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Category #1-a Outstanding Achievement for News Programming – Evening Newscast: Larger Markets (1-50) (Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment

Editors)

- 10pm Newscast: Gage Park Massacre Arrests: Maria Atkinson, Sylvia Barragan, Mario Bernal, Iris Berrios, Marali Madrid Burciaga, Alfonso Gutierrez, John Hodai, Jorge Lara, Anabel Monge, Rick Munoz, Javier Pacheco, Cesar Rodriguez, Wendy Straw, Curtis Sweat, Sebastian Torres, Alberto Urbina, Ricardo Vento. WSNS
- 10pm Newscast -- 11/24/15: Kathy Brock, Josh Bryant, Cheryl Burton, Rodney Correll, Rob Elgas, Ann Marie Esp, John Garcia, Chuck Goudie, Patricia Helmstetter, Glen Holcomb, Jennifer Hoppenstedt, Eric Horng, Dartise Johnson, Casey Klaus, Alyson Koch, Lauro Lopez, Ron Magers, James Mastri, Lisa McGonigle, Carleen Mosbach, Vince Munyon, Laura Podesta, Derrick Robinson, Jose Sanchez, Mark Scodro, Eric Siegel, Mark Urban, Douglas Whitmire, Christina Zambrano. WLS

Category #1-b Outstanding Achievement for News Programming – Evening Newscast: Smaller Markets (51+) (Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment

Editors)

Michiana's Winter Whiteout: Matt Armitage, Eric Bellinger, Colleen Bormann, Caleigh Bourgeois, Andreina Centlivre, Tom Coomes, Kelley Dickens, Brian Dorman, Kyle Fobe, Aaron Ramey, Vahid Sadrzadeh, Amanda Steffey. **WBND**

Category #2-a Outstanding Achievement for News Programming – Morning Newscast: Larger Markets (1-50)

(Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

Rush Hour Runner: Desiree Arroyo, Brian Bertino, Ivanna Hampton, Bryce Jakobs, Janye Killelea, Mike Lorber, Alex Maragos, Kye Martin, Lacey McCraney, Zoraida Sambolin, Peter Siegal, Neil Woulfe. WMAQ

Category #2-b Outstanding Achievement for News Programming – Morning Newscast: Smaller Markets (51+)

(Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

13 News Today: John Chadwick, Kristin Crowley, Elliot Grandia, Peter Gungel, Nick Jansen, Reuben Jones, Morgan Kolkmeyer, Austin Love, Audrey Moon, Josh Morgan, Sean Muserallo, Kelsie Passolt, Gus Polly, Ericka Wilson. WREX

Category #3 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Spot News (Award to the Team of Reporters,

Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

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GI Joe Found Dead: Wilson Toy, Executive Producer; Robert Veasey, Producer; Ben Bradley, Kathy Brock, Michelle Gallardo, Eric Horng, Karen Jordan, Alan Krashesky, Paul Meincke, Reporters; Carleen Mosbach, Eric Siegel, Gianna Urgo, Carrie Walker, Assignment Editors; Rodney Correll, Pat Keating, David Knickerbocker, Jim Mastri, Vince Munyon, Rich Quinones, Derrick Robinson, Photographers; Jason Brasser, Robin Dallafior, Jan Fedorenko, Patrice Folke, Casey Klaus, Mike O'Reilley, John Silvey, Editors; Gregg Koch, Director. WLS

Category #4-a Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Single Investigative Story (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

Falling Light Poles: Dave Savini, Reporter; Michele Youngerman, Producer; Carolyn Broquet, Michael Klingele, Alif Muhammad, Co-Producers; Marda Le Beau, Executive Producer. WBBM

Category #4-b Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Investigative Series (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- Speaking Up for Special Needs: Meghan Dwyer, Reporter; Dave Michuda, Producer. WITI
- Persecuciones Mortales: Karla Leal, Reporter/Producer; Phil Rogers, Reporter; Sylvia Barragan, Courtney Copenhagen, Steven Curelo, Elda Duran, John Hodai, Casey Mitchell, Raul Quinones, Marcela Santana, Katy Smyser, Producers. WSNS

