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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, Writers, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **10pm Newscast -- 2/13/18:** Kathy Brock, Cheryl Burton, Rob Elgas, Mark Giangreco, Judy Hsu, Alan Krashesky, Cheryl Scott, Anchors; Jenn Rourke, Tony Shute, Wilson Toy, Douglas Whitmire, Executive Producers; Arlene Erves, Corey Goodman, Jamee Garton Insko, Lisa McGonigle, Barb Markoff, Chris Parrish, Ann Pistone, Tom Robison, Jason Smith, Christine Tressel, Ross Weidner, Producers; John Garcia, Chuck Goudie, Leah Hope, Eric Horng, Jesse Kirsch, Jason Knowles, Liz Nagy, Reporters; Alana Alkema, Jose Baltierra, Kay Cesigner, Tom Greve, Cathleen Karp, Laura Reynolds, Kenneth Rowe, Writers; Jason Brassler, Ann Marie Esp, Jan Federenko, Patrice Folke, Glenn Holcomb, Casey Klaus, Jon Miller, Mike O'Reilley, John Silvey, Editors; Monica Gonzalez, Alyson Koch, Gregg Koch, Lee Levin, Directors; Adriana Cortez, Kristin Hoogenboom, Jennifer Hoppenstedt, Carleen Mosbach, Eric Siegel, Carrie Walker, Assignment Editors; Damon Carlino, Sandra Imbrogno, Jose Sanchez, Mark Scodro, Mark Urban, Videographers. Olivia Estrada, Dan Lopez, Ofelia Cristina Zambrano, Field Producers. **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, Writers, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **Plant Explosion - WKOW 27 News at 5:** Ed Reams, Executive Producer; Amber Noggle, Anchor; Nick Buffo, Tony Galli, Reporters; Matt Behrens, Ryan Moore, Bob Pierce, Co-Producers; Sherry Steinhauer, Director; Matt Cash, Producer. **WKOW**

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, Writers, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **Freeway Inferno:** Matt Sliker, Executive Producer; Hillary Kenyon, Kali LaCount, Producers; Tyler Alexander, George Kmetty, Directors; Melinda Davenport, Sheldon Dutes, Anchors; Matt Salemme, Reporter/Photographer; Eden Checkol, Hillary Mintz, Reporters; David Bakken, Claude Kaczorek, Steven Radmer, Photographers; Hector Godinez, Editor. **WISN**

Category #2-b Outstanding Achievement for News Programming – Morning Newscast: Smaller Markets (51+) (Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Writers, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **Storm of the Century:** Julie Moravchik, Executive Producer; Michael Fish, Gino Recchia, Meteorologists; Brooke Hafs, Anchor; Emily Beier, Reporter; Eric O'Neil, Director; Taylor Greik, Producer, Matt Kohls, Kyle Spoelstra, Photographers; Jonathan Gneiser, Assignment Editor; Ben Anderson, Nathan Fischer, Editors; Beni Peterson, Producer/Photographer. **WGBA**

Category #3 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Spot News (Award to the Team of Reporters, Meteorologists, Anchors, Producers, Photographers, Editors, Writers, Directors, and Assignment Editors)

- **Flooding Disaster:** Benjamin Hart, Matthew Sinn, Executive Producers; Morgan Finke, Brian Halberstadt, Paula Vansack, Producers; Mark Baden, Joyce Garbaciak, Patrick Paolantonio, Toya Washington, Anchors; Morgan Finke, Benjamin Hutchison, Eric Marshall, Benjamin Wagner, Kent Wainscott, Reporters; Matt Salemme, Reporter/Photographer; Jim Crump, Ed Ford, Eric McGee, Photographers; Sandi Adelman, Tim Kruse, Dwight Moss, Directors. **WISN**

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

- **Unintended Consequences: Sex Offenders in Motels:** Marion Brooks, Hilda Gutierrez, Reporters; Richard Moy, Katy Smyser, Producers; Luis Figueroa, Nathan Halder, Mike McGovern, Julio Martinez, Marty Nutley, Co-Producers. **WMAQ/WSNS**
- **Violence Against Nurses:** Meghan Dwyer, Reporter; Marsha Bartel, Kevin Doellman, Producers. **WGN**

