

2024-2025 Chicago/Midwest Emmy® Nomination List



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Category #101 Outstanding Achievement for News Excellence

- **News Excellence: WMTV 15News:** Jessica Laszewski, News Director. **WMTV**
- **NBC 5 Chicago:** Sally Ramirez, News Director. **WMAQ**
- **WBBM-TV CBS Chicago News Excellence:** Jeff Harris, News Director. **WBBM**
- **Noticias Univision Chicago: 30 Años a tu lado:** Luis F. Godinez, News Director. **WGBO**
- **ABC7 Eyewitness News:** Douglas Whitmire, News Director. **WLS**

Category #102 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Excellence

- **Chicago Sports Network:** Joe Riley, Executive Producer. **Chicago Sports Network**
- **Cubs Productions:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer. **Cubs Productions**

Category #201 Outstanding Achievement for Evening Newscast: Larger Markets (1-49)

- **Noticias Univision Chicago 5pm-Pope Leo XIV:** Jessica Fernandez, Co-Producer; Natalia Girard, Enrique Rodríguez, Anchors; Izabella Leilani Grimaldo, Assignment Desk Editor; Dariangelys Hernandez, Co-Producer; Emiliano Abedini, Richard Agudelo, Photographers; Maria Berrelleza, Reporter/Producer; Paulo Alvarado, Jorge Muñoz Aviles, Reporters; John Power, Director; Ligia Granados, Meteorologist. **WGBO**
- **DNC Finale:** Cheryl Burton, Anchor; Ravi Baichwal, Ryan Chiaverini, Robert Elgas, Anchors; Eric Siegel, Assignment Desk Editor; Alyson Koch, Director; Annie Esp, Patrice Folke, Kelsey Lyons, Michael O'Reilley, DeShaun Simpson, Editors; Alexandria Jud, Executive Producer; Larry Mowry, Meteorologist; Damon Carlino, Jeffrey Freeman, Michael Maher, Jose Sanchez, Photojournalists; Poinessa Barnes, Michael Johnson, Anna Theodosia, Producers; Chuck Goudie, Eric Horng, Mark Rivera, Craig Wall, Trenier Ward, Reporters; Kay Cesinger, Corey Goodman, Analisa Novak, Laura Sanchez, Writers. **WLS**
- **6:00 DNC in Chicago Newscast:** Jennifer Lay-Riske, Executive Producer; Mary Ann Ahern, Bennett Haerberle, Courtney Sisk, Reporters; Bridget Minogue, Janna Smithson, Lauren Stauffer, Natalie Templeton, Producers; Steve Long, Gregg Schatz, Directors; Matthew Byrne, Nathan Halder, Photographers; Stefan Holt, Allison Rosati, Anchors. **WMAQ**
- **Pope Leo XIV Announcement:** Jennifer Lay-Riske, Executive Producer; David Parrish, Producer; Stefan Holt, Allison Rosati, Anchors; Mary Ann Ahern, Chuck Goudie, Randy Gyllenhaal, Natalie Martinez, JC Navarrete, Reporters; Carrie Walker, Assignment Desk Editor. **WMAQ**
- **Historic Election of Pope Leo XIV:** Cheryl Burton, Anchor; Ryan Chiaverini, Robert Elgas, Anchors; Alexandria Jud, Timothy Sallinger, Executive Producers; Michael Johnson, Barbara Markoff, Anna Theodosia, Producers; Monica Switzer, Director; Ravi Baichwal, Cate Cauguiran, Eric Horng, Elizabeth Nagy, Trenier Ward, Reporters; Eric Siegel, Assignment Desk Editor; William J. Derryberry, Annie Esp, Kelsey Lyons, Michael O'Reilley, Editors; Stephen Bourque, Damon Carlino, Jeffrey Freeman, Michael Maher, Jose Sanchez, Mark Urban, Photojournalists; Kay Cesinger, Tatyana Presley, Laura Sanchez, Writers; Cheryl Scott, Meteorologist. **WLS**
- **Noticias Univision Chicago a las 5pm-DNC:** Christian Rodriguez, Producer; Juozas Mikuzis, John Power, Directors; Jessica Fernandez, Antonio Rosas Landa, Co-Producers; Natalia Girard, Enrique Rodríguez, Anchors; Emiliano Abedini, Photographer; Jorge Muñoz Aviles, Carmen Vargas, Reporters; Izabella Leilani Grimaldo, Assignment Desk Editor. **WGBO**

Category #202 Outstanding Achievement for Evening Newscast: Smaller Markets (50+)

- **Remembering the Life and Legacy of Pope Francis:** Molly Jirasek, Executive Producer; Brian Conybeare, Anchor; Tom Coomes, Meteorologist; Coty Diaz, Producer; Jade Harbert, Director. **WBND**
- **16 News Now at 6:** Joshua Short, Producer; Lauren Moss, Anchor; Matt Engelbrecht, Meteorologist; Francesco Cutugno, Writer. **WNDU**
- **NEWS 3 NOW AT 10 Abundant Life School Shooting:** Kyle Fobe, Supervising Producer; Abe Adamany, Producer; Ahron Turk, Editor; Eric Franke, Brady Mallory, Anchors; Jaylon Banks, Maddie Heimsch, Meryl Hubbard, Elly Laliberte, Tanaisa Shaw, Reporters; Kyle Pozorski, Arman Rahman, Photographers. **WISC**
- **WMTV 15 News at SIX: Mourning in Madison:** Jason Rice, Photojournalist; Jonathan Ellis, Eliana Schreiber, Co-Producers; Mackenzie Davis, Leigh Mills, Anchors. **WMTV**

Category #203 Outstanding Achievement for Morning/Daytime Newscast: Larger Markets (1-49)

- **Massive Warehouse Fire:** Terrell Brown, Anchor; Tanja Babich, Diane Pathieu, Val Warner, Anchors; Tyra Whitney, Producer; Tracy Butler, Meteorologist; Christian Piekos, Reporter; Darah Languido, Assignment Desk Editor; Dave

- Knickerbocker, Paul Lashinski, Paul Martinez, James McIntyre, Photojournalists; Jose Baltierra, Megan Hawkins, Robert Morhaim, Writers; Davis Goolsby, Thomas Wekony, Directors; Casey Klaus, Editor; Colin Evans, Executive Producer. **WLS**
- **Bob Uecker Passes Away at 90:** Samuel Dunnum, Producer; Tom Durian, Anchor; Charles Robinson, Director; Michael Ryan, Editor; Mary Jo Ola, Ashley Washburn, Reporters; Jeremy Dunk, Photographer. **WTMJ**
 - **DNC in Chicago:** Elizabeth Miller, Executive Producer; Dana Kozlov, Audrina Sinclair, Anchors; Kris Habermehl, Darius Johnson, Mugo Odigwe, Asal Rezaei, Reporters; Aaron Cooper, John Guajardo, Lou Kleinberg, Dino Pillizzi, DeAndra Taylor, Photographers; Tom Barnas, Aunya Butler, Benson Cook, Elizabeth Godvik, Producers; Acacia Hernandez, Natalie McMillan, Ashley Schiedenhelm, Writers; Mauricio Reyes, Director; Noel Montenegro, Wendy Simmons, Editors; Rebecca McCann, Sandy Pudar, Executive Producers; Courtney Scott, Assignment Desk Editor; Laura Bannon, Meteorologist. **WBBM**

Category #204 Outstanding Achievement for Morning/Daytime Newscast: Smaller Markets (50+)

- **NFL Draft Morning in Green Bay:** Tammy Elliott, Anchor; Emerson Lehmann, Aisha Morales, Anchors; Steve Beylon, Meteorologist; Shane Fitzsimmons, Chris Schattl, Photojournalists; Kristyn Allen, Reporter; Jacqui Lange, Executive Producer; Garrett Hagen, McKenzie Konop, Producers; Trevor Uitenbroek, Editor. **WBAY**
- **WMTV 15 News - The Morning Show: Mourning in Madison:** Curt Lenz, Photojournalist; Phoebe Murray, Gabriella Rusk, Anchors; Brooklyn Andres, Tim Elliott, Reporters; Megan Schwoerer, Photojournalist. **WMTV**

