



2020 IMPACT BROADCAST AWARDS

Finalists TV I

Feature Reporting: Stephon Dingle and Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, Louisville, "The Ali Stingrays"; Dominik Fuhrmann and Gilbert Corsey, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "What Happened to Walnut Street?"; Chris Sutter and Justin Hawkins, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Mission Accomplished."

Sports Feature: Tyler Greever, WHAS-TV, Louisville, "Be Special: Senators Return to Semi-state"; Justin Hawkins and Scott Reynolds, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Boxing Grandma"; Andrea Stahlman, Scott Eckhardt and Rick Van Hoose, WLKY-TV, Louisville, "KIVA Remembers."

Sports Prep Show: Bryan Kennedy, WTVQ-TV, Lexington, "HS Reel"; WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Friday Night Game Time"; Kent Taylor, Deion Branch and Bob & Chris Redman, WAVE-TV, Louisville, "Game On."

Sports Special: Steve Moss and Dean Handy, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Legend to Legend"; Jennifer Smith, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Pandemic, Protests & Ponies: The 146th Running of the Kentucky Derby"; Carolyn Williams, Ali Hammond and Greg Phelps Jr, WAVE-TV, Louisville, "Kentucky Derby with No Fans."

Feature | Sports Videography: Barton Bill, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Working from Home"; Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, Louisville, "125 Years: Twin Spires"; Justin Hawkins, WDRB-TV, Louisville.

News Videography: Barton Bill, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Speeding Hot Spots"; Dalton Rinehart, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "History of Bowman Field"; Tyler Ross, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Tour of Highbridge Springs."

Political Coverage: Karolina Buczek, Rudolph Finamore and Sofia Millar, WLEX-TV, Lexington; Mike Fussell and Miles Jackson, WAVE-TV, Louisville, "TARC Harassment Confrontation"; Chad Mills, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Chad Mills."

News Promotion: Kris Baete, WAVE-TV, Louisville; Paul Chaplin and Jon Maynard, WLKY-TV, Louisville, "Forward Together"; Kellen Dargle, John Nally and Dean Handy, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Before the World Stopped."

Breaking News: Veronica Seltzer and Tory Bailey, WTVQ-TV, Lexington, "Live Protest"; WHAS-TV, Louisville, "May 28th Protests."

Continuing Coverage: Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Coverage"; WLKY-TV, Louisville, "The Death of Breonna Taylor"; WHAS-TV, Louisville.



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Enterprise Reporting: Barton Bill and Garrett Wymer, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "The Deadly Cost of Convenience"; Chelsea Jones and Darnell Crenshaw, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "The Mind of an Activist"; Dennis Ting, WHAS-TV, Louisville, "Kimani Dolls: Redefining Beauty."

News Special/Documentary: Barton Bill, Garrett Wymer and Kristen Kennedy, WKYT-TV, Lexington, "Misinformation Pandemic"; Senait Gebregiorgis, Shay McAlister and Phillip Murrell, WHAS-TV, Louisville, "Save Our City"; Mary Jo Perino, Jesse Riffe and Daniel Dunston, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Hey Kentucky! Come Together: A Conversation on Race."

Special Series: Valerie Chinn and Doug Smith, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Border Patrol"; Dia Davidson and Tyler Ross, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Conversations on Race"; Stephon Dingle, Caray Grace and Betty Winston Baye, WLKY-TV, Louisville, "Project COMMUNITY: Unpacking Racism."

Investigative Reporting: Gilbert Corsey and Dominik Fuhrmann, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Police Secrets"; WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Investigating the Death of Breonna Taylor"; Tyler Ross and Leigh Searcy, WLEX-TV, Lexington, "Critical Shortage of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners."

Digital Coverage: Chad Mills, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Streaming Louisville's 2020 Reckoning"; Chris Otts, WDRB-TV, Louisville; Alex Suckow, Juan Sanchez and Kris White, WLKY-TV, Louisville.

TV Reporter: Drew Gardner, WLKY-TV, Louisville; Shaquille Lord, WLKY-TV, Louisville; Chad Mills, WDRB-TV, Louisville.

Multimedia Reporter: Marvin Bartlett, WDKY-TV, Lexington, "Spirit of the Bluegrass"; Phil Pendleton, WKYT-TV, Lexington; Dennis Ting, WHAS-TV, Louisville.

Best Producer: Laurel Bloom, WKYT-TV, Lexington; Kelsey Mattingly, WKYT-TV, Lexington; Megan Short, WHAS-TV, Louisville.

Sportscaster: Tyler Greever, WHAS-TV, Louisville; Bryan Kennedy, WTVQ-TV, Lexington; Kent Taylor, WAVE-TV, Louisville.

