



2021 IMPACT BROADCAST AWARDS WINNERS LIST & JUDGES' COMMENTS

TV I

Feature Reporting

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Dominik Fuhrmann and Gilbert
Corsey
"What Happened to Walnut
Street?"

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Chris Sutter and Justin Hawkins
"Mission Accomplished"

Third Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Stephon Dingle and Scott
Eckhardt
"The Ali Stingrays"

Sports Feature

First Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Andrea Stahlman, Scott Eckhardt
and Rick Van Hoose
"KIVA Remembers"

Emotional story of two women and two girls killed in an accident. All four loved volleyball. The video, audio and pictures tell the story.

Second Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Tyler Greever
"Be Special: Senators Return to
Semi-state"

The story shows how much the head coach who died suddenly was loved by the football team and the community.

Third Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Justin Hawkins and Scott
Reynolds
"Boxing Grandma"

A 72-year-old boxing grandma. The story appeals to sports fans and non-sports fans.

Sports Prep Show

First Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville

Kent Taylor , Deion Branch and
Bob & Chris Redman
"Game On"

Second Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

"Friday Night Game Time"

Third Place

WTVQ-TV, Lexington

Bryan Kennedy, Austin Miller and
Tory Bailey
"HS Reel"

Sports Special

First Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington
Steve Moss and Dean Handy
"Legend to Legend"

Excellent behind the scenes look at two coaching legends in Kentucky. Audio and video are great. If you are a fan of UK Basketball, this was a must watch.

Second Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington
Jennifer Smith
"Pandemic, Protests & Ponies: The 146th Running of the Kentucky Derby"

Good coverage of Kentucky Derby....Interesting stories.

Third Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville
Carolyn Williams, Ali Hammond and Greg Phelps Jr
"Kentucky Derby with No Fans"

Feature Sports Videography

First Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville
Scott Eckhardt
"125 Years: Twin Spires"

Second Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington
Barton Bill
"Working from Home"

Third Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville
Justin Hawkins

News Videography

First Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Barton Bill

"Speeding Hot Spots"

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Dalton Rinehart

"History of Bowman Field"

Third Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Tyler Ross

"Tour of Highbridge Springs"

Political Coverage

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Chad Mills

"Chad Mills"

Beautiful storytelling -- scripts, sound, edits -- on such complex topics. Kudos for getting to the heart of the issue and having focused on the screen making us want more.

Second Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Karolina Buczek, Rudolph

Finamore and Sofia Millar

Getting answers -- that's what journalists do. From letting the viewer experience a rally getting global attention to exploring an unsettling arrival in the mail and explaining DACA's life-changing impacts (in both English and Spanish, no less) this team demonstrates its commitment to the viewer.

Third Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville

Mike Fussell and Miles Jackson

"TARC Harassment

Confrontation"

Holding the powerful accountable: this is proof of how one question and a one-word response can lead to one big resignation for a powerful man accused of sexual misconduct. Way to stay on the story and make a difference in such a short time!

News Promotion

First Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville
Kris Baete

Worthy of top honors in this category was extremely well done and had film quality aspects to the visuals.

Second Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville
Paul Chaplin and Jon Maynard
"Forward Together"

Close second and had several of the aspect contributed to the first-place winner.

Third Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington
Kellen Dargle, John Nally and
Dean Handy
"Before the World Stopped"

Noteworthy for use of visuals and sound.

Breaking News

First Place

WTVQ-TV, Lexington
Veronica Seltzer and Tory Bailey
"Live Protest"

The majority of entries in this category centered on team coverage of the May 28 Breonna Taylor protest. This entry stood out because the reporter actually interviewed the people she was covering as the chaos unfolded, instead of simply narrating what she was seeing. She and her colleague allowed us up-close views of individual confrontations -- and not just wide pans of chaos -- so that viewers could better understand what it might have felt like to be a police officer or protester in that moment.

Second Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville
"May 28th Protests"

Anchor delivery felt very calm and assuring to viewers. Reporter caught in the fray during what sounded like gunfire showed due caution in describing "pops" while saying it wasn't immediately clear if it was gunfire or police scattering device. A viewer at home would likely have chosen this broadcast for an overview of what was happening.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith

"Commitment to Equity,
Diversity, and Inclusion
Coverage"

Second Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

"The Death of Breonna Taylor"

Third Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Barton Bill and Garrett Wymer

"The Deadly Cost of
Convenience"

This story is well written, shot, and edited. It informs the public of vital a potentially life-threatening situation. But you were also able to touch emotions as you gave us the opportunity to hear a personal tragedy.

