



2022 IMPACT BROADCAST AWARDS WINNERS LIST & JUDGES' COMMENTS

Television I

Public Affairs

First Place

WDRB-TV

Chad Mills and Dalton Rinehart
"A Quiet Crisis"

Second Place

WHAS-TV

Brooke Hasch and Jake Cannon
"Playground for Predators"

Third Place

WDRB-TV

Valerie Chinn and Doug Smith
"Louisville in Crisis: Gang Lines"

Sports Feature

First Place

WDRB-TV

Tom Lane and Frank Stamper
"UofL Swimmer"

Outstanding storytelling that makes the viewer not just a part of the champion swimmer but, his family as well. Beautiful underwater videography adds to the story.

Second Place

WDRB-TV

Chris Sutter and Dominik Fuhrmann
"A League of Their Own"

A perfect example of how the technical aspects of telling a story all work together. Editing, storytelling, nat sound, graphics all outstanding.

Third Place

WLKY-TV

Scott Eckhardt
"Derby 147"

Outstanding videography and editing add to the talents of one of America's premier storytellers.

Sports Prep Show

First Place

WAVE-TV

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

Second Place

WKYT-TV

"Game Time"

Sports Special

First Place

WLEX-TV

Eli Gehn, Maggie Davis and Keith Farmer
"Citrus Bowl Special"

Feature Sports Videography

First Place
WLKY-TV
Scott Eckhardt
"Derby 147"

Absolutely stunning photography from beginning to end. It's clear you took your time and looked for the most stunning shots you could capture and it shows. Very well done.

Second Place
Spectrum News Kentucky
Lachlan McLean and
Jonathon Gregg
"Super Seniors"

This is such an interesting story and approach. Great images, great natural sound, and incredible action shots. You could have used some more shot variety to really bring it home but a great effort all around. Great job!

Third Place
WHAS-TV
Alyssa Newton
"Celebrating Lamar Jackson"

With hoots like this it's tough to make your piece stand out when you're not allowed to use a tripod and you are kind of stuck sharing interviews and limited to where you can be. Great job overcoming those burdens! Good use of natural sound too.

News Videography

First Place
WLKY-TV
Scott Eckhardt
"My Miracle Man"

This piece took time and effort and it absolutely paid off. You could take a single frame from almost every shot in this piece, print it out, and be proud to hang it on a wall. Really well done.

Second Place
WHAS-TV
Phillip Murrell
"Bogus Bourbon"

This piece put on an absolute clinic on natural sound, lighting, editing, sequencing, and using a variety of tools to bring the story home. Almost every shot is a close-up. However, it's hard to complain when every close-up looked so great.

Third Place
WDRB-TV
Dominik Fuhrmann
"The Flower Bandit"

Loved the sequencing on the top of the story - - mastered the use of depth of field to help keep the subject's identity a secret. Great work!

Political Coverage

First Place

WTVQ-TV

Kaitlyn Shive

"1 Year George Floyd Memorial

Focuses on Lexington Police

Accountability"

News Promotion

First Place

WLEX-TV

Dave Medley, Jared Hamm and

Katie Johnson

"Positively LEX 18"

Second Place

WLKY-TV

Troy McDonald

"Western Kentucky Topical"

Third Place

WLKY-TV

Troy McDonald, Jon Maynard and

Paul Chaplin

"Morning Routine"

Breaking News

First Place

WDRB-TV

"Western Kentucky Tornadoes"

Interview with Mitchell was just incredible breaking news--the source and visuals were so captivating.

Second Place

WHAS-TV

"Kentucky Tornadoes"

Consistently great coverage.

Third Place

WLEX-TV

Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith

"Kentucky Tornado Outbreak"

Great coverage.

Continuing Coverage

First Place

Spectrum News Kentucky

Caroline Imler and Trey Eckerle

"Kentucky Tornadoes"

Second Place

WDRB-TV

Chad Mills and Dalton Rinehart

"Closing the Loophole"

Third Place

WLEX-TV

Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith

"Kentucky Tornado Outbreak"

Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WAVE-TV

John Boel and Jeff Knight
"Mentally Ill on The Street"

Riveting, courageous, and mature reporting on a topic our industry often bungles. Not this time. Bravo to this team for not only telling this story in a creative and respectful manner but also doing so in a gritty and creative way. Top notch journalism here.

Second Place

WHAS-TV

Heather Fountaine and
Steven Peake
"Elizabethtown Murder Mystery"

Gripping narratives, lush photography and pulsating creativity made for a stellar and eye-opening entry.

Third Place

WDRB-TV

Fallon Glick, Darius Bowie and
Justin Hawkins
"Louisville in Crisis:
Embedded with EMS"

Fantastic photography, editing, and storytelling.

