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Kentucky Association of Broadcasters 2022 Impact Broadcast Awards FINALISTS LIST

TELEVISION I

Public Affairs: Valerie Chinn and Doug Smith, WDRB-TV, "Louisville in Crisis: Gang Lines"; Brooke Hasch and Jake Cannon, WHAS-TV, "Playground for Predators"; Chad Mills and Dalton Rinehart, WDRB-TV, "A Quiet Crisis."

Sports Feature: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, "Derby 147"; Tom Lane and Frank Stamper, WDRB-TV, "UofL Swimmer"; Chris Sutter and Dominik Fuhrmann, WDRB-TV, "A League of Their Own."

Sports Prep Show: Kent Taylor, Deion Branch and Chris and Bob Redman, WAVE-TV, "Game On"; WKYT-TV, "Game Time."

Sports Special: Eli Gehn, Maggie Davis and Keith Farmer, WLEX-TV, "Citrus Bowl Special."

Feature | Sports Videography: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, "Derby 147"; Lachlan McLean and Jonathon Gregg, Spectrum News Kentucky, "Super Seniors"; Alyssa Newton, WHAS-TV, "Celebrating Lamar Jackson."

News Videography: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV, "My Miracle Man"; Dominik Fuhrmann, WDRB-TV, "The Flower Bandit"; Phillip Murrell, WHAS-TV, "Bogus Bourbon."

Political Coverage: Kaitlyn Shive, WTVQ-TV, "1 Year George Floyd Memorial Focuses on Lexington Police Accountability."

News Promotion: Troy McDonald, Jon Maynard and Paul Chaplin, WLKY-TV, "Morning Routine"; Troy McDonald, WLKY-TV, "Western Kentucky Topical"; Dave Medley, Jared Hamm and Katie Johnson, WLEX-TV, "Positively LEX 18."

Breaking News: Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith, WLEX-TV, "Kentucky Tornado Outbreak"; WDRB-TV, "Western Kentucky Tornadoes"; WHAS-TV, "Kentucky Tornadoes."

Continuing Coverage: Caroline Imler and Trey Eckerle, Spectrum News Kentucky, "Kentucky Tornadoes"; Chad Mills and Dalton Rinehart, WDRB-TV, "Closing the Loophole"; Brian Neal and Jennifer Smith, WLEX-TV, "Kentucky Tornado Outbreak."



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Enterprise Reporting: John Boel and Jeff Knight, WAVE-TV, "Mentally Ill on The Street"; Heather Fountaine and Steven Peake, WHAS-TV, "Elizabethtown Murder Mystery"; Fallon Glick, Darius Bowie and Justin Hawkins, WDRB-TV, "Louisville in Crisis: Embedded with EMS."

News Special/Documentary: Scott Eckhardt and Caray Grace, WLKY-TV, "My Miracle Man"; Rob Harris, Jake Cannon and Kirin Pandit, WHAS-TV, "Kentuckiana Curiosity"; WDRB-TV, "Louisville in Crisis."

Special Series: John Boel, Jeff Knight and Doug Druschke, WAVE-TV, "Surrendering the War on Drugs"; John Charlton, WHAS-TV, "Distracted Driving"; Heather Fountaine and Nick Goldring, WHAS-TV, "Risks of the River."

Investigative Reporting: Gilbert Corsey, Darius Bowie and Emily Evans, WDRB-TV, "What Happened to Ta'Neasha Chappell"; Kristen Kennedy and Barton Bill, WKYT-TV, "Kentucky's Unemployment System Meltdown"; WDRB-TV, "KSP Body Cameras."

Digital Coverage: Devetta Blount, WHAS-TV; WDRB-TV; WKYT-TV.

TV Reporter: John Charlton, WHAS-TV; Drew Gardner, WLKY-TV; Grace Hayba, WDRB-TV.

Multimedia Reporter: John Charlton, WHAS-TV; Tom Lally, WHAS-TV; Phil Pendleton, WKYT-TV.

Best Producer: Aimee van der Heyden, WKYT-TV; Rod Hissong, WDRB-TV; Megan Short, WHAS-TV.

Sportscaster: Eli Gehn, WLEX-TV; Kent Taylor, WAVE-TV; Alex Walker, WKYT-TV.

TV Editor: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV; Emily Evans, WDRB-TV; Dave Medley, WLEX-TV.

News Videographer: Scott Eckhardt, WLKY-TV; Dominik Fuhrmann, WDRB-TV; Phillip Murrell, WHAS-TV.

Weather Anchor: Chris Bailey, WKYT-TV; Jay Cardosi, WLKY-TV; Hannah Strong, WDRB-TV.

