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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 Desk Editors)

- **10pm Newscast 5/28/2020:** Cheryl Burton, Anchor; Alan Krashesky, Anchor; Doug Whitmire, Executive Producer; Mike Johnson, Alexandria Jud, Producers; Cate Cauguiran, Rob Elgas, Mark Giangreco, Eric Horng, Liz Nagy, Cheryl Scott, Reporters; Alyson Koch, Gregg Koch, Directors; Ann Marie Esp, Casey Klaus, Mike O'Reilly, Deshaun Simpson, Editors; Kay Cesinger, Tom Greve, Writers; Laura Arroyo, Associate Producer; Josh Bryant, Olivia Estrada, Eric Siegel, Assignment Editors; Damon Carlino, Jeff Freeman, Patti Helmstetter, Mark Nordby, Dwight Payne, Derrick Robinson, Photographers. **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 Desk Editors)

- **Molson-Coors Shooting - WKOW 27 News at 10:** Ed Reams, Executive Producer; Evan Bolin, Roderick Curry, Robert Newell, Producers; Rob Fick, Director; Amber Noggle, George Smith, Anchors; A.J. Bayatpour, Andrew Merica, Reporters; John Zeigler, Meteorologist; Allan Karis, Editor; Matt Cash, Executive 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 Desk Editors)

- **A Little Something for Everyone:** Dean Richards, Anchor; Aline Cox, Executive Producer; Paul Konrad, Meteorologist; Robin Baumgarten, Marcus Leshock, Larry Potash, Pat Tomasulo, Anchors; Nick Boyan, Ross McAbee, Natalie Skryd, Producers; Andrew Zuick, Assignment Desk Editor; Ana Belaval, Courtney Gousman, Sarah Jindra, Reporters; Jeff Hoover, Segment Producer; Lisa Augello, Christine Tarver, Directors; Cris Allen, Jason Colon, Jay Congdon, Karen Hendren, Jason Krug, Writers. **WGN**

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

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

- **NBC15 Morning Show:** Jeremy Nichols, Producer; Lindsay Frommer, Curt Lenz, Taylor Pomasl, Allie Purser, Jason Rice, Katie Rousonelos, Producers; Brittney Ermon, Elise Romas, Reporters; Tim Elliott, Gabriella Rusk, Anchors; James Parish, Meteorologist; Seth Rabin, Andre Wherle, Directors. **WMTV**

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

- **Chicago Unrest:** Lauren Stauffer, Producer; Christian Farr, Phil Rogers, Lexi Sutter, Reporters; Ava Kelley, Assignment Editor; Nathan Halder, Sean O'Connor, Photographers; Tracy Davis, Rob Gordon, Paul Henderson, Matt Stefanski, Lorraine Taylor, Producers; Kiana Battle, Director. **WMAQ**

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

- **Handcuffed Naked: The Anjanette Young Story:** Dave Savini, Producer; Samah Assad, Michele Youngerman, Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Unwarranted:** Dave Savini, Reporter; Samah Assad, Michele Youngerman, Producers; Michael Klingele, Deandra Taylor, Scott Wilson, Co-Producers. **WBBM**
- **COVID-19: Before & After Deaths/Antes Y Despues de Muerte:** Hilda Gutiérrez, Reporter/Producer; Carolina Cruz, Raul Quiñones, Producers. **WSNS**

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

- **Draft of Darkness: JoAnn Cunningham:** Brad Edwards, Reporter; Cheryl Cook, Michael Klingele, Marda Le Beau, Kayla Molander, Reed Nolan, Alfredo Roman, Timothy Viste, Scott Wilson, Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Getting Hosed: The Vet. vs. The Water Dept.:** Brad Edwards, Reporter; Daniel Kraemer, Reed Nolan, DeAndra Taylor, Paige Tortorelli, Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Madison Girl Drinks Miracle Cancer 'Cure' Drink:** Kathryn Larson, Reporter. **Spectrum News 1 Wisconsin**

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

- **Hamilton Star's Family Fight:** Tanja Babich, Reporter; Jason Brasser, Lauro Lopez, Producers. **WLS**

