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BEST IN BROADCASTING RECOGNIZED AT THE ALABAMA BROADCASTERS ASSOCIATION'S 17TH ANNUAL ABBY AWARDS

The Alabama Broadcasters Association celebrated their 17th Annual "Alabama's Best in Broadcasting", or ABBY Awards, Saturday, March 18th at The Club in Birmingham, Alabama. Over 300 radio and television broadcasters represented stations from across the state as colleagues and competitors collected statues.

Alabama Broadcasters Association President Sharon Tinsley was joined by longtime radio and TV broadcaster Don Dailey to share co-hosting duties. The two presented ninety awards in ninety minutes while attendees enjoyed dinner. Celebrations continued at the annual "ABBY After Party".

Judging took place in February with a total of 12 radio and television professionals reviewing entries in person over two full days at an out-of-state location. In addition, three bilingual broadcasters reviewed radio categories with both English and Spanish submissions. These panelist's reviews resulted in the following ABBY Awards and Judges' Awards of Merit presented at the annual dinner.

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Public Service Announcement: "First Responder of the Week"
WQSB-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Public Service Announcement: "Kids Safe & Secure"
WOOF-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Public Service Announcement: "Drug Education Council: Talk to Me"
WRKH-FM

Award of Merit for Television Public Service Announcement: "Carlos' Vaccination Story"
WCOV-TV

ABBY Award for Television Public Service Announcement: "Hunger Heroes"
WVTM-TV

Award of Merit for Small Market Radio Station Promotion: "Pot of Gold" Contest
WQSB-FM

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Station Promotion: "Christmas Block"
WEGL-FM

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Event or Client Promotion: "WinSouth Halloween Costume"
WCKA-AM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Station Promotion: "Juneteenth"
WALJ-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Event or Client Promotion: "Chip Valentine's Season of Love"
WQLT-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Station Promotion: "100 Days of Non-Violence"
WBHJ-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Event or Client Promotion: "Hibbett City Gear Backpack Giveaway"
WBHJ-FM

Award of Merit for Television Station Promotion: "9AM Delivery - Bouncing Bundle of News"
WHNT-TV

Award of Merit for Television Station Promotion: "Back to School Morning News"
WVTM-TV

ABBY Award for Television Station Promotion: "Know Your Sandbox"
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Event or Client Promotion: "Connecting North Alabama"
WAAY-TV

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Commercial: "Fast Lane Christmas"
WAFN-FM

Award of Merit for Medium Market Radio Commercial: "Champy's 'Give Em' The Bird"
WXFL-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Commercial: "Bugs Laugh At You"
WOOF-FM

Award of Merit for Large Market Radio Commercial: "Should I Flush That?!"
WRKH-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Commercial: "Bigfoot's Little Donuts"
WRSA-FM

ABBY Award for Television Commercial: "Primary Senior Care"
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Website: WQLT.COM
WQLT-FM

ABBY Award for Television Website: WSFA.COM
WSFA-TV

ABBY Award for Radio Social Media: "Viral Video"
WAYE-AM

Award of Merit for Television Social Media: "Shuttlesworth"
Alabama Public Television

ABBY Award for Television Social Media: "Serving News Sunny Side Up"
WAFF-TV

ABBY Award for Radio Podcast: "MIX Sunday Morning"
WSGN-HD2

ABBY Award for Television Podcast: "Living It Up With Lenise"
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Sports Show or Sports Talk Show: "The Drive with Bill Cameron & Dan Peck"
ESPN 106.7

Award of Merit for Medium Market Radio Sports Show or Sports Talk Show
"Football in the South" 2022 Season
WMSR-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Sports Show or Sports Talk Show:
"Open Court with Derik Williams"
WVAS-FM

Award of Merit for Large Market Radio Sports Show or Sports Talk Show: "The Press Box"
WRKH-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Sports Show or Sports Talk Show: "Three Man Front"
WJOX-FM

Award of Merit for Television Local Sports Program: "Big Game Friday Night"
WAAY-TV

ABBY Award for Television Local Sports Program: "Iron Bowl 2022"
WVTM-TV

Award of Merit for Small Market Radio Sportscaster: Aidan Kowalski
WEGL-FM

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Sportscaster: Adam Ward
WAFN-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Sportscaster: JD Byars
WRKH-FM

Award of Merit for Television Sports Reporting: "Braves 94-year-old Super Fan"
WBMA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Sports Reporting: "Silent Warrior, Coach Paul Kulick"
WVUA-TV

