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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Bob Shilling Memorial Scholarship Award

Skyler Winston
Howard University
Washington, D.C.

ALL DIVISIONS:

Best in Show -- Television

Sean Martinelli
WUSA 9, Washington
Best Reporter
"The Heart of It"

Sean Martinelli made us feel something. Whether it was inspiration, sadness, empathy or happiness, each piece made an immediate connection with us because of the characters in the story and Sean's ability to tell their story beautifully with video, interviews and impeccable writing to tie them all together. Absolutely stellar work that held our interest from the very beginning to the very end.

Best in Show -- Radio

WTOP-FM, Washington
Spot News Reporting
"Key Bridge Collapse"

Really impressed that they got the information on the air as quickly as they did and kept it up. They dealt with the angles from trying to figure out what was going on to what it meant to commuters who regularly used that bridge for their commute.

Best Podcast-Audio

First Place
Voice of America-Radio,
Washington
Michael Lipin and Alexis Strobe
"US Strikes on Iraq and Syria Reveal
Pros, Cons of Strategy Against Iran"

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



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Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Tom Byrne, Kyle McKinnon and

Rachel Urs-Sheffield

"A More Just Delaware"

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

"Joe Biden Drops out of Presidential Race"

Great energy, pacing, and showing people a broad context on this significant story. Other than a few local elements, this easily could have been a network newscast.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

"Baltimore Bridge Collapse"

Excellent context and perspective. Good job using multiple elements and highlighting the important information.

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WBAL-TV, Baltimore

"Key Bridge Collapse"

This station did an amazing job of covering a breaking story, but also of keeping the story going beyond the emergency. They kept viewers informed at a time when it was needed. And beyond that, they kept asking questions and trying to get answers as to why this happened. True continuing coverage.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Death Behind Bars"

This is why journalism is needed. Someone is asking the questions these families couldn't get answered. They're giving a voice to people who felt unheard. Amazing job and a great standard for why news is so important.



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Outstanding News Series

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"The Scotland Story"

This submission showcases comprehensive reporting that captures the essence and significance of a historic landmark. The anchor's relentless pursuit of the story is evident in the powerful interviews conducted with a diverse range of individuals, allowing for a deep exploration of the landmark's importance and the multifaceted narratives surrounding it. The story exemplifies dedication to thorough journalism, effective teamwork, and an unwavering commitment to delivering a nuanced perspective on a topic of great significance. Well done!

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Fighting Fentanyl"

This submission highlights the solid journalistic efforts of addressing a critical issue impacting communities at large. Through powerful interviews with individuals and families from diverse backgrounds, they effectively illuminated the personal experiences and challenges faced amid this crisis. In addition to addressing the problem at hand, the reporter proactively sought solutions by engaging a range of voices, including school and health experts, lawmakers, and even garnering the attention of the First Lady. Tackling such an expansive project required thoughtful conversation and the careful allocation of resources. The team's dedication and commitment to this significant undertaking is commendable and speaks to the integrity and passion that define effective and impactful journalism.

Best Television Photography

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Andrew Inches

Great work weaving natural sound in to bring the audience into each of these stories. They are well shot, and the variety of topics shows the versatility of the photographer in telling multiple types of stories. Great work!

Second Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Kane Farabaugh



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Best Producer

First Place

WJZ-TV, Baltimore

Anthony Perrucci

"The Francis Scott Key Bridge
Collapse"

Great content, awesome use of NATS, "real people" sound and incorporating engaging graphics in storytelling.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Brooke Wivagg

"Solar Eclipse Special"

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

Mark Hyman, Greg Massoni and
Dwight Weems

"Recovery in America"

Engaging. It lets you see recovery from the perspective of someone you likely know and love.

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"Killer in the Classroom"

A very well-edited and photographed series. I like the pacing. It keeps you curious.

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Carolyn Presutti, Mary Cieslak and
Yass Monem

"The Year of the Campaign"

The on-scene visuals made this a truly unique and excellent series.

Second Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Kane Farabaugh

"Between War and Music"

This was an excellent story with superior storytelling.



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Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"How Shootings Impact DC Schools"

This is excellent and well thought out in-depth reporting on a compelling topic that has broad appeal. Well done.