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

- **Optical Delusion:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Stephen Davis, Jeffrey Frings, Jerry Imig, Tim Primeau, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **Getting Away With Murder:** Andrew Schroedter, Producer; Ben Bradley, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**

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

- **College at 14:** Carole Meekins, Reporter; Jeff Morris, Mark Was, Mark Wirtz, Co-Producers. **WTMJ**

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

- **Smokescreens?/Cortinas de humo?:** Hilda Gutiérrez, Reporter/Producer; Luis Figueroa, Martin Nutley, Raul Quiñones, Co-Producers. **WSNS/WMAQ**
- **Troubled Waters:** Amy DuPont, Reporter; David McAlister, Producer. **WITI**

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

- **Am I Really That Sick?:** Andrew Konkle, Producer; Carl Deffenbaugh, Reporter; Sara Smith, Producer. **WITI**

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

- **Finding Family:** Ted Perry, Reporter; Jerry Imig, Sara Smith, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **The Governor's Emails:** Amanda St. Hilaire, Reporter; Jerry Imig, Andrew Konkle, Tim Primeau, LeeAnn Watson, Producers. **WITI**

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

- **The Scar Spangled Banner:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Chris Neale, Brad Piper, Sandy Pudar, Producers. **WGN**

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

- **Father Smyth: Minister or Monster:** Brad Edwards, Reporter; Dan Kraemer, Kayla Molander, Reed Nolan, Tim Viste, Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Fittest Seated Man on Earth:** Stephen Watson, Reporter. **WISN**

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

- **Weather Wise:** Kyle Yonkers, Producer; Alex Kirchner, Reporter; Robert Burke, Kurtis Lawler, Producers. **WREX**

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

- **Lives on the Line:** Josh Morgan, Executive Producer; Audrey Moon, Executive Producer; Kristin Crowley, Evan Leake, James Stratton, Mary Sugden, Taylor Utzig, Reporters; Andy Carrigan, Peter Gungel, Ben Hundt, Nick Landi, Kurtis Lawler, Breane Lyga, Kyle Yonkers, Producers. **WREX**
- **Wiser Than Their Years In Some of the Most Dangerous Ways:** Irika Sargent, Reporter; Reed Nolan, Alfredo Roman, DeAndra Taylor, Carol Thompson, Robert Thompson, Tim Viste, Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Playing for Justice:** Zora Stephenson, Reporter; Jose Castillo, Chris Moore, Nick Monroe, Tony P. Tortorici, Producers. **Fox Sports Wisconsin**

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

- **Bucks Live Home Opener:** Tony P. Tortorici, Producer; Chris Moore, Rick Palermo, James Stewart, Jr., John Walsh, Producers; Craig Coshun, Marques Johnson, Dario Melendez, Steve Novak, Hosts; Jim Paschke, Zora Stephenson, Reporters. **Fox Sports Wisconsin**

Category #7-c Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Program Series - Post-Produced or Edited (Award to the Producer/Reporter)

- **Cubs 162:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer; Mike McCarthy, Mike Santini, Executive Producers; Drew Clark, Shane English, Kelly King, Shane Magwire, Jim Oboikowitch, Samuel Peltz, Chris Simonson, Corey Surratt, Chris Zacarias, Producers. **Cubs Productions/Marquee Sports Network**

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

- **1969 Cubs:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer; Drew Clark, Shane English, Pat Gostele, Shane Magwire, Samuel Peltz, Chris Simonson, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Chris Zacarias, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

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

- **Bucks-Lakers Showdown:** Tony P. Tortorici, Producer; Daniel Kuehner, John Walsh, Producers; Marques Johnson, Jim Paschke, Hosts; Zora Stephenson, Reporter. **Fox Sports Wisconsin**

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

- **Cubs Hall of Fame Roundtable:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer; William Armistead, Drew Clark, Jessica Conquest, Pat Gostele, Alex Hocking, Matea Losenegger, Jim Oboikowitch, Samuel Peltz, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Chris Zacarias, Producers. **Banner/Cubs Productions**

