



PMJA

PUBLIC MEDIA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

2021 Annual Awards

for work completed in calendar year 2020

Division AA (News Staff of 16 or More)

Arts Feature

First Place

WNPR - Connecticut Public Radio - *6 Decades Later, This Atomic Vet Is Finishing His Music Education*

Second Place

Wisconsin Public Radio - *The Search for the Synthesizers Behind the "All Things Considered" Theme*

Audience Engagement Program

First Place

Michigan Radio - *How do you survive 'pandemic parenting'?*

Second Place

Maine Public Radio - *Adult Autism: Understanding How Autism Symptoms Affect Adults & How To Support Those Who Have It*

Breaking News

First Place

WBUR - *'Massive Boston Rally For Racial Justice Devolves Into Chaos'*

Second Place

Louisville Public Media - *Law Enforcement Killing of David McAtee*

Collaborative Effort

First Place

WGBH - *Lives Remembered: A look back at some of the lives we've lost to COVID*

Second Place

WBUR - *"Mass. Election Prep"*

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Commentary

First Place

KUOW-FM - *'Gracias por todo.' Delivering food during the pandemic was worth it to hear my mom say these words*

Second Place

KCFR - Colorado Public Radio - *The Nuggets Are Making It OK To Feel Good Again*

Continuing Coverage

First Place

Michigan Radio - *COVID-19 pandemic continuing coverage*

Second Place

Louisville Public Media - *Louisville Protests*

COVID-19 Feature

First Place

Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ - *As Chicago Reopens, Is It Time To Let My Parents Meet Their Grandchildren?*

Second Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *At This Coronavirus-Plagued St. Louis County Hospital, The Pandemic Takes Its Toll*

Enterprise

First Place

KERA - 90.1 Dallas - *The Asylum Trap*

Second Place

KJZZ 91.5 FM - *Rising Violence Tests Sonora*

Feature

First Place

KUT 90.5 FM - *The Godfather of Clubbing*

Second Place

WBUR - *'A Community Theater Leader Disappears And Leaves A Trail Of Deception In His Wake'*

Interview

First Place

WNPR - Connecticut Public Radio - *Where We Live: Who Owns History? Connecticut Woman Sues Harvard for Family Photos*

Second Place

Vermont Public Radio - *Everest Asian Market: Feeding Vermont's Hunger For International Flavors*

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Investigative Reporting

First Place

WBUR - *'Dying On The Sheriff's Watch'*

Second Place

KCFR - Colorado Public Radio - *Shots Fired: An investigation that reveals trends in police shootings in Colorado*

Long Documentary

First Place

WHYY - FM - *'Why did this just happen?' Philly's escalating protests*

Second Place

KCFR - Colorado Public Radio - *The Long Lonely Lake*

Multi-Media Presentation

First Place

Minnesota Public Radio - *Making George Floyd's Square*

Second Place

WBUR - *"Dying On The Sheriff's Watch"*

News Feature

First Place

WBUR - *'Boston Police Working Overtime Still Do Not Wear Body Cameras, Despite City's Pledge A Year Ago'*

Second Place

Michigan Radio - *Tax foreclosure lawsuit asks: How much can government take from property owners?*

News/Public Affairs Program

First Place

Texas Public Radio - KSTX - *The Meanest, Dirtiest, Low-down Stuff'; Texas, The State Of Voter Suppression*

Second Place

Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ - *Chicago Police Union President Pushes Back Against Calls For Reform*

Newscast

First Place

Louisville Public Media - *WFPL Newscast*

Second Place

KCFR - Colorado Public Radio - *CPR News newscast*

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Podcast

First Place

WESA - *Land & Power*

Second Place

WAMU - *Call Your Landlord*

Series

First Place

KUOW-FM - *Voices of the Pandemic*

Second Place

WBUR - *"Dying On The Sheriff's Watch"*

Short Documentary

First Place

Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ - *Starting College Behind*

Second Place

WLRN News - *Miami And County School Board Destroyed A Black Community To Build A Whites Only School*

Social Justice Feature

First Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *'I Really Thought They Were Going To Kill Somebody': Business Owners Call For Police Accountability*