Second Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Dennis Ting

"Kimani Dolls: Redefining
Beauty"

This story was more than just an interesting human interest story. It also introduces us to Dionna Douglas and the back story on her dolls that are much more than just a hobby. Great story telling.

Third Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Chelsea Jones and Darnell
Crenshaw

"The Mind of an Activist"

Each and every person has a unique and individual story. However, it's up to us as journalists to draw that story out and convey it in a way that captivates us as viewers or readers. You accomplished that with this story!

News Special/Documentary

First Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Senait Gebregiorgis, Shay
McAlister and Phillip Murrell
"Save Our City"

Second Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Barton Bill, Garrett Wymer and
Kristen Kennedy
"Misinformation Pandemic"

Third Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Mary Jo Perino, Jesse Riffe and
Daniel Dunston
"Hey Kentucky! Come Together:
A Conversation on Race"

Special Series

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Valerie Chinn and Doug Smith
"Border Patrol"

Second Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Stephon Dingle, Caray Grace and
Betty Winston Baye
"Project CommUNITY:
Unpacking Racism"

Third Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Dia Davidson and Tyler Ross
"Conversations on Race"

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Gilbert Corsey and Dominik Fuhrmann
"Police Secrets"

It's always deeply satisfying to see the results of an open records battle come to life on screen. Well-told story with sharp and crisp questioning from the reporter. Plus, enjoyed the photographer getting a touch artsy with the camera work.

Second Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington

Tyler Ross and Leigh Searcy
"Critical Shortage of Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners"

Smart topic exposing a critical need in the community, while also educating viewers -- many of whom are no doubt in disbelief -- on how common sexual assault is. The graphics were well implemented and glad to see the reporter give a broad view into SANE staffing at hospitals state-wide.

Third Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

"Investigating the Death of Breonna Taylor"

Great job owning an international story and digging for large and small news nuggets to share with an eager audience.

Digital Coverage

First Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Alex Suckow, Juan Sanchez and Kris White

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Chad Mills
"Streaming Louisville's 2020 Reckoning"

Third Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Chris Otts

TV Reporter

First Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Drew Gardner

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Chad Mills

Third Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Shaquille Lord

Multimedia Reporter

First Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Dennis Ting

Second Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Phil Pendleton

Third Place

WDKY-TV, Lexington

Marvin Bartlett

"Spirit of the Bluegrass"

Best Producer

First Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Megan Short

It's clear producer Megan Short knew the world was watching the Breonna Taylor case but through her producing, she made sure to show how it impacted the world of her local viewers. Informative, engaging -- well done.

Second Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Laurel Bloom

Laurel's writing is strong! It's tight and concise and judging from the styles of the anchors, she knows how to write to their voices and appears to have established a good collaboration with her talent. Laurel's use of the interactive monitor was engaging, easy to understand, and flowed well. Nicely done.

Third Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Kelsey Mattingly

If breaking news is happening overnight, it's clear Kelsey is a master of showcasing it. The writing is to-the-point with a great sense of urgency. Particularly noticed how she makes every effort to get to a graphic, video, or a live shot quickly to show viewers where news is happening and how it matters to them. Great use of the graphics package available. The anchors appear confident and natural in their reads which indicates she knows how to vibe with their style. Pleasure to watch.

Sportscaster

First Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

Tyler Greever

Second Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville

Kent Taylor

Third Place

WTVQ-TV, Lexington

Bryan Kennedy

TV Editor

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville
Justin Hawkins

Excellent work, captivating and engaging.

Second Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington
Dave Medley

Outstanding video editing.

Third Place

WLEX-TV, Lexington
Brian Gilbert

Great work.

News Videographer

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville
Dalton Rinehart

This work is inspired. It's clear that excellence is the goal every day. Outside the box thinking here.

Second Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville
Scott Eckhardt

It's clear Scott Eckhart is willing to go the extra mile for his craft. There is some really excellent shooting and editing here.

Third Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville
Justin Hawkins
"Tales from the B Block"

Your senior boxing story is really top-drawer work. Enjoyed your visual storytelling. Some great moments in this entry.

Weather Anchor

First Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington
Adam Burniston

Second Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville
Kevin Harned

Third Place

WTVQ-TV, Lexington
Jason Lindsey

News Anchor

First Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville

John Boel

"Pandemic and Protest"

John Bohl is the gold standard among these entries. Just outstanding.