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

- **Dirty Deeds:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Andrew Konkle, Dave Michuda, Tim Primeau, LeeAnn Watson, Producers. **WITI**
- **Deadly Pursuit: The Mysterious Flight of Taylor Clark:** Hilda Gutierrez, Katie Kim, Phil Rogers, Reporters; Courtney Copenhagen, Elda Duran, Richard Moy, Katy Smyser, Producers; Michael Adams, Joe Amigle, Chris Brown, Nathan Halder, Ron Zachara, Co-Producers. **WMAQ/WSNS**

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

- **Laurie Dann:** Julie Unruh, Reporter; Vince Tagle, Producer. **WGN**

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

- **Where's The Ambulance?:** Pam Zekman, Reporter; Dan Blom, Producer; Marda Le Beau, Executive Producer. **WBBM**

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

- **School Bus Deer Stand:** Trevor Keller, Ryan Ward, Producers; Christine Sloan-Miller, Executive Producer. **Wisconsin Public Television**

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

- **Nyckelharpa:** Trevor Keller, Ryan Ward, Producers; Christine Sloan-Miller, Executive Producer. **Wisconsin Public Television**

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

- **Inside Foxconn:** Brad Hicks, Reporter; Andrew Konkle, Dave Michuda, Craig Sween, Kale Zimny, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **No Face, No Case:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Jeffrey Frings, Andrew Konkle, Tim Primeau, LeeAnn Watson, Kale Zimny, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **Experience is the Best Teacher:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Kevin Doellman, Jennifer Lyons, Sandy Pudar, Producers. **WGN**

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

- **Here Comes the Sun: The Draw and Awe of 'Chicagohenge':** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Jennifer Lyons, Reed Nolan, Sandy Pudar, Producers. **WGN**

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

- **Life At Lambeau:** Ben Handelman, Reporter; Andrew Konkle, Kale Zimny, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **The Whole Milwaukee:** Brad Hicks, Reporter; Josh Dewar, Aaron Frye, Dave Michuda, John Upton, Kale Zimny, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **Fleeing Illinois:** Ben Bradley, Investigative Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**
- **Political Dollars and Sense:** Zachariah Christman, Don Moseley, Producers; Carol Marin, Reporter. **WMAQ**

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

- **The Woman in the Picture:** Carol Larson, Jeremy Nichols, John Stofflet, Producers. **WMTV**

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

- **From a Gang to God:** Irene Sanchez, Reporter; Casey Mitchell, Raul Quinones, Meredith Veloz, Producers. **WSNS**
- **Dad of Eight, Father to All:** Stephanie Grady, Reporter; Jerry Imig, Producer. **WITI**

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

- **Jaxon's Wish:** Trevor Keller, Ryan Ward, Producers; Christine Sloan-Miller, Executive Producer. **Wisconsin Public Television**

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

- **Puerto Rico After Hurricane Maria:** Ana Belaval, Reporter/Producer; Hector Betancourt, Producer. **WGN**

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

- **Underage Ridesharing - Too Young to Ride:** Hilda Gutierrez, Phil Rogers, Reporters; Courtney Copenhagen, Producer; Luis Figueroa, Content Producer; Nathan Halder, Julio Martinez, Marty Nutley, Co-Producers. **WMAQ/WSNS**
- **The Faces of the Opioid Epidemic:** Audrey Moon, Josh Morgan, Executive Producers; Kristin Crowley, Elliot Grandia, Austin Love, Sean Muserallo, Nicole Stein, Mary Sugden, Taylor Utzig, Reporters; Megan Hedstrom, Ben Hundt, Kurtis Lawler, Breane Lyga, Andi TenBarge, Producers. **WREX**

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

- **Inside The Mind - Josh Adams:** Jodain Massad, Executive Producer; Cody Baker, Producer; Michael Bertsch, Associate Producer. **Fighting Irish Media**

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

- **Onward Notre Dame:** Jodain Massad, Executive Producer; Cody Baker, Robert Campbell, Zach Dudka, Anna Gonzalez, Randy Orak, Producers; Michael Bertsch, Associate Producer. **Fighting Irish Media**

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

- **Signing Sikura:** Adam Kempenaar, Executive Producer; William Armistead, Eric Lear, Justin Zipser, Producers. **Banner Collective/Chicago Blackhawks**
- **Scout Story:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer; Shane English, Pat Gostele, Kelly King, Samuel Peltz, Shannon Vossler, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