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"Hiding in the Hallways"

This topic was extremely eye opening and revealing. The post production and editing really helped explain all of the research that was done to make this piece possible.

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Behind the Bidding"

I was glued to every story! Talk about follow-through and commitment to uncovering a significant problem in this community. This compelling report goes beyond surface-level analysis, delving deeply into multiple layers and angles of the issue, shedding light on a problem that resonates with a wide audience. With relentless determination, the reporter follows the stories of individuals impacted by these bidding practices, amplifying the voices of victims seeking justice and accountability. Through thorough research and thoughtful interviews, the investigation not only documents the struggles faced by those affected but also examines the systemic flaws that allow such exploitation to persist. The production quality of "Behind the Bidding" is equally commendable, as the skilled photographer and editor enhance the narrative with top-notch production value. The use of engaging graphics, creative shooting techniques, and expertly crafted editing brings the story to life, making the investigation accessible and impactful for viewers. Incredible teamwork!



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Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Rick Yarborough, Ted Oberg and
Steve Jones

"Fighting Crime and Dealing Guns"

Solid eye-opening investigative reporting! The reporter's enterprise investigation dives into multiple layers of this complex issue. Through compelling interviews and thorough research, the reporter reveals the potential risks associated with police firearms sales, prompting questions about accountability and public safety. Well done!

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

"Back on the Water"

Great work making this story come to life with limited visuals and a handful of pictures.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Andrew Inches

"A Hero's Journey"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Ivy City"

This team took a long-standing concern among neighbors and gave it life. It was relevant and informative. You can tell the team took time to research and put resources into finding answers. Well done!

Second Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Carolyn Presutti, Saqib Ul Islam and
Toby Roberts

"JD Vance: A Long Way From Home"

I watched this story from start to finish without realizing how long I had been watching. This was great work and opened a door for people watching to get the insider information that many don't get. Very thorough!



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Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Winter Weather"

Excellent, thorough view of the winter weather forecast through a great use of graphics and tools!

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Miri Marshall

"Voting Weather"

Interesting analysis and well-sourced data and studies.

Best Multimedia Journalist

First Place

Voice of America-TV, Washington

Kane Farabaugh

Great work on humanizing large stories. Well shot and paced. The use of natural sound is fabulous.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

"We Will not Be Forgotten"

Great use of old photos, and weaving the past into the present in the story-telling.

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

"Sam's Cubes"

Fantastic story! Great job bringing the audience in and hanging on to the reveal of his disability. There were so many great moments scattered throughout the story, but the sound bite from the proud father towards the end was perfect. Really nice work!

Second Place

WBFF-TV, Baltimore

"One of One"

You did a great job explaining so much information in not only an easily digestible way, but it never slowed the pacing of the story while doing it.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Best Reporter

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Sean Martinelli

The writer's track is compelling and uses great NATS throughout the packages. This reporter's work is a gift to the viewers their station serves and keeps me wanting more.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Jay Korff

Strong use of NATS. Video shooting is strong. The reporter uses words with power and intention behind his track. He does a great job of making you feel connected to the characters. This reporter's work is the epitome of how journalism can connect people from different parts of the world and let us forget the world for a few minutes.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Good mix of stories, up to date content, and cleanest UX of the entries.

Second Place

WMAR-TV, Baltimore

Kelly Groft

Good content, easy to find items, sensible layout.

Outstanding Morning Newscast

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Great energy. strong open and good execution.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington

Outstanding Late Newscast

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Great energy, good pacing and strong writing especially in the open.

Second Place

WRC-TV, Washington



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Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WRC-TV, Washington

"Decision 2024"

Strong open. Good content and execution.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

"Your Voice. Your Vote. Election
2024."

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Lorenzo Hall

Anchor creates memorable moments and shows empathy
covering the community he serves.

Second Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Lesli Foster

Strong delivery and on-camera presence. Creates memorable
moments with viewers.

Best TV Sports Anchor

First Place

WUSA 9, Washington

Chick Hernandez

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WBAL-TV, Baltimore

Entry was well produced. Clearly the bridge story was your
biggest of the year, but you did a nice job balancing that with
other items from the year. Well rounded.

