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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)


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)

- **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**
Category #5-a Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Serious News (Hard) Feature (Award to the Reporter/Producer)
- **Baaad Medicine**: Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Erica Drehfal, Jerry Imig, Andrew Konkle, Dave Michuda, Tim Primeau, LeeAnn Watson, Jim Wilson, Producers. **WITI**

Category #5-b Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Serious News (Hard) Series (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**

Category #5-c Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Light News (Soft News) Single Feature/Series (Award to the Reporter/Producer)
- **Chicago Sees the Writing on the Wall**: Christopher Walker, Producer. **Chicago Tribune**
- **Pequea Escritora**: Ligia Granados, Reporter. **WGBO**

Category #6-a Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Arts/Culture/Entertainment (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**

Category #6-b Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Business/Consumer (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**

Category #6-d Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Education/Schools (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**

Category #6-e Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series - Environment (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**

Category #6-f Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Health/Science (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**

Category #6-g Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Human Interest (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**
Category #6-h Outstanding Achievement for News Specialty Report/Series – Politics/Government (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

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

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

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

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

Category #7-a Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs - Program Feature/Segment (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

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

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

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

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

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

- **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

Category #9-a Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional Programming - Program/Special/Series (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 Protes, 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

Category #10 Outstanding Achievement for Interview/Discussion Programming - Program/Special/Segment (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 Belekd, Andrea Dres, Jared Hoffa, Mary Hynes, Ann Isaac, David Plummer, Producers. WLS

Category #11 Outstanding Achievement for Magazine Programming - Program/Special/ Series/Segment (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-Producers. Wisconsin Foodie

Category #12-a Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming - Program/Special (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)
• **Reaching for the Stars**: Charlie Celenza, Hector Perez, Daniel Perez, Producers; Henry Godinez, Reporter. Rocket Productions

Category #12-b Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming - Series (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)
• **Heart & Soul**: Holly Grisham Conroy, Cathleen Karp, Ruby Lane, Angela McGee, Producers; Karen Jordan, Hosea Sanders, Co-Hosts; Terrell Brown, Cheryl Burton, Jim Rose, Charles Thomas, Reporters. WLS

Category #12-c Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs/Current Affairs Programming – Segment (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

Category #13 Outstanding Achievement for Special Event Coverage – Live/Edited (other than News or Sports) (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, Ruby Lane, Kyle Longnecker, Jennifer Morand, Sarah Olmstead-Griffith, Dave Sloan, Kim Stevens, Danny Tag, Producers; Mark Giangreco, Jim Rose, Co-
Category #14 Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming - Program/Special/Series (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*

Category #14 Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment Programming - Segment (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*

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

- **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.*

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

- **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: 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*

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

- **ExitUSA "There is Life After Hate"**: Christian Picciolini, Executive Producer; Michael Racanelli, Producer. *Goldmill Group*

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

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

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

- **Clean Wisconsin**: Amy Johnson, Producer. *Captivate Digital Cinema*

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

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

Category #21 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 Olezyk - Composite. Comcast SportsNet Chicago

Category #21-d Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Program Host/Moderator
• Maria Elena Ponticiello - Composite. WSNS
• Elliott Bambrough - Chicago's Best. Oak Brook Productions

Category #21-e Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Program Correspondent/ 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

Category #21-g Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent – Investigative 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

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)


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

- Javi Zubizarreta - Composite. Fighting Irish Media