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LETTER FROM THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to historic Gotham Hall in New York City.

Welcome to one of the biggest nights of the year honoring outstanding, responsible journalism.

Welcome to the gala where the Radio Television Digital News Association – the world’s largest professional association devoted exclusively to broadcast and digital journalism – presents the Edward R. Murrow Awards, shining a spotlight on work of which Mr. Murrow would undoubtedly be quite proud.

You, the professional and student winners whose journalism during 2018 we honor this evening, are the best of the best. More than 120 awards will be presented out of a field of more than 4,600 entries – the third consecutive year we have set a record.

I firmly believe that we have entered another golden age of journalism.

I hope you are as proud of your national Murrow as I am. All across the country, and in many other nations of the world, journalists are risking their lives to obtain what Carl Bernstein has called “the best obtainable version of the truth,” and then are disseminating that truth to the public, all in an effort to serve the communities and audiences who watch, listen and read the stories they produce.

This continues to be a daunting time to be a journalist in America. Our work is being attacked not only by people who hold high public office on one end of the political spectrum, but by those seeking high public office from the center and other end of that spectrum.

Those attacks mean that we must continue doubling down on producing trustworthy journalism. They also mean that every single day, we must continue to do what I often admonish journalists across the country to do: Watch your backs, but don’t back down.

It is one of the greatest honors of my life to lead this organization; at no other time during the course of each year am I more proud of our profession than I am this evening.

Congratulations to all of the winners, tonight’s national honorees and the regional winners announced earlier this year. Please know that your and their work serve as an inspiration, a beacon, to other journalists who have devoted their careers and their lives to informing others.

Please have fun tonight. Enjoy your honor. Celebrate the honors of others. Tomorrow, return to your newsrooms to continue the never-ending task of seeking and reporting the truth. Nothing less than the future of our society demands it.

Godspeed, fellow journalists. Or, as Mr. Murrow would have said, “Good night, and good luck.”

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Digital News Organization – Large
The Seattle Times, Seattle

The Seattle Times 2018 portfolio of visually driven projects and video stories includes a hard-to-digest dive into America’s history of injustice, a look into the plight of the southern resident killer whales, character-driven short films about the strength and resilience of women and an interactive look at the fresh-hop harvest in central Washington.

The Texas Tribune
Digital News Organization – Small
The Texas Tribune, Austin, TX

In the last year, The Texas Tribune’s all-star cast of journalists combined unmatched daily reporting with ambitious investigative work that brought vital context to Texans about countless issues affecting their lives.

ABC News
Television – Network
ABC News, New York

ABC News was at the forefront of the biggest events, issues and cultural touchstones of the last 12 months with comprehensive, visceral reporting on breaking news stories, an unparalleled commitment to covering Washington D.C. during this divisive time, and a deep global perspective on the world in which we live.

CBS News Radio
Radio – Network
CBS News Radio, New York

CBS News Radio correspondents were on scene right after the tragic massacre in Parkland and as Hurricane Michael destroyed communities on the Gulf Coast, going back two months later. They travelled around the world to report live from Presidential summits in Singapore and Helsinki. They vividly described the elation as trapped soccer players emerged from a Thai cave and provided live coverage of Britain’s royal wedding.
Television – Large Market
KMGH-TV, Denver, CO

2018 was a transformative year for Denver7. Against the backdrop of loud cable voices, incendiary cable and web sites and the endless accusations of fake news, we launched our 360 style of reporting. Our customers made it loud and clear, they wanted a trustworthy, unbiased news outlet to give them multiple perspectives on important issues so they could form their own opinions. Our 360 reporting, combined with investigations that effect change and storytelling with heart, has set us apart and is resonating with Coloradans.

Radio – Large Market
WTOP-FM, Washington

WTOP Radio is Washington’s breaking news, traffic and weather station with a simple motto: First, get it right. Then, get it first. WTOP’s news team presents the news in a straightforward, unbiased manner. We craft stories that draw listeners in and leave them better informed across all platforms.

Television – Small Market
KRDO-TV, Colorado Springs, CO

It was an eventful year in Colorado Springs with numerous forest fires, two massive hail storms that caused millions of dollars in damage, and a police officer shooting. KRDO-TV led the coverage on all those events and featured hard hitting investigations like a contractor violating state laws.

Radio – Small Market
Vermont Public Radio, Colchester, VT

Vermont Public Radio’s entry for Overall Excellence included a podcast about an averted school shooting, an investigative series on three towns that issue a quarter of Vermont’s traffic fines, and a documentary about a Utah developer’s attempt to build an Utopian community in rural Vermont. The entry also highlights digital data from two political polls.
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Television – Network
NBC News, New York
Shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue

In a powerful split edition of NBC News' TODAY broadcast, Savannah Guthrie reports from Pittsburgh, speaking with members of the Tree of Life synagogue and emergency responders. Hoda Kotb and Craig Melvin Anchored from Studio 1A covering other news including package bomber, Cesar Sayoc’s first federal court appearance in Miami.

Radio – Network
CBS News Radio, New York
CBS World News Roundup

CBS World News Roundup offered on-scene overage as Hurricane Michael closed in on Florida’s Gulf Coast. The broadcast, co-anchored by correspondent Jeff Glor in Panama City Beach, included reports from four CBS News Correspondents in various locations along the Gulf Coast.