Category #7-g Outstanding Achievement for Sports Programs – Documentary (Award to Producer)

- **As Fast as Her:** Eric Lear, Producer; Spencer Wehde, Producer; Adam Kempenaar, Executive Producer. **Banner/Chicago Blackhawks**

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

- **Chicago at the Crossroad:** Brian Schodorf, Executive Producer; Afrika Porter, Malik Yusef, Executive Producers; Rahman Ayi, Malachi Gross, Ryan Kolegas, Victor Maggio, Linda Mensch, Burundi Partlow, Nathan Weber, Producers; Alisa Inez, Associate Producer; Phil Jackson, Debra Wesley, Co-Producers. **Schodorf Media**

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

- **Eastland: Chicago's Deadliest Day:** Harvey Moshman, Executive Producer; Chuck Coppola, Executive Producer. **Moshman Productions**

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

- **Love. Honor. Betrayal.:** Kyle Fobe, Producer; Eric Bellinger, Brian Conybeare, Heather Ferrell, Nishan Gilmet, Todd Madding, Producers. **WBND**

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

- **Kindness in the Classroom:** Ryan Hendricks, Producer; Megan Monday, Executive Producer. **PBS Wisconsin**

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

- **Talk a Blues Streak:** Hector Perez, Producer; Richard Shurman, Host; Charlie Celenza, Bennett Grossman, Linda Melazzo, Daniel Perez, Billy Prewitt, Producers. **Rocket Productions, Inc**

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

- **Backstory with Larry Potash:** Larry Potash, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Producer. **WGN**

Category #11-b Outstanding Achievement for Magazine Programming – Segment (Award to Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **Everyday Heroes - No Greater Love:** Rob Kaczmark, Producer; Carl Anderson, John Castillo, Maria Castillo, Daniel Gebert, Greg Krajewski, David Naglieri, Rachael Nielson, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**

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

- **Firsthand: Coronavirus:** Pat Odom, Producer; Anne Gleason, Dan Protes, Executive Producers; Jessica Martinaitis, Associate Producer. **WTTW**

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

- **Orgullo 2020:** Iván García, Producer; Aleksander Banchs, Michael Bania, Ahimme Cazarez, Jovanny Evans, Diego Guirado, Alessandra Martin, Jacqueline Núñez, Fabian Ramirez, Producers. **WGBO**
- **Firsthand: Gun Violence:** Dan Protes, Producer; Anne Gleason, Executive Producer. **WTTW**

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

- **2020 Illinois Teacher of the Year - Eric Combs:** Steven Walsh, Producer; Rumen Andonov, Bridget Shanahan, Producers. **Lucid Creative Agency**

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

- **Countdown Chicago 2020:** Mary Hynes Fournier, Producer; Matt Knutson, Executive Producer; Hank Mendheim, Senior Producer; Cathleen Karp, Coordinating Producer; Terrell Brown, Host/Producer; Ryan Chiaverini, Janet Davies, Mark Giangreco, Liz Nagy, Hosea Sanders, Cheryl Scott, Val Warner, Hosts; Jordan Arseneau, Alma Garcia Bello, Anthony Conway, Andrea Dres, Mike Janowski, Jina Mackin, Rachel Pellegrino, Martina Platanius, Justyna Syska, Dawn Watkins, Producers; Stephanie Drucker, Associate Producer. **WLS**

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

- **The Light:** Zhalarina Sanders, Producer; Jake Penner, Producer; James Donovan, Rodney Lambright, Beauxregard Neylon, Cailin Short, Ryan Ward, Co-Producers; Trevor Keller, Managing Producer; Laurie Gorman, Executive Producer. **PBS Wisconsin**

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

- **Arts/Industry: Talia Mukmel:** Robert Dumville, Producer; Beth Bretl, Camm Rowland, Producers; Tasha Peterson, Senior Producer; Tom Kermgard, Executive Producer. **Kohler Company**