Category #205 Outstanding Achievement for News Special

- **Voices for Justice: Unsolved Homicides:** Nicole Buckley, Executive Producer; Chad D'Acquisto, Executive Producer; Susan Kim, Gideon Verdin-Williams, Anchors; Andrew Huggins, Matt Obenauf, Editors. **WTMJ**
- **Leo XIV: Chicago's Pope:** Elizabeth Nagy, Reporter; Michelle Corless, Barbara Markoff, Producers; Robert Hughes, Karen Jordan, Anchors; Mark Scodro, Mark Urban, Photojournalists; Stuart Bell, Director; Maher Kawash, Reporter; Kelsey Lyons, Christopher McIlrath, DeShaun Simpson, Editors. **WLS**
- **WSNS: Papa León XIV: De Chicago al Vaticano:** Santiago Gallego, Anchor; Mario Bernal, Photojournalist; Raúl Quiñones, Editor; José Carlos Pérez, Javier Sierra, Producers. **WSNS**
- **South Side to the Sistine:** Mary Ann Ahern, Reporter; Leigh Lesniak, Rose Schmidt, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Steve Dolinsky, Lexi Sutter, Reporters; Jeff Lauksmen, Todd Roberts, Greg Sanchez, Ronald Zachara, Editors; Steven Curelo, Michael McGovern, Photojournalists. **WMAQ**

Category #206 Outstanding Achievement for Breaking/Spot News

- **Chicago Native Named Pope:** Judy Hsu, Anchor; Ravi Baichwal, Cheryl Burton, Robert Elgas, Anchors; Virginia Matos, Christopher Parrish, Executive Producers; Michelle Corless, Arlene Erves, Jamee Garton Insko, Barbara Markoff, Producers; Elizabeth Nagy, Reporter; Mark Urban, Photojournalist; Michelle Gallardo, Evelyn Holmes, Leah Hope, Eric Horng, Robert Hughes, Maher Kawash, Sarah Schulte, Reporters; Kay Cesinger, Tempestt Coleman, Tatyana Presley, Laura Sanchez, Writers; Ra'Nesha Donson, Michael Locashio, Lauro Lopez, Octavio Lopez, Jr., Edwin Ramirez, Mark Scodro, Photojournalists. **WLS**
- **High-Speed Car Chase 1/8/25:** Janna Smithson, Producer; Marco Stendardo, Carrie Walker, Assignment Desk Editors; Marion Brooks, Stefan Holt, Alex Maragos, Allison Rosati, Anchors; Tracey Lafferty, Lisa Posso, Gregg Schatz, Directors; Max Wilson, Photographer; Michele Batkins, Jim Langton, Jennifer Lay-Riske, Producers; Randy Gyllenhaal, Mike Lorber, Reporters. **WMAQ**
- **The Death of a Legend, Bob Uecker:** Dario Melendez, Anchor; Blake Eason, Diana Gutierrez, Gerron Jordan, Kristin Pierce, Derrick Rose, Anchors; Nick Bohr, Jared Fialko, Hannah Hilyard, Emily Pofahl, Stephanie Sutton, Reporters; Ryan Krieser, Dwight Moss, Directors; John Kenney, Cameron Knoll, Nathan Rybakowicz, Photojournalists; Stephanie Miller, Larson Seaver, Tyler Wied, Producers; Sam Cundari, Editor. **WISN**

Category #207 Outstanding Achievement for Investigative Single Report

- **Golpes Inesperados:** Emiliano Abedini, Editor; Maria Berrelleza, Reporter; Jessica Fernandez, Producer. **WGBO**
- **The Killing of Sonya Massey: Deputy Sean Grayson Exposed:** Dave Savini, Reporter; Carol Thompson, Producer. **WBBM**
- **What Happened in Middleton?:** Megan Carpenter, Reporter/Producer. **Spectrum News 1 Wisconsin**
- **Discovered Dead:** Bennett Haeberle, Producer; Nathan Halder, Donte Williams, Photojournalists; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Producers. **WMAQ**

Category #208 Outstanding Achievement for Investigative Multiple Reports

- **Duty to Disclose:** Ben Jordan, Reporter; Nicole Buckley, Producer; Ariel Campos, Jeremy Dunk, Andrew Huggins, Photojournalists. **WTMJ**
- **A Failure To Protect: A Domestic Violence Investigation:** Marissa Perlman, Reporter; Elliott Ramos, Michele Youngerman, Producers; Tim Viste, Editor. **WBBM**
- **Dogs of Science:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; David Michuda, Editor; Sara Smith, Producer; Jeffrey Frings, Tim Primeau, Photojournalists. **WITI**
- **Lessons in Betrayal:** Bennett Haeberle, Reporter; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist. **WMAQ**
- **Hidden Horrors at Heights Crematory:** Dave Savini, Reporter; Michele Youngerman, Producer; Alfredo Roman, George Umbenhauer, Tim Viste, Editors; Lana Hinshaw-Klann, Brad Johnson, Jeff Langan, Photographers; Reed Nolan, Photojournalist. **WBBM**
- **Dolton Dysfunction:** Andrew Schroedter, Producer; Ben Bradley, Reporter; Vince Tagle, Photographer. **WGN**

Category #209 Outstanding Achievement for Daily News Report (Single Shift)

- **A Tornado & Tears:** Curt Lenz, Photojournalist; Tim Elliott, Reporter. **WMTV**
- **Pilots Complained about Helicopters Years before DC crash:** Bennett Haeberle, Reporter; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers. **WMAQ**
- **Kid Conclave:** Noel Brennan, Producer. **WBBM**
- **A Path to Peace:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**
- **The Precious Dr. Lou Della Reid:** Jacob Karb, Photographer; Nathaniel Rodgers, Reporter. **WFLD**

Category #210 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Business/Consumer/Technology

- **Feeling Safe? Weapons Detectors Under Scrutiny:** Bennett Haeberle, Reporter; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Richard Moy, Editor. **WMAQ**
- **Deal or No Deal?:** Dorothy Tucker, Reporter; Carol Thompson, Producer; Tim Viste, Photojournalist. **WBBM**
- **Searching for Suspects, Creating Victims:** Derrick Rose, Producer; Nathan Rybakowicz, Producer. **WISN**
- **Taken for a Ride: Chicago Taxi Scam Exposed:** PJ Randhawa, Reporter; Leigh Lesniak, Producer; Ronald Zachara, Photojournalist. **WMAQ**

Category #211 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Crime/Justice

- **Who Killed Momo?:** Chuck Goudie, Reporter; Nathan Halder, Michael McGovern, Photojournalists; Richard Moy, Editor; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Producers; Lauren Stauffer, Executive Producer. **WMAQ**
- **A Date with Death: The Sade Robinson Story:** Bria Jones, Reporter/Producer; Sara Smith, Executive Producer; David Michuda, Editor; Jeffrey Frings, Hector Godinez, Timothy Primeau, Collin Schemenauer, Photojournalists. **WITI**
- **A Crisis Averted:** Curt Lenz, Photojournalist; Elizabeth Wadas, Reporter. **WMTV**
- **Sonya Massey's Killing:** Bennett Haeberle, Reporter; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Ron Zachara, Editor. **WMAQ**
- **Clemency:** Brandis Friedman, Reporter/Producer; Patty Kaniff, Editor; Felix Mendez, Damon Ranger, Photographers; Blair Paddock, Producer. **WTTW**

Category #212 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Politics/Government