Television – Large Market
KPRC-TV, Houston
News at 6pm: Tragedy in Santa Fe

On May 18, 2018, tragedy struck when a gunman opened fire on students and teachers inside Santa Fe High School. Ten people were killed before the shooter was captured. Our team covered the story in a way that was both sensitive to the victims and informative to our viewers.

Radio – Large Market
KCBS-AM/FM, San Francisco
5pm News, November 8, 2018

KCBS Radio’s November 8, 2018 newscast, anchored by Jeff Bell and Patti Reising, was dominated by the destructive and fast-moving Camp Fire in Butte County where thousands had been evacuated from their homes. The award-winning segment also included reports about the memorial service for San Francisco Giants icon Willie McCovey, the death of a Napa woman at a mass shooting in Southern California and Governor-elect Gavin Newsom’s visit to a Tenderloin soup kitchen, where Newsom addressed both the wildfire and the mass shooting, as well as the station’s signature traffic and sports updates.

Television – Small Market
KATV-TV, Little Rock, AR
Deadly Bus Crash

This newscast demonstrates KATV’s ability to cover breaking news with team coverage. A special open set the tone for the top story, a fatal bus crash involving a youth football team. The show maintains high energy throughout with live shots, a popular weekly segment, and major national news.

Radio – Small Market
WCHS-AM, Charleston, WV
West Virginia Morning News

On February 22, 2018, a historic education workers strike began in West Virginia. Schools were closed in all 55 counties as 20,000 teachers and school personnel opted for picket lines instead of classrooms. The MetroNews Morning News had reporters throughout the state. Our news team staffed rallies, followed negotiators and was there when the governor announced a deal to end the strike on March 7, 2018.
Breaking News

Digital News Organization – Large
Newsy, Columbia, MO
Walkout

The lowest paid teachers in the nation are in the middle of a statewide walkout in Oklahoma. From crowded classrooms to a packed state capitol, Newsy offers an in-depth look as the teachers demand raises and change for education nationwide.

Digital News Organization – Small
The Texas Tribune, Austin, TX
Families Divided

The Tribune’s reporting on the migrant crisis revealed coercion by federal agents who wanted immigrants to sign voluntary deportation orders, government detention centers with long histories of problems including beatings and sexual assaults, and outright lies from an administration that publicly stated that immigrants who sought asylum at ports of entry would not be separated from their children.

Radio – Network
CBS News Radio, New York
Stoneman Douglas

CBS News Radio was on the air immediately after getting word of a school shooting in Parkland, Florida. Correspondent Peter King was the first network radio reporter at the school. They covered every angle of this tragic story and stayed with it in the days and weeks that followed.

Television – Large Market
KHOU-TV, Houston
Santa Fe School Shooting

A 17-year-old gunman walked into Santa Fe High School on May 18, 2018, with a shotgun and pistol, killing 10 people and injuring 13 more. KHOU 11 covered this breaking news shortly after police arrived early in the morning and into the late-night hours as the community mourned its losses.

Radio – Large Market
WTMJ-AM, Milwaukee
The Fire at Trinity Lutheran

In May 2018, a large fire broke out at the historic Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee. The WTMJ News Team went wall-to-wall with breaking news coverage as the fire blanketed the city in smoke and snarled traffic during the afternoon commute.

Television – Network
ABC News, New York
Hurricane Michael

ABC News’ thorough and visceral reporting of Hurricane Michael showed the world something that few would get the chance to experience – the worst hurricane in more than a century. Teams experienced ferocious winds from the eye wall, the most dangerous part of the storm, and struggled to stay on the air as hotel awnings collapsed and homes floated away before their eyes.

Television – Small Market
WISC-TV, Madison, WI
Sun Prairie Explosion

After an explosion rocked a community’s downtown, News 3 had all the most urgent information for our viewers. We continued with the most impactful stories about what happened, the investigation and the recovery. Our continuing coverage included our own efforts to help – with a telethon that raised more than $163,000 for those affected by the blast.
Radio – Small Market
WDEL-AM/FM, Wilmington, DE
Chemical Leak/Traffic Nightmare

WDEL is being honored for its coverage of a chemical plant leak and subsequent closure of the nearby Delaware Memorial Bridge. It happened on November 25, as thousands of people were planning to use the shuttered bridge on their way home from the Thanksgiving holiday – causing delays lasting several hours. WDEL Breaking News Reporter Mike Phillips delivered more than a dozen live reports during the course of the seven-hour event.

Digital News Organization – Large
ICIJ, NBC News, AP, and more the 50 media partners
Washington Implant Files

The Implant Files, the largest-ever collaborative health care investigation by journalists, sparked reforms by exposing the dark side of a global industry that pressures regulators to speed approvals, lower safety standards and cloak information, resulting in grisly accidents that have left thousands of patients disfigured, disabled or dead.

Digital News Organization – Small
Asbury Park Press, Neptune, NJ
Protecting the Shield

“Protecting the Shield” exposed how New Jersey officials systematically protected and covered-up the reckless behavior of rogue cops until they ended up beating, stalking and killing innocent victims. The Asbury Park Press’s two-year investigation exposed widespread police abuses that led to more than 150 deaths and injuries, and cost taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in secret settlements. The series sparked the attorney general to issue sweeping reforms across the state to identify and weed out bad cops before they harm others.