News Special/Documentary

First Place

WDRB-TV

"Louisville in Crisis"

This was an extremely engaging special. It had everything - storytelling, well done graphics to explain an issue, visuals, edited in a way that kept the viewer wanting more. Each story told gave perspective into what was a real issue for the Louisville community.

Second Place

WHAS-TV

Rob Harris, Jake Cannon and
Kirin Pandit
"Kentuckiana Curiosity"

This was a really unique approach to interesting topics.

Third Place
WLKY-TV
Scott Eckhardt and Caray Grace
"My Miracle Man"

Special Series

First Place
WHAS-TV
John Charlton
"Distracted Driving"

Really liked how this piece started with a man who almost lost his life in a distracted driving crash and how the man went back to the scene of the crash. That was powerful! The report that followed with how the law currently is versus how a house bill could change the law was important because it explained how the viewer could be impacted. This was award-winning because the reporter held the bill sponsor accountable for her actions. This special series is a fantastic example of quality storytelling and journalism.

Second Place
WAVE-TV
John Boel, Jeff Knight and
Doug Druschke
"Surrendering the War on Drugs"

This special series is a strong piece of journalism. The reporter went in depth to get all sides of the story – a family impacted, the detectives investigating, and the suspected drug dealers. The additional fact-finding with the statistics on drug arrests and identifying the criminal history of the person the car was registered to supports the witness interview. This special series had excellent follow up questions that continued a great story.

Third Place
WHAS-TV
Heather Fountaine and
Nick Goldring
"Risks of the River"

This was a very emotional and informative special series. Liked how the reporter told a family's story of loss and exposed very common mistakes people might make that could cost them their lives. This story brought attention to the dangerous river and was good journalism because it exposed the signage problem and brought it to the attention of engineers to get it fixed. The second part of the series had good information and explanation of how divers work and the technology used in the search and rescue efforts.

Investigative Reporting

First Place
WDRB-TV
"KSP Body Cameras"

While watching this report a person can't look away for a moment. All the video was so shocking. Delighted to find that the digital reporting complements the TV reporting and provides unique content for the viewer/user. Solid reporting that exposes a real problem going on across the state, how other states handle this, and what leaders are trying to do about it. The interview with the victim of the car accident bookending the story breaks your heart, but keeps you hooked. The production value was also high quality.

Second Place
WDRB-TV
Gilbert Corsey, Darius Bowie and
Emily Evans
"What Happened to
Ta'Neasha Chappell"

It can be so difficult to get answers about things that happen in prisons and jails, but this team did not give up. They knocked down every door and traveled every avenue to get answers for that family and expose what really happened to that woman. This story looked very professional and made a lot more people care about what we don't see behind bars.

Third Place
WKYT-TV
Kristen Kennedy and Barton Bill
"Kentucky's Unemployment
System Meltdown"

Highlighting an issue that is actually
impacting a lot of real people -- that's so
important. You exposed how wide-reaching it
is and helped get answers from those in
charge. Nice work.

Digital Coverage

First Place
WHAS-TV
Devetta Blount

Second Place
WDRB-TV

Third Place
WKYT-TV

TV Reporter

First Place
WDRB-TV
Grace Hayba

Second Place
WHAS-TV
John Charlton

Third Place
WLKY-TV
Drew Gardner

Multimedia Reporter

First Place
WHAS-TV
John Charlton

Second Place
WHAS-TV
Tom Lally

Third Place
WKYT-TV
Phil Pendleton

Best Producer

First Place
WDRB-TV
Rod Hissong

Second Place
WHAS-TV
Megan Short

Third Place
WKYT-TV
Aimee van der Heyden

Sportscaster

First Place
WLEX-TV
Eli Gehn

Second Place
WKYT-TV
Alex Walker

Third Place
WAVE-TV
Kent Taylor

TV Editor

First Place
WLKY-TV
Scott Eckhardt

The way the majority of this composite told a story with just edits and little-to-no track makes this award-winning. When an editor can tell a story with the way shots are timed perfectly to music and cut in order, it's beautiful. Loved the quick clips that were timed to the chimes in the beginning and how the next round of edits showed lights turning on as the music speed picked up. The natural sound of the rooster crowing and the announcer saying the racetrack is now open mixed with the time lapse video really set the scene of the story. The skate scenes reflected the same – great mix of close-up shots of the disco ball, the skates, and the wide-angle shots of the rink to go with the background music and energy of the piece. Everything was cut and timed to perfection!

