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Narrative Video Category
Best of Competition

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Radio Station Promo, PSA, Commercial Category

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KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE
WKWC's Footloose Friday Promo

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Mobile/Apps Category Best of Competition

Jessica Arbour, Paul Griswold & Rodrigo Gomez

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Discovery- Darter - Digital Table Display

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Original Television Series Pilot Category
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All These Lonesome Graveyards

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Faculty Sports Competition
Short Form Sports Video Category
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Wes Akers

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

"Our Team": 30 Years of Live NKU Sports

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Judgment Call

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ROWAN UNIVERSITY

Greetings from Fire Island

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Emerging Media & Technology Category
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Antonio Bocanegra II

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

*Capturing New Perspective in Modern Media: Using Drone Videography to
Showcase the Sam Houston State University Community*

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Jeff Jacoby

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The Traveling Radio Show Goes to the CSU!

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Micro-Documentary Category
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SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY

A Lovely Uncontrollable Thing

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Jordan Kligerman, Austin Beehner, Mike Lang & Richard Wiesmann

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Authentic ACC: Syracuse Spring Football

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TV Sports Event Direction and Production Category

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Joe Brackman

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

Cincinnati Men's Basketball vs Kansas

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Interactive Reality Category

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Eyes of Freedom Immersive

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Faculty News Competition

Television Feature News Reporting Category

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Kareem El Damanhoury, Muhammad Darwish, Angelica Pursley & Matog Saleh

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

From Denver to Mecca: A CNN producer's personal pilgrimage to Islam's holiest site

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Instructional/Educational Category

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Our First Months Together

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Don Connelly

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Television Hard News Reporting Category
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Nashville No Kings Protest

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Blis DeVault, Nick Lancianese, Rachel Wheland, Lily Walsh & Dylan Grinko

XAVIER UNIVERSITY
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