redden

"Laurel Youth Gun Violence"

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Torie Seagraves

"Lewes Cannonball"

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hannah Cechini and Kolby Redden

"Curious About Cannabis"

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Mallory Metzner, Torie Seagraves
and James Weaver

"Jimmie Allen Saga"





Best Television Photography

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Bill Mich and Michael Neapolitan

"A Tank on the Move"

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Torie Seagraves

Best Producer

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Robyn Walters

Strong newscast on an active day, delivering critical information. Nice way to provide multiple information sources, from studio and field. This helps viewer take note of the serious nature, while also giving context this is not Sandy. Your stacking made sense, good use of resources to tell an important story.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Tanjeen Twinkle

Nice job teasing ahead, good use of sound and visuals. The poll is a helpful way to get the audience involved. Flow made sense. Overall, nice work!

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Alex Seymore

These reports were informative and creative taking complex topics and breaking them down in conversational ways that provide a great viewer benefit.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Ana Sofia Roman

The impact of the stories and their import are far reaching. All three stories imparted information essential to the Spanish speaking public.





Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Rob Petree, Kolby Redden and Mike Lawrence

"Justice for Heacock"

Cinematography, reporting, story and editing were all very well done. Story was complete.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Lauren Miller

"Federalsburg Election Districts"

Cinematography, reporting and story were well done. Story is still ongoing.

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon

"Wicomico County K-9 Death"

Reporter was able to get answers to all the questions I had while watching the story.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Rob Flaks and Kolby Redden

"Aquaculture Regulation Struggles"

Appreciate that he covered the reason they believe it is an issue.

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Zach Parnes

"The Grandfather of WiHi Hoops:
Butch Waller Enters Season 57"

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Brandon Bossert

"Butch Waller's 900th Win"





Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jack Ford

"Pilot Enters Restricted Air Space"

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Charles Reinert

"OCPD Beating"

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Paul Williams

Good explanation of tomorrow's set-up, making it clear the weather could turn dangerous, without unneeded hype. This forecast explained the factors at play and what to watch for through tomorrow to know if severe weather is a threat. Nicely told on a complicated set-up.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Rich Wirdzek

Nice way to first use radar to explain what happened, then provide the visuals. Conversational explanation about how this tornado was the kind more typically seen farther west.

Best Multimedia Journalist

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

John Conway

Loved the different people interviewed. All the images related to and helped tell the story. Loved how local all the stories were.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Torie Seagraves

Good video images, witty, told both sides with interviews.





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Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Charles Reinert

"Milton Geese"

Humor -- loved the attempt to interview the geese. Liked that both pro-geese and anti-geese sides were told; witty.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jordie Clark and Kolby Redden

"The Brightside - From Business Loss to Success"

Both an informative story and an inspiring story.

Best Reporter

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon

Nice job!

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kirstyn Clark

Great job!

Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Bill Vernon and Kayla Santiago

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.





Outstanding Website

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Sean Curtis

Points for layout, breadth of content, ease of use, access, depth of site.

Second Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Ava Krivosh, Bill Vernon and Kayla Santiago

Easy to use layout, local content.

Outstanding Morning Newscast

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Alyssa Baker, Matt Pencek and Paige Marley

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Ron Krisulevicz, Bill Mich and Robyn Walters

Outstanding Late Newscast

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Tanjeen Twinkle, Madeleine Overturf and Charlie Sokaitis

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Ron Krisulevicz, Bill Mich and Jana Ruark





Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Chris Weimer, Hunter Landon and
Matt Rosenberg

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Steve Hammond

Camera presence, credibility, sincerity, diction, content.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Tameka Norman

Best TV Sports Anchor

First Place

**Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury,
Md.**

Kayla Santiago

Second Place

**Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury,
Md.**

Tim Nolan

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

John Dearing, Madeleine Overturf
and James Weaver

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich





Radio I/Metro:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"Baltimore Firefighters Killed in Row Home Fire"

Excellent use of multiple resources to present unfolding information in real time. A confident and comprehensive team effort.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Scott Maucione

"Sexual Abuse and the Baltimore Archdiocese"

This is how it's done.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Hofstaedter

"The Aftermath of the Brooklyn Homes Shooting"

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Mike Murillo

"Facing Down Fentanyl"

This in-depth series checks the boxes of greatness. It addresses a crisis affecting our nation but particularly the local community. It showcases human emotion, knowledgeable guests, actionable information and great storytelling.

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

John Domen

"Child Care at a Crossroads"

A fantastic series on a topic that has a real impact on families in the community. The series masterfully reports the issue at hand and the potential future impact.





Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Matt Kaufax

"Amaizin' Cyclist"

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Mike "Nyce" Middleton, Ayanna Ross

JaLo Morton and Jaiheim Codrington

"50 years of Hip-Hop 'Salute to

Women of HIP-HOP Series"

Outstanding Talk Show

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Clarence Mitchell IV, Bryan Nehman
and Kevin White

"C4 and Bryan Nehman"

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina
Pollard and Andre Melton

"America Is not the Greatest Country
in the World"

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Josh Spiegel

This piece uses humor to accentuate an opinion in a unique and insightful manner.





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Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton
"America Has a Problem With Mass Shootings"

An in-depth opinion piece.

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

"Organ Donation: Life-Giving Gifts"

Well-organized, very well edited, consistently interesting.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Tom Hall, Teria Rogers and Malarie Pinkard-Pierre
"Town Hall With Governor Wes Moore"

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

Voice of America-Radio, Washington

Carla Babb
"U.S. Military Beat"

In an era of clickbait headlines, this entry demonstrates reporting that digs deep. It touches on the human element and gives perspective not often explored.

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Sandra Jones
"Consumer News"

An important series; shining a light on some deeply troubling consumer issues impacting the community.





Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"Turning the Tide: Greater Baltimore's Battle Against Youth Violence"

WBAL excelled in taking the listener out of the studio and onto the streets to hear first-hand how teen violence is impacting schools, families and neighborhoods. It incorporates months of continuing coverage to demonstrate the problem's depth while offering a glimmer of hope for the future.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

"Darkness Into Light: Reporting on Clergy Abuse"

Thorough, thoughtful and meaningful coverage of a life-shattering subject from many important angles. A valuable community service that is exceptionally well done.

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton

"The State of Baltimore: A Conversation With City Council President Nick Mosby"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Kate Ryan

"College Behind Bars"

Excellent delivery and writing. Great work!





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Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Hofstaedter

"The Club Nobody Wants to Be in:
Bereaved Parents Find Community at
Baltimore Fashion Show"

Very nice job of drawing in the listener and showcasing the personalities and stories of the participants.

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Scott Maucione

"A Trip Into the Best Bathrooms in
America at BWI Marshall Airport"

Informative while offbeat; really excellent piece one would listen to all the way through.

Second Place

Bloomberg 99.1, Washington

Lisa Mateo and Sebastian Escobar

"Investing in Hispanic-Owned
Businesses"

Very professional; makes the story interesting to all types of listeners.

Best Reporter

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Scott Wykoff

Scott's high energy draws you in and brings the stories to life, making each a journey for the listener. His use of witnesses, participants and bystanders in the reporting is noteworthy.

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

John Domen

John paints a picture for the audience while reporting the facts. His delivery is authoritative, yet comfortable, and projects confidence in the facts.





Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

An outstanding job of covering major sports developments as they happen on and off the field, court, and rink. Exemplary live and on-scene coverage of multiple sports and sports-related developments that extend well beyond the games themselves.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Great visuals and clean front pages with breaking coverage from multiple sources. Listen live feature was fast and clean.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Will Carter, Katarina Hein and Rob Sobus

Breaking news content was front and center and timely. Interior pages were mostly clean and well organized with great, well written content. Listen live feature with the in-studio cam is a nice touch.

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Comprehensive local coverage of the DC region with effective use of its many resources. Moves along and covers plenty of ground without being rushed or superficial. An outstanding radio presentation.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Best Radio News Anchor

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang

Robert Lang ably spins many plates at once while presenting timely information to his listeners in a clear manner. His ability to do so under breaking circumstances is especially notable.





Best Radio Sports Anchor

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Valerie Preactor

Coverage with passion and confidence.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

WTOP effectively uses its multiple resources to great effect in providing listeners broad-based information across the entire news spectrum. This is an outstanding example of what radio news at its best can achieve.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Excellent coverage of breaking news with extensive and meaningful follow-up reporting. Substantive across-the-board coverage.

Radio II/Non Metro:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Kevin McManus

"Tanker Fire"

Clear winner in the category with engaging delivery, use of actualities and editing. Made you feel like you were in the moment. Overall production was excellent.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Quinn Kirkpatrick

"Pro-Palestinian March Draws

Hundreds to President Biden's Home"

Great use of actualities and sounds from the "scene". Thorough reporting on the subject.





Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Quinn Kirkpatrick

"Wilmington's Residency Requirement"

This coverage keeps residents apprised of an issue that can impact their daily lives and interactions with government. It's important that they know why their local government struggled to hire workers and the policy shaping the issue.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Kevin McManus

"Sheriff's Indictment"

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Downtown Development"

Each report in the series does a great job of furthering the listener's understanding of the multiple issues surrounding the redevelopment plans. Good narrative pacing and variety of local voices.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Quinn Kirkpatrick

"Black Maternal Health"

Good, detailed reporting and continuing coverage of an important local issue.

Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Rachel Sawicki

"Indigenous Enterprise Workshops With K-12, UD Students, Keeping Native American Culture Alive"

Excellent use of natural sound in the piece. Extremely rich sound while covering serious topics. Engaging and playful. Great sound quality for the interviews. A joy to listen to.

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Pride Parade"

Great menagerie of voices and festive parade sounds. It felt like the listener was there at Pride with the reporter.





Outstanding Talk Show

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Rick Jensen

"The Rick Jensen Show"

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Bryan Russo

"Pay It Forward"

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Michael O'Loughlin

"Indictment and a Movement"

Mike provides thoughtful analysis of what Trump's indictment means for the country and the rule of law.

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Michael O'Loughlin

"Ukraine Anniversary"

Mike's thoughts on whether a protracted war in Ukraine is the right decision is thought-provoking and is a take not often heard in U.S. media.

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Bryan Russo

"Buckingham: To Build or not to Build"

Second Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

"WDEL Feed a Friend"





Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Bryan Russo

"In Your Neighborhood"

Production value is on point with nice editing. Content is interesting and also educational.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Catholic Priest Scandal"

The interviews with victims of church abuse provided powerful context around a report listeners would otherwise hear as breaking news and likely forget. It is vitally important that the voices we hear in a story are from those most impacted. This does just that.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Rachel Sawicki

"How the Teacher Shortage Is Affecting Delaware"

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Paul Kiefer

"Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware Grapples Over Leadership"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Paul Kiefer

"Housing Advocates Anticipate an Undercount in Latest Survey of Homelessness in Delaware"

The story clearly explained why getting an accurate count of the local unhoused population is both hard to do and vitally important. It showed the dedication and hard work of those that serve the unhoused population.





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Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Tubman: Beacon of Hope"

The story used scene to effectively show why this particular statue of Harriet Tubman meant a great deal to her descendants.

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Quinn Kirkpatrick

"Mount Pleasant High School Premieres 'Disney's Frozen: The Broadway Musical'"

Took what could have been a "meh" story in a surprising direction. The writing and reporting built on itself beautifully, pulling listeners in, and getting them emotionally invested in this high school production. A well-executed, feel-good feature that stays with you afterwards.

Second Place

WSCL/WSDL, Salisbury, Md.

Bryan Russo

"Ricky Skaggs Appearance on Eastern Shore"

Very witty and extremely well-written. Excellent use of clips to illustrate points. A really enjoyable profile.

Best Reporter

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Rachel Sawicki

Great breadth of topics and ability to report on engaging local news stories in both short and longform. Rachel's reporting contributes to a strong sense of community and place, and a well-informed public.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Quinn Kirkpatrick

Excellent use of sound throughout these news stories. Great writing and original reporting.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover. Del.

Tom Byrne





Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Well-anchored. The news host was personable, emotive and direct, with clear transitions between stories. Good pacing and movement between content to keep the listener engaged and informed.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Tight, quick pacing. Excellent use of sound bites. Good stacking of news stories.

Best Radio News Anchor

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Peter MacArthur

Great overall delivery and pacing. Engaging and consistent with smooth transitions to reports.

Second Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Chris Carl

Clear and concise delivery, very listenable presentation.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

Great outline of how the station is run. Overall audio presentation is engaging. Website is clean and well maintained, easy to navigate. Overall the station feels "tapped in" to their community.

Second Place

WFMD-AM, Frederick, Md.

Kevin McManus





College TV:

Outstanding General News

First Place

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

Tolulope Ajayi

"DC Crime Worsens"

Outstanding Feature

First Place

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Tolulope Ajayi

"Healthy Kid Menu Options"

Great piece. Good way to work yourselves into the piece for your stand ups.

Second Place

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

Barbara Ron

"Rescued Horses"

Opening sound good.

Outstanding Sports Reporting

First Place

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Md.**

Keara Bruno

"Taylor Cummings"





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2023 Winners and Judges' Comments

Second Place

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

Kevin McNulty

"Sports Betting at University of
Colorado"

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

**Capital News Service, College Park,
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