



PUBLIC MEDIA JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

2025 PMJA Awards (for work completed in 2024)

Arts Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WKMS-FM - *“Central City celebrates western Ky. roots of Everly Brothers, John Prine with life-size bronze statue”*

Second Place

KCBX - *“Baile folklorico classes and performances provide connection to Mexican culture for families in Salinas”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

Interlochen Public Radio - *“Points North: A New Hope for Anishinaabemowin”*

Second Place

KMUW - *“Students follow in Gordon Parks' footsteps in 'I Needed Paris'”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *“New Mohawk superhero asks, what if the Haudenosaunee were never colonized?”*

Second Place

KNKX - *“Seattle Opera's Jubilee puts spirituals in the spotlight”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WPLN-Nashville Public Radio - *“It took a lot for Jackie Shane to get her documentary due”*

Second Place

WUSF Public Media - *“‘Art with a purpose’: Ringling College hosts a forensic workshop”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Connecticut Public - *“A once-enslaved man's music was hidden for centuries. Go on a journey to rediscover his melodies”*

Second Place

Vermont Public - *“At this college fashion show, Indigenous students wear their favorite (and often, their own) designs”*



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Audience Engagement

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

The Middle with Jeremy Hobson - *“The Middle with Jeremy Hobson: The Role of Christianity in our Politics”*

Second Place

Ball State PBS - *“Health is Wealth”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNM FM - *“Connecting people with loved ones during a wildfire emergency”*

Second Place

WCAI/WNAN - *“Public Radio in Public Schools”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Montana Public Radio - *“Montana Voter Voices: Election coverage driven by you”*

Second Place

Blue Ridge Public Radio - *“After the storm: BPR's audience engagement following Hurricane Helene”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Maine Public - *“Everyday Heroes”*

Second Place

WUSF Public Media - *“Vote 2024”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WUNC - *“Scorched Workers”*

Second Place

WNYC - *“Suds and Civics”*



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Climate/Environment Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WBGO-FM - *“50 years ago an act of civil disobedience jumpstarted a nationwide movement against nuclear power”*

Second Place

WPSU-FM - *“At PA Firefly Festival in Forest County, visitors and researchers experience synchronous fireflies”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

Jefferson Public Radio - *“Threatened bull trout in the Klamath Basin thriving after 30 years of conservation work”*

Second Place

WCAI/WNAN - *“The long entanglement and short life of right whale 5120”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WAMU-FM - *“Photographer's Notebook: Paddling for trash in the Anacostia River”*

Second Place

KUER, KSL-TV & Colorado River Collaborative - *“Utah has a \$276M bet on farms to save Colorado River water. How's it going?”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WLRN - *“One of the rarest fish on the planet is dying in the Keys. Scientists are struggling to find out why”*

Second Place

Maine Public - *“As lakes warm, pollution threats grow”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KUOW - *“How a Northwest tribe is escaping a rising ocean”*

Second Place

WBUR - *“Cape Cod's 'power couple of pee-cycling' wants you to save that liquid gold”*



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Collaborative Effort

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

Rocky Mountain Community Radio - *“Loved to Death”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *“The complicated truths about offshore wind and right whales”*

Second Place

WYSO - *“Wilberforce Tornado 50th Anniversary Oral History Project”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Illinois Public Media - *“Deputy who killed Sonya Massey joined Sheriff's Dept. after past employers questioned his conduct”*

Second Place

NEPM and The Springfield Republican/MassLive - *“‘Robin Hood’ or ‘legalized theft’? Why it’s easy for Massachusetts police to seize property”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *“Unsolved”*

Second Place

Maine Public - *“Breakdown: Turning Anguish Into Action”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

NEPM, NHPR, Vermont Public and the NENC - *“Life on the Connecticut”*

Second Place

WBUR / ON POINT - *“On Point: What happened when immigrants came to Whitewater, Wisconsin”*



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Continuing Coverage

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

Northern California Public Media - *“KRCB’s Wine Beat”*

Second Place

WUOT FM - *“Hurricane Helene”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WVTF Public Radio - *“Red Onion”*

Second Place

Arizona Public Media - *“Arizona’s reproductive rights reckoning: A year of historic change”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *“How the North Country is Adapting to Climate Change”*

Second Place

Central Florida Public Media - *“Central Florida Seen & Heard: Rising Water”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KCUR - *“Chiefs Parade Shooting”*