Second Place
WDRB-TV
Emily Evans

The butted soundbites at the start of this composite were very strong, quick, and attention-grabbing. The edits with the still photos and videos with the overlays with the chain link fence, the barbed wire, and the shutter clicks were powerful. Also liked the highlights on the referenced medical records - it helped keeps the viewer's attention and provides a good visual. This helps the viewer absorb a lot of detail in a short time. The dark filters on the dating story and slow motion helped set the mood for the negative impact of COVID-19 on people looking for companions.

Third Place
WLEX-TV
Dave Medley

Really liked the music selection and how the words on the screen were edited to match the intensity of the tune. The editor selected strong soundbites from tornado victims and officials. The sports cuts were quick. The speed matched the game shots were very enjoyable.

News Videographer

First Place
WLKY-TV
Scott Eckhardt

Amazing use of silhouettes. Like an old John Ford movie. Editing and rhythm was a character of its own here.

Second Place
WHAS-TV
Phillip Murrell

Great fast-cut montage. Very Sam Raimi-esque, like Army of Darkness when he builds the death coaster. Extremely cinematic quality to all of these.

Third Place
WDRB-TV
Dominik Fuhrmann

Love seeing something different. Experimentation with different angles and position of interview subjects really knocks your metaphorical socks off.

Weather Anchor

First Place
WDRB-TV
Hannah Strong

Second Place
WLKY-TV
Jay Cardosi

Third Place
WKYT-TV
Chris Bailey

Feature Reporting

First Place

WDRB-TV

Chris Sutter and

Dominik Fuhrmann

"Retirement Home DJ"

Second Place

WDRB-TV

Gilbert Corsey and

Jonathan McEmber

"Mending Broken Hearts"

Third Place

WHAS-TV

Sherlene Shanklin and

Phillip Murrell

"A 9-year-old Singing Sensation"

News Anchor

First Place

WDRB-TV

Gilbert Corsey

Smooth, confident, clear, heart-felt anchoring. Fantastic ad-libbing. Makes you pay attention to what was being said.

Second Place

WHAS-TV

Doug Proffitt

Fantastic work. Loved the phoner from the desk with the cell phone.

Third Place

WKYT-TV

Amber Philpott

Solid on the scene anchoring delivering crucial information to viewers in a clear and confident manner.

Daytime Newscast

First Place
WLKY-TV

With multiple reporters on the ground and in the air, WLKY gave viewers a comprehensive view of a major disaster. Strong anchoring, dynamic live shots and effective production delivered compelling content.

Second Place
WKYT-TV

WKYT's anchor team was confident and conversational. The station's snow coverage was extensive, with good follow-up on breaking news. And the newscast that followed devastating tornadoes included impressive images and comprehensive coverage.

Third Place
WDRB-TV
Cara Catlett and Erin Pryor

WDRB produced solid newscasts with major developments on multiple fronts. Highlights included strong photography, effective use of graphics and capable reporting.

Evening Newscast

First Place
WHAS-TV
Megan Short

WHAS promised late-breaking and comprehensive coverage in the wake of devastating tornadoes and the station delivered, with strong reporting, clear graphics and heartfelt sound from people who were affected. The entry also included compelling content following a tragic example of gun violence. The coverage of vigils, AND related issues, elevated the story beyond typical spot news or event reporting.

Second Place
WLKY-TV

WLKY's response to the tornadoes showed its commitment to the communities it covers, with comprehensive coverage from multiple crews, and impressive fundraising to benefit the victims of the disaster. Producers made good use of their toolbox, delivering aerial video, compelling personal stories, important weather updates and live coverage of events that were happening during the newscast.

Third Place
WDRB-TV
Rod Hisson

WDRB found eloquence in the simple words of people who were affected by the tornadoes. The station's photographers also delivered impressive images that conveyed the dimensions of the disaster. Coverage of the Breonna Taylor anniversary provided valuable perspective along with breaking news.

Overall Excellence

First Place
WDRB-TV

A most compelling and impactful entry. Truly remarkable coverage top-to-bottom. The investigations were very impressive. Immense attention to detail and it shows.

Second Place
Spectrum News Kentucky
Caroline Imler, Trey Eckerle and
Tim Meredith

Remarkable community presence and storytelling. The nats and close-up shots in the packages were superb. The web presence was also top-notch.

Third Place
WHAS-TV

Great commitment to local reporting.

Television II

Public Affairs

First Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark
"Too Close for Comfort"

Second Place
WSAZ-TV
Ryan Murphy
"Winter Weather Special"

Third Place
WYMT-TV
Emily Bennett
"COVID Long-term Effects"

Sports Feature

First Place

WYMT-TV

Camille Gear

"Jim Matney's Legacy"

Touching piece showing the influence a high school coach can have on a community.