- **Reckless Driving Tow Law Loopholes:** Ben Jordan, Reporter; Ariel Campos, Photojournalist; Jeremy Dunk, Producer. **WTMJ**
- **México Decide - Mexico Decides:** Alfonso Gutiérrez, Reporter; Mario Bernal, Casey Mitchell, Photographers; José Carlos Pérez, Executive Producer. **WSNS**
- **Housing Authority Accountability:** Jenna Rae, Reporter; Ariel Campos, Emmanuel Espino, Photojournalists. **WTMJ**
- **Cost of a Crisis:** Bennett Haeberle, Producer; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Jeff Lauksmen, Photographer; Richard Moy, Editor. **WMAQ**
- **The Great Divide:** Vanessa Kjeldsen, Reporter; Steve Hopper, Photographer. **WMTV**

Category #213 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering – Arts/Entertainment

- **Against the Grain:** Carl Deffenbaugh, Reporter/Producer; Tanner Hemker, Photojournalist; Sara Smith, Producer. **WITI**

- **Poetry in Motion:** Audrey Haynes Vicks, Producer; Eric Melcher, Producer; Erin McElroy, Reporter. **WGN**
- **The Maestro | A Conversation with Hans Zimmer:** Jake Hamilton, Reporter. **WFLD**
- **Ike Reilly, the Overlooked Rock Star:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**
- **Defying Gravity | A Conversation with the Stars of WICKED:** Jake Hamilton, Reporter. **WFLD**

Category #214 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Health/Medical

- **Mike Lowe's Cancer Fight:** Katharin Czink, Producer; Mike D'Angelo, Kevin Doellman, Steve Scheuer, Andrew Schroedter, Vince Tagle, Producers; Dina Bair, Reporter. **WGN**
- **Dr. J the Fake Dentist:** Ben Jordan, Reporter; Ariel Campos, Andrew Huggins, Photojournalists. **WTMJ**
- **Forever Lost:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Timothy Primeau, Photographer; David Michuda, Editor; Sara Smith, Producer. **WITI**
- **Dismissed: When Hospitals Fail Victims:** Bennett Haeberle, Producer; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Lauren Stauffer, Producers; Nathan Halder, Richard Moy, Editors; Jeff Lauksmen, Photojournalist. **WMAQ**
- **Sonrisas Sin Fronteras Misión Médica de Wisconsin llega a Colombia:** Miguel Ramirez, Reporter; Salvador Gomez, Producer. **WYTU**

Category #215 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Weather/Environment/Science

- **Winter Symphony:** Vahid Sadrzadeh, Producer; Tom Coomes, Meteorologist; Theo Kilgore, Editor; Robert Schrock, Photographer; Kevin Coffee, Producer. **WBND**
- **Water Wars:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Tanner Hemker, Timothy Primeau, Photographers; David Michuda, Editor; Sara Smith, Producer. **WITI**
- **Where Meteorology and Aviation Collide:** Katharin Czink, Producer; Tom Skilling, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Lee Kraft, Producers. **WGN**
- **Gary Can't Breathe: Environmental Injustice in Indiana:** Tara Molina, Reporter; Michele Youngerman, Producer; Alfredo Roman, Photojournalist; Matt Clark, Deanna Fry, Co-Producers. **WBBM**
- **Fishy Business: DNA Testing Uncovers Rampant Seafood Fraud in Chicago:** PJ Randhawa, Reporter; Ron Zachara, Photographer. **WMAQ**

Category #216 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Education/Schools

- **Teaching a Legacy:** Curt Lenz, Photojournalist; Leigh Mills, Reporter. **WMTV**
- **Mrs. Werner and her Purple Trombone:** Carl Deffenbaugh, Reporter/Producer; Michael Psuik, Photojournalist; Sara Smith, Producer; David Michuda, Editor. **WITI**
- **A Mother's Fight to Protect Her Son:** Suzanne Le Mignot, Reporter; Carol Thompson, Producer; DeAndra Taylor, Photojournalist. **WBBM**

Category #217 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Military

- **One Last Game: Honoring a Hero:** Pavlina Osta, Reporter; Eric Kriesel, Photographer. **WDJT**
- **On the Tides of History:** Kane Farabaugh, Reporter. **Voice of America TV**
- **My Flag is Still There:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Vince Tagle, Producers. **WGN**
- **Pictures of Courage:** Vahid Sadrzadeh, Reporter. **WBND**
- **The Bomber in the Barn:** Erin McElroy, Reporter; Audrey Haynes, Producer. **WGN**
- **Staci's Mission:** Noel Brennan, Reporter. **WBBM**

Category #218 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Societal Concerns

- **Milwaukee's Archdiocese and the Missing Name:** Ben Jordan, Reporter; Andrew Huggins, Photographer; Ariel Campos, Photojournalist. **WTMJ**
- **Money for Nothing:** Bennett Haeberle, Reporter; Lisa Capitanini, Katy Smyser, Producers; Nathan Halder, Photojournalist; Richard Moy, Editor. **WMAQ**
- **Chicago's 'Invisible Problem':** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**
- **Not An 'Accident':** Samah Assad, Producer; Megan Hickey, Reporter; Elyssa Kaufman, Alfredo Roman, Producers. **WBBM**
- **Lake Under Watch:** Jorge Muñoz Aviles, Reporter; Emiliano Abedini, Richard Agudelo, Photographers. **WGBO**

Category #219 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Human Interest

- **The Stubborn Steward:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Steve Scheuer, Producers. **WGN**
- **CREW 309:** Tim Campbell, Executive Producer; Tom Pokarney, Producer; Jack Drain, Ryan Rogy, Photographers. **WEEK**
- **The Dish Pit Man:** Courtney Sisk, Reporter; Steven Curelo, Photojournalist. **WMAQ**
- **Love and Lies: Hidden 112-year-old Love Letters Reveal a Scandalous Milwaukee Affair:** James Groh, Reporter. **WTMJ**
- **An Act of Worship:** Duaa Israr, Reporter; Cody Bergquist, Photojournalist. **WDJT**
- **The Choo Choo:** Mia Pavlovic, Producer; Edward Flynn, Todd Gaertner, Photographers. **WFLD**
- **Kayak Commute:** Noel Brennan, Reporter; Alfredo Roman, Tim Viste, Photojournalists. **WBBM**
- **Madres de Acero:** Natalia Girard, Producer; Emiliano Abedini, Editor; Jessica Fernandez, Producer. **WGBO**
- **My First Valentine:** Jasmine Minor, Producer; Adriana Aguilar, Producer; Stephen Bourque, Lauro Lopez, Todd Williams, Photojournalists. **WLS**

Category #220 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Diversity/Equity/Inclusion

- **For the Love of the Game:** Duaa Israr, Reporter; Cody Bergquist, Photojournalist. **WDJT**
- **Buying Black Hawk:** Samah Assad, Producer; Dave Savini, Reporter; Alfredo Roman, DeAndra Taylor, Tim Viste, Producers. **WBBM**
- **El Templo Bahá'í: Un monumento a la unidad y la inclusión espiritual:** Jose Gonzalez, Reporter/Producer; Jaime Perez, Photographer. **WSNS**
- **Access to Justice:** Brianna Clark, Anchor. **WBND**
- **Celebrating the Labor of History:** Cornelius Mack, Producer; Raleshia Brumfield, Robert Thompson, Co-Producers; Ernest Crim III, Tonika Johnson, Tanesha Peeples, Sherman Thomas, Reporters/Producers. **WBBM**
- **The Good Memories Choir:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Kevin Doellman, Producer. **WGN**

Category #221 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Nostalgia/Historical

- **A Life In Words:** Erin McElroy, Reporter; Audrey Haynes Vicks, Producer. **WGN**
- **Rialto Square Theatre:** Todd Gaertner, Photojournalist; Edward Flynn, Photojournalist; Elizabeth Matthews, Reporter. **WFLD**
- **Rolling Through 50 Years:** Terrence Lee, Reporter; Robert Berres, Photographer; Diane Carbonara, Producer. **WFLD**
- **An Artist Revealed: James Bolivar Needham:** Audrey Haynes Vicks, Photojournalist; Gaynor Hall, Writer. **WGN**
- **Rebirth of the Turf:** Carl Deffenbaugh, Reporter/Producer; Sara Smith, Producer; David Michuda, Editor; Tanner Hemker, Photojournalist. **WITI**
- **Home to History: Chicago Fine Arts Building:** Glen Dacy, Executive Producer; Edward Flynn, Todd Gaertner, Photojournalists; Lisa Vucsko, Producer. **WFLD**