Second Place

WDKY-TV, Lexington

Kristen Pflum

Very natural. Big time anchor who I suspect will only get better.

Third Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Julie Dolan

Julie Dolan is top drawer and is completely in her element in her current position. She has a tremendous ability to navigate a variety of different stories and different emotional requirements.

Daytime Newscast

First Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Third Place

WKYT-TV, Lexington

Evening Newscast

First Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

"These newscasts included excellent coverage of the social justice movement in Kentucky in 2020. The live coverage was very strong. The team seemed to be everywhere. This was a difficult and, at times, dangerous story to cover and this team demonstrated courage to tell the story in real time."

Second Place

WAVE-TV, Louisville

Valerie Paxton, Dan Fabrizio and Carolyn Williams

The stories inside these newscasts were very strong and well organized. Good in-depth reporting of the events that shaped Kentucky in 2020.

Third Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Like their colleagues at all the stations in Louisville, this team provided excellent live coverage of the social justice movement as it was happening. All the coverage was very strong.

Overall Excellence

First Place

WHAS-TV, Louisville

This team is obviously committed to in-depth storytelling. Very strong stories about the most important topics of our day. Great work.

Second Place

WDRB-TV, Louisville

Excellent breaking news coverage of the social justice protests in Louisville during the past year. This team should be proud of the difficult and dangerous work they did in 2020.

Third Place

WLKY-TV, Louisville

Very strong work though out the year. Good combination of breaking news and in-depth reporting.

TV II

Feature Reporting

First Place

WXIX-TV, Cincinnati

Joe Danneman

"Going the Distance"

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Connor Dunwoodie

"The Voice of the Bulldogs"

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

"From France to Kentucky: A
Lifelong Love Story"

Public Affairs

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Emily Bennett

"Music Brings Healing"

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Will Puckett

"Sewage Leaks"

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Mike Mallory and Mike Spissinger

"St. Jude Miracle Mom"

Sports Feature

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Willie Hope

"Jace Bowling"

Heartwarming and inspiring. Good job.

Second Place

WXIX-TV, Cincinnati

Joe Danneman

"Going the Distance"

Third Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Camille Gear

"Let Them Play"

Sports Prep Show

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

"Gridiron Glory"

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Camille Gear and Willie Hope

"Sports Overtime"

Sports Special

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Camille Gear

"Shelby Valley 10th Anniversary"

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Jeff Bidwell and Adam Wells

"Racing to March"

Third Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Camille Gear and Willie Hope

"606 Awards Show"

Feature | Sports Videography

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

"Local Dentist Strikes a Chord
with Unique Hobby"

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

"From France to Kentucky: A
Lifelong Love Story"

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Mike Spissinger

"Community Pays Respects After
Beloved Neighbor's Passing While
Social Distancing"

News Videography

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

"Local Dentist Strikes a Chord with Unique Hobby"

Very visual. Didn't give away the guitars at the beginning, then didn't give away how popular they are, so when the reveals came, it made it even better. Creative shots, good use of nats.

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Jennifer Horbelt and Mason Watkins

"Ambulance Restoration"

Emotional story and visually pleasing. Shots were very creative and the nats helped drive the story.

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

"From France to Kentucky: A Lifelong Love Story"

Fantastic story helped along by shots and nats.

Political Coverage

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Todd Faulkner, Mike Spissinger and Mason Watkins

"American Truth: Government in Action"

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Todd Faulkner, Mike Spissinger and Mason Watkins

"Mayor Candidate Profiles"

News Promotion

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Chad Hurt

"Our Light in the Dark"

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Chad Hurt

"The Voice of the Bulldogs"

Third Place

WNKY-TV, Bowling Green

Atlee McHeffey, Amber Gardner-

Rojas and Reina Johnson

"Because Local Matters"

Breaking News

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

The clear winner in the category. Great team coverage. Excellent elements and video and sound.

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Will Puckett and Buddy Forbes

"Pike County Train Derailment"

Third Place

WNKY-TV, Bowling Green

Krista Garrison

"Emotional fallout"

Great nats from the scene and Zoom call set-up with the PIO.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

WXIX-TV, Cincinnati
Joanna Bouras and Mike
Buckingham
"Mason Meyer Case"

Great entry that shows the story development
from start to finish.