Feature Reporting: Gilbert Corsey and Jonathan McEmber, WDRB-TV, "Mending Broken Hearts"; Sherlene Shanklin and Phillip Murrell, WHAS-TV, "A 9-year-old Singing Sensation"; Chris Sutter and Dominik Fuhrmann, WDRB-TV, "Retirement Home DJ."

News Anchor: Gilbert Corsey, WDRB-TV; Amber Philpott, WKYT-TV; Doug Proffitt, WHAS-TV.



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Daytime Newscast: Cara Catlett and Erin Pryor, WDRB-TV; WKYT-TV; WLKY-TV.

Evening Newscast: Rod Hissong, WDRB-TV; Megan Short, WHAS-TV; WLKY-TV.

Overall Excellence: Caroline Imler, Trey Eckerle and Tim Meredith, Spectrum News Kentucky; WDRB-TV; WHAS-TV.

TELEVISION II

Public Affairs: Emily Bennett, WYMT-TV, "COVID Long-term Effects"; Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "Too Close for Comfort"; Ryan Murphy, WSAZ-TV, "Winter Weather Special."

Sports Feature: Camille Gear, WYMT-TV, "Jim Matney's Legacy"; Maxwell Trink, WNKY-TV, "Dalton Waggoner Inspires A Team"; Adam Wells, WPSD-TV, "Helping Hand: Graves County Football Team Helps Tornado Cleanup in Mayfield."

Sports Prep Show: Maxwell Trink and Patrick Carey, WNKY-TV, "Football Frenzy"; Adam Wells, Jeff Bidwell and Blake Sandlin, WPSD-TV, "Gridiron Glory - State Quarterfinals edition"; WYMT-TV, "Sports Overtime Saturday Night."

Sports Special: WYMT-TV, "Boys from the Mountains"; WYMT-TV, "Pigskin Preview Top 10."

Feature | Sports Videography: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "The Hand of God"; Connor Dhonau, WNKY-TV, "We Are BG Strong."

News Videography: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "Honor Flight veterans prepare for takeoff"; Brianna Clark and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, "Honor Flight Wrap"; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV.

Political Coverage: Todd Faulkner and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, "Washington, D.C. Paducah Chamber Fly-In."

News Promotion: Patrick Blevins, WYMT-TV, "Jim & Chas Memorial Day"; Chad Hurt, WYMT-TV, "Spook Tacular Costume Contest"; Julie Milam, Amber Gardner-Rojas and Atlee McHeffey, WNKY-TV, "SOKY Strong."

Breaking News: Ken Brown, Tricia Macke and Kendall Hyde, WXIX-TV, "Tornado Coverage"; Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "Family Searching for Local Mother Following Mayfield Tornado"; WYMT-TV, "Historic Flooding."



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Continuing Coverage: Buddy Forbes, WYMT-TV, "COVID-19 Kills First Responders"; Allie Hennard, WBKO-TV, "Western Kentucky Tornadoes"; Dakota Makres, WYMT-TV, "Goose House Saga."

Enterprise Reporting: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "How COVID-19 Changed Their Happily Ever After"; Todd Faulkner and Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV, "American Truth: Dark Fire: The Untold Story of a Local Tragedy"; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV, "Fatal Flaw."

News Special/Documentary: Morgan Hoover, Stephanie McKinney and Whitney Scott, WNKY-TV, "Tornado Special"; Julie Milam and Elijah Smith, WNKY-TV, "Marquee Backstage featuring Clare Cunningham - No Looking Back"; Mason Watkins, Jennifer Horbelt and Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "Honor Flight Bluegrass: From Paducah to D.C."

Special Series: Brianna Clark and James Priewe, WPSD-TV, "Honor Flight Bluegrass: Local Veterans Takeoff on Trip of a Lifetime"; Kelly Dean, WBKO-TV, "Great Health Divide: The Struggles of Rural Health Care in Kentucky"; Kelsey Souto, WSAZ-TV, "Great Health Divide."

Investigative Reporting: Brianna Clark and Perry Boxx, WPSD-TV, "Caught on Camera: Paducah Veteran Suing After Encounter with Local Deputy"; Todd Faulkner and Mike Spissinger, WPSD-TV, "Charles Bronston Jones: Doctor on the Run"; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV, "Fatal Flaw."

Digital Coverage: Leanne Fuller, WPSD-TV; Ethan Sirles, WYMT-TV.

TV Reporter: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV; WBKO-TV.

Multimedia Reporter: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV; Katey Cook, WBKO-TV; Kimberly Keagy, WSAZ-TV.

Best Producer: Stephanie McKinney, WNKY-TV; Ryan Murphy, WSAZ-TV.

Feature Reporting: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "A Lifelong Love Story: How COVID-19 Changed Their Happily Ever After"; Katey Cook, WBKO-TV; Buddy Forbes, WYMT-TV, "Mother and Daughter Reunited."