TV Editor: Brian Gilbert, WLEX-TV, Lexington; Justin Hawkins, WDRB-TV, Louisville; Dave Medley, WLEX-TV, Lexington.

News Videographer: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, Louisville; Justin Hawkins, WDRB-TV, Louisville, "Tales from the B Block"; Dalton Rinehart, WDRB-TV, Louisville.



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Weather Anchor: Adam Burniston, WKYT-TV, Lexington; Kevin Harned, WAVE-TV, Louisville; Jason Lindsey, WTVQ-TV, Lexington.

News Anchor: John Boel, WAVE-TV, Louisville, "Pandemic and Protest"; Julie Dolan, WLKY-TV, Louisville; Kristen Pflum, WDKY-TV, Lexington.

Daytime Newscast: WLKY-TV, Louisville; WDRB-TV, Louisville; WKYT-TV, Lexington.

Evening Newscast: WLKY-TV, Louisville; WDRB-TV, Louisville; Valerie Paxton, Dan Fabrizio and Carolyn Williams, WAVE-TV, Louisville.

Overall Excellence: WLKY-TV, Louisville; WDRB-TV, Louisville; WHAS-TV, Louisville.



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Feature Reporting: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "From France to Kentucky: A Lifelong Love Story"; Joe Danneman, WXIX-TV, Cincinnati, "Going the Distance"; Connor Dunwoodie, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "The Voice of the Bulldogs."

Public Affairs: Emily Bennett, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Music Brings Healing"; Mike Mallory and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "St. Jude Miracle Mom"; Will Puckett, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Sewage Leaks."

Sports Feature: Joe Danneman, WXIX-TV, Cincinnati, "Going the Distance"; Camille Gear, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Let Them Play"; Willie Hope, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Jace Bowling."

Sports Prep Show: Camille Gear and Willie Hope, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Sports Overtime"; WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Gridiron Glory."

Sports Special: Jeff Bidwell and Adam Wells, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Racing to March"; Camille Gear and Willie Hope, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "606 Awards Show"; Camille Gear, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Shelby Valley 10th Anniversary."

Feature | Sports Videography: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "From France to Kentucky: A Lifelong Love Story"; Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Local Dentist Strikes a Chord with Unique Hobby"; Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Community Pays Respects After Beloved Neighbor's Passing While Social Distancing."

News Videography: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "From France to Kentucky: A Lifelong Love Story"; Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Local Dentist Strikes a Chord with Unique Hobby"; Jennifer Horbelt and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Ambulance Restoration."

Political Coverage: Todd Faulkner, Mike Spissinger and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "American Truth: Government in Action"; Todd Faulkner, Mike Spissinger and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Mayor Candidate Profiles."

News Promotion: Chad Hurt, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Our Light in the Dark"; Chad Hurt, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "The Voice of the Bulldogs"; Atlee McHeffey, Amber Gardner-Rojas and Reina Johnson, WNKY-TV, Bowling Green, "Because Local Matters."

Breaking News: Krista Garrison, WNKY-TV, Bowling Green, "Emotional fallout"; Will Puckett and Buddy Forbes, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Pike County Train Derailment"; WYMT-TV, Hazard.



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Continuing Coverage: Joanna Bouras and Mike Buckingham, WXIX-TV, Cincinnati, "Mason Meyer Case"; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV, Huntington, "COVID-19 Testing Sites"; Will Puckett, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Easter Windstorm."

Enterprise Reporting: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Local Dentist Strikes a Chord with Unique Hobby"; Todd Faulkner and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "American Truth: Public Libraries"; Todd Faulkner and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "American Truth: Rosenwald Schools."

News Special/Documentary: Kayla Dixon and James Priewe, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Tracking the Storm"; Lauren Hanson, WBKO-TV, Bowling Green, "Coronavirus Concerns"; Julie Milam, Elijah Smith and Julia Avila, WNKY-TV, Bowling Green, "Marquee Backstage - The Jenny Roads."

Special Series: Brianna Clark and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Life Through New Lenses"; Jennifer Horbelt and Michael Bradford, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Service & Sacrifice: One Good Marine"; Allison Rickman and Pauline Fitzgerald, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "Stronger Together."

Investigative Reporting: Connor Dunwoodie, WYMT-TV, Hazard, "Beyond Blackjewel"; Shamarria Morrison, Perry Boxx and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, Paducah, "True Cost."

TV Reporter: Kelly Dean, WBKO-TV, Bowling Green; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV, Huntington; Will Puckett, WYMT-TV, Hazard.