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

- **Adventures of Em:** Ross Gerbasi, Executive Producer; Red Clark, Executive Producer; Jennifer Beese, Alex Cliff, Co-Producers; Deborah Gerbasi, Rebekah Lieto, Supervising Producers. **Project Adventure, Inc**

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

- **Saving Migrant Lives in the Arizona Desert:** Javi Zubizarreta, Senior Producer; Michael Burke, Josh Long, Producers. **Grotto Network**

Category #17 Outstanding Achievement for Lifestyle Programming – Program/Special/Series/Segment (Award to the Producer/Host/Reporter)

- **Living Healthy Chicago:** Melissa Kula, Producer; John Paul Biciunas, Greg Larson, Stephen Nitz, Producers; Jackie Bender, Jane Monzures, Hosts. **WGN Studio Productions**

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

(Award to Producer)

- **#StayHomeChicago Coronavirus PSA Campaign:** Jason Polevoi, Producer; Ryan Duke, Producer. **One City Films**

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

- **Anatomy:** Cornelius Mack, Producer; David Johnson, Sarah Urquhart, Producers. **WBBM**

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

(Award to the Producer)

- **Chicago at the Crossroad Promo:** Brian Schodorf, Producer; Chris Dewinter, Michael Ledajaks, Victor Maggio, Ashley Nath, Chris Palese, Producers. **Schodorf Media & October TV**

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

- **Team Jasmin:** Scott Marvel, Producer; Michael Gabriele, Producer. **Daily Planet Productions**

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

- **Willson Contreras 2019 Campaign:** Bill Connors, Executive Producer; Rebecca Cianci, John Crowley, Chris Smith, Executive Producers; Aaron Nowakowski, Producer, John Jackowiak, Keith Kilcoyne, Artem Okulik, Justin Thompson, Associate Producers. **Comcast**

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

- **Jon Hansen** - The Jam. **WCIU**

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

- **Brian Anderson** - Composite. **Fox Sports Wisconsin**

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

- **Alex Hernández** - Morning Vibe. **WGBO**
- **John McGivern** - Composite. **WMVS**
- **Elliott Bambrough** - Chicago's Best Composite. **WGN Studio Productions**

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

NO NOMINEES/NO RECIPIENTS

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

- **Jeremy Ross** - Composite. **WBBM**

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

- **Amanda St. Hilaire** - Composite. **WITI**

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

- **Lauren Victory** - The Riding Risk. **WBBM**

Category #22 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Graphics Arts/Animation/Art Direction/Set Design

- **Sarah Urquhart, David Johnson, Julia Dourgarian** - CBS Chicago Image Composite. **WBBM**

Category #23 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Audio

- **Sam Fishkin, Andrew Twiss, Steve Rashid** - Eastland: Chicago's Deadliest Day. **Mix Kitchen**

Category #24 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Lighting

- **Rob Kaczmark, William Hudson, Danielle Conklin, Branden J. Stanley, Daniel Gebert** - Who is the Priest? **Spirit Juice Studios**

Category #25 Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Directing

- **Brian Schodorf** - Chicago at the Crossroad. **Schodorf Media**
- **Iván García, Alessandra Martin** - Orgullo. **WGBO**

Category #26-a Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Editing - News

- **Tim Viste** - Composite. **WBBM**

Category #26-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Editing - Program (Non-News)

- **Alma Garcia Bello** - Word on the Street. **WLS**

Category #26-c Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Editing - Promotions/PSAs/Commercials

- **Cody Baker** - Composite. **Fighting Irish Media**

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

- **Jerry Imig** - Composite. **WITI**

Category #27-b Outstanding Crafts Achievement Off-Air – Photography – Program (Non-News)

- **Ryan Kolegas, Brian Schodorf, Nathan Weber, Jeremiah Hammerling, Victor Maggio** - Chicago at the Crossroad. **Schodorf Media**

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

- **Michael Lowe** - Composite. **WGN**

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

- **Brian Schodorf** - Chicago at the Crossroad. **Schodorf Media**

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

- **Jason Polevoi, Ryan Duke** - #StayHomeChicago Coronavirus PSA Campaign. **One City Films**