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard
Will Puckett
"Easter Windstorm"

Third Place

WSAZ-TV, Huntington
Kimberly Keagy
"COVID-19 Testing Sites"

Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah
Brianna Clark
"Local Dentist Strikes a Chord
with Unique Hobby"

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah
Todd Faulkner and Mike
Spissinger
"American Truth: Rosenwald
Schools"

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah
Todd Faulkner and Mike
Spissinger
"American Truth: Public
Libraries"

News Special/Documentary

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Kayla Dixon and James Priewe
"Tracking the Storm"

Important information for people at home. Very creative. Great job letting people they can tune to WPSD for the latest severe weather news.

Second Place

WNKY-TV, Bowling Green

Julie Milam, Elijah Smith and
Julia Avila
"Marquee Backstage - The Jenny
Roads"

Third Place

WBKO-TV, Bowling Green

Lauren Hanson
"Coronavirus Concerns"

Special Series

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark and Mike
Spissinger
"Life Through New Lenses"

Great writing & editing. Great job telling the story through real people. The reporter did a wonderful job with the interviews. Took a routine medical procedure and created informative and interesting stories.

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Jennifer Horbelt and Michael
Bradford
"Service & Sacrifice: One Good
Marine"

Great series. Good job letting the family tell Cpl. Good's story. Good job telling the story with limited video.

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Allison Rickman and Pauline
Fitzgerald
"Stronger Together"

Good and needed feature. Good job telling these peoples' stories.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Shamarria Morrison, Perry Boxx
and Mason Watkins
"True Cost"

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Connor Dunwoodie
"Beyond Blackjewel"

TV Reporter

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Will Puckett

Great energy and ability to deliver a clear, concise story. Great use of nats.

Second Place

WBKO-TV, Bowling Green

Kelly Dean

Liked the interviews with politicians showing the ability to hold them accountable. Good energy and presentation.

Third Place

WSAZ-TV, Huntington

Kimberly Keagy

Very solid reporter -- loved the Facebook live incorporation. Good, active standups and live shots.

Multimedia Reporter

First Place

WBKO-TV, Bowling Green

Katey Cook

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Brianna Clark

Third Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Mike Spissinger

Best Producer

First Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Allison Rickman

Great job using all the possible tools/tricks to make these news casts visually interesting. Very nice use of graphics, studio monitors and anchor positions.

Sportscaster

First Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Adam Wells

Second Place
WYMT-TV, Hazard
Camille Gear

TV Editor

First Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Brianna Clark

Great job of writing to video. Wonderful story telling. Uses video and audio to perfection.

Second Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Mike Spissinger

News Videographer

First Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Brianna Clark

Second Place
WPSD-TV, Paducah
Mike Spissinger

News Anchor

First Place

WNKY-TV, Bowling Green
Morgan Hoover

Morgan is both warm and authoritative in her anchoring with an easy style in her interacting with others on set or in the field.

Second Place

WBKO-TV, Bowling Green
Lauren Hanson

Lauren was strong in the field and solid in the studio.

Third Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard
Steve Hensley

Steve was solid on the anchor desk.

Daytime Newscast

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah
Allison Rickman

Nice use of studio locations. Good urgency from talent. Nice use of graphics.

Second Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Good chemistry at the top.

Third Place

WNKY-TV, Bowling Green
Morgan Reagle, Tej Joshi and
Deborah Highland
"Soky Sunrise"

Anchors were energetic.

Evening Newscast

First Place

WYMT-TV, Hazard

Second Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah
James Priewe

Overall Excellence

First Place

WPSD-TV, Paducah

Perry Boxx

Well produced entry with good, wide ranging local coverage.

Second Place

WBKO-TV, Bowling Green

Good entry showing the width and breadth of the stations Covid coverage. They covered it from economics to science and sacrifice and loss with compassion and emotion.

Radio

Short Light News Feature

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Karyn Czar

"Winchester Students Stuck at Home Were Treated to a Parade"

Good use of sound to bring listener into story with good use of humor.

Second Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Easton Sanders

"Shark Encounter"

Good used of first-person account of the story.

Third Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Easton Sanders

"Cover the Hate"

Good coverage of a serious topic.

Short Serious News Feature

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Karyn Czar

"Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor"

Powerful use of Nat sound put this entry head and shoulders above the rest.