Second Place

Louisville Public Media - *Police Drones Capture 'Beautiful And Ugly Truths' Of Louisville Protests*

Sports Feature

First Place

KERA - 90.1 Dallas - *Rodeos Take A Toll On Athletes; These Doctors Offer Free Care To Keep Them Healthy*

Second Place

KUT 90.5 FM - *Eyes of Texas History*

Spot News

First Place

WBUR - *'Massive Boston Rally For Racial Justice Devolves Into Chaos'*

Second Place

KERA - 90.1 Dallas - *After 2 Workers Died, Dallas Meat Processing Plant Under Scrutiny For Not Closing Earlier*

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Use of Sound

First Place

Chicago Public Radio/WBEZ - *We The Graduates: A Commencement Speech Written By The Class of 2020*

Second Place

KCUR - *A Look Back At Three Weeks Of Black Lives Matter Protests In Kansas City*

Writing

First Place

WBUR - *"Definitely Brings Some Hope!": A Snow Day In The Middle Of A Pandemic"*

Second Place

WLRN News - *It's A Slow Life, This Social Distancing Thing*

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Division A (News Staff of 8 to 15)

Arts Feature

First Place

WDET - Detroit Public Radio - *A Monument to Malice Green Rises in Highland Park*

Second Place

West Virginia Public Broadcasting - *The Legacy Of The Upper Big Branch Disaster*

Audience Engagement Program

First Place

WXXI AM - *The debate over wiping out student loan debt*

Second Place

America Amplified - *America Amplified Election 2020 -- Your Voice Counts*

Breaking News

First Place

VPM - *Teargassing Incident*

Second Place

The Public's Radio - *Providence erupts in night of mayhem, 65 people arrested*

Collaborative Effort

First Place

KNKX - *Outsiders*

Second Place

Nashville Public Radio - *Left Without Care*

Commentary

First Place

KNKX - *'Something to celebrate': One couple braces for a year to remember, in the face of uncertainty*

Second Place

WUWM - *Black Women & Size Stigma Essay*

Continuing Coverage

First Place

The Public's Radio - *Racial justice*

Second Place

KNKX - *School during a pandemic*

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COVID-19 Feature

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *Pandemic Diaries: One Couple's Story of Isolation and Love in a Nursing Home*

Second Place

WFDD - *NC Churches Embrace Innovation And Challenges Amid Pandemic*

Enterprise

First Place

KPFA, KALW and The Intersection - *Present meets Past at Burning Man*

Second Place

KUNC - *Ketamine In Colorado*

Feature

First Place

West Virginia Public Broadcasting - *Did West Virginia Inspire 'Country Roads'? 50 Years Later, Here's What We Know*

Second Place

Indiana Public Broadcasting - *Provocative Conservative Display In Goshen Becomes Microcosm For Political Tension*

Interview

First Place

WUWM - *Young Milwaukee Native Reflects On Death Of Ahmaud Arbery And Fight For Black Lives*

Second Place

Nashville Public Radio - *Classically Speaking: Bespoke Music Making With Jennifer Higdon*

Investigative Reporting

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *N.H. Towns Pay Millions To Settle Claims Against Police; Details Often Hidden From Public*

Second Place

Nashville Public Radio - *Investigation: Black Female Police Officers In Nashville Say They Faced Retaliation For Criticizing The Department*

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Long Documentary

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *Outside/In: The Olive and the Pine*

Second Place

West Virginia Public Broadcasting - *Grandfamilies Of The Opioid Crisis*

Multi-Media Presentation

First Place

The Public's Radio - *The 2020 Gallery*

Second Place

Texas Standard - *Ofrenda: A Decimation Of People, A Celebration Of Life*

News Feature

First Place

KUNC - *For The West's Drinking Water, Wildfire Concerns Linger Long After Smoke Clears*

Second Place

American Homefront Project - *Far Away From Washington, Impeachment Means Little To U.S. Troops Providing Military Aid To Ukraine*