Sportscaster: Brett Alper, WBKO-TV; Camille Gear, WYMT-TV; Adam Wells, WPSD-TV.

TV Editor: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV, "Remembering 9/11: 20 years later"; Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV.

News Videographer: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV; Mason Watkins, WPSD-TV.

Weather Anchor: Noah Bergren, WPSD-TV; Brandon Butcher, WSAZ-TV; WPSD-TV, Trent Okerson



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News Anchor: Brianna Clark, WPSD-TV; Steve Hensley, WYMT-TV; Morgan Hoover, WNKY-TV.

Evening Newscast: Morgan Hoover, Scott Burchett and Stephanie McKinney, WNKY-TV; Morgan Reagle, Todd Faulkner and Jennifer Horbelt, WPSD-TV; Harrison Valk, WBKO-TV.

Overall Excellence: WPSD-TV.

RADIO

Short Public Affairs: Brennan Crain, WCLU-AM, "Community Pours into Helping Animals, BRAWA During Floods."

Long Public Affairs: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, "In a Race Against Coronavirus Variants, Winning the Undecideds is Key"; Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd, WUKY-FM, "Saving Stories: Nunn Center's 'OutSouth' LGBTQ+ Oral History Collection A Matter of Pride"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, "Henderson Support Group for Those Who Lost Loved Ones to Suicide Holding Remembrance Ceremony."

Sports Reporting: Leeann Akers, WMKY-FM; Tanner Boyd, WMKY-FM; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, "A Most Unusual Derby."

Short Light News Feature: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, "It's a Grand Night Once Again"; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, "Kentucky Student Wins National Doodle for Google Contest"; Easton Sanders, WKYX-FM, "Cicadas Taking Over Kentucky."

Sports Feature/Special: Bill Goodman, WEKU-FM, "A Baseball Odyssey"; Stu Johnson, WEKU-FM, "Kentucky Gold Medal Fencer"; Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd, WUKY-FM, "Saving Stories: UK great Jim Howe on Playing for Legendary Coach Bear Bryant."

Use of Sound: Cheri Lawson, WEKU-FM, "Challenge a Girl to Change the World"; Cheri Lawson, WEKU-FM, "Our Lady of Guadalupe"; WKMS-FM, "Know Your Neighbor-Micro Documentaries."

Short Serious News Feature: Arlo Barnette, WUKY-FM, "Atlanta Shootings Prompt 'Stop Asian Hate Rally' at UK"; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, "Needle in a Haystack"; Easton Sanders, WKYX-FM, "Marcella's Kitchen Celebrates 10 Years."



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Political Coverage: Leeann Akers, Tanner Boyd and Sarah Meade, WMKY-FM, "Candidates for Morehead Mayor"; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM; Josh James, WUKY-FM, "Best Political Coverage: Josh James."

Breaking News: Mike Cooper, WKYX-FM, "Collierville Shooting"; Brennan Crain, WCLU-AM, "Tornadoes Ravage Portions of Barren, Hart Counties"; WKMS-FM, "December 10th Tornado."

Continuing Coverage: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, "Communities Rally After Deadly Tornadoes Rip Through Southern and Western Kentucky"; Stu Johnson and Corinne Boyer, WEKU-FM, "Covid Pandemic Coverage"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, "Bowling Green Residents Restart Their Lives Following Deadly Tornado."

Long Light News Feature: Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM, "Lights Up: Live Theater Returning to Lexington"; Cheri Lawson, WEKU-FM, "Challenge a Girl to Change the World"; Alana Watson and Colin Jackson, WKYU-FM, "A Community Coming Together: The Importance of Juneteenth."

Enterprise Reporting: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM, "Allen County Centenarian Survives the Second Pandemic of Her Lifetime"; Rhonda Miller, WKYU-FM, "Kentucky Manufacturers Helping U.S. Reach Zero-Emission Vehicle 'Vision of the Future'"; Liam Niemeyer, WKMS-FM, "Here Comes The Sun: Solar Moves In, and a Farm Community Wonders About Its Future."

Special Series/Documentary: Tom Eblen, Tom Martin and Neal Kesterson, WEKU-FM, "Kentucky Authors with Tom Eblen"; Alan Lytle and Doug Boyd, WUKY-FM, "Saving Stories: Transforming Lexington - African American Trailblazers"; Cynthia Resor, Tom Martin and Neal Kesterson, WEKU-FM, "Public Education in Kentucky."

Long Serious News Feature: Rachel Collins, WKMS-FM, "Calloway County Jail Inmates Concerned About COVID-19 Policies, Treatment"; Samantha Morrill, WEKU-FM, "Morehead Trailer Park Mass Evictions"; Derek Operle, WKMS-FM, "Meteorologists Want to Confirm How Many Tornadoes Touched Down in Western Kentucky."