Second Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Joe Jackson

"Sperry's Mom: Someone Out There Knows Something"

Emotional sound adding weight and impact to this story.

Third Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Joe Jackson

"Benton Woman Still Waiting on Unemployment Relief"

The story of this woman put a face to a major problem for many people and families during the pandemic.

Long Light News Feature

First Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Laura Ellis

"Little Things: Zoom with Grandpa"

Given the last year this felt the most human. Easily accessible to everyone, no matter what the background. If this were done now, near the end of this pandemic it would have the exact same impact. This is truly a great human-interest piece.

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Rhonda Miller

"Bowling Green Mobile Grocery Keeps Rolling During Coronavirus Pandemic"

Pandemic or not, this is topic is very real and effects so many people in so many places. This story was told with care and insight. It deserves a follow up.

Third Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Rhonda Miller

"Methodist Health in Henderson Launches Home Visiting Program"

Caring for sick people during a pandemic became a top-of-mind subject for everyone, and people in rural communities were hit very hard by lockdowns and restrictions. This piece shows excellently highlights the ones working creatively, going above and beyond to take care of those communities. Very heartwarming!

Long Serious News Feature

First Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Lisa Autry

"Survivor from Allen County Says COVID-19 is 'No Joke' "

This piece grabbed me from the beginning. Sometimes the subject of the interview is more impactful than the subject matter. This is true for this piece. Good job!

Second Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Josh James

"Kentucky Teachers Do Their Best to Navigate Through Pandemic"

Drawn into this piece with the effective use of sound. The reporter was able to convey a shared experience in a creative way.

Third Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Josh James

"UK Law Professor Says 'Perfect Electoral Storm' Could Be on the Horizon"

This was well researched and well presented. The use of archive material elevated this piece. Very prescient.

Short Public Affairs

First Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Tim Brockwell
"Parker Plea Deal"

Second Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Easton Sanders
"Mystery Seeds"

Third Place

WEKU-FM, Richmond

Bill Goodman
"A Moment in Kentucky History:
View of the Commonwealth"

Long Public Affairs

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Karyn Czar
""The Time for Sitting on the
Sidelines has Passed" Dr. Everett
McCorvey on Racism"

Riveting interview from someone who lived and lives racism in America past and present. A role model for your community.

Second Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd
"Kentucky Suffragist's Daughter
Recalls Pivotal Pre-19th
Amendment Convention"

This interview and oral history is a golden nugget. A great public service for children to learn about real life heroes who made a difference.

Third Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Rhonda Miller
"Kentucky Expert on Violent
Death Sees Increasing Impact of
Pandemic on Young Adults"

A great public service for your community as people try to find their way through this pandemic. You may have saved one life.

Sports Reporting

First Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Joe Jackson

"Talon Talk, Cody Goatley

Chooses UK Football"

Good on-location production. Great catch getting signing announcement live on air.

Second Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Leeann Akers and Tanner Boyd

Sports Feature/Special

First Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Lisa Autry

"Hot Rods Helping High School

Seniors Overcome the Curveball

Thrown by COVID-19"

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Colin Jackson

"Twitch Streams and Wave

Parades: Bowling Green Hot Rods

Adjust to Baseball-less Spring"

Third Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd

"UK Basketball's First Taste of the

Madness"

Use of Sound

First Place

WKMS-FM, Murray

Rachel Collins

"Western Kentucky Woman Says
Going Out to Eat Isn't Worth the
Risk"

WKMS entry demonstrates excellent editing to tell a compelling story with minimal added narration.

Second Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Ryan Van Velzer and Amina Elahi

"Louisville Metro Council
Approves Ban on No-Knock
Warrants"

Third Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Alan Lytle

"Product Sampling Still a Staple of
"Socially Distant" Distillery
Tours"

Political Coverage

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Josh James

Entry shows a range of understanding of political issues in the coverage area. Nicely done!

Breaking News

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Karyn Czar

"Say Her Name: Breonna Taylor"

Great news actuality and storytelling.

Second Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Jacob Ryan, Eleanor Klibanoff and
Ryan Van Velzer

"Law Enforcement Kills David
McAtee"

Nice comprehensive coverage of a single
event.

Third Place

WKMS-FM, Murray

"Man Assaults Protesters with
Spray During Second Day of
Murray Protests"

Continuing Coverage

First Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

"Louisville Protests"

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Lisa Autry

"Southern Kentucky Residents and
Businesses Fight to Survive
COVID-19"

Third Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Karyn Czar

"Keeping The Faith During a
Global Pandemic"

Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Colin Jackson

"Matthew 25 AIDS Services
Dedicated to Providing Help Amid
Pandemic"

Great insights on a hidden issue of the pandemic. Appreciate Collin taking the test to put the listener in the shoes of a Matthew 25 client.