Second Place

WUSF Public Media - *“Florida Abortion Coverage”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KQED-FM - *“How Artificial Intelligence is Reshaping Everything”*

Second Place

WBUR - *“Steward Health Care Crisis”*



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Digital Writing

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUFT-FM - *"Do we want to pack it full of houses? Springs lovers challenge development plans in Alachua s frag"*

Second Place

WUFT-FM - *"Report: Gainesville VA medical center incorrectly used Baker Act on veteran"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WHRO - *"A descendant is carrying on the legacy of Suffolk's Black oystermen"*

Second Place

KMUW - *"Internal tensions preceded sweeping changes at closed Wichita abortion clinic"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Northwest Public Broadcasting - *"Flying sheep for a collective future"*

Second Place

WFIU-FM - *"As clock ticks toward another Trump presidency, death row prisoners appeal for clemency"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Louisville Public Media - *"Confidential: Hiding the cost of legislation from Kentuckians"*

Second Place

WLRN - *"Venezuela's massive diaspora can't vote but it's still firing up voters"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KUOW - *"Does playing soccer on artificial turf increase cancer risk, especially in kids?"*

Second Place

Texas Standard - *"In 1977, a farmworkers' march to DC sought to turn the eyes of the nation on Texas"*



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Documentary

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WMUK-FM - *"Nowhere to Go: How the system failed a trafficking survivor"*

Second Place

KHOL - *"Chasing The Dragon"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WYSO - *"A Matter of Impact: A Look Back at the Decade Since John Crawford III Was Killed"*

Second Place

Arizona Public Media - *"Tapped: Broken Promises, Contaminated Waters: Uranium mining on the Navajo Nation"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WWNO/WRKF - *"All Gassed Up"*

Second Place

WGPU Public Media - *"Dream School: A Journey to Higher Ed"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *"Outside/In: Til' the landslide brings it down"*

Second Place

KCUR Studios - *"A People's History of Kansas City: The Walker Walkouts"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Colorado Public Radio - *"In-Depth: The Colorado clerk on trial for the big lie, and what it means for the 2024 election"*

Second Place

Colorado Public Radio - *"In-Depth: Psilocybin and the future of cancer care"*



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Education Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUFT-FM - *“Success coaches for homeless students lose their jobs as federal funding runs dry”*

Second Place

KGNU - *“Alaya Preschool will lose its campus if it doesn't raise \$2.2 million by June”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KMUW - *“This Kansas teacher got hurt breaking up a fight. He says school staff need more protection”*

Second Place

KNAU Arizona Public Radio - *“At Lowell Observatory's new science center, you can see, touch, hear and yes smell the universe”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Texas Public Radio - *“Concussions, bruises, bite marks: Special education teachers say they often get hurt at work”*

Second Place

North Country Public Radio - *“More than half of St. Regis Falls' teachers have left for another district. What happened?”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNC - *“Chronic absenteeism is plaguing Colorado schools. Here's what two districts are doing about it.”*

Second Place

Louisville Public Media - *“On a West End tour bus, pride and reflections of Black history abound”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WHYY News - *“Princeton High School students build STEM project to preserve Indigenous Guatemalan language”*



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Education Feature (continued)

Second Place

Colorado Public Radio - *“Trumpet, flute and cello, oh my! These Denver preschoolers heard classical music for the first time”*



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Enterprise

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

KHOL - *"We laugh so we don't cry | Reimos para no llorar"*

Second Place

Northern California Public Media - *"What to do with old flares? Question that's befuddled boaters may soon be answered"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

Public Radio Tulsa/KWGS News - *"The prosecutor who put her away says she should be free, but she's still in prison in Oklahoma"*

Second Place

WVTF Public Radio - *"Sandy Hausman Dept. of Corrections Reporting"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Harvest Public Media - *"Schwan's to Yelloh: the journey of a Midwest food delivery icon"*

Second Place

Nevada Public Radio - *"A People's History of Kansas City: The Walker Walkouts"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Maine Public - *"They Controlled It All"*

Second Place

90.5 WESA - *"Reporter's notebook: Covering the attempted assassination of Donald Trump"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WBUR - *"Last Seen's Postmortem: The Stolen Bodies of Harvard"*

Second Place

Texas Standard - *"Searching for the history of the Texas Farm Workers Union"*



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Features produced by freelancers

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WGCU Public Media - *“Protecting Hunter's Rights: Amendment 2”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

