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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (November 19, 2020) - Virginia radio and television stations are being recognized for excellence in broadcasting through the 83rd Annual Virginia Association of Broadcasters Awards Program. This year's in-person gala event was not able to be held so we would like to recognize the winners at this time.

Awards were based on projects first aired between January 1 and December 31, 2019, with the sole exception of the Outstanding Newscast Award. Commercial and non-commercial stations were judged separately, and the award categories were broken down by market size.

The VAB gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Colorado Broadcasters Association, whose members judged the entries.

Only VAB-member radio and television stations were eligible to participate.

**Best Commercial Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: 1st place, WKHK-HD2, Hai Yall
- Radio - Large Market: 2nd place, WNOR-FM, Adam & Eve
- Radio - Medium Market: 1st place, WQPO-FM, Door Gorilla-Desperate for a door
- Radio - Medium Market: 2nd place, WQMZ-FM, We Love Charlottesville
- Radio - Small Market: 1st place, WMBG-AM, Rick Hockman Sexier Dance 2019

**Best Commercial Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WAVY-TV, 1st place, Butcher's Son
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 2nd place, WHOA
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WFXR-TV, 1st place, St. Albans Sanitarium
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSET-TV, 2nd place, Caspian Tattoo Rob

**Best Documentary or Public Affairs Program Radio**

- Radio: WKHK-FM, 1st place, Focus Richmond: Virginia Women's Monument
- Radio: WAFX-FM, 2nd place, The Opioid Crisis

**Best Documentary or Public Affairs Program Television**

- TV Commercial: WVEC-TV, 1st place, Looking for Happiness
- TV Commercial: WDBJ-TV, 2nd place, Remembering Camille: 50 Years After the Flood

**Best Human Interest Series Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WKJS-FM, 1st place, United Ride for Sickle Cell, Send-A-Kid to Camp Radiothon and Youth Minister on Childrens' rights
- Radio - Medium Market: WCYK/FM, 1st place, Parents of children who fought cancer at St. Jude tell their stories on Morgan in the Morning
- Radio - Medium Market: WMRA-FM, 2nd place, Staunton High Schooler Wins National Song Writing Award
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 1st place, Making a Difference Monday-ARC

### **Best Human Interest Series Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 1st place, "I am not a mistake": Musician with No Arms Finds Success on Stage
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WWBT-TV, 2nd place, Acts of Kindness
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSLs-TV, 1st place, Floyd Desegregation
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WDBJ-TV, 2nd place, Good News Here at Home
- TV - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRO-TV, 1st place, Curate 757: Kishi Bashi

### **Best Radio Personality or Team**

- Radio - Large Market: WKJS-FM, 1st place, Radiothon Highlights
- Radio - Large Market: WNOR-FM, 2nd place, Rumble in the Morning
- Radio - Medium Market: WQPO-FM, 1st place, Q101 Morning Show with Brandy & Nick
- Radio - Medium Market: WGRX-FM, 2nd place, Christal & Company
- Radio - Small Market: WHAJ-FM, 1st place, Brock Mathews
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 2nd place, Top of the Morning Show

### **Best Morning Show Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WWBT-TV, 1st place, NBC12 News Today
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WRIC-TV, 2nd place, Good Morning Richmond
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSET-TV, 1st place, Good Morning Virginia
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WVIR-TV, 2nd place, NBC29 News at Sunrise

### **Best Public Service/Community Event Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WAFX-FM, 1st place, Mayflower Marathon Food Drive
- Radio - Large Market: WKHK-FM, 2nd place, Chesterfield Strong
- Radio - Medium Market: WGRQ-FM, 1st place, Earth Day 2019
- Radio - Medium Market: WHITE-FM, 2nd place, Cville Back to School Bash 2019
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WTJU-FM, 1st place, Summer Radio Camps
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRO-FM, 2nd place, Sonatas and Stories
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 1st place, Culturefix-Noktober Fest 2019
- Radio - Small Market: WYVE-AM, 2nd place, The Miracle at Christmas Veterans Event

### **Best Public Service/Community Event Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 1st place, Birdies for Charity
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WVEC-TV, 2nd place, 13News Now-Samaritan House Saves Lives
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WCAV-TV, 1st place, WAHU Stockings
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WFXR-TV, 2nd place, Red Cross Missing Type
- TV - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRO-TV, 1st place, Catch the King Tide