Television – Network
CBS News, New York
60 Minutes: Flying Under the Radar

“Flying Under the Radar” investigates the safety record of Allegiant Air, the small, ultra-low-cost airline based in Las Vegas. Steve Kroft and his producers analyzed thousands of documents and interviewed dozens of pilots, mechanics and industry experts for the report that exposed an alarming safety record of Allegiant’s fleet.
Radio – Network
NPR and PBS
Frontline, Salt Lake City
Coal’s Deadly Dust

This NPR/Frontline investigation of an epidemic of fatal lung disease among thousands of coal miners used decades of government data and memos to show officials knew for decades that coal miners were exposed to toxic silica dust, and were suffering from severe lung disease, but still failed to address silica exposure.

Television – Large Market
WXIA-TV, Atlanta
FLIPPED: Secrets Inside a Corrupt Police Department

A year-long investigation by a one-man-band investigative reporter revealed institutional and systemic failures inside a large Metro Atlanta police department. By cultivating internal police sources, Chief Investigator Brendan Keefe demanded hidden public records that resulted in the firing of multiple Roswell, Georgia officers, and the resignation of the police chief.

Radio – Small Market
KUNC-FM, Greeley, CO
Landlord Refuses Muslim Restaurant Owners

Investigative reporter Michael De Yoanna received a tip that a restaurant owner was denied rental space in Denver. Michael dug into legal filings and received recordings that backed up allegations of discriminatory behavior. Michael’s reporting set the news cycle as most state media outlets followed behind on the story.

Radio – Large Market
WGBH-FM and New England Center for Investigative Reporting, Boston
The Business of Illicit Massage

WGBH Radio and the New England Center for Investigative Reporting present, “The Business of Illicit Massage,” a five-part radio investigation into the proliferation of hundreds of illicit massage parlors and bodywork shops throughout Massachusetts and the country, and the controversial Yelp-like website for buyers of commercial sex. Our series looked specifically at a website called Rubmaps.com whose owners operate out of Cyprus and out of reach of U.S. authorities. The radio series, which premiered in January and was accompanied by a front-page article in the Boston Globe, was among the five most listened to reports of 2018 on WGBH Radio.

Television – Small Market
WPTA-TV, Fort Wayne, IN
Digging Deeper: Dying on the Job

“Digging Deeper: Dying on the Job” began as a probe into the death of a local factory worker. It developed into a wide-ranging multiplatform investigation that prompted the drafting and passage of two measures reforming Indiana law and addressing key concerns raised by the series.
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During the summer of 2018, The Intercept’s coverage of the family separation crisis included the first video of an immigrant family being reunited, after immigration authorities separated them at the border, and a video of U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents blocking immigrants from entering the country before they could claim asylum. A third film, titled “Family Faces Impossible Choice,” profiles an undocumented immigrant trying to locate his wife and daughter after they were separated.

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In this deeply reported series of exclusives and investigations, NBC Chief Foreign Correspondent Richard Engel and his On Assignment team go beyond everyday coverage of Russia to expose Vladimir Putin’s multi-faceted covert war on the West, in Syria, the UK and right at the heart of U.S. politics.

NBC News and MSNBC, New York
Putin’s Covert War

NPR reported extensively on the Trump administration’s family separation policy and on new limits to asylum protections. These stories poignantly revealed the impact on migrant parents and children, and examined the legal and political implications through interviews on all sides of the issues.

“Back of the Class” revealed alarming failures in Washington state’s special education program. We uncovered school districts routinely discriminate against students with disabilities. We found districts violating the civil rights of special education students by segregating them from non-disabled peers, illegally isolating children in closet-sized rooms and warehousing students with severe disabilities.

For months, KJZZ followed teachers through unpredictable news events. Coverage began with explaining the dismal funding teachers have faced, then continued by covering “walk-ins” where teachers protested outside of classrooms. When 50,000 teachers went on strike, reporters marched alongside them to get the best reporting and sound. KJZZ ensured coverage in far-flung places like the Navajo Nation and rural Arizona. Once the strike was over, KJZZ reported how the effects of the strike and budget played out in school districts many months later.
Television – Small Market
WRGB-TV, Schenectady, NY
CBS6: Schoharie Limo Crash

On Saturday, October 6, a stretch limo crashed in Schoharie, New York, killing twenty people. WRGB CBS6 devoted all its resources to covering this story in the weeks following the crash. Exclusive reporting included an interview with NTSB Chairman Robert Sumwalt, and details of a battle between NTSB and the Schoharie County DA over access to the limo.

Radio – Small Market
North State Public Radio, Chico, CA
After Paradise

After Paradise was a daily, half-hour special program created in the aftermath of the Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California’s history. The program used a public-powered journalism model to bring those who were displaced the latest information from government officials, rescue organizations, financial planners and trauma experts.

Digital News Organization – Large
Real America with Jorge Ramos, Doral, FL
Nicaragua’s Refugee Crisis

Nicaragua’s 2018 civic rebellion against the dictatorship of Daniel Ortega featured several pockets of armed resistance. Leading those efforts was a mysterious group called “Los Zetas,” who fled to Costa Rica after running out of bullets. In exile, the rebels joined a growing group of displaced Nicaraguans who want to go back and fight.

Digital News Organization – Small
The Texas Tribune, Austin, TX
Families Divided

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Television – Network
CBS News, New York
60 Minutes: Mancini’s Brain

“Mancini’s Brain” is the story of how one Army veteran’s suicide might unlock a mystery dating back to World War I. Researchers at the U.S. military’s medical school have now discovered the first evidence of physical brain damage from high explosives on the battlefield, linking it to PTSD.