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Lisa Autry

"Will Get My Entire Family
Vaccinated: Staff at the Medical
Center Get First Doses of COVID
Vaccine"

Great perspective from the first responder getting her first shot. Reporter let the nurse tell the story.

Third Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Joe Jackson

"Benton Woman Still Waiting on
Unemployment Relief"

The reporter let Allie tell her story. Hoping she finally has her money.

Special Series/Documentary

First Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Jess Clark

"JCPD Student Assignment Plan:
Equity or Resegregation?"

Series brings to light the emotion and conflict facing the school district.

Second Place

WEKU-FM, Richmond

Cheri Lawson

"Coronavirus Alters Music, Art
and Life in Kentucky"

Good use of sound to highlight the different aspects of the story.

Third Place

WEKU-FM, Richmond

Tom Martin, Neil Kesterson and
Mike Savage

"A 1901 Kentucky Lynching
Revisited"

Probes the depth and emotional tension of the history of racism.

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Jared Bennett

"Kentucky Unemployment Crisis"

Excellent use of firsthand stories of people struggling with unemployment system. Great use of nat. sound to take people into a hearing.

Second Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Tanner Boyd

"Church Sex Scandal"

Digital Coverage

First Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

"Police Violence: Protests and Investigations"

This was a full presentation of good writing, along with good video support and audio. Well done and thoughtfully executed.

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Becca Schimmel

Third Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Leeann Akers, Tanner Boyd and Kennealy Roberts

Radio Reporter

First Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Rhonda Miller

Good pace. Well written. Interesting.

Second Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Lisa Autry

Good pace. Well written. Nice voice.

Third Place

WKYX-FM, Paducah

Bill Hughes

Good pace. Well written. Easily understood.

Radio Anchor

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

Alan Lytle

Clear, energetic style. Nice to start with extended weather, providing the audience what it needs right off the top. Well done.

Second Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Bill Burton

Concise, smart writing and anchoring. Good, broad range of news subjects.

Short Newscast

First Place

WUKY-FM, Lexington

All the entries in this category were solid. WUKY's March 12 newscast, right at the start of the pandemic, was especially informative. It provided a helpful overview on what was being closed and why and on work to stop the spread of coronavirus – from the mouths of Lexington's mayor, UK officials concerned about students abroad and high school athletics officials. The October newscast had guidance from the governor, told listeners how the coronavirus affecting city workers affected them, and included a sound-filled, well-written report on a local congressional debate. Overall good delivery, writing and sound.

Second Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Tanner Boyd

Good variety of stories and use of sound on coronavirus, racial tensions and early voting... and especially in the emotional non-COVID story about the flood anniversary and the church.

Third Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

Bill Burton

Good angles and coverage of pandemic stories and racial tensions tied to the Breonna Taylor case.

Long Newscast

First Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Leeann Akers

"Mountain Edition News"

Nicely done. Smooth delivery. I appreciated the actualities and the music beds. It was well produced.

Second Place

WSOY AM/FM, Henderson

Bill Stephens

"Henderson Report"

Excellent delivery. Sprinkling in a few actualities may add more interest to the report.

Overall Excellence

First Place

WKYU-FM, Bowling Green

Very nice presentation...interesting content and excellent delivery.

Second Place

WMKY-FM, Morehead

Good subject matter.

Third Place

WFPL-FM, Louisville

College TV

Feature Story

First Place

**University of Kentucky - TV,
Lexington**

Zach Epperson

"Underground Railroad"

Great nat sound at the beginning! It really brought you into the church.

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Carley Stone

"Quarantine"

Third Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Jeanna Kleine-Kracht

"Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Debate"

Public Affairs

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Jazzlin Hamilton

"Athletes Protest"

Second Place

**University of Kentucky - TV,
Lexington**

Brandon Jent

"Voting in Fayette County"

Third Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Olivia Eiler

"Bowling Green Red Cross

Donations"

Sports Coverage

First Place

Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green

Olivia Hardin and Nick Brake
"The Extra Point"

Like the interaction between the anchors.