Second Place

VPM News - *“Virginia militias continue to organize locally as experts worry over elections”*



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Government and Democracy Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUGA - *"Athens-Clarke County becomes 2nd county in state to offer bilingual ballot option"*

Second Place

90.3 KAZU - *"Only one San Benito County school board race is on the ballot. Why? The rest are uncontested"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *"Hearing Jimmy Carter's voice, as a student in Hyannis, elevated her own"*

Second Place

KMUW - *"Wichitans found affordable rent by camping long-term at Lake Afton. Sedgwick County shut it down"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Alaska Public Media - *"Hey Anchorage, who's your pick for mayor? Why?"*

Second Place

WFIU-FM - *"In Indiana's reddest districts, rural Dems still put up a fight"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Kansas News Service - *"A church in Kansas is navigating political division by trying to find the 'radical center'"*

Second Place

Hawaii Public Radio - *"Voting skepticism and party division intensify among Hawai'i's own Elections Commission"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Texas Standard - *"Why can't Texans put a referendum on the ballot?"*

Second Place

WBEZ, Chicago Public Media - *"How I support democracy"*



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Health/Medical Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUFT-FM - *"Alzheimer's Association's Brain Bus comes to North Central Florida"*

Second Place

Tri States Public Radio - *"Living in the moment"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KLCC - *"The Decker sisters: Breaking the 'family curse' of breast cancer"*

Second Place

WBHM - *"What happens when a rural hospital shuts its doors? Look to Pickens County"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *"Anthrax. Cattle. Ranchers. Government mistrust. The fallout of Elk Mountain's rare disease outbreak"*

Second Place

Central Florida Public Media - *"In 10 years of 'arming' kids, bionic prosthetics have come a long way"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUSF Public Media - *"Why this St. Petersburg mom had to travel out-of-state for abortion care, despite exceptions"*

Second Place

WFYI - *"Her colonoscopy should cost her \$0 per federal law. Why was she asked to pay \$765?"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Colorado Public Radio - *"The teens who made Colorado No. 1 in underage vaping are now young adults, and they're still using"*

Second Place

Minnesota Public Radio - *"Minnesota OK'd free menstrual products in schools, but that hasn't solved the problem"*



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Human Interest Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUOT FM - *“A Smoky Mountain Christmas”*

Second Place

WMUK-FM - *“How an athletic center in Lebanon became a haven for displaced children”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

West Virginia Public Radio - *“Remembering Travis Stimeling, A WVU Professor, Scholar Of American Music, Musician And Friend”*

Second Place

Interlochen Public Radio - *“At Sleeping Bear Dunes, volunteers get to the core of unnamed apples”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *“Don't know much about 1812? In Ogdensburg, war reenactors keep the history alive”*

Second Place

WWNO/WRKF - *“Louisiana tribes restore river cane to preserve their culture and the environment”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *“Getting back in tune: The story of Justin and his missing flute”*

Second Place

WXXI - FM - *“A Rochester mother and daughter took a road trip for the last eclipse. They returned forever changed”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KUT FM - *“What's the story behind ZZ Top's First Annual Texas-Size Rompin' Stompin' Barndance and Bar B.Q.?”*



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Human Interest Feature (continued)

Second Place

Colorado Public Radio - *“Colorado middle schoolers from Afghanistan find new home for their love of cricket”*



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Interview

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUGA - *"It fills in the gaps." AP African-American Studies teacher talks about his class"*

Second Place

WPSU-FM - *"John Sanchez on growing up an 'urban Indian,' learning his culture and bringing it to State College"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WYPR 88.1 - *"Going beyond Autism Awareness Month, it's awareness every day"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WGPU Public Media - *"Marcia Williams reflects on son's disappearance. He was last seen with a CCSO deputy 20 years ago"*

Second Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *"A relative reflects on the return of the remains of Eastern Shoshone student William Neikok"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNC - *"After guilty verdicts in Boulder's mass shooting trial, a victim's daughter looks back"*

Second Place

Michigan Public - *"On Dearborn, Lebanon, and what it means to feel 'safe'"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Vermont Public - *"Uncomfortable conversations need to happen : Two Vermont voices reflect on Israel-Hamas war"*

Second Place

WUNC - *"Embodied - Transitioned: Coming Out As Trans In A Romantic Relationship"*



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Interview Program

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WBGO-FM - *"SportsJam with Doug Doyle: Groundbreaking jockey Emma-Jayne Wilson"*

