

Alabama Associated Press Broadcasters Association Award Winners

RADIO

CLASS AA

- **Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast: No Award**
- **Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event: No Award**
- **Best Anchor:** WTDR, Dianna Michaels; "Lincoln Train Derailment".

CLASS A

- **Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast:** WZZK, Don Dailey; "For 8 AM News".
- **Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event:** Alabama Public Radio, "2006 Election".
- **Best Coverage of a Spot News Story:** WBHM, Tanya Ott, & Steve Chiotakis, "Alabama Church Fires".
- **Best Investigative Reporting:** Alabama Public Radio, Pam Doyle.
- **Best General Sports:** WBHM, Steve Chiotakis, "The Learning Game"
- **Best Public Affairs or Documentary:** WBHM, Rosemary Pennington; "Aids: The Epidemic in Alabama".
- **Best Investigative Reporting:** Alabama Public Radio, Pam Doyle.; "Obesity in Alabama".
- **Best Hard-News Feature Story:** WBHM, Steve Chiotakis, "Paying for Progress".
- **Best Soft-News Feature Story:** Alabama Public Radio, Gina Smith, "Agriculture Tour of Cuba".
- **Best Reporter:** WBHM, Steve Chiotakis; "Bibb County Resolve Church Fires"; "Technology & Trademarks".
- **Best Anchor:** WBHM, Steve Chiotakis; Airheck-Scoped / Newscast.
- **Best Commentator of Editorialist:** WBHM, Dale Short, "Wet Vinyl".
- **Best Sports Reporter: No Entries**
- **Best Sports Anchor: No Entries**
- **Best Specialized Reporter:** WBHM, Rosemary Pennington, "Meth & Aids; The Mom's Project; Green Tea & DNA".
- **Best Use of Tape:** WBHM, Steve Chiotakis, "Holy Night".

TELEVISION

CLASS AAA

- **Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast:** WTVY, Tiffany Howell, and Heidi Reamer; "News 4 at Six".
- **Best Documentary: No Award**
- **Best Series:** WTVY, Alex Zequeira, "Mission of Hope to Panama".
- **Best Investigative Reporting:** WTVY, Alex Zequeira; "Police Union Letter".
- **Best Spot News Story:** WVUA, Ainsley Bruister, Kimberly Rankin, "House Fire."
- **Best Feature Story:** WVUA, Lynn Brooks, & John Huddleston "Camp Shelby".
- **Best Sports Story:** WVUA, Gary Harris, John Huddleston, Todd Hoyer, Lynn Brooks, Clare Stewart, Robert Stevenson, Jennifer Travnicek, Jerome Davis, & Terri Brewer, "Shula Fired".
- **Best Sports Feature:** WVUA, Gary Harris, "Sweet Music".
- **Best Sports Program:** WVUA, Gary Harris, Rodney Orr, John Huddleston, Todd Hoyer, Jennifer Travnicek, Matt Terry.
- **Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event:** WTVY, Brad Sherwood, Chris Harris, & Katie McManus-Faye "C-4 Bike Trip".

- **Victor Irving Best Staff Photography:** WTVY, Erica Proffer, Lauren Davis, Alex Zequeira, & Brad Sherwood, “Tornado Aftermath”.
- **Best Reporter:** WTVY, Alex Zequeira; “Mission of Hope. Pt 3 8/16/06”.
- **Stan Tarilton Best Photographer:** WTVY, Deborah E. Tuff, “Pecan Crop, Church Builders, Youth Group Paint”.
- **Best News Anchor:** WVUA, Clare Stewart, “Clare Stewart”
- **Best Weather Anchor:** WVUA-TV, Robert Stevenson, “Weather Composite”.
- **Best Sports Anchor:** WVUA, John Huddleston.
- **Best Specialized Reporter:** WTVY News 4, Lauren Davis, “First Aid Training for Iraqis”.