Second Place

WPSD-TV

Adam Wells

"Helping Hand: Graves County

Football Team Helps Tornado

Cleanup in Mayfield"

Third Place

WNKY-TV

Maxwell Trink

"Dalton Waggoner Inspires a

Team"

Sports Prep Show

First Place

WPSD-TV

Adam Wells, Jeff Bidwell and

Blake Sandlin

"Gridiron Glory - State

Quarterfinals Edition"

Great job! Live shot from the field, a superior play by play guys and graphics. Wonderful!

Second Place

WNKY-TV

Maxwell Trink and Patrick Carey

"Football Frenzy"

Third Place

WYMT-TV

"Sports Overtime Saturday Night"

Sports Special

First Place

WYMT-TV

"Boys from the Mountains"

Second Place

WYMT-TV

"Pigskin Preview Top 10"

Feature | Sports Videography

First Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark

"The Hand of God"

Very captivating. Great editing. A very moving piece. The rewind was different, great job!

Second Place

WNKY-TV

Connor Dhonau

"We Are BG Strong"

Video was well done, and very well edited.

News Videography

First Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark

"Honor Flight Veterans Prepare for Takeoff"

Wonderful story. Loved the nat breaks and pops in this story. Well edited.

Second Place

WSAZ-TV

Kimberly Keagy

Third Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark and Mason Watkins

"Honor Flight Wrap"

Political Coverage

First Place

WPSD-TV

Todd Faulkner and

Mike Spissinger

"Washington, D.C. Paducah

Chamber Fly-In"

News Promotion

First Place

WYMT-TV

Chad Hurt

"Spook-Tacular Costume Contest"

Great use of graphics and logos to get the viewer's attention.

Second Place

WNKY-TV

Julie Milam,

Amber Gardner-Rojas and

Atlee McHeffey

"SOKY Strong"

Solid, quality work.

Third Place

WYMT-TV

Patrick Blevins

"Jim & Chas Memorial Day"

Breaking News

First Place

WXIX-TV

Ken Brown, Tricia Macke and

Kendall Hyde

"Tornado Coverage"

Loved field anchoring from the scene. Great treatment to put your anchor in the field! Nice job by the photographer shooting the live shot. Good use of drone. The graphics were great and helped tell the story. Use of QR code on the CG was nice and helpful for viewers. Well done!

Second Place
WYMT-TV
"Historic Flooding"

WYMT should be proud of this newscast.
Well done showcasing your team coverage;
good video; good emotion from characters.

Third Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark
"Family Searching for Local
Mother Mollowing Mayfield
Tornado"

Continuing Coverage

First Place
WYMT-TV
Dakota Makres
"Goose House Saga"

Perfect example of a single-story continuing
coverage. Great work.

Second Place
WYMT-TV
Buddy Forbes
"COVID-19 Kills First
Responders"

Excellent story telling.

Third Place
WBKO-TV
Allie Hennard
"Western Kentucky Tornadoes"

Enterprise Reporting

First Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark
"How COVID-19 Changed Their
Happily Ever After"

Great story telling, creatively shot and well
edited. Every story needs great characters
who viewers connect with and feel their
emotions. This story made the judges smile,
laugh, and cry. THAT is story telling at its
best!

Second Place
WPSD-TV
Todd Faulkner and Mason
Watkins
"American Truth: Dark Fire: The
Untold Story of a Local Tragedy"

Creatively shot and edited - it looked like a
movie and the story line was very compelling.

Third Place
WSAZ-TV
Kimberly Keagy
"Fatal Flaw"

Excellent work in alerting the public to an
issue that they needed to be aware of. Great
follow up in finding a solution.

News Special/Documentary

First Place
WPSD-TV
Mason Watkins, Jennifer Horbelt
and Brianna Clark
"Honor Flight Bluegrass: From
Paducah to D.C."

What a great special! You had the viewer
from the first Nat sound and it never let up.
Great storytelling!

Second Place
WNKY-TV
Julie Milam and Elijah Smith
"Marquee Backstage featuring
Clare Cunningham - No Looking
Back"

Really liked the concept of showcasing young
artists. Overall, it was pretty well shot. Great
audio!

Third Place
WNKY-TV
Morgan Hoover, Stephanie
McKinney and Whitney Scott
"Tornado Special"

Special Series

First Place

WBKO-TV

Kelly Dean

"Great Health Divide: The Struggles of Rural Health Care in Kentucky"

Great job writing to video, using video. Good job tackling an issue that is timely and important to people in rural area. Great use of a character with the rural doctor. Great job using the maps to illustrate the distance for people to travel for medical care.