Second Place

WJLA-TV, Washington

Cheryl Carson



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TV II/Small Market:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kirstyn Clark, Mike Neapolitan and
Ryan Mackesey
"Quantico Manhunt"

Excellent live coverage that was clear, concise and informative during an active situation. Well done on spreading the word to the public!

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Chris Brunk and Kolby Redden
"Powerful Storm Hits Ocean City"

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon
"Perdue PFAS Contamination"

This entry earns 1st place due to its strong production values (sound, video, editing), excellent investigative reporting, and sharp writing. It is an example of the best of local TV news -- covering a topic vital to the community it served.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kyle Orens
"Offshore Wind"

An example of local reporting at its finest. Smart crafting on a important local story.

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

John Dearing, Olivia Armstrong and
Brandon Ferguson
"Medical Waste Mystery"

Solid, thorough coverage. Great job talking to beach-goers and officials.

Second Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jake Grant and Kolby Redden
"Discover Delmarva"



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Best Television Photography

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Rachel Pierce and Nat Trice

Very well-captured imagery that helps tell the story to the viewers. It looks as though each shot was planned intentionally and does a great job at keeping the viewer engaged!

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Ted Corriero

A nice collage of television photography skills. Some strong work that keeps the viewers' attention!

Best Producer

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jana Ruark

The newscast's use of graphics to simulate the meteorite entering the atmosphere adds a creative and useful storytelling element that, along with the other elements of excellent producing, makes this entry from Jana Ruark the standout winner.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Alyssa Baker

"CoastTV News Today"

Coverage of the foggy conditions is impressive and a great way to open this newscast. City Council coverage also adds meaningful use of resources.

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon

"Maryland General Assembly"

The Maryland General Assembly story highlights issues that impact most of the Delmarva population and it kept my attention. The reporter got to the point quickly and the information was backed by great soundbites from the officials running for office.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Alex Seymore

The meteorologist who brought to light the climate issues in Delaware was totally on point. I have never seen such a well-produced segment with so many visual aids of real time examples, supportive graphs and images and soundbites from experts. No doubt, this series took a long time to produce.



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Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Ben Membrino

"Into the Trenches: The Wildcat Legacy, Carter Figgs"

The winning entry was detailed and emotional, to set itself apart from the group.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Madeleine Overturf and Ted Corriero

"Return Day"

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Mallory Metzner and Ted Corriero

"Property Assessment Problems"

Well shot and written. Great job getting assessment company on camera.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Maegan Summers

"Missing Mail Staff in Woodside"

Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Tim Nolan, Jack Kyritsis and Ben Membrino

"Heart of a Champion"

Heartbreaking story. Good use of sound and pitch perfect pace for the subject matter.



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Second Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Kayla Santiago and Jack Kyritsis

"The Story of Marcus Yarns: From the Eastern Shore to the University of Delaware"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Han Chechini and Mike Lawrence

"Family Desperate for Answers"

A very engaging story that is thoughtfully told. The use of additional B-roll to help tie everything together and keep the viewer engaged was an excellent touch. Certainly, a clear choice as an outstanding piece.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Zakiya Jennings

"Missed Opts Prison Program"

Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster

First Place

WMDT-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Rich Wirdzek

Identified the urgent threat right off the bat then had a great transition to visual aids showing the snow and spotter reports. Very conversational and relaxed in front of the camera.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Paul Williams



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Best Multimedia Journalist

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Brandon Ferguson

Brandon has a way of reporting that is sure to engage the viewer! He has a great on-camera presence that is confident and clear in each report; values that made Brandon an easy choice for this tight competition!

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jack Ford

"Beach Wheelchair Fees"

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Mallory Metzner and Ted Corriero

"Military Plane Museum Takes Flight
From Aerial Spraying Business"

This was so engaging and a very interesting story! Excellent use of creative camera angles and top-quality production value. Props to the team!

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Lauren Miller

"Listening to History"

Best Reporter

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Kirstyn Clark

Great variety of shots, great use of movement and energy in each. Good storytelling.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Hunter Landon



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Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Bill Vernon and Kayla Santiago

Good variety of sports and coverage.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Torie Seagraves and Zoe Stayman

I was very impressed by the time and effort put into the organization of content on this website. I particularly liked the story on the eclipse. The graphics and text supported the information the story was trying to get across to the viewers.