Radio – Network
NPR, Washington
Why the Abortion Rate in Pakistan is one of the World’s Highest

Why is Pakistan’s abortion rate four times that of the U.S.? That’s the question NPR Islamabad correspondent Diaa Hadid set out to answer. A deeply conservative nation, Pakistan also has one of the highest birth rates in the world. The answers Diaa found painted a disturbing picture of desperate women, back-alley abortions, entrenched societal norms, dysfunctional government policies, and vague laws that hinder rather than help women’s reproductive needs.

Television – Large Market
KARE-TV, Minneapolis
Huppert Dairy

In 2018, Wisconsin lost more than 500 small dairies. One of them belonged to Jay and Lisa Huppert, third-generation custodians of a farm that had been in Jay’s family more than eight decades. It’s also the farm on which KARE reporter Boyd Huppert grew up. He returned to document Huppert Dairy’s final days.

Radio – Large Market
KPCC/LAist, Los Angeles
Why Do We Keep Building Homes in Places That Burned Down?

Every year in California, there seems to be a bigger, crazier, more destructive wildfire. And every year, thousands of new houses go up in their path. Shouldn’t we know better by now? Why do we keep building houses in places that are likely to burn? KPCC reporter Emily Guerin decided to find out by following a proposed development in a fire-prone area of Orange County.

Television – Small Market
WJRT-TV, Flint, MI
Born in to Crisis: Part Three

They were born as lead was discovered in Flint’s water and are the most vulnerable to exposure. We have shared their stories as they learned to crawl, walk and speak. Three years later, these children and their families are still living without clean tap water, trying to rise above the crisis.

Radio – Small Market
WVTF-FM and RadioIQ, Charlottesville, VA
Victims of Car Attack Prepare to Testify

When James Fields drove into a crowd of counter-protesters following a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, 32-year-old Heather Heyer was killed, and more than 30 others were hurt. As Fields went on trial, reporter Sandy Hausman profiled some of those who had survived massive injuries but were still in pain.
Television – Network
CNN, New York
*A Shadow Over Europe*

In Clarissa Ward’s series “A Shadow Over Europe,” she examines the startling numbers uncovered by CNN’s poll revealing that anti-Semitic stereotypes are alive and well in Europe, while the memory of the Holocaust is starting to fade. CNN travelled around Europe armed with this information, testing its conclusions and exploring its implications.

Radio – Network
 SERIAL Podcast, New York
*Serial Season Three*

Spending a year inside Cleveland’s criminal courts, Serial Season Three documents a world that’s often difficult to capture comprehensively: what justice means for most people in the criminal justice system. In a vivid and often shocking series, Serial tells the extraordinary story of ordinary cases.

Television – Large Market
WCVB-TV, Boston
*State Troopers, Supervisors Arrested in Overtime Scandal*

Dozens of members of the Massachusetts State Police are suspended, ten were criminally charged, and federal and state criminal investigations are continuing. This is all the result of an overtime scheme uncovered by 5 Investigates at WCVB. The scheme involved falsified citations and overtime pay for shifts that were never worked.

Radio – Large Market
WESA-FM, Pittsburgh
*The Past, Present, and Future of Abortion Rights in Pennsylvania*

Over a four-part series, WESA reporter Lucy Perkins examines abortion rights law in Pennsylvania, including health care prior to Roe v. Wade; how Pennsylvania’s anti-abortion-rights movement grew into a national one; the impact of the Casey case; and what would happen to Pennsylvania abortion access if Roe was overturned.

Television – Small Market
WCAX-TV, South Burlington, VT
*Battle Over Burn Pits*

Our investigation uncovered a potentially deadly threat to veterans, open-air burn pits used in war zones. We traveled to Afghanistan to embed with the Vermont National Guard. Many of the soldiers we interviewed got sick after their tour of duty and some died. Some call burn pits the new “Agent Orange.”

Radio – Small Market
Montana Public Radio, Missoula, MT
*Threshold Season Two: Cold Comfort*

What is the Arctic? How is it changing? Why does that matter to all of us? Those are the questions behind “Cold Comfort,” the second season of the public radio show and podcast Threshold. Listeners travel across the Arctic and get to know the world’s fast-warming region through the eyes of the people who live there.
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"The Office of Missing Children" is an animated short tracing the journey of a mother and son who were separated at the US-Mexico border. The bilingual video allows the family to tell their story in their own words with illustrations based on our extensive reporting and the boy’s own drawings.

A Utah man decided to respond to a suspicious Facebook message from a man in Liberia, Africa, never expecting it would turn into a friendship and partnership. Steve Hartman’s “On the Road” series traveled to West Africa to report on the international publishing enterprise formed by the unlikely pair.

After receiving a deportation order, Amanda Morales Guerra sought sanctuary in Manhattan’s Holyrood Episcopal Church. She and her children, who are U.S. citizens and leave the church to attend school, had been living there for months when Jonathan Blitzer visited them to discuss her forced seclusion and dreams for the future.

In 1972, 9-year-old Eddie Kron was struck and killed by a car in front of his mother and three siblings. “Eddie’s Sign” tells the story of a family still struggling, 46 years later, to process the loss – but for the first time beginning to communicate in a healing way.

