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A Cosmic Carol (Space For Humans)

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Sports
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Cronkite Sports Report ASU Football Pregame Show

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Educational Program Category
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Lex Doig

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Railroad Bridges

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Micro-Documentary Category
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Echos of a July Rain

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Every Day Needs a Night

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Interactive Reality Category
1st Place

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Scientists created a ranking for dust storms, like we use for tornadoes. It was tested in Phoenix

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Student Interactive Multimedia Competition
Multimedia Storytelling Category
2nd Place

Abigail Beck

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Cost, care, control: Families in rural Arizona choose midwives over hospitals

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Social Media Category
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Macy Markham

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Following Rep. Adelita Grijalva's path to swearing in

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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Leah Phillips

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Leah Phillips Shoots on the Road

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Television Long Feature Reporting Category
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Racing Home

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Television News Special Event Coverage Category
2nd Place

Kolby Marting

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Cronkite News Special Coverage of Mercury in WNBA Finals

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Television Short Feature Reporting Category
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Two Sides of the Border

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Justin LeCertosa

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Burrito Express: A Community Corner at ASU

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Cronkite Plus Promo

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Video News Program Category
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Ronan Heykoop, Ryan Sykora, Justin Carter & Luke Galindo

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Cronkite Sports Live Season 22 - Finale

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Video Story/Feature (long) Category
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Andres Armenta

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House Case Rounding Home

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Mihir Sinhasan

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Integration of Baseball in Arizona

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Loss Builds Rowser's Purpose

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Video Story/Feature (short) Category
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Video Talent (Anchor/Host) Category
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The Best of Ben Parris

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Video Story/Feature (long) Category
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Ball State Sports Link: Together (Episode 6)

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Micro Narrative Category
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Mr. Topheles Magic 8 Ball

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Short Narrative Category
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Loops

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Ball State Sports Link: My Black Is

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Video Live Game Production Category
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Ball State Sports Link: Men's Basketball vs. Louisiana on ESPN+

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Video News Program Category
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Ball State Sports Link: SL Featured (November 2025)

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Video News Program Category
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Maddy Howell, Daniel Sullivan, AJ Swiatek & Zander Woods

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Ball State Sports Link: TableX Prematch Report (MVB vs BYU)

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Video Story/Feature (long) Category
2nd Place

Jordan Klimes

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Ball State Sports Link: Strength (Sophie Korthuijs)

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Ball State Sports Link: Every Step (Annika Klauss)

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Dylan Budd

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Ball State Sports Link: Dylan Budd Talent Reel

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Hunter Wilson

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Relight

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Animation/Experimental/Mixed Category
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How to Care for a Houseplant

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BaLove Story

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9:00

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Promotional Category
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Therabody Commercial

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Short Narrative Category
3rd Place

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Beside Still Waters

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Short-Form Documentary Category
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Bethel University Track and Field Intro 2025-2026

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Community Action Services helps families in poverty become self-sufficient

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Audio Story/Feature/News Category
3rd Place

Sam Foster

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Why not: How BYU signed AJ Dybantsa

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Fragments

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Molly Clayton

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The Timebomb Podcast

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The Atlanta Fox Theatre

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PSA, Promo, or Commercial Category
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C&R Ski and Outdoor commercial

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A Terribly (Ab)Normal Kid

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Ferris Sports Update 11-19-25

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Tiger Media Network PSA

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Website Category
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Klan Ties, Campus Lies

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Move Forward

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Narrative Audio Category
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Through the Storm

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Armadillo Olympics

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Spots Category
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Joshua Johnson, Bud Poulos, Ethan Bridger & Chandler Crosby

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Bulloch County Fire Department - Texting and Driving

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Social Media Category
3rd Place

Kathryn Smith

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Gordon Girl--End of the Semester

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Non-Narrative Audio Category
2nd Place

Tyson Miller

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Mini Narrative Category
2nd Place

Isabel Massud Faria De Souza

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The Display

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Promotional Category
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Ryan Carrillo

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Maple City Market

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Studio or Remote Category
1st Place

Mackenzie Miller & Seth Smith Kauffman

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Globe Music Presents: Grammy Award-Winning Supergroup I'm With Her

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Radio Newscast Category
3rd Place

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5 o'clock news report with Eduardo

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Television Short Feature Reporting Category
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No Kings Protest Elkhart 2025

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Non-Narrative Audio Category
2nd Place

Logan Murphy

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Fat Bear Week News Story

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Video Story/Feature (short) Category
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Asa Clay & Edgar Cardiel

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Division II Championship First Round Playoffs

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Broadcasting Category
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Abeer Abu Ghalyoun

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Harper Talks

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Non-Narrative Audio Category
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Zoe Meshenberg