News/Public Affairs Program

First Place

KUER - *Ibram X. Kendi: How To Be An Antiracist*

Second Place

Texas Standard - *Texas Standard*

Newscast

First Place

WVXU - *Newscast: January 29, 2020*

Second Place

WFDD - *NEWSCAST MAY 19, 2020*

Podcast

First Place

KNKX - *Outsiders*

Second Place

VPM - *Resettled: Culture*

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Series

First Place

KUNC - *Stolen: Stories of Art Taken, Returned and Reborn in Colorado*

Second Place

KNKX - *Death Investigation in Washington*

Short Documentary

First Place

West Virginia Public Broadcasting - *In Bluefield, City Leaders Address Broken Promise To Hold Police Accountable*

Social Justice Feature

First Place

WDET - Detroit Public Radio - *'Kneel With Us': Four Nights In, Detroit Protestors, Police Fight For Narrative*

Second Place

The Public's Radio - *The protester and the police commander: How a tense standoff ended peacefully*

Sports Feature

First Place

Texas Standard - *The Last Days Of The Santa Maria Bullring*

Second Place

WUSF - *Rays Fans Hope World Series Improves Future Turnout*

Spot News

First Place

WUSF - *Undecided Voter Considers Choices At Trump Rally*

Second Place

WFDD - *One Year Later, John Neville's Death Prompts Change and Reflection*

Use of Sound

First Place

KALW - *Dancing Out Loud: Antoine Hunter Uses Dance To Express The Deaf Experience*

Second Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *Outside/In: Cat of the Clouds*

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Writing

First Place

KNKX - *The true story of Tacoma's shopping mall gorilla not as rosy as Disney version*

Second Place

WUSF - *Iowa Democrats Will Caucus In Florida (And Lots Of Other Places)*

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Division B (News Staff of 4 to 7)

Arts Feature

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *Painting to Protect the Park*

Second Place

WBHM - FM - *One Black Artist's Quest To Shake Up The Comics World*

Audience Engagement Program

First Place

WGLT - FM - *Living Black in Bloomington-Normal*

Second Place

KLCC - *The Friday Show On KLCC*

Breaking News

First Place

KUNM FM - *Protester Shot After Militiamen Raise Tensions At Jackson Monument*

Second Place

WVTF Public Radio - *Jackson Monument Removed*

Collaborative Effort

First Place

KTOO - *Breaking news coverage of deadly landslide in Haines, Alaska*

Second Place

KUNR - *KUNR Youth Media Programs 2020 Coverage*

Commentary

First Place

New England Public Radio - *Searching For Grace While Black And Blue*

Second Place

WCAI - *Restoration: One Veteran's Search for Forgiveness*

Continuing Coverage

First Place

N-E-T Radio - *COVID-19 Pandemic Coverage*

Second Place

North Country Public Radio - *A crisis in child care*

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COVID-19 Feature

First Place

KBIA - FM - *Shifting Guidance And Information Prompts Fear Among Workers At Triumph Plant*

Second Place

WHRO - *To Slay In The Age Of Coronavirus*

Enterprise

First Place

KBIA - FM - *You Don't Say*

Second Place

WCAI - *Toxic Ponds: The Struggle to Protect Public Health*

Feature

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *Returning to Auschwitz: Holocaust survivor from Plattsburgh travels back to 'family cemetery'*

Second Place

WILL - *Farm Tools For Men, Redesigned By Women*

Interview

First Place

WAER - *Syracuse Muslim Youth Group Discusses Their Role In Protests And Local Politics*

Second Place

WLVR - *Norco GOP Party Chair Lee Snover says the only way Trump loses Pa. is voter fraud*

Investigative Reporting

First Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *Wyoming's 'Dark Money' Coal Campaign*

Second Place

WKSU - FM - *10 Years After the Housing Bubble Burst, Hopeful Homeowners Deal with New Threat*

Long Documentary

First Place

KBIA - FM - *Show Me The State: The Fulton Flash*

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Multi-Media Presentation

First Place

N-E-T Radio - *COVID-19 Pandemic Coverage*

Second Place

KUNR - *KUNR's 2020 election coverage*

News Feature

First Place

Boise State Public Radio KBSX - *Where Help Is Far Away, Communities Are Taking It Upon Themselves To Tackle Suicide*

Second Place

WYPR - *Maryland Foster Children Stay in Hospitals Because They Have Nowhere Else To Go*