Second Place

WBGO-FM - *"SportsJam with Doug Doyle: Actor and Broadway star Norbert Leo Butz"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WYPR 88.1 - *"Baltimore-born Cass Elliot: Rock star, devoted mom, independent thinker"*

Second Place

Public Radio Tulsa/KWGS News - *"Outgoing Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum reflects on immigration, struggle for racial equity during term"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUER's State Street - *"In laws and deeds, Utah wants to protect its kids"*

Second Place

WGNU Public Media - *"How the role of U.S. President has evolved from what the founders intended into what it is today"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WPLN-Nashville Public Radio - *"This Is Nashville: Pat Boone"*

Second Place

Michigan Public - *"The Dish: European form means East Asian flavor at Q Bakehouse"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WUNC - *"Embodied - Signed: How ASL Became A Language Of Resistance"*

Second Place

Connecticut Public - *"Disrupted: The power of books in prison with poet Reginald Dwayne Betts"*



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Investigative Reporting

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WMRA - *“Virginia cuts essential patient care software provided to local EMS”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNR - *“Reno pastor endorses Republicans in violation of IRS rules”*

Second Place

West Virginia Public Radio - *“Dark Money Group Spins Local Election In National Initiative To Help Big Pharma”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Texas Public Radio - *“Concussions, bruises, bite marks: Special education teachers say they often get hurt at work”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Side Effects Public Media - *“Indianapolis police use excited delirium to explain in-custody deaths. It s a debunked diagnosis”*

Second Place

WFYI - *“When two Indianapolis teens lost their mother, Habitat for Humanity tried to foreclose on their home”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Colorado Public Radio - *“Cash for Caring: Unlicensed, inexperienced providers take on mental health and addiction in Denver”*

Second Place

KERA - *“Deadly Pursuits”*



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Multimedia

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

West Virginia Public Radio - *“West Virginia Eastern Panhandle Election Coverage”*

Second Place

WGLT - *“‘We built a community’: Bloomington's yearlong homeless encampment is gone”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

New England Public Media - *“Red in a Blue State: Stories from the 2024 RNC”*

Second Place

Boise State Public Radio - *“‘Mind Matters’ Instagram Series”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Indiana Public Broadcasting News - *“Can you survive Indiana's legislative session: The game”*

Second Place

WUSF Public Media - *“Hurricane Season 2024”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WBUR - *“Last Seen's Postmortem: The Stolen Bodies of Harvard”*

Second Place

WBEZ, Chicago Public Media - *“Learning how to manage a migrant wave”*



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Narrative/Produced Program

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

KAWC - *“Arizona Edition: RCBH holds the line on migrant street releases in Yuma, but for how long?”*

Second Place

Tri States Public Radio - *“Welcome to Forgottonia: The Anonymous Donor”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

Arizona Public Media - *“Tapped: Season 3”*

Second Place

WYSO - *“The Ohio Country Episode 2: Rewriting the narrative”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WVXU - *“Backed Up”*

Second Place

Boise State Public Radio - *“Extremely American podcast”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Maine Public - *“Breakdown: Turning Anguish Into Action”*

Second Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *“We Live Here: 10 Years After the Ferguson Uprising”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KUOW - *“Lost Patients”*

Second Place

Connecticut Public - *“In Absentia (Episode 1): Wiretapped”*



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Narrative/Produced Program (continued)

Independent Division

First Place

Out There - *“Rekindling the Spark”*

Second Place

Nuance Tales/WFAE - *“Landslide”*



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National Feature

All Divisions

First Place

WFYI - *“Why this neurosurgeon chose to stay in his beloved Gaza and why he left”*

Second Place

Texas Public Radio - *“World's first ultra-accessible theme park in Texas expands to adaptive salon and hotel”*

National News Coverage

All Divisions

First Place

WUWM - *“WUWM 2024 National Election Coverage”*

Second Place

WYSO - *“Some Haitians in Ohio are leaning on their faith and finding surprise support”*



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News Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

Indiana Public Radio - *"Indiana suing an apartment owner for abandoning renters in Anderson"*

Second Place

90.3 KAZU - *"A 150-foot section of the iconic Santa Cruz wharf collapsed into the ocean"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *"The long entanglement and short life of right whale 5120"*

Second Place

WSKG - *"After Weis closure, some residents on Binghamton's Southside are living without a grocery store"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