Category #222 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Lifestyle

- **Chicago's Lollapalooza of Fitness:** Jarvis Murphy, Producer. **WLS**
- **Chef de Orgullo:** Natalia Girard, Reporter; Richard Agudelo, Photographer; Jessica Fernandez, Producer. **WGBO**
- **The Custard Chronicles:** Alex Corradetti, Reporter; Cody Bergquist, Jerry Imig, Photojournalists; Susanne Barthel, Editor. **WDJT**
- **Tiki Bars, Tomatoes and Travesties:** Erin McElroy, Reporter; Ted Parra, Audrey Haynes Vicks, Producers. **WGN**

Categories #301 Outstanding Achievement for Sports News

- **Gene Wagner Never Misses a Shift:** Mike Curkov, Reporter; Jerry Imig, Photojournalist. **WDJT**
- **INDYCAR Ignited:** Donovan Long, Reporter; David Michuda, Editor; Tanner Hemker, Photographer. **WITI**
- **Type 1 Diabetic in the Big Leagues:** Stephen Watson, Executive Producer; Nicole Kunkel, Editor; Trevor Fleck, Producer. **FanDuel Sports Network Wisconsin**

Categories #302 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Newscasts

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Category #303 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Story - Short Form Content

- **Cubs All-Access: Ryno Strong:** Matt Romito, Producer: Drew Clark, Shane English, Pat Gostele, Andre Lewis, Jack Phillips, David Rivera, Adam Sobel, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**
- **2025 NFL Draft Playback:** Kregg Shilbauer, Producer: Ethan Bacon, Matthew Donley, Gabrielle Dow, Tyler Gajewski, Adam Hoebelheinrich, Producers. **Green Bay Packers**
- **Crowning the Kings: Mt. Carmel Tops 50 Years of IHSA Football Playoffs:** Chris Jackson, Executive Producer: Mike Cittadino, Editor; Barry Burman, Photographer. **WCIU**
- **Notre Dame Football Irish Access:** Emily Ragan, Producer: Katy Lonergan, Kevin McMahon, Executive Producers; Megan Bastedo, Ben Dismuke, Logan Stevens, Photographers. **Fighting Irish Media**
- **Dual Threat - The Foundation: Spring Football:** Jake Aks, Producer: Mason Flick, Keith McCall, Griffin Quinn, Associate Producers. **Northwestern University Athletics**
- **Hockey Fights Cancer - Purple Bell Ringing Moment:** Brian Howe, Producer: Trevor Bray, Jerry Ferguson, Annie Heinen, Kayla Jackson, Sergio Lozano, Rachel Stellfox, Producers. **Chicago Blackhawks**

Category #304 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Program – Live

- **The Big Pro Football Show:** Joe Riley, Executive Producer: Matt Ellis, Casey Hartenberger, Rick Jaffe, Producers; Clay Harbor, David Haugh, Ruthie Polinsky, Hosts; Rusty Gorman, Patrick Reilly, Director; Ezra McCann, Editor. **Chicago Sports Network**
- **Road to Wrigley:** Michael Norman, Producer: Christopher Antonacci, Derek Jensen, Marco Moy, Producers; Kevin Dusold, Director; Daniel Leigh, Editor; Elise Menaker, Host; Lance Brozdowski, Jim Callis, Alex Cohen, Sports Analysts. **Marquee Sports Network**
- **Cubs Live!:** Michael Norman, Producer: Andrew Miller, Christopher Antonacci, Emily Bahnfleth, Lee Bosch, Lance Brozdowski, Suzanne Johns, Andrew Miller, Marco Moy, Paula Oskroba, Producers; Kevin Dusold, Director; Daniel Leigh, Editor; Cole Wright, Host. **Marquee Sports Network**
- **Big 12 Sports: NFL Draft Selection Special:** Dario Melendez, Host: Blake Eason, Jared Fialko, Diana Gutierrez, Stephanie Sutton, Reporters; Rob Simmons, Executive Producer; Tyler Wied, Producer; Sean Downs, Jason Hunter, Cameron Knoll, Photographers. **WISN**
- **Big 12 Sports Saturday: Remembering Bob Uecker:** Dario Melendez, Host: Drew Olson, Stephanie Sutton, Talent; Tyler Wied, Producer; Rob Simmons, Executive Producer; Dwight Moss, Director. **WISN**
- **Blackhawks Countdown Live:** Joe Riley, Executive Producer: Anthony Dorunda, Matt Ellis, Rick Jaffe, Producers; Pat Boyle, Host; Caley Chelios, Tony Granato, Sports Analysts; Patrick Reilly, Christopher Savastano, Directors; Amelia Ickes, Editor. **Chicago Sports Network**

Category #305 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Program – Post-Produced or Edited

- **The Breakdown:** Matt Romito, Producer: Drew Clark, Shane English, Andre Lewis, David Rivera, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Sabrina Swanson, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**
- **1920 Football Drive:** Lorne Chan, Producer: Will Bridgforth, Katie Fox, Kevin Foy, Bri Harvey, Veronica Malesinski, Jordan Tredup, Chris Yankton, Producers. **Chicago Bears Network**
- **Every Shift Season 3 Episode 5: Heart of the Matter:** Audra Fornaro, Producer: Trevor Bray, Patrick Dahl, Executive Producers; Erinn Casey, William Chatmon, Benjamin Sabal, Producers. **Chicago Blackhawks**

Category #306 Outstanding Achievement for Sports – One-Time Special

- **Total Packers: Hall of Fame Special:** Kregg Shilbauer, Producer: Matthew Donley, Gabrielle Dow, Tyler Gajewski, Adam Hoebelheinrich, Daniel Lopez, Producers; Wayne Larrivee, Host. **Green Bay Packers**
- **NBC Sports Chicago: Celebrating 20 Years:** John Schippman, Executive Producer: Kevin Anderson, Paul Bartkowiak, Michael Forzley, Ryan McGuffey, Glynn Morgan, Nate Poppen, Kristina Quinn, Eric Strobel, Mike Ziembo, Producers; Ezra McCann, Nikki Wasserman, Editors; Reese Johnson, Associate Producer; Pat Boyle, Talent; Chuck Garfien, Host; Matt Ellis, Lou Melgarejo, Adam Rotroff, Maurice Wallace, Directors. **NBC Sports Chicago**
- **NFL Draft Special:** Sean O’Heir, Producer: Lou Canellis, Anthony Herron, Hosts; Roger Bianco, Joseph Tidei, Producers; Cassie Carlson, Tina Nguyen, Reporters. **WFLD**
- **Game On Chicago:** Joe Riley, Executive Producer: Anthony Dorunda, Naomi Grey, Casey Hartenberger, Rick Jaffe, Michael Morris, Dennis Zurbano, Producers; Adam Amin, Host; Patrick Reilly, Director. **Chicago Sports Network**

Category #307 Outstanding Achievement for Sports – Live Sporting Event/Game

- **Packers Family Night:** Kregg Shilbauer, Producer: Doug Brown, Gabrielle Dow, Adam Hoebelheinrich, Jim Ressler, Producers; John Kuhn, Wayne Larrivee, Larry McCarren, Hosts. **Green Bay Packers**
- **A Night For The Record Books: Alex Ovechkin Ties All-Time NHL Goal Record In Win Over Blackhawks:** Joe Collins, Executive Producer: Joe Riley, Executive Producer; Dave Ross, Associate Producer; Dan Aspan, Director; Rick Ball, Darren Pang, Play-by-Play Announcers; Tim Bonen, Sean Day, Walter Lowe, Mike Newsham, Producers; Kris Lewis, Editor. **Chicago Sports Network**