News/Public Affairs Program

First Place

KUNM FM - *No More Normal: The Real Crime*

Second Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *Open Spaces: Stories About Race*

Newscast

First Place

WCAI - *Newscast May 19, 2020*

Podcast

First Place

KBIA - FM - *Show Me The State: The Fulton Flash*

Second Place

WSHU Public Radio - *Everytown: The Hamptons*

Series

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *A child care crisis*

Second Place

KBIA - FM - *Missouri Health Talks*

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Short Documentary

First Place

N-E-T Radio - *Remote Learning in Remote Nebraska*

Second Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *High School Is Over. Wyoming Seniors Say They Didn't Get Closure.*

Social Justice Feature

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *A new Black leader works to build a more diverse, inclusive Adirondacks*

Second Place

KUNR - *Black Lives Matter Protest In Douglas County Ends Early Due To Hostility From Counter-Protesters*

Sports Feature

First Place

N-E-T Radio - *High School Football Takes The Field; An Attempt At Normal During Pandemic*

Second Place

Yellowstone Public Radio - *Weather Hobbles Montana Skijoring Season*

Spot News

First Place

WYPR - *Nerves And Excitement As Voters Wait At Camden Yards (*

Second Place

WILL - *Hundreds Protest Peacefully In Urbana, Champaign In Response To Killing Of George Floyd*

Use of Sound

First Place

WGLT - FM - *911 Calls Show COVID Outbreak Unfolding In Real Time*

Second Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *Historic Buffalo Transfer Shows An Alternative To Yellowstone's Annual Cull*

Writing

First Place

WBHM - FM - *A Visit With Santa? It's Still Happening Despite The Pandemic*

Second Place

KLCC - *New Wave Of Social Justice Finds Black And Indigenous Activists United*

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Division C (News Staff of 1 to 3)

Arts Feature

First Place

KAZU - *Artist Brings Spanish Language Bookstore To Santa Cruz*

Second Place

WYSO Public Radio - *Xenia Area Community Theater Staging Ohio Premiere Of 'The Face Of Emmett Till'*

Audience Engagement Program

First Place

North State Public Radio - *Hunger in the Burn Scar*

Second Place

WFUV - *Mental Health Check-in with NAMI-NYC*

Breaking News

First Place

WCMU-FM/CMU Public Radio - *500-Year Flood During a Global Pandemic*

Second Place

WBGO - *Former NYC Mayor David Dinkins Dies*

Collaborative Effort

First Place

WFUV - *Bronx Connections: 2020 Election Local Lens*

Second Place

KGNU - *(Un)Housed*

Commentary

First Place

WYSO Public Radio - *West Dayton Stories: Looking To Ancestors For Solace And Inspiration*

Second Place

WUGA - FM - *Athens 1918*

Continuing Coverage

First Place

KAZU - *Four Major Wildfires Engulf California's Central Coast*

Second Place

North State Public Radio - *COVID-19 Special Coverage*

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COVID-19 Feature

First Place

Jefferson Public Radio - *In The Wake Of The Wildfires, Some Children Are Suffering From Extreme Stress And Anxiety*

Second Place

WKMS - *Senior Send-Off: How Murray Created A New Graduation Tradition*

Enterprise

First Place

WSCL/WSDL - *The Virus & The Undocumented*

Second Place

Jefferson Public Radio - *County Alert System Left Many Without Notifications During The Alameda Fire*

Feature

First Place

WCMU-FM/CMU Public Radio - *Sanford Residents Hope For Federal Aid After Devastating Flood*

Second Place

WYSO Public Radio - *"A Bright Light On The Corner:" Gem City Market's Potential Goes Beyond Fresh Groceries*

Interview

First Place

WBGO - *Steve Adubato on the Passing of His Father "Big Steve"*

Second Place

WFUV - *Child of 9/11 Pens Memoir*

Investigative Reporting

First Place

WKNO - FM - *The Waiting Decade: Rape Victims Still Seek Justice*

Second Place

WUOT - FM - *WUOT News Exclusive: White House Report Says Tennessee 'Must Implement a Statewide Mask Mandate'*