Multimedia Reporter: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah; Katey Cook, WBKO-TV, Bowling Green; Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah.

Best Producer: Allison Rickman, WPSD-TV, Paducah.

Sportscaster: Camille Gear, WYMT-TV, Hazard; Adam Wells, WPSD-TV, Paducah.

TV Editor: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah; Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah.

News Videographer: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, Paducah; Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, Paducah.

News Anchor: Lauren Hanson, WBKO-TV, Bowling Green; Steve Hensley, WYMT-TV, Hazard; Morgan Hoover, WNKY-TV, Bowling Green.

Daytime Newscast: Morgan Reagle, Tej Joshi and Deborah Highland, WNKY-TV, Bowling Green, "Soky Sunrise"; Allison Rickman, WPSD-TV, Paducah; Brandon Robinson, WYMT-TV, Hazard.



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Evening Newscast: James Priewe, WPSD-TV, Paducah; WYMT-TV, Hazard.

Overall Excellence: Perry Boxx, WPSD-TV, Paducah; WBKO-TV, Bowling Green.



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Short Light News Feature: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Winchester Students Stuck at Home Were Treated to a Parade"; Easton Sanders, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Cover the Hate"; Easton Sanders, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Shark Encounter."

Short Serious News Feature: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor"; Joe Jackson, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Benton Woman Still Waiting on Unemployment Relief"; Joe Jackson, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Sperry's Mom: Someone Out There Knows Something."

Long Light News Feature: Laura Ellis, WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Little Things: Zoom With Grandpa"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Bowling Green Mobile Grocery Keeps Rolling During Coronavirus Pandemic"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Methodist Health in Henderson Launches Home Visiting Program."

Long Serious News Feature: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Survivor from Allen County Says COVID-19 is 'No Joke'"; Josh James, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Kentucky Teachers Do Their Best to Navigate Through Pandemic"; Josh James, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "UK Law Professor Says 'Perfect Electoral Storm' Could Be On The Horizon."

Short Public Affairs: Tim Brockwell, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Parker Plea Deal"; Bill Goodman, WEKU-FM, Richmond, "A Moment in Kentucky History: View of the Commonwealth"; Easton Sanders, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Mystery Seeds."

Long Public Affairs: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "'The Time for Sitting on the Sidelines has Passed' Dr. Everett McCorvey on Racism"; Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Kentucky Suffragist's Daughter Recalls Pivotal Pre-19th Amendment Convention"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Kentucky Expert on Violent Death Sees Increasing Impact of Pandemic on Young Adults."

Sports Reporting: Leeann Akers and Tanner Boyd, WMKY-FM, Morehead; Joe Jackson, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Talon Talk, Cody Goatley Chooses UK Football".

Sports Feature/Special: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Hot Rods Helping High School Seniors Overcome the Curveball Thrown by COVID-19"; Colin Jackson, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Twitch Streams and Wave Parades: Bowling Green Hot Rods Adjust to Baseball-less Spring"; Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "UK Basketball's First Taste of the Madness."



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Use of Sound: Rachel Collins, WKMS-FM, Murray, "Western Kentucky Woman Says Going Out to Eat Isn't Worth the Risk"; Alan Lytle, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Product Sampling Still a Staple of 'Socially Distant' Distillery Tours"; Ryan Van Velzer and Amina Elahi, WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Louisville Metro Council Approves Ban on No-Knock Warrants."

Political Coverage: Josh James, WUKY-FM, Lexington.

Breaking News: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor"; WKMS-FM, Murray, "Man Assaults Protesters with Spray During Second Day of Murray Protests"; Jacob Ryan, Eleanor Klibanoff and Ryan Van Velzer, WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Law Enforcement Kills David McAtee."

Continuing Coverage: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Southern Kentucky Residents and Businesses Fight to Survive COVID-19"; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, Lexington, "Keeping the Faith During A Global Pandemic"; WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Louisville Protests."

Enterprise Reporting: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Will Get My Entire Family Vaccinated: Staff at the Medical Center Get First Doses of COVID Vaccine"; Colin Jackson, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green, "Matthew 25 AIDS Services Dedicated to Providing Help Amid Pandemic"; Joe Jackson, WKYX-FM, Paducah, "Benton Woman Still Waiting on Unemployment Relief."

Special Series/Documentary: Jess Clark, WFPL-FM, Louisville, "JCPS Student Assignment Plan: Equity or Resegregation?"; Cheri Lawson, WEKU-FM, Richmond, "Coronavirus Alters Music, Art and Life in Kentucky"; Tom Martin, Neil Kesterson and Mike Savage, WEKU-FM, Richmond, "A 1901 Kentucky Lynching Revisited."