New England Public Media - *"'Another level of coverup': How a Mass. law prevents clergy abuse survivors from getting justice"*

Second Place

Texas Public Radio - *"Texas is set to execute a man based on debunked 'shaken baby syndrome'"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WXXI - FM - *"Deaf residents are suing Brighton. They say the police are discriminating against them"*

Second Place

Michigan Public - *"A wrongful conviction, and a Detroit serial rapist who stayed free: Here's how it happened"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Vermont Public & Seven Days - *"A week inside Vermont's busiest courthouse reveals a judicial system plagued by delays"*



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News Feature (continued)

Second Place

Texas Standard - *“The future of agriculture in Texas”*



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News/Public Affairs Program

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

KGNU - *“As the KKK reached its peak in Colorado, the Lincoln Hills Resort was a haven for Black culture”*

Second Place

KAWC - *“Arizona Edition Friday: Ag-pilots, the ACA in AZ, San Luis church lawsuit”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNM FM - *“Let's talk about public safety”*

Second Place

WYPR 88.1 - *““The cheapest insurance you can have” says head of UMD Shock Trauma”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

North Country Public Radio - *“Northern Light 2/15/24”*

Second Place

WGPU Public Media - *“Southwest Florida In Focus: December 20, 2024”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

VPM News Focal Point - *“Debt”*

Second Place

KJZZ News - *“KJZZ's “The Show” (November 27, 2024)”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Ideastream Public Media - *“Northeast Ohio Jewish and Palestinian leaders reflect on one year since Israel-Hamas war began”*

Second Place

WHYY News - *“VP candidate watch: Pa. Gov. Josh Shapiro s impact in Pa. and beyond”*



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Newscast

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

Indiana Public Radio - *"Morning Edition Newscast - April 11, 2024, 05:31 AM"*

Second Place

KAXE/KBXE - *"Up North Report - Feb. 13, 2024"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *"Snowstorm Newscast - 4pm, Feb 13, 2024"*

Second Place

KLCC - *"KLCC newscast: February 13, 2024"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WVXU - *"WVXU newscast, July 24, 2024"*

Second Place

WWNO/WRKF - *"October 18, 2024 Newscast"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KJZZ News - *"KJZZ Newscast - Vian (April 11, 2024)"*

St. Louis Public Radio - *"St. Louis Public Radio July 24 morning newscast"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KERA - *"Newscast Mix"*

Second Place

Connecticut Public - *"Connecticut Public's 'Morning Edition' with Lori Mack"*



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Series

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

KCBX - *“Breaking the Cycle”*

Second Place

WMUK-FM - *“Meet the rural Democrats of Southwest Michigan; Meet the Urban Republicans of Southwest Michigan”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

KBIA FM - *“The Next Harvest”*

Second Place

Mountain West News Bureau - *“Navajo Electrification”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WVIA News - *“RECIPES OF THE REGION: A Taste of Home”*

Second Place

The Public's Radio - *“Washout: Our vanishing beaches”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KJZZ News - *“Policing the Police”*

Second Place

Louisville Public Media with Jon Cherry - *“Redefining hospitality: The Louisville hotel helping people go from the streets to housing”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

WBUR - *“In Pursuit Of Home”*

Second Place

KUT FM - *“Civics 101”*



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2025 PMJA Awards (for work completed in 2024)

Special Coverage 2024 Election

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

Alabama Public Radio - "...a U.S. House seat, if you can keep it."

Second Place

WMUK-FM - "Election 2024 coverage"

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WHRO - "Democracy at Work"

Second Place

KNAU Arizona Public Radio - "Navajo horseback group gets out the vote on five-day ride"

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

WAMU-FM - "Special Coverage 2024 Election"

Second Place

The Public's Radio - "The Public's Radio Coverage: Elections 2024"

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUWM - "WUWM Election Coverage"

Second Place

Michigan Public - "What the Vote"

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Minnesota Public Radio - "MPR News: Democratizing Electoral Information Through Innovative Voter Guides"

Second Place

Vermont Public - "Vermont Public's Citizens Agenda"



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Sports Feature

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

90.3 KAZU - *"Santa Cruz startup hopes 3D printed recycled surfboards will take off"*

Second Place

KCBX - *"Rugby Roots: SLO Women's Rugby celebrates 20 Years of breaking barriers"*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WYPR 88.1 - *"Pickleball players volley for more courts in Baltimore County"*

