

Maine Association of Broadcasters ~ 2018 News and Creative Awards

Best Use of Social Media - Entertainment Focus

Third place: WBZN ~ Sarah Nickerson

Second place: WGME / WPFO ~ Ariana St. Pierre, Matt Bourgault

First place: NEWS CENTER Maine ~ Dustin Wlodkowski, Liam Nee, Karen Schwarzer

Best Use of Social Media - News Focus

Third place: WNSX-FM ~ Bill DaButler, Vanessa Corey, Paul Dupuis, Natalie Knox

Second place: WGAN ~ Frankie Azzaratta, Kirk Dyson, Danny Martignetti, Jeff Pierce

First place: WGME / WPFO ~ Ariana St. Pierre, Matt Bourgault

Best Website

Third place: WGAN ~ Danny Martignetti, Jeff Pierce, Kirk Dyson, Frankie Azzaratta, Dan Cole

Second place: WCLZ-FM ~ Randi Kirshbaum, Brian Farrell

First place: WEZQ ~ Jeff Tuttle

Best Spot, Radio

Third place: WABK-FM ~ S&M Radiator 60 Solar Panel ~ Mark Matzell, Jack O'Brien

Second place: WNSX-FM ~ DEF YMCA--Summer Camp ~ Vanessa Corey

First place: WGAN-AM ~ Workgroup Tech Partners--Backed Up ~ Steve Schneider, Andy Pal, Kate Martin, Kym Dakin, Jack Eaton

Best Spot, TV

Third place: WCSH6 ~ Weirs—Lobstering ~ Jeffery Griffiths, Kyle Bourgoin

Second place: WLBZ ~ Discover Downtown Bangor ~ Rachel Epperly

First place: WCSH6 ~ Poland Spring--Companies that Care ~ Jeffery Griffiths, Kyle Bourgoin

Best Campaign, Radio

Third place: WFBF-FM ~ Wild Acadia Fun Park ~ Mandy Exly, Bruce Biette, Jolene Clay

Second place: WNSX-FM ~ Trenton Flooring--Mark Downs ~ Bill DaButler

First place: WPOR-FM ~ Lee's Family Trailer--Romance of the Road ~ Steve Schneider, Matt Barnard, Elizabeth Oberg, Randi Kirshbaum

Best Campaign, TV

Third place: WGME ~ Ruby's ~ Matt Perry, John Schrank, Sam Foster

Second place: WCSH6 ~ Modern Pest Services--Phrase of the Day ~ Kyle Bourgoin

First place: WCSH6 ~ Unum--Education Connects ~ Karen Schwarzer, Kyle Bourgoin

Self-promotion, Radio

Third place: WHSN ~ Dr. Science--WHSN Mobile App ~ Mark Nason, Max Nason, Kenneth Stack

Second place: WGAN ~ News Radio On The Free Tune-In App ~ Danny Martignetti

First place: WMPG ~ DJ Shaxx Presents ~ Bobby Shaddox

Self-promotion, TV

Third place: WVII/WFVX ~ Maine's Viking Penny ~ Kayla Fish, Jayson Maker

Second place: WLBZ ~ News Center Maine--More Trees ~ Rachel Epperly, Mark Parent, Kristina Rex

First place: WCSH6 ~ Storm Center Daycare ~ Karen Schwarzer, Jeff Pierce, Kyle Bourgoin

Self-promotion Campaign, Radio

Third place: WYNZ-FM ~ Rewind 100.9 Random Theme Weekends ~ Chuck Igo

Second place: WNSX-FM ~ Star 97.7's Trunk or Treat ~ Mark Osborne

First place: WMGX-FM ~ The Blake and Eva Show ~ Blake Hayes, Eva Matteson

Self-promotion Campaign, TV

Third place: WVII/WFVX ~ ABC News at 6 pm ~ Jayson Maker, Kayla Fish, Blake Lipton, Ashley Paul

Second place: WGME ~ CBS13 News at 7 ~ Dan Seaver, Dave Rawson, Joel Messer

First place: WMTW ~ Maine's Total Weather News Coverage ~ Matt Earl, Niki Turner

Best On-Air Contest, Radio

Third place: WGAN ~ Elite Airways Florida Flyaway Contest ~ Ken Altshuler, Matt Gagnon, Jeff Pierce, Danny Martignetti

Second place: WCLZ-FM ~ Bruce On Broadway ~ Randi Kirshbaum, Brian Farrell, Jen Sweeney