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

- **Chicago White Sox 1917 Game Versus Cleveland:** Jim Corno Jr, Executive Producer; Todd Hackl, Jon Walgren, Producers; Jason Benetti, Play-by-Play; Steve Stone, Color Analyst; Dave Ross, Associate Producer; Mark Harper, Kristina Quinn, Joe Vinci, Co-Producers; Siera Santos, Reporter. **NBC Sports Chicago**

Category #7-e Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Interview/Discussion Programming (Award to the Producer/Reporter)

- **Inside The Friendly Confines:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer; Ryan Dempster, Host; Pat Gostele, Kelly King, Shane Magwire, Jim Oboikowitch, Samuel Peltz, Chris Simonson, Corey Surratt, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

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

- **Making A New American Nutcracker:** Daniel Andries, Producer; Dan Soles, Executive Producer; Tom Orland, Kaitlynn Scannell, Associate Producers. **WTTW**

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

- **A Call for Freedom:** Greg Bogdan, Erwin Lutzer, Troy Miller, Executive Producers; Joel Mains, Producer; Nicholas Alyinovich, Jeff De Vries, Pam Zelek, Associate Producers. **TLN/Four:2 Media**

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

- **Violence: The New Plague:** Dina Bair, Reporter; Katharin Czink, Mike D'Angelo, Brad Piper, Producers. **WGN**

Category #9 Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional Programming - Program/Special/Series/Feature/Segment (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **Chicago's Best: Best Chicago Originals:** Joshua Kaufman, Executive Producer; Jordan Arseneau, Randell Golman, Mike Janowski, Jason Polevoi, Producers; Elliott Bambrough, Brittney Payton, Hosts. **Oak Brook Productions**

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

- **Windy City LIVE! - Turning Point Chicago:** Ryan Chiaverini, Valerie Warner, Hosts; Matt Knutson, Executive Producer; Valerie Jarrett, Ji Suk Yi, Contributor; Hank Mendheim, Senior Producer; Jake Abrams, Cassandra Belek, Andrea Dres, Mary Hynes Fournier, Jared Hoffa, Ann Isaac, Crystal Marquez, Justyna Syska, Dawn Watkins, Producers. **WLS**

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

- **Wisconsin Foodie - Anarchy Acres:** Arthur Ircink, Executive Producer. **Wisconsin Foodie LLC**

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

- **Crossing the Bridge: A Black Nouveau Special:** Liddie Collins, Everett L. Marshburn, Producers; Joanne Williams, Host; Mark Bernhardt, James Causey, Bobby Drake, Jose Lozano, Chris Michalski, Segment Producers. **WMVS, Milwaukee PBS**
- **Rostros 2017 (Faces of 2017):** Teri Arvesu, Diego Bolivar, Ivan Garcia, Alessandra Martin, Jacqueline Nunez, Jessica Resendiz, Producers. **WGBO**

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

- **The Ñ Beat:** Holly Grisham Conroy, Sarah Hegeman, Cathleen Karp, Tim Kelleher, Rubye Lane, Chris Vanderwall, Eily Weinstein, Producers; Stacey Baca, Host; Tanja Babich, Rob Elgas, Michelle Gallardo, John Garcia, Roz Varon, Reporters. **WLS**
- **In Harm's Way:** Tricia Sloma, Host/Reporter; Don Schoenfeld, Co-Producer. **WNDU**

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

- **Encounter: Bicycle Tattoo:** Ben Kruis, Producer; Javi Zubizarreta, Senior Producer. **Grotto Network**
- **Everyday Heroes: Warrior for Christ:** Carl Anderson, David Naglieri, Rob Kaczmark, Branden Stanley, Gregory Krajewski, Jason Knade, Sompaul Vorapanich, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**

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

- **Chicago Auto Show: Inside Track:** Tony Diasio, Cornelius Mack, David Parrish, Chris Selfridge, Producers; Marissa Bailey, Ed Curran, Derrick Young, Reporters; Rob Alvarez, Michael Klingele, Carmaine Means, Dena Serpico, Robert Thompson, Tim Viste, Co-Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **WISN 12 Season to Celebrate:** John Eddy, Benjamin Lorber, Renee Raffaelli, Producers; Joyce Garbaciak, Kathy Mykleby, Hosts. **WISN**

