



Finalists in the 2024 Chesapeake AP Broadcasters Association Contest:

ALL DIVISIONS:

Best Podcast-Audio: Tom Byrne, Kyle McKinnon and Rachel Urs-Sheffield, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "A More Just Delaware"; Michael Lipin and Alexis Strobe, Voice of America-Radio, Washington, "US Strikes on Iraq and Syria Reveal Pros, Cons of Strategy Against Iran."

COLLEGE RADIO:

Outstanding General News: Nathanael Miller and Bryan Russo, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "Nathanael on the Street: Students Consider Merits of Tik-Tok Ban"; Bryan Russo, Rudolfo Rubio-Guerra and Kevin Diaz, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "Intergenerational Beats Initiative: Blood Shortage on Delmarva."

Outstanding Feature: Taylor Nichols and Cait Kelley, Capital News Service, College Park, MD, "Some People Need Abortions Later in Pregnancy – Many Come to Maryland"; Rodolfo Rubio-Guerra, Kevin Diaz and Bryan Russo, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "Intergenerational Beats Initiative: Exploring Thanksgiving From the Native American Perspective."

Outstanding Newscast: Bryan Russo, Angela Semig and Michael Greco, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "The Five Minute Fly-By."

COLLEGE TV:

Outstanding General News: Elana Mutnick, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Financial Support for Port Workers After Key Bridge Collapse"; Ricky Podgorski, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Tunnel to Mitigate Flooding in Ellicott City."

Outstanding Feature: Sydney Nauman, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Students Create "Bike Bus" to Commute to School"; Ricky Podgorski, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Inspiring Cherry Blossom Tree to Be Removed."

Outstanding Sports Reporting: Ricky Podgorski, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Big Ten Expansion Challenges Student-Athletes Academically, Mentally and Physically"; Alexa Wootten, Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Wheelchair Bound Teen Defies Odds and Plays Lacrosse."

Outstanding Newscast: Capital News Service, College Park, Md., "Election 2024 Live."





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TV I/LARGE MARKET:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting: WUSA 9, Washington, "Joe Biden Drops out of Presidential Race"; WJLA-TV, Washington, "Baltimore Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story: WRC-TV, Washington, "Death Behind Bars"; WBAL-TV, Baltimore, "Key Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding News Series: WRC-TV, Washington, "Fighting Fentanyl"; WUSA 9, Washington, "The Scotland Story."

Best Television Photography: Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington; WJLA-TV, Washington.

Best Producer: Anthony Perrucci, WJZ-TV, Baltimore, "The Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse"; Brooke Wivagg, WRC-TV, Washington, "Solar Eclipse Special."

Outstanding Public Affairs: Mark Hyman, Greg Massoni and Dwight Weems, WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Recovery in America"; WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Killer in the Classroom."

Best Specialty Reporting: Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington, "Between War and Music"; Carolyn Presutti, Mary Cieslak and Yass Monem, Voice of America-TV, Washington, "The Year of the Campaign."

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting: WRC-TV, Washington, "How Shootings Impact DC Schools"; WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "Hiding in the Hallways."

Best Enterprise Reporting: WUSA 9, Washington, "Behind the Bidding"; Rick Yarborough, Ted Oberg and Steve Jones, WRC-TV, Washington, "Fighting Crime and Dealing Guns."

Outstanding Sports Feature: Jay Korff, WJLA-TV, Washington, "Back on the Water"; WJLA-TV, Washington, "A Hero's Journey."

Outstanding Serious Feature: Carolyn Presutti, Saqib Ul Islam and Toby Roberts, Voice of America-TV, Washington, "JD Vance: A Long Way From Home"; WUSA 9, Washington, "Ivy City."

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster: Miri Marshall, WUSA 9, Washington, "Voting Weather"; WUSA 9, Washington, "Winter Weather."

Best Multimedia Journalist: Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington; Jay Korff, WJLA-TV, Washington, "We Will not Be Forgotten."





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Outstanding Light Feature: WUSA 9, Washington, "Sam's Cubes"; WBFF-TV, Baltimore, "One of One."

Best Reporter: Jay Korff, WJLA-TV, Washington; Sean Martinelli, WUSA 9, Washington.

Outstanding Website: Kelly Groft, WMAR-TV, Baltimore; WJLA-TV, Washington.