Second Place

University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington

Hayden Gooding
"Special Olympics"

a cute story idea

News Story

First Place

Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green

Ashton Jones
"Stuck in Tokyo"

Nice setup with the map. Great job telling the story of someone in quarantine during the early days of the pandemic. Good job!

Second Place

Western Kentucky University - TV, Bowling Green

Ashton Jones
"Covid Insurance"

Nice job with the virtual interview and putting a face on a problem many probably do not know about.

Third Place

University of Kentucky - TV, Lexington

Alaina Kwan
"Medical Waste Management"

Good job bringing to light an important safety issue. Nice use of video and natural sound.

Website

First Place

Murray State University - TV

Professional website with great content!

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Third Place

Asbury University TV, Wilmore

Jana Wiersema and Katherine
Sheets

"Identity-based Conflict: A Look
into the Ongoing Rohingya Crisis"

Television Reporter

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Aston Jones

Second Place

**University of Kentucky - TV,
Lexington**

Brandon Jent

Third Place

**University of Kentucky - TV,
Lexington**

Alaina Kwan

Digital Journalist

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV, Bowling Green**

Olivia Eiler

Videographer

First Place

Murray State University - TV

Piper Cassetto

"Pony Up - Episode 1"

Very nice photography and editing. The reveal was a good hook.

Loved NAT sound pops sprinkled in.

Newscast

First Place

Western Kentucky University -

TV, Bowling Green

Jeanna Kleine-Kracht and Jillian

Ryan

Second Place

University of Kentucky - TV,

Lexington

There were some really bright spots.

Third Place

Murray State University - TV

"The College News"

College Radio

Feature Story

First Place

Murray State University - Radio

Dalton York

"The Beast of LBL: Local Folklore
a Source of Pain Among Between
the Rivers Natives"

What an interesting story! Not just about a
beast but a battle over local folklore. Well
done.

Second Place

Murray State University - Radio

Hannah Bullard

"Representation Characters: Black
Actresses Portraying Traditionally
White Princesses"

Nice job of reporting about something many
of us don't think about--but should.

Third Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Kennealy Roberts

"The Ritual of Food in
Appalachia"

Nice exploration of our relationship with
food.

Public Affairs

First Place

University of Kentucky - Radio

Lauren McCally and Andrew

Sutherland

"Campus Voices - The Keto Diet"

Good work. An informational show that was well-planned and researched.

Second Place

Murray State University - Radio

Hannah Bullard

"Recycling Scrap Metals Could

Play Fundamental Role in

Maintaining State Health Care

Capacity"

Third Place

Murray State University - Radio

Dalton York

"Kentucky Constitutional

Amendment Seeks to Extend

Judiciary Terms, Experience

Requirements"

Sports Coverage

First Place

Western Kentucky University -

Radio, Bowling Green

"Redzone"

Love the show. Love the energy!

Second Place

Western Kentucky University -

Radio, Bowling Green

"Redzone"

Third Place

Morehead State University -

Radio

Johnathan Burton

"Rush Off-Road"

News Story

First Place

Murray State University - Radio

Hannah Bullard

"Recycling Scrap Metals Could Play Fundamental Role in Maintaining State Health Care Capacity"

Excellent reporting on a thought-provoking topic. Reporter shows great interviewing skills.

Second Place

Murray State University - Radio

Hannah Bullard

"Liquor Stores Remaining Open are "Essential" in Kentucky's Efforts to Flatten the COVID-19 Curve"

Third Place

Morehead State University -

Radio

Michael Green

"Kentucky Court System Pandemic Changes"

Radio Reporter

First Place

Murray State University - Radio

Dalton York

Excellent use of natural sound to help tell each story. Good pace and delivery throughout.

Second Place

Morehead State University -

Radio

Sarah Meade

Good use of sound to help tell each story.

Third Place

Morehead State University -

Radio

Kennealy Roberts

Website

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Great teamwork at WMKY. Nice, clean presentation and easy to navigate with a great mix of text, photos and audio. Congratulations!

Digital Journalist

First Place

Murray State University – Radio
Hannah Bullard

Great job, Hannah. You've been covering a wide range of important issues. Terrific writing, photos and audio presentation. Congratulations!

Newscast

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Kennealy Roberts and Sarah
Meade
"Mountain Edition News"

Fantastic job. Great clarity by the anchors. Timely reporting.

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio, Bowling Green**

Claire Dugan

Third Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio, Bowling Green**

Lauren Tashjin