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

- **Trailblazers: The Bergamot:** Ben Kruis, Josh Long, Producers; Javi Zubizarreta, Senior Producer. **Grotto Network**

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

- **America's Hunter Legacy:** Lisa Rose, Mark Rose, Executive Producers; Dan Bertalan, Producer; Emma Dias, Amelia Mackey, Cedric Marty, Hosts. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.**

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

- **Honoring Our Hero: Police Canine BRIX:** Frank Giancamilli, Anthony Guglielmi, Robert Kane, Tara Poremba, Allison Sweeney, Producers. **The Chicago Police Department Communications Office**

Category #17 Outstanding Achievement for Interactivity

- **Chicago's Best: Taco Crawl:** Joshua Kaufman, Executive Producer; Elliott Bambrough, Host; Jason Polevoi, Randell Golman, Mike Janowski, Greg Larson, Imelda Valencia Cuevas, Jordan Arseneau, Producers. **Oak Brook Productions**

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

- **What Are You Running From?:** Matthew Hane, Scott Marvel, Brad Moore, Producers. **Daily Planet Productions**

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

- **The Jam Promos:** Steve Boal, Karen Kulovitz Shimek, Producers; Steve Bailey, Dan Holt, Carolyne O'Ryan, Co-Producers. **WCIU**

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

- **Documentary Series Promos:** Michael Bania, Diego Bolivar, Ahimme Cazarez, Jovanny Evans, Ivan Garcia, Alessandra Martin, Producers. **WGBO**
- **Cubs: "Putting the Art back into the Game":** John Nock, Nikki Wasserman, Producers; Jessica Felten, Executive Producer. **NBC Sports Chicago**

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

- **The Night Before SoxMas:** Brad Boron, Gareth Breunlin, Matthew Dahl, JoVaughn Trammell, Producers. **Chicago White Sox**

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

- **Wintrust: Chicago's Team:** Aaron Asbury, Jessica Conquest, Patrick Joliat Dahl, Matthew Dominick, Alex Hocking, Dave Knickerbocker, Ryan Linich, Matea Lo, Morgan Sharar-Stoppel, Producers. **Banner Collective**

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

- **Terrell Brown** - Composite. **WLS**

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

- **Larry Mowry** - Storms, Snow and Augmented Reality - Larry's Weather World. **WLS**
- **Maria Elena Ponticciello** - Composite. **WSNS**

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

- **Sophia Minnaert** - Composite. **Fox Sports Wisconsin**

Category #21-d Outstanding Crafts Achievement for On-Camera Talent — Program Host/Moderator

- Elliott Bambrough - Chicago's Best. Oak Brook Productions

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

- Carl Deffenbaugh - Composite. WITI

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

- Jonathon Gregg - Composite. WITI

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

- Bryan Polcyn - Composite. WITI

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

- Roz Varon - Composite. WLS

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

- Philip Ashby, Rodney Lambright, Brian Lorbiecki, Brandon Ribordy - Kitchens. Wisconsin Public Television

Category #23 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Audio

- Cody Baker - Composite. Fighting Irish Media

Category #24 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Lighting

- Jeff De Vries - A Call for Freedom. TLN/Four:2 Media

Category #25 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Directing

- Pat Gostele - "20". Cubs Productions
- Ivan Garcia, Alessandra Martin - Faces of 2017 & Secrets of an Entrepreneur. 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)

- Joel Mains - A Call for Freedom. TLN/Four:2 Media

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

- Cody Baker - Composite. Fighting Irish Media

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

- Kevin Doellman, Reed Nolan - Seeking the Sun, Capturing Chicagohenge. WGN

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

- Ross Gerbasi, Max Wilson - Chicago Timelapse Project - Windy City Nights III. Chicago Timelapse
- Alfredo Roman - El Secreto de Una Emprendedora. WGBO

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

- LeeAnn Watson - The Back Roads. WITI

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

- Jovanny Evans - Ser Mexicano (What is to be Mexican). WGBO
- John Davies - A City At War: Chicago. Chicago Marine Heritage Society/Brian Kallies Productions

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

- Kane Farabaugh - A Golden Cross to Bear: A Story of the 33rd Division in World War I. KaneStar Productions/WTVP