Category #308 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Documentary

- **362 ("Three Sixty Two") - Green Bay Basketball's Unbelievable NCAA Comeback:** David Mark Merrill, Producer. **University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**
- **Path to the Draft: Benjamin Morrison:** Emily Ragan, Producer: Katy Lonergan, Kevin McMahon, Associate Producers. **Fighting Irish Media**
- **The Black Sox Scandal:** Eddie Griffin, Producer: Lauren R. Drell, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **From Chicago: A Tribute to Derrick Rose:** Chris Ramirez, Producer: Ian Beckley, Daniel Charous, Luka Dukich, Susan Goodenow, Randall Hampton, Cait Hicks, Tucker Jacob, Anya Kalfus, Dan Morley, Madison Ornstil, Derrick Rose, Brad Siegel, Cheryl Wayte, Producers. **Chicago Bulls**
- **Offering it Up: Jadin O'Brien's Road to Glory:** Jon Asher, Executive Producer: Greg Camillone, Producer. **Fighting Irish Media**

Category #309 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Interview/Discussion

- **Irish Eat:** Jon Asher, Producer: Greg Camillone, Alessandra Dickos, Producers; Harold Swanagan, Host. **Fighting Irish Media**
- **Memory Lane: Derrick Rose x Joakim Noah:** Luka Dukich, Producer: Ian Beckley, Randall Hampton, Cait Hicks, Kayla King, Dan Morley, Madison Ornstil, Chris Ramirez, Brad Siegel, Nikko Tan, Producers; Joakim, Noah, Derrick Rose, Hosts. **Chicago Bulls**

Category #310 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Open/Tease

- **Welcome Home, Derrick Rose:** Joe Riley, Executive Producer: Kris Lewis, Editor; Marc Brady, Jim MacNichol, Producers; Stacey King, Play-by-Play Announcer. **Chicago Sports Network**
- **Milwaukee Bucks on Telemundo WI Open:** Randy Engel, Producer: Salvador Gomez, Brian Hoffmeier, Producers. **Weigel Broadcasting/WYTU-TV Milwaukee**
- **Chicago Bears 2024 Open Video:** Rommel Paraiso, Producer: Dan Barile, John Conroy, Robert Hack, Joann Kowalski, Jake Sadowski, Mathew Stewart, Katlin Strange, Michael Vasquez, Producers. **Chicago Bears**
- **Chicago Cubs Take The Field Video:** Matt Romito, Producer: Kelly King, Ben Krych, David Rivera, Chris Simonson, David Vanderwarn, Producers. **Cubs Productions**
- **Green Bay Packers 2024 Game Day Open:** Kregg Shilbauer, Producer: Matthew Arvin, Gabrielle Dow, Ryan Thielen, Producers. **Green Bay Packers**

Category #401 Outstanding Achievement for Documentary – Cultural

- **Our Chicago: Food for the Soul:** Cheryl Burton, Producer: Adriana Aguilar, Poinessa Barnes, Nneka Nwosu Faison, Mahreon Johnson, Casey Klaus, Producers. **WLS**
- **Our Chicago: Black Hair Is...:** Taylor Musgrove, Executive Producer: Jordan Arseneau, William Blake Dufner, Cheryl Burton, Terrell Brown, Nneka Nwosu Faison, Jayme Nicholas, John Owens, Hosea Sanders, Justyna Syska, Val Warner, Producers. **WLS**
- **House Music: A Cultural Revolution:** Barbara E. Allen, Producer: Keisha Chavers, Alicia Soller, Associate Producers; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**

Category #402 Outstanding Achievement for Documentary – Historical

- **Deadly Alliance: Leopold and Loeb:** Tania Lindsay, Producer: Alicia Soller, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**

- **Mister Abbott:** Patrick Wimp, Producer: James Carr, Kurt Cherry, Susan Keegan, Troy Pryor, Natalia Salazar, Larron Tate, Producers. **Fertile Ground Factory**
- **The Girl in the Yellow Scarf:** Sandra Chapman, Producer: David Brooks, Mario Page, Jeffery Reid, Saddam Al Zubaidi, Associate Producers. **Prince Media Group, LLC**
- **When the West Side Burned:** Daniel Andries, Producer: Tylen Elliott, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **Wisconsin Lighthouses:** Jeff Pfeiffer, Producer: Grant Fenster, Producer. **PBS Wisconsin**
- **Roots and Legacy Jesus Salas:** Patricia Gomez, Producer: Erica Drehfal, Grant Martin, Jason Piekarz, Yvonne Sanchez, Associate Producers. **Milwaukee PBS**

Category #403 Outstanding Achievement for Documentary - Topical

- **Touring Chicago's Lakefront with Geoffrey Baer:** Michael West, Producer: Brendan Brown, Associate Producer; Geoffrey Baer, Executive Producer. **WTTW**
- **Black Women Post George Floyd Chapter One - Tragedy Creates Opportunity:** Darrious Hilmon, Producer: Tracie Hall, Jason Weisner, Producers. **Can TV**
- **Homeless: The Migrant Experience:** Edgar Vargas, Producer: Eddie Arruza, Producer; Anne Gleason, Dan Protes, Executive Producers. **WTTW**

Category #404-a Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional – Long Form Content

- **Un Qubit a la Vez:** Christian Rodriguez, Producer: Emiliano Abedini, Richard Agudelo, Producers; Izabella Leilani Grimaldo, Associate Producer. **WGBO**
- **Project Tornado:** Vahid Sadrzadeh, Producer: Tom Coomes, Host; Dave Caulfield, Oliver Moster, Emmett Twomey, Krysten Tyler, Correspondents; Eileen Bond, Theo Kilgore, Robert Schrock, Producers. **WBND**
- **A Celebration of Hanukkah with Geoffrey Baer:** Rachel Pikelnny, Producer: Kateryna Sazonova, Associate Producer; Geoffrey Baer, Host. **WTTW**

Category #404-b Outstanding Achievement for Informational/Instructional – Short Form Content

- **Buzzwords | Attack Surface Management:** Shawn Spear, Producer: Dylan Grissom, Chris McGauran, Sam Siegel, Producers. **Impact Studios**
- **Food to Food Bank Program: Explained:** Seth Levrenz, Executive Producer: Scott Anderson, Mack Klingbeil, Mark Pressburger, Producers. **Illinois Farm Bureau**
- **WTTW News Explains:** Jay T. Smith, Executive Producer: Heather Cherone, Amanda Vinicky, Correspondents; Alex Blanchette, Greg Bodfish, Justin Younger, Natalie Younger, Producers. **WTTW**

Category #405 Outstanding Achievement for Interview/Discussion – Short and Long Form Content

- **Interesantemente: Salud Mental:** Allan Rodriguez, Producer: Maria Berrelleza, Host; Luis F. Godinez, Producer. **WGBO**
- **It's OK to Ask Questions: Ace Dad:** Matt Knutson, Executive Producer: Matthew Rodrigues, Host; Lauren Awtry, Matt Buckman, Hannah Lindvall, Producers; **WMAQ**
- **The CEO Series - Build-A-Bear:** William Salvi, Host: Miguel Aponte, Julian Beltran, Christopher Salvi, Producers; Ruby Bhati, Sejal Jain, Associate Producers. **Salvi**
- **It's OK to Ask Questions: Rosie O'Donnell:** Matt Knutson, Executive Producer: Lauren Awtry, Matt Buckman, Hannah Lindvall, Producers; Matthew Rodrigues, Host. **WMAQ**
- **The CEO Series - Goodyear:** William Salvi, Host: Miguel Aponte, Julian Beltran, Christopher Salvi, Producers; Ruby Bhati, Sejal Jain, Associate Producers. **Salvi**

Category #406 Outstanding Achievement for Magazine Program – Single Program/Series