Second Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark and James Priewe

"Honor Flight Bluegrass: Local Veterans Takeoff on Trip of a Lifetime"

Third Place

WSAZ-TV

Kelsey Souto

"Great Health Divide"

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WSAZ-TV

Kimberly Keagy

"Fatal Flaw"

This story is an excellent example in how television journalists can not only inform the public of a problem but also lay the basis for change. Good job of staying on top of this situation and holding accountable those who could make the needed changes.

Second Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark and Perry Boxx

"Caught on Camera: Paducah Veteran Suing After Encounter with Local Deputy"

Good job keeping track of each development. Also, on revealing aspects of this situation which otherwise may have never come to light.

Third Place
WPSD-TV
Todd Faulkner and
Mike Spissinger
"Charles Bronston Jones: Doctor
on the Run"

Good job of finding all the players in this story so many years later. Also, impressive that you found the doctor and his whereabouts today.

Digital Coverage

First Place
WYMT-TV
Ethan Sirles

Great job giving the reader just the information they needed to know, great use of video in the story's ad well as pictures.

Second Place
WPSD-TV
Leanne Fuller

Formatting of story's was visually pleasing.

TV Reporter

First Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark

Very good reporter. Good pace. Wants to SHOW her viewers the story, often having her photographer pan off her to show the surroundings. Very demonstrative. Network-like presentation. Glad to see her be able to show some personality on some of the lighter news. Anyone who interviews Garth Brooks gets high marks.

Second Place
WSAZ-TV
Kimberly Keagy

Third Place
WBKO-TV
Kelly Dean

Multimedia Reporter

First Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark

Great writing, Shooting, and editing and use of Nat sounds. Wonderful work.

Second Place

WSAZ-TV

Kimberly Keagy

Great interview Shots, Good use of video.

Third Place

WBKO-TV

Katey Cook

Best Producer

First Place

WSAZ-TV

Ryan Murphy

Hands down the strongest entry in this category. Great "cold open" with quick hits of stories coming up... fast-pace music, multiple creative camera shots in the studio, beginning with breaking traffic news. Kept me watching wanting more. Great job to WSAZ.

Second Place

WNKY-TV

Stephanie McKinney

Feature Reporting

First Place

WPSD-TV

Brianna Clark

"A Lifelong Love Story: How COVID-19 Changed Their Happily Ever After"

Heartbreaking...beautifully told...written and well shot...great use of tight shots and those tight shots make this story even more powerful. The viewer can FEEL his loss and his pain.

Second Place
WYMT-TV
Buddy Forbes
"Mother and Daughter Reunited"

Mother and daughter--separated by 62 years when the daughter was given up for adoption--are reunited, thanks to a DNA test. Flows well...nice tight shots capture the emotion...good job writing tight as well...it allows the individuals to tell their story of loss...and reunion.

Third Place
WBKO-TV
Katey Cook

Fun story...nicely told and shot.

Sportscaster

First Place
WPSD-TV
Adam Wells

Good voice and delivery. Comfortable on camera, nice job on highlights.

Second Place
WYMT-TV
Camille Gear

Good storyteller, nice mix of live and in studio.

Third Place
WBKO-TV
Brett Alper

TV Editor

First Place
WPSD-TV
Mason Watkins

Mason (et al) is clearly a strong editor. Even on stories from long ago that are "video challenged", a good editor will find a way to incorporate their talents to make the piece strong. Mason accomplished this. Very nice job.

Second Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark
"Remembering 9/11: 20 Years
Later"

News Videographer

First Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark

Wonderful! Love this story, well shot with great audio and nat breaks/pops. How a story like this should be done.

Second Place
WPSD-TV
Mason Watkins

Weather Anchor

First Place
WPSD-TV
Trent Okerson

Really good break down on what to expect with the severe. Good wording, 'life altering tornado.' You could tell how concerned Trent is, yet very professional and staying calm. Wonderful coverage of the Mayfield tornado. Seeing this and knowing what happened is haunting almost but he was on top of it. Great coverage.

Second Place
WPSD-TV
Noah Bergren

Noah knows his science. Good comparison of past tornadoes when talking of the risk. Good preparation of the tornado night. Good explainers, graphics were clean and simple. Well done.

Third Place
WSAZ-TV
Brandon Butcher

Good energy to start. Really great example of the tree branches. Wonderful live shot. Very demonstrative. Great explainers. Graphics are nice, clean.

News Anchor

First Place
WPSD-TV
Brianna Clark

Great job on showing personality and empathy. Viewers can connect with you easily.

Second Place
WNKY-TV
Morgan Hoover

Great Job.

Third Place
WYMT-TV
Steve Hensley

Solid Delivery.