Second Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Patrick Cassat, Zoe Stayman and Bill Vernon

For a sports page, this website hits home. The organization of this page is outstanding.

Outstanding Morning Newscast

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Alyssa Baker, Matt Pencek and Bob Trihy

Lifeguard and happy ending for abused dogs stories stand out. Strong weather and anchors.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Sarah Beesley, Jimmy Hoppa and Rachel Pierce

Good mix of hard and soft news stories with local community appeal. Solid performance from anchors, weather, etc. High production values. Good hook with collapsing bridge.



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Outstanding Late Newscast

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Ron Krisulevicz, Jana Ruark and Matt Rosenberg

Liked the live shots, tease at end of a-block for reporter hit in b-block.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Amanda Flynn, Charlie Sokaitis and Madeleine Overturf

Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Jana Ruark, Ron Krisulevicz and Matt Rosenberg

Great showcasing, solid live reports.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

John Dearing, Madeleine Overturf and Amanda Flynn
"Decision 2024"

Best TV News Anchor

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Charlie Sokaitis

Solid live shots and studio shots.

Second Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

Madeleine Overturf



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Best TV Sports Anchor

First Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Kayla Santiago

Kayla has good energy and pace, covers a variety of sports and is creative in her presentation.

Second Place

Delmarva Sports Network, Salisbury, Md.

Luke Meli

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WRDE-TV, Milton, Del.

John Dearing, Madeleine Overturf and Torie Seagraves

WRDE's commitment to providing local news for both English- and Spanish-speaking audiences lifts this station's entry for Outstanding News Operation to first place. Hyperlocal focus is also impressive.

Second Place

WBOC-TV, Salisbury, Md.

Ron Krisulevicz and Bill Mich

Strong talent at the station among anchors, reporters, photogs and editors.

Radio I/Metro:

Outstanding Spot News Reporting

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

"Key Bridge Collapse"

WTOP showing their decades of experience and excellent reporting.

Second Place

WAMU-FM, Washington

Sarah Y. Kim

"Foggy Bottom Encampments Clearing"



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Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Hofstaedter

"Heat and Dangerous Conditions
Lead to Worker Death"

Good job by an individual reporter keeping up with multiple layers to this story—health angles, industry angles, workplace management angles, communications angles, legislative angles. Very thorough.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"The Key Bridge Collapse"

A lot of commitment over a long period of time by multiple reporters. Good reaction by staff in the immediate hours after the crash, getting to scene, getting an engineer on the air.

Outstanding News Series

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

"Key Bridge Collapse"

This entry showcases incredible on-the-ground reporting, capturing both the immediate tragedy and its lasting impact on the community. The audio editing is masterful, incorporating a diverse range of voices to illustrate the wide-reaching effects of the disaster. The piece also takes a forward-looking approach, exploring how regulatory failures—such as the issue of flags of convenience—may have contributed to the collapse, offering critical insights into preventing similar tragedies in the future.

Second Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

John Domen

"Claws and Effect"

This piece delivers strong on-the-ground reporting with valuable local perspectives.



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Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Melissa Gerr, Sheilah Kast and

Maureen Harvie

"A Visit With Ms. Agvocate USA at
Church View Farm"

Radio so alive, you can see it. Excellent use of authentic
sound without being overpowering.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Emily Hofstaedter

"Watermelon, Cantaloupe—Program
Connects Kids With Baltimore's
Arabbing Past"

These are sounds you wouldn't expect to hear on the street.
It's wonderful to visit with your imagination.

Outstanding Talk Show

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Clarence Mitchell IV, Bryan Nehman
and Zach Tinney

"C4 and Bryan Nehman"

C4 and Bryan can read the listener's mind. Asking key
questions and shedding clear light on a disturbing seaway
catastrophe.

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina
Pollard and Andre Melton

"Today With Dr. Kaye: Electoral
College"

It's "In your face" radio. The Electoral College has long been a
mystery, and these ladies have no qualms about peeling back
the layers.