Investigative Reporting: Corinne Boyer, WEKU-FM, "Native American Resistance to Covid Vaccinations"; Corinne Boyer, WEKU-FM, "Kentucky Changes Vaccine Policy to Include People with Disabilities"; Corinne Boyer, Stu Johnson and Mike Savage, WEKU-FM, "Richmond Official Investigated Over Jan. 6 Trump Rally Visit."



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Digital Coverage: Cheri Lawson, WEKU-FM, "Kentucky Arts & Culture."

Radio Reporter: Lisa Autry, WKYU-FM; Karyn Czar, WUKY-FM; Hayley Hansen, WHAS-AM.

Radio Anchor: Hayley Hansen, WHAS-AM; Alan Lytle, WUKY-FM.

Short Newscast: Alan Lytle, Karyn Czar and Josh James, WUKY-FM, "Midday Reports"; WFPL-FM; WKYU-FM.

Long Newscast: Leeann Akers, WMKY-FM; WFPL-FM.

Overall Excellence: WKYU-FM.

COLLEGE TV

Best Public Affairs: Ryan Gooden, Western Kentucky University-TV, "HB95 Update."

Best Sports Coverage: Nick Brake and Drew Brumfield, Western Kentucky University-TV, "WKU Extra Point Homecoming Show"; Isaac Calvert, University of Kentucky-TV, "SEC Nation Comes to UK"; Jamie Skarupsky, Murray State University TV, "Melanin Athletes."

Best News Story: Sierra Bailey, Western Kentucky University-TV, "BG Car Thefts"; Carley Stone, Western Kentucky University-TV, "Lost River Pizza"; Allie Sutton, Asbury University TV, "Suicide Awareness-Allie Sutton."

Best Website: Dionte Berry, Murray State University-TV, "The Murray State News"; Richard Manieri, Asbury University-TV, "Asbury Collegian"; Western Kentucky University-TV, "newschannel12live.com."

Best Feature Story: Isaac Calvert, University of Kentucky-TV, "First Production Post COVID"; Allie Sutton, Asbury University-TV, "Hologram-Allie Sutton"; Davon Taylor, Western Kentucky University-TV, "Too Many Scholarships."

Best Television Reporter: Sierra Bailey, Western Kentucky University-TV; Allie Sutton, Asbury University-TV; Samantha Valentino, University of Kentucky-TV.

Best Videographer: Ian Burkhead, Western Kentucky University-TV.

Best Newscast: Jeanna Kleine-Kracht, Western Kentucky University-TV; Jeanna Kleine-Kracht, Western Kentucky University-TV; University of Kentucky-TV.



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COLLEGE RADIO

Best Feature Story: Ethan Jenkins, Morehead State University-Radio, "Dr. Russ Zokaites Presents Bootleg: Appalachian-Inspired Music"; Lamont Pearley, Western Kentucky University-Radio, "Daryl Davis"; Dustin Wilcox, Murray State University-Radio, "Trigg County Man Sings 'Happy Birthday' to Hundreds Each Year."

Best Sports Coverage: Ethan Jenkins, Morehead State University-Radio; Kennealy Roberts, Morehead State University-Radio; Alyssa White, Morehead State University-Radio.

Best News Story: Dustin Wilcox, Murray State University-Radio, "Rep. Hal Rogers May Not Feel Effects of Halted PAC Funding"; Dalton York, Murray State University - Radio, "Marshall County Teacher Reflects on Return to In-Person Learning After Weeks of NTI"; Dalton York, Murray State University-Radio, "Resiliency Center in Marshall County Helps Community Heal Three Years After School Shooting."

Best Website: Morehead State University-Radio.

Best Radio Reporter: Lamont Pearley, Western Kentucky University-Radio; Kennealy Roberts, Morehead State University-Radio; Rachel Turner, Morehead State University-Radio.

Best Digital Journalist: Kennealy Roberts, Morehead State University - Radio, "Kennealy Roberts"; Rachel Turner, Morehead State University - Radio, "Rachel Turner"; Dustin Wilcox, Murray State University - Radio, "Dustin Wilcox."

Best Newscast: Sarah Meade, Morehead State University - Radio, "Sarah Meade, WMKY News"; Sha'Maurie Mosley, Morehead State University - Radio, "Sha'Maurie Mosley, WMKY News"; Rachel Turner, Morehead State University - Radio, "Rachel Turner, WMKY News."

Best Public Affairs: Tino Garcia, Western Kentucky University - Radio, "First Generation Students"; Sierra Rucker and Davon Taylor, Western Kentucky University - Radio, "WKU Diversity"; Rachel Turner, Morehead State University - Radio, "MSU Professor Researches Pop Culture Problems."