CLASS AA

- **Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast:** Jerry Hayes, Dan Satterfield, John Pearson, Denise Vickers, WHNT, Newschannel 19 @ 6 & Newschannel 19 @ 10.
- **Best Documentary:** WSFA, Desmond Wingard, Rich Thomas, Dan Atkinson, Rob, Hatchell, Kevin Ives, Charlie Davidson, Clarence Gibbons, Doug Gooden
- **Best Series:** WHNT, Steve Johnson, Greg Stone, “Drive You Crazy”.
- **Best Investigative Reporting:** WHNT, Gregg Privett, & Shane Hays; “The Naked Truth”.
- **Best Spot News Story:** WAAY, Violet Parker, Daniel Hopkin, “Cabbage”.
- **Best Feature Story:** WHNT, Jerry Hayes & Shane Hays, “Heartland”.
- **Best Sports Story:** WAFF 48, Scott Theisen, Chris Chapman, “No Joy Ride”.
- **Best Sports Feature:** WSFA, Derek Steyer, “Master Henkel”.
- **Best Sports Program:** WAAY-TV, “Friday Night Football”.
- **Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event:** WAFF, Production & Engineering Staff; “Church Fire-Aftermath”
- **Victor Irving Best Staff Photography:** WHNT, Gregg Stone, Shane Hays, Brad Hood, John Pearson, Colby Knight, & Rachel Arnold.
- **Best Reporter:** WAFF, Nick Kenney.
- **Stan Tarilton Best Photographer:** WHNT News Channel 19, Shane Hays, “Shane Hays”.
- **Best News Anchor:** WHNT, Jerry Hayes; “Jerry Hayes-Best News Anchor”.
- **Best Weather Anchor:** WHNT, James Paul Dice; “James-Paul Dice”.
- **Best Sports Anchor:** WAKA, Dee Jackson.
- **Best Specialized Reporter:** WAFF, Georgi Bragg, “The Investigators”.

CLASS A

- **Best Regularly Scheduled Newscast:** WVTM, News & Production Staff, “NBC 13 News @ 10p.m.
- **Best Documentary:** WALA-TV Fox 10, Kip Raley-Producer, Al Tuggle-Editor/photographer, Fox 10 Staff; “Hell & High Water”.
- **Best Series:** WVTM, Jennifer Hale, Ben Traylor, “Katrina Recovery”.
- **Best Investigative Reporting:** NBC 10 WVTM, Kathy Times, John Thompson, Jacob Pigott, Bryson Carr, Stan Fletcher, Joel Tidwell, Mark Hendren, Tom Allen, Steve Hyvonen, “Massage Parlor”.
- **Best Spot News Story:** WBMA ABC 33/40, Jud Hulon, Ebony Hall, Dennis Tugman,, Jason Gaston, & Bill Castle “Attorney Kidnapping”.
- **Best Feature Story:** WPML, Darwin Singleton & Mike Corry, “Beer Retrieving Dog”.
- **Best Sports Story:** FOX 6 WBRC-TV, Rick Karle, & Jac Kaufman, “Sydney’s Gift”.
- **Best Sports Feature:** Fox 6 WBRC-TV, Mike Dubberly, John Rockett, “The Clay Dyer Story”.
- **Best Sports Program:** Fox 6 WBRC-TV, Brian Pope, Rick Karie, Sheldon Haygood, Mike Dubberly, Jeh Jeh Pruitt, Jac Kaufman, Seth Carlisle, Ty Watwood, Megan Waldrep, Stephanie Irwin, Greg Skaggs, Blake Stallings, Rob Davis, Ella Oden, Kevin Turner, Lloyd Alford, Alan Baker, Charles Crouse, Richard Guittar, Andre Hamby, Dixon Hayes, Billy Hong, Jamie Johnston, David Lavecchia,

Anthony Moore, Vincent Parker, Neal Posey, John Rockett, Mike Tucker, Tiffany Blevins, Kim Mitchell, Sean McDonald, Ron Aguillar, Keith Higginbotham; "Side Line 2006".

- **Best Extraordinary Coverage of a Planned Event:** WVTM, News & Production Staff, "Church Fire Suspects".
- **Victor Irving Best Staff Photography:** WALA Fox 10, John Pate, Edwin Goode, Franz Barazza, & Rob Lehocky, "On Patrol, Carnival time, Mad Cow, Julio Jones".
- **Best Reporter:** WPMI; NBC 15, Bruce M. Mildwurf; "Baby Christian; Convicted Contractors; Operation Control Center".
- **Stan Tarilton Best Photographer:** WALA Fox 10, John Marshall Pate, "Wilmar Fire".
- **Best News Anchor:** Fox 10 WALA, Bob Grip, "Best News Anchor".
- **Best Weather Anchor:** ABC 33/40, James Spann, "James Spann".
- **Best Sports Anchor:** WBMA ABC 33/40, Mike Raita; "Best Sports Anchor".
- **Best Specialized Reporter:** WALA-TV Fox 10, Adam Walser, "Disciplined Doctors".

MOST OUTSTANDING NEWS OPERATION

- **Radio, Class A: No Award**
- **Television, Class AAA:** WTVY
- **Television Class AA:** WHNT
- **Television Class A:** WBRC

AP News Cooperation Awards

- **Radio:** WERC, Birmingham
- **Television:** WSFA, Montgomery
- **Television:** WAFF, Huntsville
- **Television:** ABC33/40 WBMA, Birmingham
- **Television:** WKRK, Mobile