Finalists have been announced in the 2017 Chesapeake Associated Press Broadcasters Association contest.

The list of finalists is in random order. The awards in actual order of finish – first and second places – will be announced at the CAPBA Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 2, at The Dunes Manor Hotel in Ocean City, Md.

Twenty-one stations in Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia submitted 248 entries in the contest, which featured news and sports stories from 2017.

Please review the finalists and contact Heidi Brown ([hbrown@ap.org](mailto:hbrown@ap.org)) or 434-465-0285 by **Monday, April 23**, to report any misspelled names, titles or other problems. Results may not be publicized until the winners are announced on Saturday, June 2.

The Associated Press is a not-for-profit news cooperative representing 1,400 newspapers and 5,000 broadcast stations in the United States.

**Finalists in the 2017 Chesapeake AP Broadcasters Association contest:**

**TVI/LARGE MARKET:**

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** WBAL-TV, "Eastern Shore Tornado"; WUSA-TV, "Pomp and Protests: Inauguration Day 2018."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** WBFF-TV, "Death of Detective Suiter"; WRC-TV, "Congressional Baseball Shooting."

**Outstanding News Series:** Joy Lambert and Clint Jiras, WBFF-TV, "Season of Strength"; WBFF-TV, "Faking the Grade."

**Outstanding Photography (TV only):** Alanna Delfino, WBFF-TV; Ruth Morton, WBFF-TV.

**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** Lesli Foster, WUSA-TV, "Real Talk That Could Save a Life"; Darren Haynes, WUSA-TV.

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Stacey Woodward and Jason Newton, WBAL-TV, "State of Addiction"; WUSA-TV, "IMPACT: Feeding Our Children."

**Outstanding Specialty Reporting:** WRC-TV, "WRC Consumer Composite"; WUSA-TV, "WUSA\*9 Verify."

**Outstanding Documentary/In-depth Reporting:** Jayne Miller, WBAL-TV, "Baltimore Violence"; WBFF-TV, "Aftershock: Inside Baltimore's Violent Year."

**Outstanding Enterprise Reporting:** WRC-TV, “Tracking Troubled Teachers”;Joy Lepola-Stewart and Paul McGrew, WBFF-TV, “Killing Trail Crime.”

**Outstanding Sports Feature:** Morgan Adsit and Benjamin Worsley, WBFF-TV, "The Coaching Tree"; Jay Korff and Dwayne Myers, WJLA-TV, "Soccer Sisters."

**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story:** Jay Korff and Kevin Drennen, WJLA-TV, "A Means to Heal"; Adam Longo and Chris Mullen, WUSA-TV, "A Marine's Mysterious Death."

**Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster (TV only):** Doug Kammerer, WRC-TV; Jonathan Myers, WBFF-TV.

**Video Journalist/One Man Band Reporter (TV only):** Paul Gessler, WBFF-TV; Evan Koslof, WUSA-TV.

**Multimedia/Online Journalism (TV only):** Natalie Liu and Adam Greenbaum, Voice of America-TV, "Former Soviet Dissident: Foreign Policy Styled After Realpolitik ‘Absolutely Wrong’."

**Best Reporter:** Eric Flack, WUSA-TV; Carolyn Presutti, Voice of America-TV.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** WBAL-TV; WBFF-TV.

**Outstanding Website:** WBAL-TV; WRC-TV.

**Outstanding Newscast:** Christopher Berinato, WBFF-TV; WUSA-TV.

**Outstanding Digital News Project:** Molly McKitterick, Voice of America-TV, "Immigration, 2017 Year in Review."

**Outstanding Digital Feature Project:** Erica Jones and Teneille Gibson, WRC-TV, "Going to the Beach: Remembering Maryland's Black Beaches."

**Outstanding News Operation:** WRC-TV; WUSA-TV.



**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** No winner.

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** WMDT-TV, "Prison Hostage Situation Highlights Safety Concerns."

**Outstanding News Series:** No winner.

**Outstanding Photography (TV only):** Michael Bosley-Phillips, WMDT-TV; Taylor Rogers, WBOC-TV.

**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** No entries.

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Julian Sadur and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, "Breaking the Stigma"; Nicole Webb, WBOC-TV, "Hooked: Delmarva's Drug Crisis."

**Outstanding Specialty Reporting:** Ryan Eldredge and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, "Political Insider."

**Outstanding Documentary/In-depth Reporting:** Erica Murphy and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, "Murky Water in Pocomoke"; Julian Sadur and Mike Lawrence, WMDT-TV, "Warning Signs."

**Outstanding Enterprise Reporting:** Erica Murphy and B.L. Strang-Moya, WMDT-TV, "Bible Study Thief."

**Outstanding Sports Feature:** Dani Bozzini and Michael Bosley-Phillips, WMDT-TV, "Changing the Game"; Matt Pencek, WBOC-TV, "Beating the Odds."

**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story:** Dani Bozzini and Michael Bosley-Phillips, WMDT-TV, "Maple Elementary Drumline"; Jacqueline Karli and Taylor Rogers, WBOC-TV, "Freedom Rowers."

**Best Meteorologist or Weathercaster (TV only):** Daniel Johnson, WMDT-TV; Dan Satterfield, WBOC-TV.

**Video Journalist/One Man Band Reporter (TV only):** Justina Coronel, WMDT-TV, "Hospice Knitting"; Lissette Nunez, WMDT-TV, "Police Go Pink."

**Best Reporter:** Julian Sadur, WMDT-TV.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** Matt Pencek, WBOC-TV; WMDT-TV.