<u>Category #5-a Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Serious News (Hard) Feature</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• Baaa'd Medicine: Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Erica Drehfal, Jerry Imig, Andrew Konkle, Dave Michuda, Tim Primeau, LeeAnn Watson, Jim Wilson, Producers. WITI

<u>Category #5-b Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Serious News (Hard) Series</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- En Manos del Terror: Maria de Lourdes Garcia, Teri Arvesu, Producers; Natalie Perez, Reporter. WGBO
- Dying for the High: Elizabeth Matthews, Reporter; Ed Bartlett, Michael Schatz, Scott Warren, Producers. WFLD

<u>Category #5-c Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Light News (Soft News) Single Feature/Series</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- Chicago Sees the Writing on the Wall: Christopher Walker, Producer. Chicago Tribune
- Pequea Escritora: Ligia Granados, Reporter. WGBO

<u>Category #6-a Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Arts/Culture/Entertainment</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• Blues Man by Night - Working Stiff by Day: Steve Sanders, Reporter; Pamela Grimes, Producer; Mike D'Angelo, Co-Producer. WGN

<u>Category #6-b Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Business/Consumer</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- Policias del Cable/Crackdown or Shake Down: Alba Mendiola, Lisa Parker, Reporters; Robin Green, Diana Maldonado, Raul Quinones, Mark Ringo, Marcela Santana, Tony Vitale, Producers. WSNS/WMAQ
- Thieves in the Night: Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Jeffrey Frings, Aaron Frye, Dave Michuda, Jim Wilson, Kale Zimny, Producers. WITI

Category #6-c Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Crime (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

Underground and Off the Grid: Brad Hicks, Reporter; Craig Sween, Kale Zimny, Producers. WITI

<u>Category #6-d Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Education/Schools</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• The Principal's Principles (Parts 1 and 2): Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Nelson Howard, Jennifer Lyons, Sandy Pudar, Steve Scheuer, Vicky Thomas, Producers. WGN

<u>Category #6-e Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Environment</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• Lead Dangers in Water: Pam Zekman, Reporter; Dan Blom, Producer; Carolyn Broquet, Michael Klingele, Alif Muhammad, Co-Producers; Marda Le Beau, Executive Producer. WBBM

<u>Category #6-f Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Health/Science</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- **Suplementos Peligrosos**: Iris Berrios, Reporter; Mario Carrasco, Diana Maldonado, Casey Mitchell, Marcela Santana, Carmen Vargas, Producers. **WSNS**
- Lifesaving Transport: Katharin Czink, Michael D'Angelo, Steve Scheuer, Producers; Dina Bair, Reporter. WGN

<u>Category #6-g Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Human Interest</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• The Thirteen Sisters: John LaPorte, Executive Producer; Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Josh Dewar, Jeffrey Frings, Brad Hicks, Jerry Imig, Dave Michuda, Producers. WITI

<u>Category #6-h Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Politics/Government</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

- Land of the Lost: Missing State Property: Phil Rogers, Reporter; Courtney Copenhagen, Richard Moy, Katy Smyser, Producers; Matt Love, Julio Martinez, Brian A. Moore, Co-Producers. WMAQ
- Risk on the Rails: Railroad Secrecy, A Wakeup Call to Washington: Brad Hicks, Reporter; Jeff Frings, Craig Sween, John Upton, Kale Zimny, Producers. WITI

Category #6-i Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Military (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• Home for a Helicopter: Dave Delozier, Producer. WISC

Category #6-j Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Religion (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

Bob, Ed, and Their Devices: Brad Edwards, Reporter; Carmaine Means, Tim Viste, Wendy Widom, Producers.
 WBBM

Category #6-k Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Sports (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• The King and I: Stephen Watson, Reporter; Renee Raffaelli, Producer. WISN

<u>Category #6-l Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Weather</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

• Skyline Skepticism: The Lake Michigan Mirage: Aaron Ramey, Executive Producer; Kyle Fobe, Producer; Tom Coomes, Reporter. WBND

<u>Category #6-m Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Specialty Assignment Report</u> (Award to the Reporter/Producer)