Daytime Newscast

First Place
WYMT-TV

The anchor had some nice energy to start the show. Overall, it was good content, talking about the impacts of the ice and cold rain. The reporter was discussing conditions on the road and then into more Covid news.

Evening Newscast

First Place
WPSD-TV
Morgan Reagle, Todd Faulkner
and Jennifer Horbelt

Powerful start with the aftermath of the tornadoes. Good graphics from the Meteorologist, clean and easy to understand. Nice way to show the community coming together after the storms. Very good weather presentation. The weather tells the story. Graphics are simple, easy for the viewer to see and understand. Good way to add details with the rain on the 7day. Sports: Tying in the whole newscasts, nicely done.

Second Place

WNKY-TV

Morgan Hoover, Scott Burchett
and Stephanie McKinney

Good story flow. Weather: Good hand tracking. There was a lot of time spent on the weather almanac though, and some of the weather maps were cluttered with too many towns. Good sports energy. Flow between the two sports anchors was very nice, good chemistry.

Third Place

WBKO-TV

Harrison Valk

Reporters were very good. They told some great stories. Good story flow. Anchor was solid, nice pacing. Weather presentation was good.

Overall Excellence

First Place

WPSD-TV

Radio

Short Public Affairs

First Place

WCLU-AM

Brennan Crain

"Community Pours into Helping
Animals, BRAWA during floods"

Good Reporting, Solid News Story.

Long Public Affairs

First Place

WKYU-FM

Rhonda Miller

"Henderson Support Group for Those Who Lost Loved Ones to Suicide Holding Remembrance Ceremony"

Good enterprising work exploring the impact of suicide especially on those who lost loved ones.

Second Place

WKYU-FM

Lisa Autry

"In a Race Against Coronavirus Variants, Winning the Undecideds is Key"

Solid interviewing techniques in drawing out subjects on how they feel along with background material to flesh out the story.

Third Place

WUKY-FM

Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd

"Saving Stories: Nunn Center's 'OutSouth' LGBTQ+ Oral History Collection A Matter of Pride"

Extremely empathetic in its treatment of coming out and its impact on others.

Sports Reporting

First Place

WMKY-FM

Leeann Akers

Solid reporting. Great job keeping up the good work. Close Competition but Leeann stood out.

Second Place

WMKY-FM

Tanner Boyd

Solid reporting.

Third Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

"A Most Unusual Derby"

Solid reporting.

Short Light News Feature

First Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

"Kentucky Student Wins National Doodle for Google Contest"

Nice use of sound in this piece. It sounded like the interview with the contest winner was incorporated in the story, so it was good to hear what his winning entry meant to him.

Second Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

"It's a Grand Night Once Again"

A very well produced piece with lots of great concert sound.

Third Place

WKYX-FM

Easton Sanders

"Cicadas Taking Over Kentucky"

This story teaches us a lot more about 17-year cicadas than we ever thought we knew. Nice work.

Sports Feature/Special

First Place

WEKU-FM

Stu Johnson

"Kentucky Gold Medal Fencer"

Great local story. Great work.

Second Place

WUKY-FM

Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd

"Saving Stories: UK Great Jim Howe on Playing for Legendary Coach Bear Bryant"

Third Place

WEKU-FM

Bill Goodman

"A Baseball Odyssey"

Use of Sound

First Place

WEKU-FM

Cheri Lawson

"Our Lady of Guadalupe"

Great variety of sound in this story. The richness of production is what put this one over the top.

Second Place

WEKU-FM

Cheri Lawson

"Challenge a Girl to Change the World"

This one puts a smile on your face. Very tough call between first and second place.

Third Place

WKMS-FM

"Know Your Neighbor-Micro Documentaries"

A great idea for a feature series, and the use of sound is crucial to making it work. Really nicely executed.

Short Serious News Feature

First Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

"Needle in a Haystack"

Strong, intimate look at the couple who lost their home. Strong intimate use of sound.

Second Place

WUKY-FM

Arlo Barnette

"Atlanta Shootings Prompt 'Stop Asian Hate Rally' at UK"

Strong sound use of sound and a well-rounded look at the issue.

Third Place

WKYX-FM

Easton Sanders

"Marcella's Kitchen Celebrates 10 Years"

A fun look at the kitchen's development.

Political Coverage

First Place

WUKY-FM

Josh James

Second Place

WMKY-FM

Leeann Akers, Tanner Boyd and

Sarah Meade

"Candidates for Morehead Mayor"

Third Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

Breaking News

First Place

WCLU-AM

Brennan Crain

"Tornadoes Ravage Portions of
Barren, Hart Counties"

Good use of ambient sound, excellent
soundbites, strong writing and delivery make
for a compelling story.