Long Documentary

First Place

WUFT FM - *Four Days, Five Murders*

Second Place

Siouxland Public Media KWIT-KOJI - *The Exchange: Chief Standing Bear*

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Multi-Media Presentation

First Place

WUFT FM - *Four Days, Five Murders*

News Feature

First Place

Jefferson Public Radio - *Police As Social Workers: Critics Question Officers' Role In Addressing Homelessness*

Second Place

WMUK-FM - *The Morrow Dam Drawdown Is Polluting The Kalamazoo River*

News/Public Affairs Program

First Place

Siouxland Public Media KWIT-KOJI - *"Going Viral: Lessons Learned During the Pandemic"*

Second Place

WBGO - *WBGO Journal 5/23/2020*

Newscast

First Place

Spokane Public Radio - *August 7, 8:04 am*

Second Place

WUKY - *WUKY Newscast May 19, 2020*

Podcast

First Place

WKMS - *Middle of Everywhere: IM GOD*

Second Place

YR Media - *Working Through My ISH / Adult ISH*

Series

First Place

WMUK-FM - *What Happens After the Protests*

Second Place

Alabama Public Radio - *"Pain persists ten years after the BP oil spill"*

Short Documentary

First Place

WKNO - FM - *The Waiting Decade: Rape Victims Still Seek Justice*

Second Place

Alabama Public Radio - *"Oil and Water: 10 Years Later"*

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Social Justice Feature

First Place

Northeast Indiana Public Radio - *Sundown Towns in Indiana: How a Legacy of 'Whites-Only' Towns Rose and Continues to Affect Today*

Second Place

Jefferson Public Radio - *Ashland Grapples With Shooting Death Of 19-Year-Old Aidan Ellison*

Sports Feature

First Place

WIUM/WIUW - FM - *Special Olympians Staying Active During Pandemic*

Second Place

KAZU - *Celebrities Carry On Charity Tradition At The Pro-Am*

Spot News

First Place

WBGO - *Steven Van Zandt's TeachRock Fundraiser*

Second Place

WMUK-FM - *Youth Protest Calls For End to Police Violence*

Use of Sound

First Place

WPSU - FM - *First Night State College Ukulele Class Offers Chance To Strum In The New Year*

Second Place

WBGO - *"Gold Shaw Farm" Podcast Quack Up Fans*

Writing

First Place

WUGA - FM - *Proposed Historic District Opposed by Some*

Second Place

KAZU - *Businesses Reopening In California Face Red Flags, Red Tape And Red Ink*

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Division D (Student)

Student Hard Feature

First Place

WLRN News - *Generation Z Tackles Racial Injustice Online - And It's Not Just For The Likes*

Second Place

KUNR - *Many Latinx Voters Say Candidates Need 'Cultural Competency'*

Student Multi-Media Presentation

First Place

WFDD - *School, Interrupted*

Second Place

WFUV - *Is COVID-19 Forcing Displacement in Low-Income Areas?*

Student Newscast

First Place

WFUV - *Chris Boccia Newscast 11-19-20*

Student Soft Feature

First Place

WFDD - *What It's Like For Us Every Day*

Second Place

North Carolina Public Radio - WUNC - *Durham Artists, Activists Call For New Ways To Police The Community*

Student Spot News

First Place

WILL - *U Of I Athletes Lead Black Lives Matter March Through Champaign*

Second Place

WKMS - *Stewart Co. Protester Says Sheriff's Office Liked Facebook Threats & Accusations Against Him*

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Independent Division

Podcast

First Place

NATAL - *NATAL: Roots of the Black Birthing Crisis*

Second Place

Out There - *A Series of Unlikely Events*

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Nationally Edited - All Divisions

Nationally Edited Feature

First Place

WILL - *Retired University Of Illinois Mascot Still Stands For Some Fans*

Second Place

KERA - 90.1 Dallas - *Texas Cities Experience Disparities In Access To The Coronavirus Testing*

Nationally Edited News Coverage

First Place

KUOW-FM - *Now what? Young Latinos struggle post-election to find their place in US*

Second Place

WUWM - *Wisconsin Election Continuing Coverage*