Bridge on the Brink: Brad Hicks, Reporter; Craig Sween, Kale Zimny, Producers. WITI

<u>Category #7-a Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs - Program Feature/Segment</u> (Award to the Producer/Reporter)

- An Everlasting Bond: Pat Gostele, Ryan McGuffey, Executive Producers. Comcast SportsNet Chicago
- #SoxStories: Southpaw's Surprise: Brad Boron, Kevin Maci, Tad Hathaway, Producers. Chicago White Sox

<u>Category #7-b Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs - Program Series</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

 Onward Notre Dame: Mutual Respect: Jodain Massad, Executive Producer; Jess Atkinson, Producer. Fighting Irish Media

<u>Category #7-c Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – One Time Special</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

• Hat Trick: Will Armistead, Matthew Dominick, Patrick Joliat Dahl, Adam Kempenaar, Co-Producers. Banner Collective and Chicago Blackhawks

<u>Category #7-d Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs - Sporting Event/Game - Live/Unedited Program/Special (Award to the Producer/Reporter/Host)</u>

Chicago Bulls 70's Night at the United Center on Comcast SportsNet Chicago: Jim Corno, Jr., Executive Producer;
Mark Harper, John Walsh, Producers; Tamra Anderson, Todd Benjaminson, Todd Hackl, Kristina Quinn, Line
Producers; Neil Funk, Stacey King, Will Perdue, Mark Schanowski, Hosts; Chuck Garfien, Reporter/Producer;
Comcast SportsNet Chicago

Category #8-a Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs - Cultural (Award to Producer)

- Standing On Common Ground: Ten Years Later: Barbara Allen, Evan Allen-Gessesse, Gail F. Baker, Producers; Rubin Daniels Jr., Catherine Lynch, Darlene Sealls, Associate Producers. Middle Passage Productions, Inc.
- Dreaming in Public Episode 1: Peter O'Keefe, Donnie Rogers, Producers; Andrea Rogers, Executive Producer. Grass Roots Media

Category #8-b Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs - Historical (Award to Producer)

- Heroes On Deck: World War II On Lake Michigan: John Davies, Harvey Moshman, Executive Producers; Brian Kallies, Producer. Brian Kallies Productions
- Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism: Carl Anderson, Executive Producer; Justyna Czyszek, Szymon Czyszek, David Naglieri, Michele Nuzzo-Naglieri, Producers. Liberating a Continent LLC

Category #8-c Outstanding Achievement for Documentary Programs - Topical (Award to Producer)

• Too Many Candles: Milwaukee Gun Violence: Frederica Freyberg, Producer; Mike Baron, Co-Producer; Christine Sloan-Miller, Executive Producer. Wisconsin Public Television

<u>Category #9-a Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional Programming - Program/Special/Series</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- Chicago's True Nature: The Forest Preserves of Cook County: Judith McCray, Felix Mendez, Jamin Townsley, Eryn Walanka, Heidi Zersen, Producers; Shelley Spencer, Supervising Producer; Mary Pat Dailey Cross, Executive Producer. WYCC/Juneteenth Productions/The Forest Preserves of Cook County
- Antiques Roadshow: Behind the Scenes: Jamie Ceaser, Dan Protess, Producers. WTTW

Category #9-b Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional Programming - Segment

• The Ragsdale Lab - Octopus Intelligence & Genome Research at UChicago: Anthony Penta, Producer. University of Chicago - University Communications

<u>Category #10 Outstanding Achievement for Interview/Discussion Programming - Program/Special/Series/Segment</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

 Windy City Live - Star Wars Halloween Special: Ryan Chiaverini, Valerie Warner, Hosts; Ji Suk Yi, Roe Conn, Contributors; Matt Knutson, Executive Producer; Hank Mendheim, Senior Producer; Jake Abrams, Cassandra Belek, Andrea Dres, Jared Hoffa, Mary Hynes, Ann Isaac, David Plummer, Producers. WLS