This story traces the daily life of 14-year-old Caydden Zimmerman, who struggles to balance school work with homelessness. Caydden and his grandmother were evicted when their landlord opted to sell their home, and facing escalating rents in fast-growing Boise, the family had nowhere to go. You can hear Caydden’s grit, honesty and vulnerability in the story, which takes a surprise turn at the end.
In the 1990s, U.S. Border Patrol implemented policies that increased enforcement in urban areas, leading migrants to cross in remote, dangerous terrain. Since then, more than 3,000 human remains have been found in southern Arizona. Local artist Alvaro Enciso has made it his goal to remember and honor the lives of the migrants who have died in the Sonoran Desert.

Over a fifth of the people who call the Big Bend Region of West Texas home, are 65 or older. And many of them, at one point or another, will have to leave to seek healthcare. But why are there so few options — and who gets to die here?

“The Foreign Consultant” traces the spectacular rise and fall of Paul Manafort. It explores how he was corrupted by the trappings of wealth and the will to power, how he helped elevate a corrupt Ukrainian strongman, and how he positioned himself at the center of an American election as it was being corrupted by a foreign power.

Katie Meyler launched a charity in Liberia to save vulnerable girls from sexual exploitation. Then the girls were raped and exposed to HIV, and that was only the beginning. It’s a searing story, the first to apply a critical lens to More Than Me, demonstrating how little oversight had been given to the charity by its own board, the American and Liberian government, the aid community, and the press.
Television – Large Market
WFAA-TV, Dallas
Verify: Borderlands

On Verify Road Trip, host David Schechter takes viewers along on reporting trips. They get to see what he sees, ask their own questions and reach their own conclusions. In this documentary, David takes a politically conservative viewer to the US-Mexico border to explore the complexities of building more wall, as President Donald Trump has demanded.

Radio – Large Market
Texas Public Radio, San Antonio
Texas Matters: A Grim Look at Sex Trafficking

There are more than 300,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas, including almost 80,000 minors and youth victims, according to a study by the Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault at the University of Texas. Human sex trafficking is a multibillion dollar business that has made use of the open internet for marketing and recruiting of victims. This is a look at how sex is sold online, efforts to shut down those online sites, and how the traffickers adapt.

Television – Small Market
WGRZ-TV, Buffalo, NY
Seeking a Confession

WGRZ’s Steve Brown and Dave Harrington chronicled the effort of a man born in Western New York in 1945 to get the Catholic Church to admit a priest was his biological father. The 2018 documentary premiered on wgrz.com and aired on WGRZ in several parts, showcasing Jim Graham’s search for the truth.

Radio – Small Market
KETR-FM, Commerce, TX
For Many Black Texans, Grand Saline Embodies Racism. So is that Fair?

On an otherwise normal summer afternoon in 2014, a 78-year-old white Christian minister set himself on fire to protest the deeply racist reputation of Grand Saline, Texas – a reputation so pervasive and so ugly, most African-American Texans won’t even drive through. But is that what Grand Saline is really like?
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Digital News Organization – Large
Bleacher Report, New York
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An inspiring docu-series that connects everyday heroes — and their unforgettable narratives at the intersection of sports and society, from gun violence to gender — with all-star athletes to create life-changing moments and go viral for good.

Digital News Organization – Small
CIRCA, Arlington, VA
Playing Through the Pain

For cowboys competing in professional rodeo shows, injuries come with the territory. Concussions from horse races and broken bones from riding bulls are all part of the job. But with no guaranteed salaries and no health insurance, how long can these athletes play through the pain?

Television – Network
ESPN, Bristol, CT
SC Featured: Dave & Drago

Fenway Park is one of the most special places in sports. Since 2001 Head Groundskeeper Dave Mellor ensures that every blade of grass is perfect. He has tried to emulate that perfection repressing the emotions of life altering accidents that ultimately led to a devoted relationship with man’s best friend.

Radio – Network
ABC News, New York
America’s Next Pastime

Soccer had quite a year in 2018. It sprinted ahead of hockey, auto racing, golf and tennis in a popularity poll and now sits just two points behind baseball. Scott Goldberg explores soccer’s surging popularity in the U.S. and asks whether the world’s favorite pastime might soon be America’s.

Television – Large Market
WEWS-TV, Cleveland, OH
The Turn

Improving lives. This story means so much more than golf. It highlights people who are enduring the toughest challenges anyone could face. They’re overcoming those obstacles through a unique program. WEWS-TV follows the participants, dedicated staff and volunteers as they help people just trying to be “normal” again.

Radio – Large Market
ideastream, Cleveland, OH
Cleveland Softball Gets a Financial “Assist” from the Chinese

The Cleveland Comets is an American professional softball team where the players are all women, but the majority of the roster is made up of Chinese nationals. This story considers the cultural differences between those players and their fans; the economic challenges faced by women’s professional sports leagues; and the way in which that disparity has forced the team to innovate in order to stay financially viable.
Television – Small Market
KTVQ-TV, Billings, MT
Pursuit of Four

Charlie Klepps was a 3-time state championship wrestler coming into his senior year of high school. Brandon Sullivan followed him throughout his senior season as he looked to become Montana’s 32nd 4-time state champion and only the 2nd in his school’s history.