- **Deer Wisconsin 108:** Chris Hyke, Producer: Jim Collins, Mike Free, David Rosenberg, Producers. **WDJT**
- **Wisconsin Life: Zócalo Food Park:** Ryan Ward, Producer: Maria Brunetta, Josh Kappler, Kelly Saran, Andy Soth, Producers; Angela Fitzgerald, Host; Trevor Keller, Executive Producer. **PBS Wisconsin**
- **You Don't Know CHI: City Stories:** Eric D. Seals, Executive Producer: Shermann Dilla Thomas, Host; Catherine Hoffman, Natalie Papillon, Donnie Seals Jr., Producers. **Digifé**
- **Poochie & Pang (Eat Chicago): Episode 3:** Matt Knutson, Executive Producer: Matt Buckman, Hannah Lindvall, Producers; Kevin Pang, Poochie Rollins, Hosts. **WMAQ**

- **Chicago Noir - The Interrupter and the Director:** Darrious Hilmon, Host: Jeremy Frye, Jason Weisner, Producers. **Can TV**
- **Our Chicago: Lideres Innovadores:** Justyna Syska, Executive Producer: Jordan Arseneau, William Blake Dufner, Taylor Musgrove, Jayme Nicholas, John Owens, Thomas Whitfield, Producers; Jaisol Martinez, Mark Rivera, Hosts; Tanja Babich, Rob Elgas, Michelle Gallardo, Correspondents. **WLS**

Category #407 Outstanding Achievement for Magazine Program – Short Form Content

- **Localisimo:** Roberto Carrasquero, Host: Raul Lima, Associate Producer. **WGBO**
- **Time to Spare:** A.J. Bayatpour, Correspondent: Kobe MacDonald, Photojournalist. **WDJT**

Category #408 Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs Program – Single Program/Series

- **Paris on Politics:** Sean O'Heir, Producer: Paris Schutz, Host; Grant Horne, Marissa Rubino, Producers. **WFLD**
- **Struggle After Suicide:** Mona Hennein, Producer: Paul Bieschke, Kristin Loudis, Kayt Molina, Producers; Valeria Olivares, Associate Producer. **Life Focus Media**
- **Peacekeepers:** Dan Protes, Executive Producer: Anne Gleason, Executive Producer; Teresa Crawford, Latesha Dickerson, Mario Tharpe, Edgar Vargas, Teresa White, Producers. **WTTW**

Category #409 Outstanding Achievement for Public Affairs Program – Short Form Content

- **From Struggle to Service:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Clare Birkeland, Cody Hilliard, Rob Kaczmark, Miles Miller, David Naglieri, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**
- **Oak Park Migrant Student Story:** Steven Walsh, Producer: Bridget Shanahan, Producer; Rumen Andonov, Brandon Walker, Associate Producers. **Omni Media And Marketing**
- **Marian Catholic H.S. Fencing Team:** Clinton Cottrell, Multimedia Journalist: **Archdiocese Of Chicago**

Category #410 Outstanding Achievement for Special Event Coverage – Live/Edited

- **RNC in Milwaukee Tonight:** Charles Benson, Host: Daniel Fischer, Producer; Mikenzie Hammel, Megan Lee, Mariam Mackar, Correspondents; Ali Schatzman, Director; Ariel Campos, Emmanuel Espino, Andrew Huggins, Justin Tiedemann, Photographers. **WTMJ**
- **Countdown Chicago 2025:** Justyna Syska, Executive Producer: Jordan Arseneau, William Blake Dufner, Nneka Nwosu Faison, Taylor Musgrove, Jayme Nicholas, John Owens, Thomas Whitfield, Producers; Terrell Brown, Ryan Chiaverini, Hosea Sanders, Cheryl Scott, Val Warner, Hosts; Justin Roman, Kenzie Roman, Correspondents; Monica Switzer, Director. **WLS**

Category #411 Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment – Long Form Content

- **Latinos en las Artes:** Luis F. Godinez, Producer: Emiliano Abedini, Producer; Maria Berrelleza, Host. **WGBO**
- **Cottage Grove:** George Ellzey Jr, Producer: Kat Blade, TJ Harris, Keiph Oliver, Troy Pryor, Jordan Rivers, Larron Tate, Cara Winter, Producers. **Cottage Grove Productions**
- **The Wintrust Magnificent Mile Lights Festival:** John Best, Executive Producer: Jordan Arseneau, Amy Beskar, William Blake Dufner, Nneka Nwosu Faison, Sue Herrmann, Taylor Musgrove, John Owens, Christine Reller, Chally Rowjohn, Justyna Syska, Thomas Whitfield, Producers; Judy Hsu, Hosea Sanders, Correspondents; Cheryl Burton, Ryan Chiaverini, Hosts. **WLS**
- **The Moments That Made Us:** Jake Hamilton, Producer: **WFLD**

Category #412 Outstanding Achievement for Arts/Entertainment – Short Form Content

- **Project Tommy Hawk, Best Day Ever "Fit":** Brian Howe, Producer: Whit Benson, Joe Doyle, Jerry Ferguson, Michael Horn, Kayla Jackson, Sergio Lozano, Lina Martino, Hector Pina, Genna Rose, Rachel Stellfox, Producers. **Chicago Blackhawks**
- **Mobile Street Art Cart Project, Localish:** Jordan Arseneau, Producer: **WLS**
- **Third Coast Music:** Christopher Hoerdemann, Producer: Susan Chatman, Rich Daniels, Norma Hoerdemann, Katherine Hughes, Producers. **PRIME 312 LLC**
- **An Artist Arises:** Zo Wesson, Producer: **ZoMotion Pictures**

Category #413 Outstanding Achievement for Children/Youth/Teen - Short and Long Form Content

- **In Formation:** Christopher Hoerdemann, Producer: Norma Hoerdemann, Producer; Michael Ziener, Executive Producer; Brian Allendorfer, Tyese Sims, Associate Producers. **PRIME 312 LLC**
- **How Did Early Airplane Pilots Navigate Without Modern Tech?:** David Boffa, Producer: Ian Glodich, Ryan Hendricks, Producers; Taylor L. Bailey, Ami Eckard-Lee, Kacie Lucchini Butcher, Sergio González, Hosts. **PBS Wisconsin**
- **Adventures of Em:** Ross Gerbasi, Producer: Scott Greenberg, Executive Producer; Alex Cliff, Lisa Korpan, Kevin McGrail, Producers; Hanna Pristave, Host. **Threaded Films, Six Bit Solutions, Smash Virtual, Hacksaw Labs**
- **Coast Guard Case Files:** Mark Rose, Executive Producer: Lisa Rose, Executive Producer; Travis Boles, Nick Cardarella, Portia Danis, Blaze Davis, Alex Kyhos, Teddy Maier, Katie Scullin, Producers. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.**

Category #414 Outstanding Achievement for Diversity/Equity/Inclusion – Long Form Content

- **The Young Lords of Lincoln Park:** Tania Lindsay, Producer: Rachel Ruiz, Producer; Ken Lumb, Alicia Soller, Associate Producers; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **Wisconsin Hometown Stories: Beloit:** Kyra Lyons, Producer: Holly De Ruyter, Producer. **PBS Wisconsin**
- **Project COMMUNITY: Celebrating Black History:** Derrick Rose, Host: Gerron Jordan, Kristin Pierce, Hosts; Duke Carter, Zoie Henry, Cyreia Sandlin, Correspondents; Ryan Casper, Dan Coad, Jason Hunter, Dwight Moss, Nathan Rybakowicz, Bella Van Lanen, Producers. **WISN**

Category #415 Outstanding Achievement for Diversity/Equity/Inclusion – Short Form Content

- **Femme & Queer Skate Night:** Ryan Ward, Producer: James Donovan, James Runde, Zack Whitford, Producers. **PBS Wisconsin**
- **Caminando Juntos:** Álvaro Obregón, Producer: Margie Lee, Lynn Melling, Ian Planchon, Producers. **AARP Illinois**
- **Our Glenkirk Journey: Voices of Impact:** Nicolas DeGrazia, Producer: Kim Berenberg, Daniel Kullman, Christeon Mayfield, Producers. **Bitter Jester Studios and Glenkirk**
- **Limbs with a Heart:** Jayme Nicholas, Producer: William Blake Dufner, Producer. **WLS**