<u>Category #11 Outstanding Achievement for Magazine Programming - Program/Special/ Series/Segment</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- Mike Leonard's "Nothing Special" Christmas Special: Mike Leonard, John O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Mary Kay Wall, Executive Producers; James Fleischel, Brian Gailey, Brendan Leonard, Matt Leonard, Katie Prentiss, Producers. Picture Show, LLC
- Wisconsin Foodie Stoney Acres Pizza Farm: Arthur Ircink, Executive Producer. Kyle Cherek, Host; Erik Ljung, James Michaels, Co-Producres. Wisconsin Foodie

<u>Category #12-a Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming - Program/Special</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

• Reaching for the Stars: Charlie Celenza, Hector Perez, Daniel Perez, Producers; Henry Godinez, Reporter. Rocket Productions

<u>Category #12-b Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming - Series</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

• **Heart & Soul**: Holly Grisham Conroy, Cathleen Karp, Rubye Lane, Angela McGee, Producers; Karen Jordan, Hosea Sanders, Co-Hosts; Terrell Brown, Cheryl Burton, Jim Rose, Charles Thomas, Reporters. **WLS**

<u>Category #12-c Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming – Segment</u> (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

• A Day in the Life of a Cristo Rey Student: Preston Kendall, Kristen Watson, Executive Producers; Nicolas DeGrazia, Daniel Kullman, Producers; Mary Beth Sammons, Candice Tonon, Co-Producers. Cristo Rey St. Martin and Bitter Jester Creative

<u>Category #13 Outstanding Achievement for Special Event Coverage – Live/Edited (other than News or Sports)</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

ABC7 Presents The Chicago Auto Show: Holly Grisham Conroy, Executive Producer; John Best, Supervising
Producer; Mark Bilek, Anton Juris, Cathy Karp, Jessica Kelly, Chris Konecki, Rubye Lane, Kyle Longnecker, Jennifer
Morand, Sarah Olmstead-Griffith, Dave Sloan, Kim Stevens, Danny Tag, Producers; Mark Giangreco, Jim Rose, Co-

Hosts/Reporters; Ravi Baichwal, Ryan Chiaverini, Cheryl Scott, Ji Suk Yi, Jerry Taft, Roz Varon, Val Warner, Reporters. **WLS**

<u>Category #14-a Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming - Program/Special/ Series</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Performer)

• **Percussion at Birch Creek**: Steve Doebel, Deb Piper, Producers; Shannon Lobdell, Associate Producer; Kathy Bissen, Executive Producer. **Wisconsin Public Television**

<u>Category #14-b Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming - Segment</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Performer)

- The Arts Page Dickey Chapelle: Combat Photojournalist: Maryann Lazarski, Producer; Darin Malkowski, Gail G. Grzybowski, Associate Producers. WMVS
- Lanzate Chicago: Diego Guirado, Host; Ivan Garcia, Diogenes Lluberes, Daniela Moreno, Producers. WGBO

<u>Category #15 Outstanding Achievement for Children/Youth/Teen Programming - Program/Special/Series</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

• **Decoding the Science of Crude Oil**: Lisa Rose, Mark Rose, Executive Producers; Dan Bertalan, Producer; Robert Jackson, Cedric Marty, Melaina Rairamo, Hosts. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.**

<u>Category #16 Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest Programming - Program/Special/Series/Segment</u> (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

- Outdoor Wisconsin-Audrey Crowley: Maryann Lazarski, Supervising Producer; Emmeline Fink, Reporter/Producer; Justin Migliano, Producer. WMVS
- Janessa's Story Aid For Women: Susan Barrett, Melinda Collins, Frances Jimenez, Rob Kaczmark, Producers. Spirit Juice Studios

Category #17 Outstanding Achievement for Interactivity

• WISC and Michelle Li: Interactive Daily: Eric Franke, Michelle Li, Anchors; Leah Linscheid, Reporter; Karin Swanson, Meteorologist; Hannah McClung, Assignment Editor; Colin Benedict, News Director; Stephanie Fryer, Producer; Bob Lesh, Meteorologist. WISC

<u>Category #18 Outstanding Achievement for Community/Public Service (PSAs) - Single Spot/Campaign</u> (Award to Producer)