Radio – Small Market
WUFT-FM, Gainesville, FL
Overcoming Adversity Through Archery

A bow, arrow and practice are all an archer needs to succeed. However, archery can be a tough sport to master. It can take years of practice and hours on the range before athletes can shoot their way to the top. Gabriel George, 32, is an archer who is targeting a different goal. WUFT reporter, Meredith Sheldon, explores how this athlete is overcoming adversity through archery.
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SCRIPPS
Eleven examples of exceptional RFE/RL news reporting and journalistic skill were included in this entry. The multimedia package includes coverage of a historic revolution, a forgotten ghost town, penetrating investigations and exceptional visual storytelling. These stories are a testament to the excellence of RFE/RL’s broadcast and digital journalists working in some of the world’s most fraught and fascinating countries.

The second season of In the Dark, a podcast produced by APM Reports, investigated the case of Curtis Flowers, a black man on death row in Mississippi who’s been tried six times for the same crime. Reporters uncovered serious flaws in the case, and their findings were cited in briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court, which in June overturned Flowers’ conviction.

At NBC Bay Area, we strive to provide our audience with the best multimedia experience through creative storytelling. From the deadly California wildfires to investigating possible nuclear contamination at a Naval shipyard to reporting on the high cost of living in the Bay Area, our innovation team is trailblazing new ways to meet the growing and shifting needs of our audience.

The Dec. 2, 2015 shooting of Mario Woods by five San Francisco police officers, captured on cell phone video, devastated the city and began an era of police reform. KQED’s reporting spans the scope of that era, chronicling the aftermath and impact of Woods’ death over the past three and a half years.

Infographics, interactive timelines, data visualizations and in-depth digital stories come together to highlight how KSLA brings stories to life on screens of all sizes. From explanatory reporting on the Louisiana legislature to conversation-starting social media videos, this entry shows how multimedia can provide vital context to local news.

Marfa Public Radio’s use of multimedia in 2018 complimented the enterprise reporting done at the station. From photography and live videos — Marfa Public Radio effectively told the stories of West Texas. Additionally, the station’s website alone is effective at disseminating the latest information our visitors need.
Digital News Organization – Large
Caliphate

In the war on terror, who is it that we’re really fighting? “Caliphate” is a documentary audio series from The New York Times that follows Rukmini Callimachi, who covers terrorism for The Times, on her quest to understand ISIS.

Digital News Organization – Small
ProPublica, New York
Zero Tolerance

When ProPublica published a secret recording from inside a Border Patrol detention center, it immediately impacted the contentious “zero tolerance” policy debate that had so far been short on input from those with the most at stake: immigrant children.

Television – Network
CNN, New York
Anthony Bourdain Parts Unknown

“This is a show about a very special place. A very special time. And some very special people. So much happened—so much began—on New York’s Lower East Side”. - Anthony Bourdain

Radio – Network
Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting and PRX, Emeryville, CA
Silicon Valley Diversity Choir

To tell the story of racial and gender disparities in the San Francisco Bay Area’s tech sector, Reveal invited fans and friends to lend their voices to investigative reporting. The result was the Silicon Valley diversity choir, which helped convey statistics in an emotionally engaging way by sonifying the data.

Television – Large Market
WDIV-TV, Detroit, MI
Criss-Cross Crash

WDIV Video Journalists Alex Atwell and Hans Ihlenfeldt capture figure-eight racing with school buses and boats at the Flat Rock Speedway in Michigan. “Criss-Cross Crash” is an exceptional experience that brings the viewer onto the track using several cameras, multiple microphones and sounds of the crowd’s reaction.

Radio – Large Market
Michigan Radio, Ann Arbor, MI
Mornings in Michigan: The Early Birder Gets the Warblers, Chickadees, and Orioles

This sound-rich piece follows a group of birders on a hike to see migrating birds arriving in Michigan, and immerses the listener in the sounds of early morning. You feel like you’re on the walk as you hear the sounds of warblers, buntings and other birds, and the excited birders themselves spotting their favorite species.

Television – Small Market
Hawaii News Now, Honolulu
The Battle for On-Street Parking

The city removed more than 250 on-street parking spaces in town. Now there’s a battle brewing between drivers and cyclists over some of the most coveted real estate in Honolulu.

Radio – Small Market
Wyoming Public Radio, Laramie, WY
Scientists Race to Research Stonefly Species Threatened by Climate Change

Scientists know very little about an aquatic species that is threatened by climate change.
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EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL MEDIA
Honduran asylum-seeker Anita and her five-year-old son, Jenri, were forcibly separated at the U.S.-Mexico border. Thanks to a pro bono lawyer, Jodi Goodwin, who aggressively advocates for their release from their respective ICE detention centers, Anita and Jenri are reunited after a month apart. But the damage has been done.

Deftly integrating text and video, Banished reveals the day-to-day reality of homeless sex offenders in Miami-Dade County, and asks: What does it mean to live in a society that no longer wants you?

Adayanci Pérez is one of more than 2,500 children that were separated from their families at the border by the U.S. government as part of the Zero Tolerance policy. This 6-year-old Guatemalan girl was away from her family for three and a half months. Before going back, she was diagnosed with acute trauma and PTSD. She was never the same when she returned.


Five Points is a special place full of amazing people. It's a community overflowing with history, culture and character. And now that this Denver neighborhood is experiencing a constant barrage of development and gentrification, many here are hoping that its legacy can be preserved.

Award-winning broadcast reporter leaves his full time job in San Francisco to be closer to family in the East. Mike Sugerman created “The Sweet Spot” a slice of life story telling series that digs into the people and places that make New York special.
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EXCELLENCE IN VIDEO (CONTINUED)

Television – Small Market
WHO-TV, Des Moines, IA
Pipe Dream

Three years may sound like a long time to gather a single local TV news story. To Lynn Dobson, that’s about long enough to settle on an idea. This piece chronicles one of the world’s most magnificent musical instruments built in one of the smallest towns in rural America. Its destination is the stuff of dreams.