Categories #416 Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest – Long Form Content

- **Day of the Dead:** Patricia Gomez, Producer: Erica Drehfal, Brian Ewig, Jason Piekarz, Yvonne Sanchez, Associate Producers. **Milwaukee PBS**
- **Amusement Parks:** Rachel Pikelny, Producer: Ian Bertorelli, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **Our Chicago: 600,000 Strong:** Justyna Syska, Producer: John Owens, Executive Producer; Jordan Arseneau, William Blake Dufner, Nneka Nwosu Faison, Taylor Musgrove, Producers; Ravi Baichwal, Cate Cauguiran, Eric Horng, Judy Hsu, Hosts. **WLS**

Categories #417 Outstanding Achievement for Human Interest – Short Form Content

- **Honoring Heroes: A Soldier's Tribute to Fallen Comrades:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Cody Hilliard, Rob Kaczmark, Miles Miller, David Naglieri, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**
- **UCP Seguin: Opening Doors:** Nicolas DeGrazia, Producer: Kelley Currier, Daniel Kullman, Julie Lerch, Producers. **Bitter Jester Studios and UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago**
- **The Heart of Wisconsin Mushing:** Lisa Rose, Executive Producer: Mark O'Connell, Mark Rose, Josh Schoemann, Executive Producers; Portia Danis, Blaze Davis, Regan Ernst, Producers; Josh Ostermann, Associate Producer. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.**
- **Breath of Life: The Legacy of Dr. Robert Bartlett:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Bernadette Enriquez, Cody Hilliard, Rob Kaczmark, Jason Knade, Kevin Moon, Edgar Patino, Branden J. Stanley, Producers. **Behold**
- **The Real McCoy:** Afua Owusu, Executive Producer: Brian Troutman, Edwin Diaz, Rebecca Shrode, Alicia Sitz, Producers. **WCIU**
- **Blessed Bikers:** Justyna Syska, Executive Producer: William Blake Dufner, Producer. **WLS**

Category #418 Outstanding Achievement for Nostalgia/Historical - Short and Long Form Content

- **The Making of the Ryne Sandberg Statue:** Matt Romito, Producer: Drew Clark, Shane English, Pat Gostele, Kelly King, Andre Lewis, Pat Manaher, Jim Oboikowitch, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

- **Al Capone's Bloody Business:** Heidi Zersen, Producer: Marcy Marzuki, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **Portal to the Past: The Music Box Theater:** Jayne Nicholas, Producer: William Blake Dufner, Producer. **WLS**
- **The Making of Playboy:** Peter Marks, Producer: Bianca Lozano, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**

Category #419 Outstanding Achievement for Lifestyle - Short and Long Form Content

- **The Listing Episode 1: Skyline Views:** Cortney Hall, Executive Producer: Matt Knutson, Executive Producer; Matt Buckman, Sierra Campbell, Lucinda Harstrick, Geraldine Teotico, Producers. **WMAQ**
- **Reviving Indigenous Foods:** Lisa Rose, Executive Producer: Mark Rose, Executive Producer; Nick Cardarella, Portia Danis, Blaze Davis, Regan Ernst, Brian Hollendyke, Alex Kyhos, Brett Rolstad, Producers. **Discover Mediaworks, Inc.**

Category #501 Outstanding Achievement for Branded Content – Long Form Content

- **NBC Chicago Today celebrates Universal Studios:** Dorothy Dziubasik, Producer: Julie Maddox, Executive Producer; Cortney Hall, Matthew Rodrigues, Hosts; Michael Leber, Producer. **WMAQ**
- **Inside the Fire:** Connor Nichols, Producer: Emily Burdett, Max Knipstein, Jeremy Whitmore, Producers. **Chicago Fire Football Club**

Category #502 Outstanding Achievement for Branded Content – Short Form Content

- **The Lion and The Lioness:** Melissa Fox, Producer: Brian Carey, Melissa Chalus, James Gustin, Michele Gustin, Codi Palm, Brent Rolland, Producers. **Fig Media**
- **Wonder:** Ann Sedgwick, Producer: Carolyn Bergen, Producer. **Northwestern Medicine**
- **Planting a Vision:** Seth Levrenz, Executive Producer: Scott Anderson, Mack Klingbeil, Mark Pressburger, Producers. **Illinois Farm Bureau**
- **Proudly Wisconsin Cheese:** Sam Sorenson, Producer: **Studio 88**
- **125 Years of White Sox Baseball:** Brian Gailey, Producer: Gareth Breunlin, Tim Brogdon, Jon Contino, Jeff Szynal, Producers. **Chicago White Sox**
- **The Lab Report:** Ann Sedgwick, Producer: Carolyn Bergen, Samantha Vaupel, Producers. **Northwestern Medicine**
- **Hometown in Crisis: How Opioids Devastated a Community:** Tony Fuller, Producer: Josh Long, Producer. **University of Notre Dame Brand Content**

Category #503 Outstanding Achievement for Public Service Announcement - Single Spot/Campaign

- **Footprints:** Amy Johnson, Producer: **Captivate Film Co.**
- **Remembering 10/7 Victims a Year Later:** Susan Bleser, Producer: Sarah Sommerfeldt, Jeff Warner, Producers. **Jewish United Fund of Chicago-JUF**
- **Handmade with Love:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Alexandra Bartman, Kelly Cunningham, Rob Kaczmark, David Naglieri, Jessie Schiffer, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley, Christopher Weingart, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**

Category #504 Outstanding Achievement for Commercial – Single Spot

- **Potawatomi Casino and Hotel Brand Spot 2025:** Scott Marvel, Executive Producer: Amy Stewart, Producer. **Daily Planet Productions Ltd**
- **Gamber Johnson. Rugged, Reliable, Responsive:** Jason Rajasinghe, Producer: Hope Lofgren-Schmidt, Kevin Obsatz, Annika Senanayake, Producers. **Rad Productions USA LLC**
- **Sports Medicine Commercial:** JoVoan Sanders, Executive Producer: **PIXEL X, L.L.C**
- **Lead With Light:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Rob Kaczmark, Miles Miller, Jessie Schiffer, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley, Producers; Lucas Hibdon, Marissa Metoyer, Elrodson Quiroz, Editors; Cody Hilliard, Director. **Spirit Juice Studios**

Category #505 Outstanding Achievement for Commercial – Campaign

- **Visit Indiana: 2025 IN Indiana:** Jen Bradley, Producer: Ben Blohm, Hunter Bradley, Amy Howell, Eli McGanal, Emma Nussbaum, Nate Riggs, Jeremy Stark, Hannah Westergaard, Producers. **Cloud Gate Productions, WeCreate Media, Visit Indiana**

- **Find Your Light at the Catholic University of America:** Seneca Lester, Producer: Alexandra Bartman, Lucas Hibdon, Elrodson Quiroz, Editors; Cody Hilliard, Director; Rob Kaczmark, Megan Lanz, Jessie Schiffer, Branden J. Stanley, Marissa Van Kley, Producers. **Spirit Juice Studios**

Category #506 Outstanding Achievement for News Promotion - Single Spot/Campaign

- **Experts:** Stephanie Jimenez, Producer: Matt Buckman, Hannah Lindvall, Scott Peters, Joseph Schiltz, Producers. **WMAQ**
- **LOCAL / NETWORK NEWS:** Pablo Alfaro, Producer: Scott Peters, Raul Quiñones, Joseph Schiltz, Producers. **WSNS**
- **Mission Spring:** Tim Campbell, Producer: Tom Pokarney, Producer. **WEEK**

Category #507 Outstanding Achievement for Program/Non-News Promotion - Single Spot/Campaign or Long Form Promotional Spot