### **Best Station Promotion/Contest Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WKLR-FM, 1st place, Lit It For Tickets
- Radio - Large Market: WKHK-FM, 2nd place, K95 Prime
- Radio - Medium Market: WHITE-FM, 1st place, Hot 1019 Nurses Night Out 2019
- Radio - Medium Market: WFLS-FM, 2nd place, Show Us Your Junk
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WTJU-FM, 1st place, I Can't Find WTJU
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WNRN-FM, 2nd place, 2019 Events in Review
- Radio - Small Market: WHAJ-FM, 1st place, Mortgage Contest
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 2nd place, WMBG Personal Driver Promotion

### **Best Station Promotion/Contest Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 1st place, Working for You Every Night
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WVEC-TV, 2nd place, 13News Now-Most Accurate Weather Forecast-Mechanic
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WVIR-TV, 1st place, Out of the Darkness Promotion
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WCAV-TV, 2nd place, CBS19 Super Bowl Commercial 2019
- TV - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRO-TV, 1st place, WHRO Image Spots

### **Outstanding Feature Reporting Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WKJS-FM, 1st place, Pathways to Freedom, A Free Black Experience and MLK Community Day Series
- Radio - Large Market: WAVA-FM, 2nd place, Ken Cuccinelli Discusses Border Security, Sanctuary Cities, etc.
- Radio - Medium Market: WMRA-FM, 1st place, A Day in the Life of Highland County's Sheriff
- Radio - Medium Market: WINA-AM, 2nd place, Good Ole Song Good
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WTJU-FM, 1st place, Charlottesville Corner Live Music Scene
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRV-FM, 2nd place, Moon Landing Memories
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 1st place, Pause for Paws

### **Outstanding Feature Reporting Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WWBT-TV, 1st place, The Disappearance of Brittany Williams
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WRIC-TV, 2nd place, Mecklenburg 6: State of Fear
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WDBJ-TV, 1st place, We Became Orphans Overnight
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSET-TV, 2nd place, Noreen Greens Drugstore
- TV - Non-Commercial or Public: WHRO-TV, 1st place, Curate 757: Titus Kaphar

### **Outstanding News Series Radio**

- Radio - Medium Market: WBTM-AM, 1st place, Ringgold Triple Homicide
- Radio - Medium Market: WINA-AM, 2nd place, Unite the Right-Two Years After
- Radio - Small Market: WMBG-AM, 1st place, News Around Town

### **Outstanding News Series Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 1st place, The Saga of Rand Hooper
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WWBT-TV, 2nd place, Digital Rollbacks
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WVIR-TV, 1st place, Out of the Darkness
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WDBJ-TV, 2nd place, Your Right to Know: FOIA Concerns in the Commonwealth

### **Outstanding Newscast Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WNOR-FM, 1st place, News During Rumble in the Morning
- Radio - Medium Market, WINA-AM, 1st place, WINA Outstanding Newscast-Jay Hart
- Radio - Medium Market: WCHV-AM/FM, 2nd place, WCHV Local News First
- Radio - Non-Commercial or Public: WCVE-FM, 1st place, December 11, 2019 Newscast 6:32 AM

### **Outstanding Newscast Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WVEC-TV, 1st place, Governor Northam's Blackface Scandal
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WRIC-TV, 2nd place, 8News at 5
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSET-TV, 1st place, Outstanding Newscast 6pm
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSLS-TV, 2nd place, WSLS 10 News at Six

### **Outstanding Sports Coverage Radio**

- Radio - Large Market: WNOR-FM, 1st place, Virginia Beach Locals Win the World Series
- Radio - Medium Market: WSVA-AM/FM, 1st place, Shenandoah Valley Sports
- Radio - Medium Market: WINA-AM, 2nd place, WINA Outstanding Sports Coverage
- Radio - Small Market: WHKX-FM, 1st place, Outstanding Sports Coverage-Dan McMahon
- Radio - Small Market: WEHC-FM, 2nd place, WEHC 2019 Football Season

### **Outstanding Sports Coverage Television**

- TV Commercial (Large Market): WTVR-TV, 1st place, Beyond the Roster-10/10/19
- TV Commercial (Large Market): WWBT-TV, 2nd place, NBC12 Sports
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WCAV-TV, 1st place, CBS19 Outstanding Sports Coverage
- TV Commercial (Small Market): WSLS-TV, 2nd place, WSLS 10 Sports

Congratulations to all of our winners!