Investigative Reporting: Jared Bennett, WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Kentucky Unemployment Crisis"; Tanner Boyd, WMKY-FM, Morehead, "Church Sex Scandal."

Digital Coverage: Leann Akers, Tanner Boyd and Kennealy Roberts, WMKY-FM, Morehead; Becca Schimmel, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green; WFPL-FM, Louisville, "Police Violence: Protests and Investigations."

Radio Reporter: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green; Bill Hughes, WKYX-FM, Paducah; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, Bowling Green.

Radio Anchor: Bill Burton, WFPL-FM, Louisville; Alan Lytle, WUKY-FM, Lexington.

Short Newscast: Tanner Boyd, WMKY-FM, Morehead; Bill Burton, WFPL-FM, Louisville; WUKY-FM, Lexington.



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Long Newscast: Leeann Akers, WMKY-FM, Morehead, "Mountain Edition News"; Bill Stephens, WSON AM/FM, Henderson, "Henderson Report."

Overall Excellence: WFPL-FM, Louisville; WKYU-FM, Bowling Green; WMKY-FM, Morehead.



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Feature Story: Zach Epperson, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington, "Underground Railroad"; Jeanna Kleine-Kracht, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green, "Deaf and Hard of Hearing Debate"; Carley Stone, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green, "Quarantine."

Public Affairs: Olivia Eiler, Western Kentucky University- TV, Bowling Green, "Bowling Green Red Cross Donations"; Jazzlin Hamilton, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green, "Athletes Protest"; Brandon Jent, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington, "Voting in Fayette County."

Sports Coverage: Hayden Gooding, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington, "Special Olympics"; Olivia Hardin and Nick Brake, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green, "The Extra Point."

News Story: Ashton Jones, Western Kentucky University- TV, Bowling Green, "Covid Insurance"; Ashton Jones, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green, "Stuck in Tokyo"; Alaina Kwan, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington, "Medical Waste Management."

Website: Jana Wiersema and Katherine Sheets, Asbury University TV, Wilmore, "Identity-based Conflict: A Look into the Ongoing Rohingya Crisis"; Murray State University - TV; Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green.

Television Reporter: Brandon Jent, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington; Aston Jones, Western Kentucky University- TV, Bowling Green; Alaina Kwan, University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington.

Digital Journalist: Olivia Eiler, Western Kentucky University- TV, Bowling Green.

Videographer: Piper Cassetto, Murray State University - TV, "Pony Up - Episode 1."

Newscast: Jeanna Kleine-Kracht and Jillian Ryan, Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green; Murray State University - TV, "The College News"; University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington.



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Feature Story: Hannah Bullard, Murray State University - Radio, "Representation Characters: Black Actresses Portraying Traditionally White Princesses"; Kennealy Roberts, Morehead State - Radio, "The Ritual of Food in Appalachia"; Dalton York, Murray State University - Radio, "The Beast of LBL: Local Folklore a Source of Pain Among Between the Rivers Natives."

Public Affairs: Hannah Bullard, Murray State University - Radio, "Recycling Scrap Metals Could Play Fundamental Role in Maintaining State Health Care Capacity"; Lauren McCally and Andrew Sutherland, University of Kentucky - Radio, Wilmore, "Campus Voices - The Keto Diet"; Dalton York, Murray State University - Radio, "Kentucky Constitutional Amendment Seeks to Extend Judiciary Terms, Experience Requirements."

Sports Coverage: Johnathan Burton, Morehead State - Radio, "Rush Off-Road"; Western Kentucky University- Radio, Bowling Green, "Redzone"; Western Kentucky University - Radio, Bowling Green, "Redzone."

News Story: Hannah Bullard, Murray State University - Radio, "Liquor Stores Remaining Open are "Essential" in Kentucky's Efforts to Flatten the COVID-19 Curve"; Hannah Bullard, Murray State University - Radio, "Recycling Scrap Metals Could Play Fundamental Role in Maintaining State Health Care Capacity"; Michael Green, Morehead State - Radio, "Kentucky Court System Pandemic Changes."

Website: Morehead State - Radio.

Radio Reporter: Sarah Meade, Morehead State - Radio; Kennealy Roberts, Morehead State - Radio; Dalton York, Murray State University - Radio.

Digital Journalist: Hannah Bullard, Murray State University - Radio.

Newscast: Claire Dugan, Western Kentucky University - Radio, Bowling Green; Kennealy Roberts and Sarah Meade, Morehead State - Radio, "Mountain Edition News"; Lauren Tashjin, Western Kentucky University - Radio, Bowling Green.