First place: WMGX-FM ~ Free Cleaning for a Year ~ Blake Hayes, Eva Matteson, Jonathan Hanst

Sports Feature, Radio

Third place: WZAN ~ Portland Sea Dogs New Manager Darren Fenster ~ Kirk Dyson

Second place: WEZQ ~ John Smith & Raheem Anderson: Best Friends ~ Dale Duff

First place: WEZQ ~ Bucksport QB Chase Carmichael ~ Dale Duff

Sports Feature, TV

Third place: NEWS CENTER Maine ~ "Mwwaaarrhhhmph!!!!" ~ Bill Green, Kirk Cratty

Second place: Maine Public Television ~ Sweep, Sweep, Sweep! ~ Brian Bechard

First place: Maine Public Television ~ The Kenduskeag ~ Brian Bechard

Sports Play-by-Play or Program, Radio

Third place: WHSN ~Husson University Eagles Women vs Castleton ~ Nick Blaszcak, Bryan Sidelinger

Second place: WEZQ ~ Houlton vs Dexter Girls Class B Regional Title Game ~ Dale Duff, Beth Staples

First place: WEZQ ~ Husson vs Mt Ida College Football ~ Clem Labree, Dale Duff

Sports Play-by-Play or Program, TV

Third place: WVII/WFVX ~ Friday Night Fast Break ~ Jon Alba, Andrew Badillo

Second place: Maine Public Television ~ 2018 Maine High School Basketball Championships ~ Nick Godfrey, Dave Cheever, Nick Pelotte, Nick Woodward

First place: WABI ~ Class C High School Football State Championship ~ Jon Small, Eric Gullickson

Public Service, Sponsored, Radio

Third place: WEZQ ~ 5th Annual Sports Hero's Awards ~ Dale Duff

Second place: WNSX-FM ~ Dress Rehearsal ~ Natalie Knox

First place: WMGX-FM ~ Breast Cancer Survivors ~ Blake Hayes, Eva Matteson, Lindsey Alena

Public Service, Sponsored, TV

Third place: WLBZ ~ Open Arms Support Group--Stanley Subaru ~ Myk Kasprzak, Ryan Street, Susan Busque

Second place: WGME ~ Take Action Maine ~ Matt Perry, Joel Messer, Sam Foster

First place: WAGM ~ Think Before You Drink ~ Mike Mathes

Public Service, Unsponsored, Radio

Third place: WCLZ-FM ~ Maine Coastal Cleanup ~ Randi Kirshbaum, Brian Farrell, Jen Sweeney

Secondplace: WNSX-FM ~ Hancock Country Food Drive ~ Natalie Knox

First place: WYNZ-FM ~ Rewind 100.9's Stuff The Bus Food Drive ~ Chuck Igo

Public Service, Unsponsored, TV

Third place: WLBZ ~ Sexual Assault Crisis and Support Center 5K Run ~ Rachel Epperly, Lindsey Mills

Second place: WCSH6 ~ Good Shepherd Food Bank--The Life of An Apple ~ Jennifer Woodruff

First place: WGME / WPFO ~ The Power of G.I.R.L.--Girl Scouts of Maine ~ Dan Seaver, Joel Messer, Gusta Johnson, Dave Rawson

Locally Produced Program, Radio

Third place: WMPG ~ The Night Train Show Presents The History of Rock & Roll ~ Bill Audette

Second place: WHSN ~ Edgar Allan Poe's Tales of Mystery & Imagination 2017 ~ Students of the New England School of Communications at Husson University

First place: Maine Public ~ Maine Calling: Survivors of Opioid Addiction ~ Jennifer Rooks, Jonathan Smith, Cindy Han

Locally Produced Program, TV

Third place: Maine Public Television ~ High School Quiz Show Maine Season 2 Championship ~ Nick Woodward, Nick Godfrey, Laura Schenck, Brian Bechard, Delaney Woodward

Second place: WGME / WPFO ~ Lights Out: Ice Storm '98, 20 Years Later ~ Joe Hegarty, Chandler Knowles, Mike Hartford