Second Place

WKMS-FM

"December 10th Tornado"

Third Place

WKYX-FM

Mike Cooper

"Collierville Shooting"

Continuing Coverage

First Place

WKYU-FM

Lisa Autry

"Communities Rally After Deadly
Tornadoes Rip Through Southern
and Western Kentucky"

This reporter makes good use of ambient sound. Her choice of soundbites is good, writing is conversational and photos are excellent.

Second Place

WKYU-FM

Rhonda Miller

"Bowling Green Residents Restart
Their Lives Following Deadly
Tornado"

Third Place

WEKU-FM

Stu Johnson and Corinne Boyer

"Covid Pandemic Coverage"

Long Light News Feature

First Place

WUKY-FM

Karyn Czar

"Lights Up: Live Theater
Returning to Lexington"

Great nat sound throughout, with good pacing and energy and a variety of speakers.

Second Place

WKYU-FM

Alana Watson and Colin Jackson

"A Community Coming Together:
The Importance of Juneteenth"

Good pacing. Lots of different voices. Good nat sound. Well produced.

Third Place

WEKU-FM

Cheri Lawson

"Challenge a Girl to Change the
World"

A well-produced piece that benefitted greatly from the "fly on wall" approach to the activities of the group.

Enterprise Reporting

First Place

WKMS-FM

Liam Niemeyer

"Here Comes the Sun: Solar
Moves In, and a Farm Community
Wonders About Its Future"

Second Place

WKYU-FM

Rhonda Miller

"Kentucky Manufacturers Helping
U.S. Reach Zero-Emission Vehicle
'Vision of the Future'"

Third Place

WKYU-FM

Lisa Autry

"Allen County Centenarian
Survives the Second Pandemic of
Her Lifetime"

Special Series/Documentary

First Place

WEKU-FM

Cynthia Resor, Tom Martin and
Neal Kesterson

"Public Education in Kentucky"

Second Place

WEKU-FM

Tom Eblen, Tom Martin and
Neal Kesterson

"Kentucky Authors with Tom
Eblen"

Third Place

WUKY-FM

Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd

"Saving Stories: Transforming
Lexington - African American
Trailblazers"

Long Serious News Feature

First Place

WEKU-FM

Samantha Morrill

"Morehead Trailer Park Mass
Evictions"

Second Place

WKMS-FM

Derek Operle

"Meteorologists Want to Confirm
How Many Tornadoes Touched
Down in Western Kentucky"

Third Place

WKMS-FM

Rachel Collins

"Calloway County Jail Inmates
Concerned About COVID-19
Policies, Treatment"

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WEKU-FM

Corinne Boyer

“Kentucky Changes Vaccine Policy to Include People with Disabilities”

Second Place

WEKU-FM

Corinne Boyer

"Native American Resistance to Covid Vaccinations"

Third Place

WEKU-FM

Corinne Boyer, Stu Johnson and Mike Savage

"Richmond Official Investigated Over Jan. 6 Trump Rally Visit"

Digital Coverage

First Place

WEKU-FM

Cheri Lawson

"Kentucky Arts & Culture"

Cheri Lawson is a gifted reporter who uses sound and the words of her subjects to craft compelling stories. The addition of her photos seals the deal, showing how much a website can contribute to the overall impact of radio.

Radio Reporter

First Place

WKYU-FM

Lisa Autry

Second Place

WHAS-AM

Hayley Hansen

Third Place
WUKY-FM
Karyn Czar

Radio Anchor

First Place
WUKY-FM
Alan Lytle

Second Place
WHAS-AM
Hayley Hansen

Short Newscast

First Place
WUKY-FM
Alan Lytle, Karyn Czar and
Josh James
"Midday Reports"

Solid news, delivered well. Good reporting.

Second Place
WKYU-FM

Great reporting, Class act.

Third Place
WFPL-FM

Great teamwork, solid reporting.

Long Newscast

First Place
WFPL-FM

Second Place
WMKY-FM
Leeann Akers

Overall Excellence

First Place
WKYU-FM

Special Award

Freedom of Information

WPSD -TV

College Television

Best Public Affairs

First Place
**Western Kentucky University -
TV**
Ryan Gooden
"HB95 Update"

Best Sports Coverage

First Place
**Western Kentucky University -
TV**
Nick Brake and Drew Brumfield
"Extra Point Homecoming Show"

This was a very professional looking college production! While there were a few technical issues, the anchors handled them well. The stories and the interviews were engaging and we can appreciate the time and effort that went into pulling this off. Nice job!