Outstanding Morning Newscast: WRC-TV, Washington; WUSA 9, Washington.

Outstanding Late Newscast: WRC-TV, Washington; WUSA 9, Washington.

Outstanding Election Night Coverage: WRC-TV, Washington, "Decision 2024"; WJLA-TV, Washington, "Your Voice. Your Vote. Election 2024."

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

Best TV Sports Anchor: Chick Hernandez, WUSA 9, Washington.

Outstanding News Operation: Cheryl Carson, WJLA-TV, Washington; WBAL-TV, Baltimore.

TV II/SMALL MARKET:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting: Chris Brunk and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Powerful Storm Hits Ocean City"; Kirstyn Clark, Mike Neapolitan and Ryan Mackesey, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Quantico Manhunt."

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story: Hunter Landon, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Perdue PFAS Contamination"; Kyle Orens, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Offshore Wind."

Outstanding News Series: John Dearing, Olivia Armstrong and Brandon Ferguson, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Medical Waste Mystery"; Jake Grant and Kolby Redden, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Discover Delmarva."

Best Television Photography: Ted Corriero, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Rachel Pierce and Nat Trice, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Best Producer: Alyssa Baker, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "CoastTV News Today"; Jana Ruark, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Best Specialty Reporting: Hunter Landon, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Maryland General Assembly"; Alex Seymore, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.





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Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting: Ben Membrino, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md., "Into the Trenches: The Wildcat Legacy, Carter Figgs"; Madeleine Overturf and Ted Corriero, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Return Day."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Mallory Metzner and Ted Corriero, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Property Assessment Problems"; Maegan Summers, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Missing Mail Staff in Woodside."

Outstanding Sports Feature: Kayla Santiago and Jack Kyritsis, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md., "The Story of Marcus Yarns: From the Eastern Shore to the University of Delaware."; Tim Nolan, Jack Kyritsis and Ben Membrino, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md., "Heart of a Champion."

Outstanding Serious Feature: Hannah Cechini and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Family Desperate for Answers"; Zakiya Jennings, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Missed Opts Prison Program."

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

Best Multimedia Journalist: Brandon Ferguson, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Jack Ford, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Beach Wheelchair Fees."

Outstanding Light Feature: Mallory Metzner and Ted Corriero, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Military Plane Museum Takes Flight From Aerial Spraying Business"; Lauren Miller, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md., "Listening to History."

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

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

Outstanding Website: Patrick Cassat, Zoe Stayman and Bill Vernon, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.; Torie Seagraves and Zoe Stayman, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Outstanding Morning Newscast: Alyssa Baker, Matt Pencek and Bob Trihy, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Sarah Beesley, Jimmy Hoppa and Rachel Pierce, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Outstanding Late Newscast: Amanda Flynn, Charlie Sokaitis and Madeleine Overturf, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Ron Krisulevicz, Jana Ruark and Matt Rosenberg, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.





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Outstanding Election Night Coverage: John Dearing, Madeleine Overturf and Amanda Flynn, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del., "Decision 2024"; Jana Ruark, Ron Krisulevicz and Matt Rosenberg, WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Best TV News Anchor: Madeleine Overturf, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.; Charlie Sokaitis, WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Best TV Sports Anchor: Luke Meli, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.; Kayla Santiago, Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

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

RADIO I/METRO:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting: Sarah Y. Kim, WAMU-FM, Washington, "Foggy Bottom Encampments Clearing"; WTOP-FM, Washington, "Key Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story: Emily Hofstaedter, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Heat and Dangerous Conditions Lead to Worker Death"; WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "The Key Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding News Series: John Domen, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Claws and Effect"; WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Key Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding Use of Sound: Melissa Gerr, Sheilah Kast and Maureen Harvie, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "A Visit With Ms. Agvocate USA at Church View Farm"; Emily Hofstaedter, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Watermelon, Cantaloupe—Program Connects Kids With Baltimore's Arabbing Past."

Outstanding Talk Show: Clarence Mitchell IV, Bryan Nehman and Zach Tinney, WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "C4 and Bryan Nehman"; Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "Today With Dr. Kaye: Electoral College."

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary: Josh Spiegel, WBAL-AM, Baltimore; Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina Pollard and Andre Melton, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "Today With Dr. Kaye: Project 2025."