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Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Justina
Pollard and Andre Melton
"Today With Dr. Kaye: Project 2025"

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Josh Spiegel

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Tom Hall, Teria Rogers and Sam
Bermas-Dawes
"Midday Special Coverage of Francis
Scott Key Bridge Collapse"

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Sheilah Kast, Melissa Gerr and Ashley
Stern
"Baltimore's Continuing Struggle
With Transportation"



Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Rachel Baye

"Detention Center for Maryland
Teens Charged as Adults
Overcapacity for Months"

Reporter Rachel Baye's piece effectively highlights Maryland's challenges with overcapacity in detention centers for teens charged as adults. Her ability to gain the trust of a source in such a delicate situation underscores her journalistic ability. The story is enriched by the introduction from the source, offering firsthand experience. The sourcing of court testimony is crucial, providing essential context to the story. Every source included feels necessary, contributing uniquely to the piece. Baye's vital use of data addresses the question of how detention centers remain overcapacity for months, which is the core focus of her reporting. This information is crucial for the general public to understand the treatment of teens in custody. Additionally, the use of the spokesperson's answer to validate the reporter's findings from her investigation adds credibility to the piece. Overall, Baye's reporting demonstrates excellent journalism, effectively communicating this complex issue.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Bri Hatch

"Baltimore Leads State in Net-Zero
Schools, But Climate Impact Is
'Ongoing Effort'"

Bri Hatch's report on Baltimore schools' net zero energy initiatives effectively engages the listener by incorporating a teacher's perspective, creating a vivid classroom setting powered by solar energy. The report is well-sourced, drawing from a variety of backgrounds and perspectives, which adds depth to the story without overwhelming it. It highlights Baltimore's commitment to combating the climate crisis, as part of Maryland's broader effort to decarbonize public schools. Hatch demonstrates a strong understanding of environmental issues, skillfully integrating an educational perspective without losing the focus on the environmental initiative. This balance ensures that the report remains a comprehensive exploration of Baltimore's net zero goals, rather than a school-centric piece. The thoroughness and insight provided in the report are impressive, showcasing Hatch's ability to report on complex topics with clarity and depth. Overall, it is a compelling and informative piece that effectively communicates the importance of sustainable practices in education.



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Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang, Scott Wykoff and Phil Yacuboski

"Baltimore's Summer Youth Engagement Strategy in Focus"

Spent lengthy periods of time focused on some of the solutions and community programs that are available, while not sugar coating the concerns from some community members.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Sheilah Kast, Maureen Harvie and Melissa Gerr

"Communities Affected by the Francis Scott Key Bridge Collapse"

Good context about some of the layers listeners may not be thinking about: Dockworkers, sailors stuck on the ships, immigrant families of the workers killed in the collapse.

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Bri Hatch

"Biking for All: Baltimore Teens Gain Self-Reliance, Expand Community Access"

Second Place

WAMU-FM, Washington

Matt Blitz and Tyrone Turner

"How Pet Cemeteries Help Locals Grieve"



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Outstanding Sports Feature

First Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Scott Maucione

"Baltimore Ravens Prep to Host NFL
Playoff Game"

Second Place

WEAA-FM, Baltimore

Jai Shields

"NFL Week 11 Recap"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

WAMU-FM, Washington

Margaret Barthel, Tyrone Turner and
Kellen Quigley

"These Local Muslims Vote in Every
Election. But This Time, It's
Complicated"

The piece highlights a complex relationship with democracy in the Muslim community. The reporting stands out by grounding the discussion in substantive voter issues rather than fleeting viral moments. This is vital journalism, made even more urgent in today's volatile political climate.



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Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

John Lee

"\$40 million Is on the Table for a
Hart-Miller Island Dredging Deal"

In this entry reporter John Lee immersed the audience in the story by beginning the script on the boat ride to the island—a simple yet often overlooked narrative choice. The piece has a strong use of historical context, effectively answering key questions posed at the beginning of the piece. The mention of the Supreme Court battle underscored the significance of the controversy. The reporter skillfully addressed a seemingly small but important question—what dredge actually is—ensuring clarity for the audience. This piece exemplifies a broader, recurring story: communities resisting environmental changes imposed in the name of economic development. Great use of sound to enhance storytelling, particularly in the introduction of a key stakeholder. The ambient sounds of waves and children on the beach created an immersive scene, effectively transitioning from a broad perspective to the personal impact on local families. Additionally, Carlos was a strong choice as a voice advocating for both the community's right to enjoy natural beauty and the environmental concerns at stake. The question of incorporating a dredging facility into the park is particularly striking, reinforcing the complexity of the issue.