First place: News Center Maine ~ Bill Green's Maine ~ Bill Green, Kirk Cratty

Photojournalism, TV

Third place: WGME / WPFO ~ Schooner Adventure ~ Nate Sapp

Second place: WGME / WPFO ~ Next Stop: Freeport Station ~ Dan Lampariello

First place: Maine Public Television ~ One Beanpot Circle ~ Brian Bechard

Feature, Radio

Third place: WHSN ~ Voices of Wellness: Shauni ~ Mark Nason, Charlie Paulin

Second place: Maine Public ~ Horn Camp ~ Patty Wight

First place: Maine Public ~ Once Upon A Job: Most Maine Cobblers Have Walked Away From The Job ~ Jennifer Mitchell

Feature, TV

Third place: News Center Maine ~ The Terrible Burden of Having Nothing to Do ~ Bill Green, Kirk Cratty

Second place: Maine Public Television ~ Brunswick Painted Street Pianos ~ Rebecca Conley

First place: News Center Maine ~ Cancer Ambassador ~ Rob Nesbitt

Enterprise, Radio

Third place: WNSX-FM ~ Public Safety Building ~ Vanessa Corey

Second place: Maine Public ~ Governor LePage's Mysterious Logjam ~ Steve Mistler

First place: Maine Public ~ Police Trauma ~ Fred Bever

Enterprise, TV

Third place: News Center Maine ~ Memorial Day--One Town's Loss ~ Don Carrigan, Steve Sherburne

Second place: WVII/WFVX ~ Unchurched ~ Blake Lipton

First place: News Center Maine ~ Portland's Unsolved Homicides ~ Kristina Rex, John Blunda

Public Affairs, Radio

Third place: WPOR ~ Maine Points: National Drug Take Back Day ~ Danny Martignetti, David Charns

Second place: WGAN ~ Maine Points on WGAN: Sexual Assault Response Services of Southern Maine ~ Danny Martignetti

First place: WERU ~ The Democracy Forum: Immigration--Can We Live Without It? ~ Ann Luther

Public Affairs, TV

Third place: WABI ~ Death With Dignity ~ Morgan Sturdivant, Mark Rediker

Second place: WAGM ~ Heating Homes with Helping Hands ~ Ashley Blackford, Katie Zarrilli

First place: WVII/WFVX ~ Children of the Opioid Crisis--The Untold Story ~ Gina Marini

Continuing Coverage, Radio

Third place: WNSX-FM ~ Bar Harbor Fatal Fire ~ Stu Marckoon

Second place: Maine Public ~ October Windstorm Causes Massive Power Outages ~ News Staff

First place: Maine Public ~ Questions Raised About Developers Behind Proposed York County Casino ~ Steve Mistler

Continuing Coverage, TV

Third place: WGME / WPFO ~ CBS 13 Investigates: Skyrocketing Electric Bills ~ Jon Chrisos, Marissa Bodnar

Second place: WABI ~ Prison Closes

First place: News Center Maine ~ Jacob's Journey ~ Lee Goldberg

Spot News, Radio

Third place: Maine Public ~ Nationwide Manhunt Underway For Suspect In Shooting Of Sheriffs' Deputy ~ Susan Sharon

Second place: Maine Public ~ Judge Rules Governor Lacks Authority To Close Maine Prison ~ AJ Higgins, Mal Leary

First place: WVOM-FM ~ Prison Closure ~ Ric Tyler, George Hale

Spot News, TV

Third place: WGME / WPFO ~ Accused Killer Captured ~ Taylor Cairns, Zak Morin, Katie Sampson, Aaron Tanguay, Stephanie Greenland

Second place: WMTW ~ Manhunt for John Williams ~ WMTW News 8 Team

First place: WGME / WPFO ~ Maine Manhunt ~ Jim Bowne, Lexie O'Connor, Dan Rey, Kate Degroot, CBS 13 Breaking News Team

Best Sportscast, TV

Third place: WMTW ~ Travis Lee

Second place: WGME ~ Dave Eid

First place: WVII/WFVX ~ Jon Alba, Andrew Badillo

Best Weathercast, TV

Third place: News Center Maine ~ Keith Carson

Second place: WMTW ~ Roger Griswold

First place: WGME ~ Charlie Lopresti

On-Air Personality, Radio

Third place: WABK-FM ~ Mike Dow

Second place: WBFB-FM ~ Mike Elliott

First place: WJBQ ~ Lori Voornas, Jeff Parsons, Lou Lockwood

Best Newscast, Radio

Third place: WVOM-FM ~ Ric Tyler

Second place: Maine Public ~ Nora Flaherty

First place: WNSX-FM ~ Vanessa Corey, Stu Marckoon

Best Newscast, TV

Third place: WGME

Second place: WMTW

First place: News Center Maine