Outstanding Public Affairs: Tom Hall, Teria Rogers and Sam Bermas-Dawes, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Midday Special Coverage of Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse"; Sheilah Kast, Melissa Gerr and Ashley Sterner, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Baltimore's Continuing Struggle With Transportation."





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Best Specialty Reporting: Rachel Baye, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Detention Center for Maryland Teens Charged as Adults Overcapacity for Months"; Bri Hatch, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Baltimore Leads State in Net-Zero Schools, But Climate Impact Is 'Ongoing Effort'."

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting: Sheilah Kast, Maureen Harvie and Melissa Gerr, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Communities Affected by the FSK Bridge Collapse"; Robert Lang, Scott Wykoff and Phil Yacuboski, WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Baltimore's Summer Youth Engagement Strategy in Focus."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Matt Blitz and Tyrone Turner, WAMU-FM, Washington, "How Pet Cemeteries Help Locals Grieve"; Bri Hatch, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Biking for All: Baltimore Teens Gain Self-Reliance, Expand Community Access."

Outstanding Sports Feature: Scott Maucione, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Baltimore Ravens Prep to Host NFL Playoff Game"; Jai Shields, WEAA-FM, Baltimore, "NFL Week 11 Recap."

Outstanding Serious Feature: Margaret Barthel, Tyrone Turner and Kellen Quigley, WAMU-FM, Washington, "These Local Muslims Vote in Every Election. But This Time, It's Complicated"; John Lee, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "\$40 million Is on the Table for a Hart-Miller Island Dredging Deal."

Outstanding Light Feature: Melissa Gerr, Sheilah Kast and Maureen Harvie, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, "Zoe's Just Dezzerts Serves up More Than Sweets"; Matt Kaufax, WTOP-FM, Washington, "Mullet Madness."

Best Reporter: Matt Kaufax, WTOP-FM, Washington; Scott Wykoff, WBAL-AM, Baltimore.

Outstanding Website: Danyell Irby, Matthew Bush and Madison Bristowe, WYPR-FM, Baltimore; WTOP-FM, Washington.

Outstanding Newscast: WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "WBAL News Now"; Bloomberg 99.1, Washington.

Outstanding Election Night Coverage: WBAL-AM, Baltimore, "Commitment 2024."

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

Outstanding News Operation: Danyell Irby and Matt Bush, WYPR-FM, Baltimore; WBAL-AM, Baltimore.





RADIO II/NON-METRO:

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story: Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Delaware's New Hospital Cost Review Board"; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del., "Baltimore Bridge Collapse."

Outstanding News Series: Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Races to Watch 2024."

Outstanding Use of Sound: Kevin Diaz, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Tubman Jamboree"; Brian Shane, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Dental Clinic."

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary: Michael O'Loughlin, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Constitutional Failure of American Democracy"; Michael O'Loughlin, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "GOP Congressional Dysfunction."

Outstanding Public Affairs: Tom Byrne, Nancy Karibjanian and Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Delaware Debates 2024 - Governor"; Don Rush, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Tiny Houses for the Homeless."

Best Specialty Reporting: Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting: Paul Kiefer, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Delaware Grapples With Housing Shortage as a Task Force Weighs Local Control Against Urgent Demand"; Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Delaware's High Hopes: Cultivating a Cannabis Industry."

Best Enterprise Reporting: Don Rush, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Assault on Gay Man at SU"; Brian Shane, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "Mother's Heartbreaking Loss."

Outstanding Serious Feature: Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Delaware Governor's Race Heats up Ahead of Primary"; Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "How Veolia Water in Wilmington Is Working to Remove PFAS From Drinking Water."

Outstanding Light Feature: Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "Enlighten Me: Leap Day Stories and How 'Leaplings' Celebrate Their Birthday Every Four Years"; Brian Shane, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md., "People in Your Neighborhood: Warren Rosenfeld."

Best Reporter: Sarah Petrowich, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.; Rachel Sawicki, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.





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

Outstanding Newscast: Joe Irizarry, Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del., "All Things Considered"; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del., "Delaware's Morning News."

Outstanding Election Night Coverage: Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del., "ElectionWatch."

Outstanding News Operation: Bryan Russo and Don Rush, Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md.; WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