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Matt Kaufax

"Mullet Madness"

I mean. come on! Anything that gets us away from all of the negative news these days should be #1! Epic story!

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Melissa Gerr, Sheilah Kast and
Maureen Harvie

"Zoe's Just Dezzerts Serves up More
Than Sweets"

Autism is everywhere. Anytime media can bring light to tough family situations is remarkable. I was touched from the very beginning. Well done and keep up the good work!



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Best Reporter

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Matt Kaufax

Good conversations with a variety of people from across the region. Stories were written and delivered in a conversational way.

Second Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Scott Wykoff

Really brought the listener to location through use of ambient sound and descriptive delivery.

Outstanding Website

First Place

WTOP-FM, Washington

Good use of white space to allow views to easily see clickable options.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Danyell Irby, Matthew Bush and
Madison Bristowe

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"WBAL News Now"

The content is engaging and the various voices sound great together. It's classic radio news. I love it.

Second Place

Bloomberg 99.1, Washington

Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

"Commitment 2024"

A variety of reporting locations presents good "in the moment" coverage. Good analysis from the in-studio guests, as well.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Best Radio News Anchor

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

Robert Lang

Lang's measured delivery of some of his communities' greatest tragedies in recent history is impressive, to say the least. His ability to transition with ease between heartbreaking first-hand accounts of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse brings the listener into the story on a personal level while retaining the urgency of the information being relayed. Lang's ability to juggle such heavy topics with a familiar vocal delivery that keeps the listener feeling safe and informed is a honed skill, one he has crafted well. This sentiment is summarized in the 2024 bingo card segment when Lang thanks the audience for their trust.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WBAL-AM, Baltimore

The hook at the beginning of this story kept me engaged. The women's voice is soothing and easy to listen to. The sound quality is fantastic.

Second Place

WYPR-FM, Baltimore

Danyell Irby and Matt Bush

The content on this is extremely informative. I enjoy the different articles and the graphics that accompany the text. It's eye catching and interesting.

Radio II/Non-Metro:

Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

"Baltimore Bridge Collapse"

WDEL coverage of bridge collapse told the story in concise, easy to understand segments.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Sarah Petrowich

"Delaware's New Hospital Cost

Review Board"

A lot to unpack in a story like this. The reporter followed it well.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding News Series

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

"Races to Watch 2024"

Outstanding Use of Sound

First Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Brian Shane

"Dental Clinic"

Second Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Kevin Diaz

"Tubman Jamboree"

Outstanding Editorial or Commentary

First Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Michael O'Loughlin

"GOP Congressional Dysfunction"

The winning submission was well written, intelligent and informative. Delivered in a confident manner that would keep the listener engaged.

Second Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Michael O'Loughlin

"Constitutional Failure of American
Democracy"



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Public Affairs

First Place

Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md.

Don Rush

"Tiny Houses for the Homeless"

This entry addresses an issue that must be a concern for the community. Well presented, strong initiative. Checks all the boxes.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Tom Byrne, Nancy Karibjanian and Sarah Petrowich

"Delaware Debates 2024 - Governor"

Best Specialty Reporting

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Sarah Petrowich

The reporter did a fine job of telling this story without bias. The hallmark of a fine political reporter.

Outstanding Documentary/In-Depth Reporting

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Paul Kiefer

"Delaware Grapples With Housing Shortage as a Task Force Weighs Local Control Against Urgent Demand"

Reporter really dug into what is a complex issue, and made sense of things very well.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Sarah Petrowich

"Delaware's High Hopes: Cultivating a Cannabis Industry"

A complicated story, but the reporter made things clear.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Best Enterprise Reporting

First Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Brian Shane

"Mother's Heartbreaking Loss"

It takes some skill to tell an emotional story like this.

Second Place

**Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury,
Md.**

Don Rush

"Assault on Gay Man at SU"

Outstanding Serious Feature

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Rachel Sawicki

"How Veolia Water in Wilmington Is
Working to Remove PFAS From
Drinking Water"

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Sarah Petrowich

"Delaware Governor's Race Heats up
Ahead of Primary"



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Light Feature

First Place

Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md.

