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Category #101 Outstanding Achievement for News Excellence

- **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**

Category #102 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Excellence

- **Cubs Productions:** Matt Romito, Executive Producer. **Cubs Productions**

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

- **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**

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

- **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**

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

- **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

- **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

- **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**

Category #207 Outstanding Achievement for Investigative Single Report

- **Golpes Inesperados:** Emiliano Abedini, Editor; Maria Berrelleza, Reporter; Jessica Fernandez, Producer. **WGBO**
- **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**

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

- **Kid Conclave:** Noel Brennan, Producer. **WBBM**

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

- **Deal or No Deal?:** Dorothy Tucker, Reporter; Carol Thompson, Producer; Tim Viste, Photojournalist. **WBBM**

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**

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

- **Housing Authority Accountability:** Jenna Rae, Reporter; Ariel Campos, Emmanuel Espino, Photojournalists. **WTMJ**

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

- **The Maestro | A Conversation with Hans Zimmer:** Jake Hamilton, Reporter. **WFLD**

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

- **Forever Lost:** Bryan Polcyn, Reporter; Timothy Primeau, Photographer; David Michuda, Editor; Sara Smith, Producer. **WITI**
- **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**
- **Gary Can't Breathe: Environmental Injustice in Indiana:** Tara Molina, Reporter; Michele Youngerman, Producer; Alfredo Roman, Photojournalist; Matt Clark, Deanna Fry, Co-Producers. **WBBM**

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

- **Mrs. Werner and her Purple Trombone:** Carl Deffenbaugh, Reporter/Producer; Michael Psuik, Photojournalist; Sara Smith, Producer; David Michuda, Editor. **WITI**

Category #217 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Military

- **My Flag is Still There:** Michael Lowe, Reporter; Mike D'Angelo, Vince Tagle, Producers. **WGN**

Category #218 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Societal Concerns

- **Not An 'Accident':** Samah Assad, Producer; Megan Hickey, Reporter; Elyssa Kaufman, Alfredo Roman, Producers. **WBBM**

Category #219 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Human Interest

- **Kayak Commute:** Noel Brennan, Reporter; Alfredo Roman, Tim Viste, Photojournalists. **WBBM**
- **Madres de Acero:** Natalia Girard, Producer; Emiliano Abedini, Editor; Jessica Fernandez, Producer. **WGBO**

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

- **Access to Justice:** Brianna Clark, Anchor. **WBND**

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

- **Rolling Through 50 Years:** Terrence Lee, Reporter; Robert Berres, Photographer; Diane Carbonara, Producer. **WFLD**

Category #222 Outstanding Achievement for News Gathering - Lifestyle

- **The Custard Chronicles:** Alex Corradetti, Reporter; Cody Bergquist, Jerry Imig, Photojournalists; Susanne Barthel, Editor. **WDJT**

Categories #301 Outstanding Achievement for Sports News

- **Gene Wagner Never Misses a Shift:** Mike Curkov, Reporter; Jerry Imig, Photojournalist. **WDJT**

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**

Category #304 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Program – Live

- **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**

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**

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**

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

- **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. **RedMaya Films/University of Wisconsin-Green Bay**
- **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**

Category #309 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Interview/Discussion

- **Irish Eatz:** Jon Asher, Producer; Greg Camillone, Alessandra Dickos, Producers; Harold Swanagan, Host. **Fighting Irish Media**

Category #310 Outstanding Achievement for Sports Open/Tease

- **Chicago Cubs Take The Field Video:** Matt Romito, Producer; Kelly King, Ben Krych, David Rivera, Chris Simonson, David Vanderwarn, Producers. **Cubs Productions**

Category #401 Outstanding Achievement for Documentary - Cultural

- **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**
- **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

- **Homeless: The Migrant Experience:** Edgar Vargas, Producer; Eddie Arruza, Producer; Anne Gleason, Dan Protess, Executive Producers. **WTTW**

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

- **A Celebration of Hanukkah with Geoffrey Baer:** Rachel Pikelny, Producer; Kateryna Sazonova, Associate Producer; Geoffrey Baer, Host. **WTTW**

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

- **Farm to Food Bank Program: Explained:** Seth Levrenz, Executive Producer; Scott Anderson, Mack Klingbeil, Mark Pressburger, Producers. **Illinois Farm Bureau**

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

- **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

- **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**

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

- **Time to Spare:** A.J. Bayatpour, Correspondent; Kobe MacDonald, Photojournalist. **WDJT**

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

- **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

- **Oak Park Migrant Student Story:** Steven Walsh, Producer; Bridget Shanahan, Producer; Rumen Andonov, Brandon Walker, Associate Producers. **Omni Media And Marketing**

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

- **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

- **The Moments That Made Us:** Jake Hamilton, Producer. **WFLD**

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

- **Mobile Street Art Cart Project, Localish:** Jordan Arseneau, Producer. **WLS**

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**
- **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**

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**

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

- **Our Glenkirk Journey: Voices of Impact:** Nicolas DeGrazia, Producer; Kim Berenberg, Daniel Kullman, Christeon Mayfield, Producers. **Bitter Jester Studios and Glenkirk**

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**

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

- **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.**

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

- **Al Capone's Bloody Business:** Heidi Zersen, Producer; Marcy Marzuki, Associate Producer; Anna Chadwick Gardner, Shelley Spencer, Executive Producers. **WTTW**
- **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

- **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

- **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

- **Wonder:** Ann Sedgwick, Producer; Carolyn Bergen, Producer. **Northwestern Medicine**

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

- **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

- **Gamber Johnson. Rugged, Reliable, Responsive:** Jason Rajasinghe, Producer; Hope Lofgren-Schmidt, Kevin Obsatz, Annika Senanayake, Producers. **Rad Productions USA LLC**

Category #505 Outstanding Achievement for Commercial – Campaign

- **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**

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

- **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**

Category #601 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: News Anchor

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

Category #602 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Talent: Weather Anchor

- **David Yeomans:** Composite. **WBBM**

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

- **Ashley Washburn:** Composite. **WTMJ**

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

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

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

- **Maria Berrelleza:** Composite. **WGBO**
- **Noel Brennan:** Composite. **WBBM**

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

- **Michael Lowe:** Chicago's Very Own . **WGN**
- **Carl Deffenbaugh:** Composite. **WITI**

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

- **Dave Savini:** Composite. **WBBM**

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

- **Derrick Rose:** On Assignment. **WISN**

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

- **Jorge Muñoz Aviles:** Bicicletas y Scooters Hundidos en el Lago. **WGBO**
- **Noel Brennan:** Solo in Chicago. **WBBM**

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

- **Matthew Rodrigues:** Composite. **WMAQ**

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**

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

- **Amy Johnson:** Composite. **Captivate Film Co.**

Category #614 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Directing

- **Jason Rajasinghe:** Gamber Johnson. Rugged, Reliable, Responsive. **Rad Productions LLC USA**

Category #615 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editor - News

- **Jacob Karb:** Composite. **WFLD**

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

- **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**

Category #618 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Editing- Sports

- **Lina Martino:** Composite. **United Center**

Category #619 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Photography - News

- **Jason Vicks:** WGNature Minutes. **WGN**

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

- **William Blake Dufner:** Composite. **WLS**
- **Emiliano Abedini:** Composite. **WGBO**

Category #621 Outstanding Crafts Achievement for Writing - News

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

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

- **Michael Harvey, Eddie Griffin:** The Black Sox Scandal. **WTTW**

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

- **Chris Withers:** Composite. **Chicago Sports Network**