• ExitUSA "There Is Life After Hate": Christian Picciolini, Executive Producer; Michael Racanelli, Producer. Goldmill Group

Category #19-a Outstanding Achievement for News Promo Single Spot/Campaign (Award to the Producer)

• There is a Difference: Cornelius Mack, Robert Thompson, Producers. WBBM

<u>Category #19-b Outstanding Achievement for Programming Promos (Non-News) Single Spot/Campaign</u> (Award to the Producer)

- Orgullo Chicago Our City: Michael Bania, Jaime Elizalde, Jovanny Evans, Ivan Garcia, Diego Guirado, Daniel Maldonado, Daniela Moreno, Fabian Ramirez, Jessica Resendiz, Producers. WGBO
- See It. Hear It. Feel It. | Chicago Blackhawks: Justin Schoenrock, Producer; Dan Gutschmidt, Jeremy Murayama, Brandon Riley, Line Producers. Comcast SportsNet Chicago

Category #20-a Outstanding Achievement for Commercials - Single Spot (Award to the Producer)

• Clean Wisconsin: Amy Johnson, Producer. Captivate Digital Cinema

Category #20-b Outstanding Achievement for Commercials - Campaign (Award to the Producer)

Milwaukee Brewers - Fan Experience: David Busse, Greg Marshall, Jim Taugher, Producers, CI Design

Category #21-a Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent - News Anchor

• Larry Potash - Composite. WGN

Category #21-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent - Weather Anchor

• Tammie Souza - Composite. WFLD

Category #21-c Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent - Sports Anchor/Reporter/Play-by-Play

• Eddie Olczyk - Composite. Comcast SportsNet Chicago

<u>Category #21-d Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Program Host/Moderator</u>

- Maria Elena Ponticiello Composite. WSNS
- Elliott Bambrough Chicago's Best. Oak Brook Productions

<u>Category #21-e Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Program Correspondent/</u> Narrator/Performer

• Pat Tomasulo - Pilsen Preps for the Big Event. Bitter Jester Creative

Category #21-f Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent -General Assignment Reporter

• Brad Hicks - Composite. WITI

<u>Category #21-g Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Investigative</u> Reporter

• Dave Savini - Composite. WBBM

Category #21-h Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Traffic/Transportation Reporter

• Roz Varon – Traffic Troubleshooter. WLS

Category #22 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air - Graphics Arts/Animation/Art Direction/Set Design

• Aaron Asbury, Mike Fernandez, Patrick Joliat Dahl, Thomas Jurgensen, David Knickerbocker, Alison Miller, Jim Oboikowitch, Matt Romito - Chicago Cubs' New Videoboard. Chicago Cubs

Category #23 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air - Audio

• Dan Gutschmidt, Michael Horn, Justin Schoenrock - See It. Hear It. Feel It. | Chicago Blackhawks. Comcast SportsNet Chicago

Category #24 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Lighting

• Ross Gerbasi, Max Wilson - Karen Sabo - American Ninja Warrior. Threaded Films

Category #25 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Directing

- Daniel Andries Feast. WTTW/Albany Park Theater Project/Cutters Studios
- Jaime Elizalde, Ivan Garcia Orgullo Chicago. WGBO

Category #26-a Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Editor - News

• Andrew Konkle - Composite. WITI

Category #26-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Editor - Program (Non-News)

• Jordan Arseneau – Chicago's Best. Oak Brook Productions

Category #26-c Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Editor - Promotions/PSAs/Commercials

Justin Schoenrock - See It. Hear It. Feel It. | Chicago Blackhawks. Comcast SportsNet Chicago

Category #27-a Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Photographer - News

• Andrew Konkle - Composite. WITI

Category #27-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Photographer - Program (Non-News)

George Hosek - Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism. Liberating a Continent LLC

Category #28-a Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Writer - News

Michael Lowe - Composite. WGN

Category #28-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Writer – Program (Non-News)

• John Davies - Heroes On Deck: World War II On Lake Michigan. Brian Kallies Productions

<u>Category #28-c Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air: Writer – Short Form</u> (Promos, PSAs, Commercials, etc.)

• Javi Zubizarreta - Composite. Fighting Irish Media