- **Celebrating Geoffrey Baer Promotional Tribute:** Nina Cornell, Producer: **WTTW**
- **NBC 5 Chicago Salutes SNL 50:** Jeff Nuich, Executive Producer: Diego Guirado, Stephanie Jimenez, Fabian Ramirez-Bolivar, Joseph Schiltz, Producers. **WMAQ**
- **Promo Item Hall of Fame:** Matt Romito, Producer: Shane English, Sarah Haddad, Andre Lewis, Jen Martindale, David Rivera, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**
- **Acceso Total Chicago:** Fabian Ramirez-Bolivar, Producer: Pablo Alfaro, Producer. **WSNS**
- **Blues Alternate Jersey Announcement:** Matt Romito, Producer: Shane English, Jim Oboikowitch, Adam Sobel, Corey Surratt, Sabrina Swanson, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

Category #508 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Promotion - Single Spot/Campaign

- **Two Worlds, One Dream: The Cubs Return to Japan:** Matt Romito, Producer: Shane English, Pat Gostele, Andre Lewis, David Rivera, Adam Sobel, Yuki Solomon, Corey Surratt, Anh Vo, Producers. **Cubs Productions**
- **Chicago Bears Schedule Release: The Real Ben Johnson:** Lorne Chan, Producer: Will Bridgforth, Katie Fox, Megan Greseth, Bri Harvey, Veronica Malesinski, Jordan Tredup, Chris Yankton, Nicole Zimmer, Producers. **Chicago Bears Network**
- **Love Letters, from the Fans to Chicago:** Lauren Salituro, Producer: Will Armistead, Michael Dahl, Emily Situmeang, Cara Suglich, Producers. **Chicago Sports Network**

Category #601 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: News Anchor

- **Blake Eason:** Composite. **WISN**
- **Diana Gutierrez:** Composite. **WISN**
- **Enrique Rodriguez:** Composite. **WGBO**
- **Terrell Brown:** Composite. **WLS**

Category #602 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Weather Anchor

- **Maria Elena Ponticiello:** Composite. **WGBO**
- **Alex Kirchner:** Composite. **WREX**
- **David Yeomans:** Composite. **WBBM**
- **JD Rudd:** Composite. **WDJT/Spectrum News 1 Wisconsin**

Categories #603 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Sports Anchor/Sports Reporter

- **Ashley Washburn:** Composite. **WTMJ**
- **Scott Grodsky:** Composite. **WDJT-TV**
- **Camron Smith:** Composite. **Chicago Sports Network**

Categories #604 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Sports Analyst/Sports Play-by-Play

- **Rick Ball:** Composite. **Chicago Sports Network**
- **Adam Amin:** Composite. **Chicago Sports Network**

Category #605 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Reporter – Daily News

- **Kasey Chronis:** Composite. **WFLD**
- **Maria Berrelleza:** Composite. **WGBO**

- **Noel Brennan:** Composite. **WBBM**
- **Lexi Sutter:** Composite. **WMAQ**

Category #606 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Reporter - Features/Human Interest

- **Michael Lowe:** Chicago's Very Own. **WGN**
- **Jake Hamilton:** Jake's Takes. **WFLD**
- **Carl Deffenbaugh:** Composite. **WITI**
- **Jasmine Minor:** My First Valentine. **WLS**

Category #607 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Reporter - Investigative

- **Dave Savini:** Composite. **WBBM**
- **Bennett Haeberle:** Composite. **WMAQ**
- **PJ Randhawa:** Composite. **WMAQ**

Category #608 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Reporter - Specialty Assignment: Political/Medical/Consumer/Transportation/Traffic

- **Derrick Rose:** On Assignment. **WISN**
- **Elizabeth Nagy:** The Election of Chicago-Born Pope Leo XIV. **WLS**

Category #609 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Multimedia Journalist - Single Shift/No Production Time Limit

- **Jorge Muñoz Aviles:** Las Gallinas en Tiempos de Influenza Aviar. **WGBO**
- **Jorge Muñoz Aviles:** Bicicletas y Scooters Hundidos en el Lago. **WGBO**
- **Noel Brennan:** Solo in Chicago. **WBBM**
- **Jarvis Murphy:** Composite. **WLS**

Category #610 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Program Host/Moderator/Correspondent

- **Matthew Rodrigues:** Composite. **WMAQ**
- **John McGivern:** Composite. **Plum Media**
- **William Salvi:** The CEO Series. **Salvi**

Category #611 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Costume Design/Wardrobe/Makeup

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Category #612 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Graphic Arts/Motion Graphics/Art Direction/Set Design

- **Scott Peters:** Composite. **WMAQ**
- **Red Clark, Kevin Hamilton, Andy Jarosz, Lisa Korpan, Kelly McGowan:** Adventures of Em. **Threaded Films, Smash Virtual, Midnight Snack FX**
- **Joe Grochocki, Diego Bartolo:** Marquee Sports: GFX Reel 2024-25. **Marquee Sports Network**
- **Ellie Nikoo, Nova Fernandez:** Moms Don't Cry. **PBS Wisconsin**

Category #613 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Audio Recording, Mixing and Design - Live/Post Production

- **Amy Johnson:** Composite. **Captivate Film Co.**
- **Sam Fishkin, Sophia Fishkin, Andrew Twiss:** Chicago Stories. **Mix Kitchen**

Category #614 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Directing

- **Nicolas DeGrazia:** UCP Seguin: Opening Doors. **Bitter Jester Studios**
- **Eric D. Seals:** You Don't Know Chi. **Digifé**
- **Robert Simmons:** Composite. **WISN/Marquee Sports Network/Chicago Sports Network**
- **Jason Rajasinghe:** Gamber Johnson. Rugged, Reliable, Responsive. **Rad Productions LLC USA**
- **Amy Johnson:** Composite. **Captivate Film Co.**

Category #615 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editor - News

- **Jacob Karb:** Composite. **WFLD**
- **Nathan Halder:** Composite. **WMAQ**
- **Sean Tyler:** Composite. **WBBM**

Category #616 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editing – Long Form Content

- **Patty Kaniff:** When the West Side Burned. **WTTW**
- **Ryan Ward:** Skates, Golf Balls, & Onewheels . **PBS Wisconsin**
- **Julian Beltran:** The CEO Series. **Salvi**

Category #617 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editing – Short Form Content

- **Nicolas DeGrazia:** UCP Seguin: Opening Doors. **Bitter Jester Studios**
- **Amy Johnson:** Composite. **Captivate Film Co.**
- **William Blake Dufner:** Composite. **WLS**
- **Christopher Hoerdemann:** In Formation. **PRIME 312 LLC**

Category #618 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editing- Sports

- **Lina Martino:** Composite. **United Center**
- **Emily Ragan:** Composite. **Fighting Irish Media**

Category #619 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Photography - News

- **Audrey Haynes Vicks:** Nature in the City. **WGN**
- **Jerry Imig:** Composite. **WDJT**
- **Jason Vicks:** WGNature Minutes. **WGN**

Category #620 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Photography – Short and Long Form Content

- **Joe “Jody” Williams, Brendan Walsh:** House Music: A Cultural Revolution. **WTTW**
- **William Blake Dufner:** Composite. **WLS**
- **Greg Camillone, Ben Dismuke, Victor Johnson, Emily Ragan, Logan Stevens:** Fighting Irish Media Photography. **Fighting Irish Media**
- **Shane Dresch:** Sleep Walking. **Mold Media**
- **Todd Gaertner, Edward Flynn:** Composite. **WFLD**
- **Emiliano Abedini:** Composite. **WGBO**
- **Michael Majewski:** Bald Eagle Photographers. **WFLD**

Category #621 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Writing - News

- **Carl Deffenbaugh:** Composite. **WITI**
- **Bryan Polcyn:** Composite. **WITI**

Category #622 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Writing – Long Form Content

- **Daniel Andries, John Owens:** When the West Side Burned. **WTTW**
- **Michael Harvey, Eddie Griffin:** The Black Sox Scandal. **WTTW**

Category #623 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Writing – Short Form Content

- **Nicolas DeGrazia:** UCP Seguin: Opening Doors. **Bitter Jester Studios**
- **Chris Withers:** Composite. **Chicago Sports Network**
- **Larry Potash:** Sherlock Holmes. **WGN**