Second Place

Mountain West News Bureau - *"People are bucking stereotypes and creating safe spaces at the longest running gay rodeo"*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *"A French baker, 31 dogs and a giant blue bus train in the Upper Green for an upcoming sled dog race"*

Second Place

WVXU - *"This para athlete can't train when it rains. 3 UC students want to change that"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KJZZ News - *"Some say Title IX changes will hurt women's sports. Supporters say protections bigger than athletics"*

Second Place

Hawaii Public Radio - *"Molokai channel races reflect cultural traditions and family ties to paddling"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Ideastream Public Media - *"You can't watch a game that way. Play-by-play delay fouls up Guardians games for visually impaired"*

Second Place

Connecticut Public - *"'Give them hope': A pickleball program inside a CT prison helps incarcerated people find self-worth"*



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Spot News

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WUGA - *“Winder shooting takes heavy toll on Latino community”*

Second Place

KAXE/KBXE - *“Crosslake City Council changes course on absentee ballots”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *“Wind farm debris on Nantucket beaches causes high-summer pain”*

Second Place

KMUW - *“Student transgender protest”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

KNKX - *“Thousands of Boeing factory workers remain on strike after union rejects latest contract offer”*

Second Place

WFDD - *“New mural honors pioneering music group The '5' Royales”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

KUNC - *“Great American Beer Fest puts the hops back into a flat outlook on the industry”*

Second Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *“Solar eclipse plunges Illinois and Missouri into darkness as the celestial spectacle dazzles”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

Connecticut Public - *“At a Connecticut playground, a new art exhibit calls attention to gun violence, one name at a time”*

Second Place

Connecticut Public - *“‘Sick of it’: After killings of mother and infant, Hartford advocates call for an end to violence”*



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Student Feature

All Divisions

First Place

WUNC - *“Asphalt Oceans: How Durham is working to make roads safer”*

Second Place

Boise State Public Radio - *“No one ever offered this opportunity: West Boise YMCA provides swim lessons to Muslim refugee women”*

Student News Feature

All Divisions

First Place

Illinois Public Media - *“Accessibility blocked: U of I senior dropped disability studies minor over inaccessible bathrooms”*

Second Place

KUNM FM - *“Native American voters weigh in on this election”*

Student Program

All Divisions

First Place

WFUV - *“New York City Whale Watching Tours Aim to Protect”*

Second Place

KALW Public Media - *“tbh: Land Back: A Fight for Reparations and Recognition”*

Student Spot News

All Divisions

First Place

WUFT-FM - *“Newberry Tempers Flare”*

Second Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *“Palestinian toddler injured in Gaza comes to St. Louis for medical treatment”*



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Use of Sound

Division A (0 to 3 newsroom staff)

First Place

WPSU-FM - *“Worried about gas stoves? State College induction cooking class explores an alternative”*

Second Place

WUFT-FM - *“Inside the grassroots plant rescue ops to save Florida’s native species”*

Division B (4 to 7 newsroom staff)

First Place

WCAI/WNAN - *“Hearing Jimmy Carter’s voice, as a student in Hyannis, elevated her own”*

Second Place

West Virginia Public Radio - *“Everybody Gone Surfing, Surfing W.Va”*

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Wyoming Public Radio - *“Beavers do it best. Humans recreate the animal’s engineering to restore a waterway in Sweetwater”*

Second Place

KUER - *“A student orchestra experience rooted in rural Utah is here to bring the music”*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

Iowa Public Radio - *“A broad search for the perfect sound”*

Second Place

St. Louis Public Radio - *“St. Louis composer uses sounds of nature in an urgent warning about climate change”*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KUT FM - *“Meet the chirping frogs of Austin. They’re all around, but you never see them.”*

Second Place

Texas Standard - *“Remembering Johnny Canales”*



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Visual Storytelling

Division C (8 to 15 newsroom staff)

First Place

Illinois Public Media - *"State of Change: Invasives in Illinois"*

Second Place

WAMU-FM - *"Photographer's Notebook: Black Rodeo Rides Into Prince George's County"*

Division D (16 to 29 newsroom staff)

First Place

New Hampshire Public Radio - *"Failures to Act"*

Second Place

Maine Public - *"Maine Explained"*

Division E (30 or more newsroom staff)

First Place

KPBS Public Media - *"Stripper Energy"*

Second Place

Colorado Public Radio - *"There are too many wild horses on too little land. Here's how they're thinning a herd in Colorado"*