Second Place
Murray State University - TV
Jamie Skarupsky
"Melanin Athletes"

Third Place

University of Kentucky - TV

Isaac Calvert

"SEC Nation Comes to UK"

Best News Story

First Place

Asbury University TV

Allie Sutton

"Suicide Awareness-Allie Sutton"

Second Place

Western Kentucky University -

TV

Carley Stone

"Lost River Pizza"

Third Place

Western Kentucky University -

TV

Sierra Bailey

"BG Car Thefts"

Best Website

First Place

Murray State University - TV

Dionte Berry

"The Murray State News"

Clean, professional look. The homepage looks nice. Overall, nice job!

Second Place

Asbury University TV

Richard Manieri

"Asbury Collegian"

Very clean look. Easy to navigate. Nice job!

Third Place
**Western Kentucky University -
TV**
"Newschannel12live.com"

Looks good.

Best Feature Story

First Place
Asbury University TV
Allie Sutton
"Hologram"

Second Place
**Western Kentucky University -
TV**
Davon Taylor
"Too Many Scholarships"

Third Place
University of Kentucky - TV
Isaac Calvert
"First Production Post COVID"

Best Television Reporter

First Place
Asbury University TV
Allie Sutton

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV**

Sierra Bailey

Third Place

University of Kentucky - TV

Samantha Valentino

Best Videographer

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV**

Ian Burkhead

Best Newscast

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV**

Jeanna Kleine-Kracht

Second Place

University of Kentucky - TV

Third Place

**Western Kentucky University -
TV**

Jeanna Kleine-Kracht

College Radio

Best Feature Story

First Place

**Morehead State University-
Radio**

Ethan Jenkins

"Dr. Russ Zokaites Presents
Bootleg: Appalachian-Inspired
Music"

Great job of letting the music do the talking in this wonderful celebration of the trombone!

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio**

Lamont Pearley

What a remarkable story about what led to a man's courageous exploration of the roots of racism.

Third Place

Murray State University - Radio

Dustin Wilcox

"Trigg County Man Sings 'Happy
Birthday' to Hundreds Each Year"

Thanks for sharing this story of a local treasure!

Best Sports Coverage

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Alyssa White

Nice delivery with solid use of sound bites and storytelling.

Second Place
**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Ethan Jenkins

Showed solid deliver with detail to the games.

Third Place
**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Kennealy Roberts

Good coverage. Good writing.

Best News Story

First Place
Murray State University - Radio
Dustin Wilcox
"Rep. Hal Rogers May Not Feel
Effects of Halted PAC Funding"

Nice political reporting, with depth of
research and many sources.

Second Place
Murray State University - Radio
Dalton York
"Resiliency Center in Marshall
County Helps Community Heal
Three Years After School
Shooting"

Poignant piece about the impact of such
trauma.

Third Place
Murray State University - Radio
Dalton York
"Marshall County Teacher
Reflects on Return to In-Person
Learning After Weeks of NTI"

Captured what teachers confront in the face of
the pandemic.

Best Website

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**
"WMKY.ORG"

Good display of news and features on website. Easy to find programs being aired as well as a solid community calendar of events.

Best Radio Reporter

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Rachel Turner

Rachel's work is well-written, thoroughly reported and confidently delivered. Great job. Congratulations!

Second Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio**
Lamont Pearley

Lamont draws on his storytelling skills and his experience to tell captivating stories. Well done!

Third Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Kennealy Roberts

Kennealy does a great job of combining well-written copy with audio from the newsmakers themselves to keep her listeners informed.

Best Digital Journalist

First Place

Murray State University - Radio
Dustin Wilcox

Excellent mix of text, photos, audio and graphics that are interesting and fun to explore. Well done!

Second Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Kennealy Roberts

Enjoyed the audio presentations and the accompanying photos.

Third Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**
Rachel Turner

Nice job covering an eclectic mix of stories.

Best Newscast

First Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Sarah Meade

Well-delivered and well-produced newscast with plenty of great audio that's crucial to telling the story. Terrific job! Congratulations to WMKY for having such a robust newscast and four strong contest entries.

Second Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Rachel Turner

Nice work! Well-prepared and well-delivered.

Third Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Sha'Maurie Mosley

Great job of keeping listeners informed.

Best Public Affairs

First Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio**

Tino Garcia

"First Generation Students"

Nice, intimate look at first generation minority students. Used personal experience to bring light to the issues.

Second Place

**Morehead State University -
Radio**

Rachel Turner

"MSU Professor Researches Pop
Culture Problems"

Solid understanding of the issue with thoughtful narrative the provided insight.

Third Place

**Western Kentucky University -
Radio**

Sierra Rucker and Davon Taylor

"WKU Diversity"

Good look at what the university is doing through the personal experience of the student.