**Outstanding Website:** Kye Parsons, WBOC-TV; WMDT-TV.

**Outstanding Newscast:** Nicole Webb, WBOC-TV; WMDT-TV.

**Outstanding Digital News Project:** No entries.

**Outstanding Digital Feature Project:** No entries.

**Outstanding News Operation:** John Dearing and Ron Krisulevicz, WBOC-TV.

**RADIO I:**

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** WBAL-AM, "The Shooting of Detective Sean Suiter"; WMAL-AM/FM, "Congressional Baseball Practice Shooting."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** WTOP-FM, "Charlottesville Protests."

**Outstanding News Series:** Megan Cloherty, WTOP-FM, "Robo Rage"; J.J. Green, WTOP-FM, "Anatomy of a Russian Attack."

**Outstanding Use of Sound (Radio only):** No winner.

**Outstanding Talkshow (Radio only):** Tom Hall and Midday Staff, WYPR-FM, "Freddie Gray, 2 Years On: Baltimore Community Perspectives"; Mark Lewis, WTOP-FM, "Ask the Governor."

**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** Chris Core, WTOP-FM, "Core Values"; John Lee, WYPR-FM, "One Virginian's Take on Confederate Monuments."

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Jamie Forzato, WTOP-FM, "Hooked on Heroin: Deadlier Than Ever"; Amy Morris and Nathan Hager, Bloomberg 99.1, "Congressional Baseball Practice Shooting."

**Outstanding Specialty Reporting:** No winner.

**Outstanding Documentary/ In-depth Reporting:** Rachel Nania, WTOP-FM, "Child Care Crisis."

**Outstanding Enterprise Reporting:** Rachel Baye, WYPR-FM, "Maryland Poor Get Little Help on Child Care"; Megan Cloherty, WTOP-FM, "Carlos Bell."

**Outstanding Sports Feature:** John Domen, WTOP-FM, "Running for a Fallen Blue Angel"; Dick Uliano, WTOP-FM, "Soap Box Derby."

**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story:** Michelle Basch, WTOP-FM, "Survivor"; John Lee, WYPR-FM, "Farms That go "Boom" Annoying Neighbors in Baltimore County."

**Multimedia/Online Journalism (Radio only):** No winner.

**Best Reporter:** Michelle Basch, WTOP-FM, "Michelle Basch"; Megan Cloherty, WTOP-FM, "Megan Cloherty."

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** WTOP-FM.

**Outstanding Website:** WTOP-FM.

**Outstanding Newscast:** WBAL-AM; WTOP-FM.

**Outstanding Digital News Project:** No entries.

**Outstanding Digital Feature Project:** Jack Moore, WTOP-FM, "Amy Carter."

**Outstanding News Operation:** WTOP-FM.

**RADIO II:**

**Outstanding Spot News Reporting:** WDEL-FM/AM, "Trooper Shot"; WFMD-AM, "Muslim March."

**Outstanding Coverage of a Continuing Story:** WDEL-FM/AM, "Deadly Prison Riot"; WNAV-AM, "The Opioid Epidemic."

**Outstanding News Series:** Amy Cherry, WDEL-FM/AM, "Reading, Writing and Recovery"; Rob Petree, WXDE-FM, "Homeless in Sussex."

**Outstanding Use of Sound (Radio only):** Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, "July 4th in Ocean City."

**Outstanding Talkshow (Radio only):** Rick Jensen, WDEL-FM/AM, "The Rick Jensen Show"; Susan Monday, WXDE-FM, "Should Narcan Always be Used to Save an Addict's Life?"

**Outstanding Editorial or Commentary:** George Merrill, WSCL/WSDL, "All a Twitter"; George Merrill, WSCL/WSDL, "Levis, Fashion Statement."

**Outstanding Public Affairs:** Donna Cole, WNAV-AM, "1430 Connection"; Jane Schlegel, WNAV-AM, "Talk With - Jane Schlegel."

**Outstanding Specialty Reporting:** No entries.

**Outstanding Documentary/In-depth Reporting:** Amy Cherry and Joe Irizarry, WDEL-FM/AM, "County Council President Scandal"; Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, "Decoy Carving."

**Outstanding Enterprise Reporting:** Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, "Immigrants and Donald Trump."

**Outstanding Sports Feature:** Rob Petree, WXDE-FM, "From Wrestling Champ to Heroin Addict, a Father's Story of his Son's Struggle"; Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, "Softball for the Age."

**Outstanding Feature or Human Interest Story:** Amy Cherry, WDEL-FM/AM, "From Victim to Victor"; Don Rush, WSCL/WSDL, "San Domingo."

**Multimedia/Online Journalism (Radio only):** Donna Cole, WNAV-AM, "Kent Island Tornado"; Rob Petree, WXDE-FM, "Mothers Share Horror Stories of Life Inside Sussex County Motels."

**Best Reporter:** Amy Cherry, WDEL-FM/AM; Jane Schlegel, WNAV-AM.

**Outstanding Year-Round Local Sports:** Pete McLeod and Ed Lulie, WFMD-AM; WDEL-FM/AM.

**Outstanding Website:** WDEL-FM/AM; WFMD-AM.

**Outstanding Newscast:** Emil Gallina, WNAV-AM; WDEL-FM/AM.

**Outstanding Digital News Project:** No winner.

**Outstanding Digital Feature Project:** No winner.

**Outstanding News Operation:** WDEL-FM/AM; WNAV-AM.