Brian Shane

"People in Your Neighborhood:
Warren Rosenfeld"

The winner I consider to be quality content, written well and produced with high quality audio.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Rachel Sawicki

"Enlighten Me: Leap Day Stories and
How 'Leaplings' Celebrate Their
Birthday Every Four Years"

Audio quality is very good. Use of clips is very good as well.
Interesting topic, written with a bit of humor.

Best Reporter

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Rachel Sawicki

The reporter holds the listener's attention, tells the stories well and succinctly.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Sarah Petrowich

Very knowledgeable.

Outstanding Website

First Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Tom Byrne

Second Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

"Delaware's Morning News"

Excellent range of stories. Stories that listeners need to know about, and well told.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Joe Irizarry

"All Things Considered"

Outstanding Election Night Coverage

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

"ElectionWatch"

The winning entry was very professional with quality audio and intelligent conversation both in studio and on site. Very good.

Second Place

Delaware Public Media, Dover, Del.

Outstanding News Operation

First Place

WDEL-FM/AM, Wilmington, Del.

News product is well produced and informative. All the entries are quality, but I consider this a true "news" product. WDEL offers an on-the-spot, in-the-moment news product.

Second Place

Delmarva Public Media, Salisbury, Md.

Bryan Russo and Don Rush



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

College TV:

Outstanding General News

First Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Elana Mutnick

"Financial Support for Port Workers After Key Bridge Collapse"

This story deserved first place. Not only was it a good story, but it used natural sound and different camera angles to tell the story. I loved the underwater shot of the standup to the normal standup shot. Well done!

Second Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Ricky Podgorski

"Tunnel to Mitigate Flooding in Ellicott City"

Outstanding Feature

First Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Sydney Nauman

"Students Create 'Bike Bus' to Commute to School"

Second Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Ricky Podgorski

"Inspiring Cherry Blossom Tree to Be Removed"



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Outstanding Sports Reporting

First Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Ricky Podgorski

"Big Ten Expansion Challenges Student-Athletes Academically, Mentally and Physically"

The reporter did his homework to bring light to the problems of traveling across the country, playing sports for The University of Maryland and getting back for classes on Monday.

Second Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

Alexa Wootten

"Wheelchair Bound Teen Defies Odds and Plays Lacrosse"

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

Capital News Service, College Park, Md.

"Election 2024 Live"

College Radio:

Outstanding General News

First Place

DPM's Student Productions on WSDL

Nathanael Miller and Bryan Russo

"Nathanael on the Street: Students Consider Merits of Tik-Tok Ban"

Lively, nuanced person-on-the-street piece! Nice lead-in to the interviews: Just enough context to get straight to the voices. Good balance of opinion and getting interviewees to discuss some of the nuances of the issue - overall the right amount of letting the sources speak for themselves.



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2024 Winners and Judges' Comments

Second Place

DPM's Student Productions on WSDL

Bryan Russo, Rudolfo Rubio-Guerra and Kevin Diaz

"Intergenerational Beats Initiative: Blood Shortage on Delmarva"

Excellent piece with a good balance of facts and source opinions! Good job leading right away with an opinionated, lively source and a fast-follow introduction giving her the authority she's due. Love the pro/student collab on this series!

Outstanding Feature

First Place

Capital News Service, College Park, MD

Taylor Nichols and Cait Kelley
"Some People Need Abortions Later in Pregnancy – Many Come to Maryland"

Extremely polished, nonbiased but compassionate piece on a very controversial issue. Great digging into the facts on why late-pregnancy abortions happen. Excellent vocal delivery. Great job on getting this picked up for a wider audience!

Second Place

DPM's Student Productions on WSDL

Rodolfo Rubio-Guerra, Kevin Diaz and Bryan Russo

"Intergenerational Beats Initiative: Exploring Thanksgiving From the Native American Perspective"

Love the ambient audio of Native singing. Great human interest story and wonderful to give a useful spin on the generally mandatory Thanksgiving piece. Absolutely adore Rudolfo's vocal delivery - so professional and warm!

Outstanding Newscast

First Place

DPM's Student Productions on WSDL

Bryan Russo, Angela Semig and Michael Greco

"The Five Minute Fly-By"

Value-packed five minutes! Nice diversity of voices both in your sources and your hosts.