Award of Merit for Television Sports Personality: Mo Carter
WZDX-TV

ABBY Award for Television Sports Personality: Dee Jackson
WIAT-TV

Award of Merit for Small Market Radio Personality or Team: Michael Brannon
WSGN-HD2

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Personality or Team: Donny Blankenship
WGZZ-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Personality or Team: Dre Day
WALJ-FM

Award of Merit for Large Market Radio Personality or Team: Shea Fox
WRTT-FM

ABBY Award for: Large Market Radio Personality or Team: Leeann Foster
WAHR-FM

ABBY Award for Photojournalist: Arnell L. Hamilton
WKRG-TV

ABBY Award for Reporter: Tristan Ruppert
WBRC-TV

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Reporter: Michael Giddens
WYEA-AM/FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Reporter: Mary K
WTUG-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Reporter: Kyra Miles
WBHM-FM

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Talk Show: "Auburn/Opelika This Morning"
WANI-AM/FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Talk Show: "The Think Tank with Chris Coleman"
WATV-AM/FM

Award of Merit for Television Feature: "Haunted Malaga Inn"
WKRG-TV

ABBY Award for Television Feature: "Mobile's Murals"
WKRG-TV

Award of Merit for Television Franchise: "Neighborhood Hero: The Birthday Fairy"
WZDX-TV

ABBY Award for Television Franchise: "Alabama Original"
WAAY-TV

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Public Affairs Programming: "The Mark White Show"
WFXO-AM/FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Public Affairs Programming: "Perspectives"
WVAS-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Public Affairs Programming:
"Champions of Local Music Remember Tip Top Café"
WLRH-FM/HD

ABBY Award for Television Public Affairs Programming: "Shattered Innocence"
WAAY-TV

Award of Merit for Television General Assignment Reporting: "Better Late Than Never"
WALA-TV

Award of Merit for Television General Assignment Reporting: "Bethlehem Baptist Burns Again"
WVUA-TV

ABBY Award for Television General Assignment Reporting: "Unity Within Our Community"
WVUA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Hard News Reporting: "Fentanyl Crisis"
WKRG-TV

ABBY Award for Television Investigative Reporting: "Deaths Inside Alabama Prisons"
WIAT-TV

ABBY Award for Television Local Programming: "The Next Giant Leap"
WAAY-TV

Award of Merit for Small Market Radio Morning Show: "MIX Morning Show"
WSGN-HD2

ABBY Award for Small Market Radio Morning Show: "The Donny B Show"
WGZZ-FM

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Morning Show: "Big Farley in the Morning"
WXFL-FM

Award of Merit for Large Market Radio Morning Show:
"Mobile Mornings with Dan Brennan and Dalton Orwig"
WAVH-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Morning Show: "Dixon and Vining"
WJOX-FM

Award of Merit for Television Breaking News: Severe Weather
"Tornado Outbreak October 29, 2022"
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Breaking News: Severe Weather: "Tornado Outbreak"
WVTM-TV

Award of Merit for Television Weather Anchor: Danielle Dozier
WHNT-TV

ABBY Award for Television Weather Anchor: Alan Sealls
WPMI-TV

ABBY Award for Television Breaking News: "Downtown Mobile Standoff"
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Series: "Outside the Huddle"
WVUA-TV

Award of Merit for Television Documentary: "Sitting for Justice: The Montgomery Bus Boycott"
WSFA-TV

ABBY Award for Television Documentary: "Shuttlesworth"
Alabama Public Television

ABBY Award for Television News Anchor: Brittany Dionne
WBRC-TV

ABBY Award for Medium Market Radio Regularly Scheduled Newscast
Deborah Pearson November 12, 2022
WOOO-FM

ABBY Award for Large Market Radio Regularly Scheduled Newscast
"Tennessee Valley News Update with Ginny Kennedy"
WLRH-FM/HD

ABBY Award for Television Regularly Scheduled Newscast: October 31, 2022 9pm
WALA-TV

ABBY Award for Radio Service Project: "Gift Of Life Foundation"
WVAS-FM

ABBY Award for Television Service Project: "12's Days of Giving"
WSFA-TV

Radio Station of the Year
WALJ-FM

Television Station of the Year
WAAY-TV

The Alabama Broadcasters Association is the professional trade association representing the interests of over-the-air radio and television stations and their owners throughout the state.