Radio – Small Market
Maine Public Radio, Lewiston, ME
The Rockpile: Mount Washington Weather Observatory

The Northeast’s tallest peak is the site of the Mount Washington Weather Observatory, home of the world’s worst weather. MWOBS conducts vital weather research and provides critical weather forecasts for people and businesses in the White Mountains and beyond. These intrepid scientists and volunteers live and work atop the “Rockpile.”

EXCELLENCE IN WRITING

Digital News Organization – Large
The Dallas Morning News, Dallas
Standoff

Standoff tells the inside story of how SWAT officers cornered and killed a gunman who murdered five police officers and disappeared inside a Dallas college building on July 7, 2016.

Digital News Organization – Small
Honeyguide Media, Suffern, NY
BRIGHT Magazine

BRIGHT Magazine was dedicated to better storytelling about international development and social impact. Guided by five values: stories should (when possible) be solutions-oriented, jargon-free, diverse, provocative, and creative. Three stories were included in this entry: “Home Is Where the ‘Vogue’ Is,” “OMG Jordan, Is this like a rape situation?” “I have no memory,” and, “In Case ICE Comes Knocking, What Happens to the Kids?” BRIGHT Magazine closed July 2019.
Television – Network
CBS News, New York
On the Road: A Facebook Message that Sparked Hope

A Utah man decided to respond to a suspicious Facebook message from a man in Liberia, Africa, never expecting it would turn into a friendship and partnership. Steve Hartman’s “On the Road” series traveled to West Africa to report on the international publishing enterprise formed by the unlikely pair.

Radio – Network
NPR, Washington
Wildfires Razed California Neighborhoods But What About Untouched Homes?

Leila Fadel’s poignant piece on families devastated by wildfires in and around Paradise, California, demonstrated that even for those whose homes were not destroyed in the flames, the loss of community is heartbreaking and life-changing. While many called them lucky, they said their blessing was also a curse. How could they return to a place that was rubble and ash?

Television – Large Market
KARE-TV, Minneapolis
Boyd Huppert

A community of teens coming to the aid of an immigrant store owner, a farmer’s hockey rink legacy carried on by his wife and kids, and a personal farewell to a third-generation dairy farm. Each story poignant in its own way and told through the writing of Boyd Huppert.

Radio – Large Market
Nashville Public Radio, Nashville, TN
Blake Farmer

Physician suicides, sober festival-goers and dementia caregivers provide prime material for Blake’s broadcast writing to shine. Hallmarks of his style include turns of phrase, interplay with the tape and a provocative surprise. He hopes that listeners don’t even notice the writing but rather remember the stories.

Television – Small Market
WEHT-TV, Henderson, KY
The Reverend and the Politician

It was one of the greatest speeches of the 20th century – the words of Bobby Kennedy in a racially volatile neighborhood in Indianapolis the night Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis, TN. Kennedy is credited with saving Indianapolis from the violence that raged through major cities across America that night.

Radio – Small Market
KLCC-FM, Eugene, OR
Writing Samples for Brian Bull

Broadcast writing is best when engaging, concise, and illuminating. Whether it’s a March for Our Lives rally, a Blockbuster Video becoming the last one in the U.S., or a rage room exploding with debris (and laughter), KLCC’s Brian Bull routinely undertakes the challenge to share stories effectively with our audience.
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Artists see beyond walls, across divides, around corners. Through their eyes, we understand the world in new, clearer way. TIME’s “Guns in America” special issue takes a most controversial subject and turns it into a true conversation piece, thanks to the vision and direction of renowned French artist, JR.

“Poisoned Cities, Deadly Border,” reveals how pollution makes people sick and leads to deaths along the U.S.-Mexico border, how the pollution is tied to the rise of manufacturing in Mexicali, and how government regulators are failing to address the crisis. To encourage readers to engage with the material, we created a unique experience that asked, “How much time do you have?” then presented text, interactive graphics, photo galleries and both long-form and 360 videos tailored to the response.

It’s been more than a decade since Postville, a small town in Iowa, went through one of the largest immigration raids at a workplace in U.S. history. As Donald Trump revives some aspects of George W. Bush’s immigration enforcement policies, the Postville experience sheds light on the impact, efficiency and repercussions of massive workplace raids.

In 2016, WSB’s 30-year Washington Correspondent Jamie Dupree was diagnosed with a rare neurological condition which robbed him of his voice. Cox Media Group news staff and tech gurus discovered and helped develop a pioneering voice synthesis technology, dubbed “Jamie 2.0”, which empowered his return to the air.
EXCELLENCE IN INNOVATION (CONTINUED)

Television – Small Market
WGME-TV, Portland, ME
Mobile Green Screen Magic

WGME is honored to receive the Edward R. Murrow award for Excellence in Innovation. Winning this category for our mobile green screen is a tribute to the dedication and flawless execution of every department in our newsroom. We are incredibly proud of our team’s ability to continually raise the bar of expectation.

Radio – Small Market
KUNR-FM and Noticiero Móvil, Reno, VA
KUNR’s Spanish/English Bilingual Content

KUNR Public Radio and Noticiero Móvil, a multimedia outlet run by the Reynolds School of Journalism, have created an innovative partnership to create bilingual content, including radio stories in English and digital content in both English and Spanish. We co-mentor college reporters to report stories for the Latinx community.

EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL MEDIA

Digital News Organization – Large
The Boston Globe, Boston

The Boston Globe’s 2018 social media content included using Instagram to highlight abuses in the modelling industry, using Instagram’s AMA (ask me anything) feature to reach young midterm voters, a Reddit AMA on Aaron Hernandez, and launched a nationwide initiative with more than 350 editorial boards to reaffirm the importance of the free press.

Digital News Organization – Small
The Texas Tribune, Austin, TX

Families Divided
The Tribune’s reporting on the migrant crisis revealed coercion by federal agents who wanted immigrants to sign voluntary deportation orders, government detention centers with long histories of problems including beatings and sexual assaults, and outright lies from an administration that publicly stated that immigrants who sought asylum at ports of entry would not be separated from their children.
Television – Network
CNN, New York
*CNN Digital*

1 Publisher. 7 Days. 10 Platforms. 38 Social Accounts. 5,000 + Posts. This is CNN Social. CNN is one the largest and most engaged social brands in the world, but scale isn’t always everything. 2018 was the year of listening to our audience and interacting with our audience, bringing them into the conversation and our reporting.

Radio – Network
*Reveal from the Center for Investigative Reporting and PRX, Emeryville, CA*
*Kept Out*

Reveal’s audience-centered approach to “Kept Out” demonstrated a commitment to telling impactful stories in innovative ways. Across conventional social media channels – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Reddit – and through a custom text-messaging tool of our own design, we targeted the communities most profoundly affected by the issues we investigated.

Television – Large Market
*WFXT-TV, Dedham, MA*
*Merrimack Valley Explosions*

When excessive pressure in natural gas lines instigated a series of explosions in the Merrimack Valley region of Massachusetts, people turned to Boston 25 News on all screens for important safety information. As Boston TV’s social media leader, we take that responsibility seriously, streaming our coverage on Facebook live as we knew so many impacted were evacuated from their homes and looking for life-saving information. Our videos were viewed 5.72 MILLION times. We made posts with shelter locations, what the notices on their homes meant, and showed the important work of first responders.

Radio – Large Market
*KQED-FM, San Francisco, CA*
*The Hustle: A Snapshot of Artists’ Money in the Bay Area*

KQED Arts’ The Hustle, shed light on how artists manage to live—and stay—in the pricey Bay Area. Earning the trust of creative “hustlers,” KQED Arts produced original by-the-numbers graphics and stories that tapped into the transparency of artists’ finances. The Hustle included six feature articles, a robust social media campaign, online survey and follow-up report that included graphs and advice from fellow artists, lifting the taboo of talking about money among the Bay Area creatives.

Television – Small Market
*WROC-TV, Rochester, NY*

From breaking news coverage of a police shootout to intense weather changes, to celebrating moments like a local waterfall or someone caught air drumming, NEWS 8 constantly taps into the pulse of our community with engaging social media content. We’re proud to continue our 70-year tradition of quality journalism.

Radio – Small Market
*Marfa Public Radio, Marfa, TX*

Marfa Public Radio used social media in 2018 as a tool to serve our community and as an extension of our on-air reporting. Through Facebook, we provided updates on wildfires and immigration protests. On Instagram, we reached out for remembrances of loved ones for día de los muertos.
Excellence in Video Newscast
University of Southern California Annenberg Media,
@USCAnnenberg
Annenberg TV News - November 12, 2018

This 30-minute newscast provided live, comprehensive coverage of the deadly Southern California Woolsey fire that destroyed homes and forced the evacuation of thousands of people. Reporters talked with residents, volunteers who joined the firefight, students ordered to shelter in place, and those who provided refuge for animals.

Excellence in Video Reporting
Montclair State University,
@MontclairSCM
Montclair News Lab: Mission to Puerto Rico

This edition of Montclair News Lab traveled with a team of students and faculty from Montclair State University to Puerto Rico to report on the effects of Hurricane Maria six months after the ravaging storm. Students researched, reported and acted as videographers and editors on these stories of resilience, recovery, and hope.

Excellence in Audio Newscast
University of Southern California Annenberg Media,
@USCAnnenberg

From Where We Are: November 8, 2018

This episode of From Where We Are goes deep into the previous day’s mass shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in which 13 people died. Reporters covered every angle – with live reports from the scene, reaction from the community, and stories about the suspect, the victims and law enforcement efforts.

Excellence in Audio Reporting
Elissa Candiotti, NCC News, Syracuse University,
@NCCNews
SU Students Learn Life Lessons as They Help in Puerto Rico Recovery

In the aftermath of Hurricane Maria, a group of Syracuse University students traveled together to Puerto Rico to assist in relief efforts. This mission, held during the holiday season, led them to the best present of all: the gift of giving. Elissa Candiotti reports for NCC News.

Excellence in Digital Reporting
News21- Walter Cronkite School of Journalism,
@news21
Hate in America

“Hate in America,” an investigation examining intolerance, racism and hate crimes, is the 2018 project of the Carnegie-Knight News21 program, a national multimedia reporting project produced by the nation’s top journalism students and graduates. This year, 38 students from 19 universities traveled to 36 states, including a 7,000-mile road trip around the country. They conducted hundreds of interviews, reviewed thousands of court documents, FBI data and interviewed more than 300 people.
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