



## CHESAPEAKE ASSOCIATED PRESS BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION

### Winners in the 2024 Chesapeake AP Broadcasters Association Contest:

#### ALL DIVISIONS:

**Best in Show—Television:** Sean Martinelli, WUSA 9, Washington, for "the Heart of It."

**Best in Show—Radio:** WTOP-FM, Washington, for "Key Bridge Collapse" in the Outstanding Spot News Reporting category.

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

#### COLLEGE TV:

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

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

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

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

#### COLLEGE RADIO:

**Outstanding General News: First,** Nathanael Miller and Bryan Russo, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "Nathanael on the Street: Students Consider Merits of Tik-Tok Ban."





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**Outstanding Feature: First**, Taylor Nichols and Cait Kelley, Capital News Service, College Park, MD, "Some People Need Abortions Later in Pregnancy – Many Come to Maryland"; **Second**, 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: First**, Bryan Russo, Angela Semig and Michael Greco, DPM's Student Productions on WSDL, "The Five Minute Fly-By."

### TV I/LARGE MARKET:

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

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

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

**Best Television Photography: First**, Andrew Inches, WJLA-TV, Washington; **Second**, Kane Farabaugh, Voice of America-TV, Washington.

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### TV II/SMALL MARKET:

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RADIO I/METRO:

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### RADIO II/NON-METRO:

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

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

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

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

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







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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