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25 Years of Harper Radio

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Short Narrative Category
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Radio Feature Reporting Category
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Volunteers on the Intrepid Give Back on 9-11-2025

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Audio Story/Feature/News Category
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Folajinmi Awofeso

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Sound Engineering and Production Category
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Comedy or Drama Category
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Comedy or Drama Category
Award of Excellence

Zac Wechsler, Lana Cantu, Z Pelc & Abel Donaldson

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Tales of Terror

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Mini Narrative Category
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Last Kill

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Promotional Category
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Narrative Feature Category
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TUNA Revolution

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Monomania

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Micro-Documentary Category
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J's Motocross Journey

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Starry Strangers

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Mini Narrative Category
3rd Place

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Music Video Category
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Short Narrative Category
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And the Air Turned Red

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Spots Category
1st Place

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Headphones Commercial

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Short Narrative Film Category
1st Place

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Air Personality Category
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Radio Newscast Category
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Audio Story/Feature/News Category
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Television Short Feature Reporting Category
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Country Band Thrives Despite Distance

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Studio or Remote Category
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Ithaca College Television Holiday Special

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Mini Narrative Category
Award of Excellence

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Knock Knock

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Short Narrative Category
Award of Excellence

Sophia Terranova

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Shadows

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Social Media Category
Award of Excellence

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Plant Your Promise Campaign for the Harrisonburg Farmers Market

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Short Narrative Film Category
2nd Place

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Short Narrative Film Category
Award of Excellence

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Award of Excellence

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Six Blade Knife

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Audio
3rd Place

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Student Audio Competition
PSA, Promo, or Commercial Category
Award of Excellence

Caitlyn Minney & Sage Fossaceca

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Speak in Tongues Promo

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UFM Public Service Announcement

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Kent Lions Club covers county in carnations

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Film & Video
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Yuma Amador

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Invisible Wounds

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Scriptwriting
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After War

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Comedy or Drama Category
3rd Place

Sarah Smith

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Why I Pause

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2nd Place

Isaiah Shires

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Camp Hideaway

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OVC Men's soccer championship

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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Vanesa Hoxha

Loyola University Chicago

News Reporter Reel

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Radio Hard News Reporting Category
2nd Place

Alyson Messinger

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DEI Protest

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Short-Form Documentary Category
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What Happens Next?

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Short Narrative Category
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Me.Exe

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Television Anchor Category
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Meg Vandermark

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It's about Survival

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1st Place

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MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Jack Stager for Impact Radio

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Video Live Game Production Category
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Jack Stager, Madison McCarter, Joseph DesVergnes-Christy & Jacob Maurer

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Michigan State Volleyball vs Nebraska

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Video News Program Category
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Spartan Sports Report 12.2.25

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Animation/Experimental/Mixed Category
2nd Place

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Middle Tennessee State University

Alienated

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Mini Narrative Category
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Southern Apocrypha

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Short Narrative Category
Award of Excellence

Caleb McDonald

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Big Baby

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Studio or Remote Category
3rd Place

Lauren Turnage, Maddi Phillips, Cooper Renfrew & Jackson Tinsley

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MTSU Theatre Presents Pirate of Penzance Live

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Video Live Game Production Category
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Matthew Fleischman, Brooke Dancu, Hayden Ruiz & Nicholas Pruitt

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MTSU Vs University Of Evansville MBB 11_12_2025

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Narrative Audio Category
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Sabrina Harrison

Midwestern State University

Audio Files from Peace Grove - Episode 2

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Air Personality Category
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Ashton Stanley

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Blink

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Film & Video
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The Will of the Mare

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For Sam

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Vinegar Tom

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Multimedia Sound Design Category
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Multimedia Sound Design Category
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The Dog Salesman

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Sound Engineering and Production Category
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"Dawg Pound"

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Narrative Feature Category
3rd Place

Tristan Upp

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Original Television Series Pilot Category
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Bandit

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Original Television Series Pilot Category
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Arden Dickson

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Go Figure

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Original Television Series Pilot Category
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Freaks

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Television Spec Category
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Fallout "The Hospital"

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Adrianna Sparks Talent Reel

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Narrative Audio Category
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Gabriel Lozano

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KNWT Producers Spotlight

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Micro-Documentary Category
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Avery Andell

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Untold Stories: Raku

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Esports Coverage Category
1st Place

Blake Rizner, Katie Lay & Dante Distefano

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KNWT Minecraft Gauntlet

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2nd Place

Tyler Tripodi & Kendall Mae Stark

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The Daily O Homecoming newscast

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Television Short Feature Reporting Category
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Trek for Troops

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Micro Narrative Category
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Joshua Deiley

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A Cage of Its Own

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Video Story/Feature (long) Category
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Television Hard News Reporting Category
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From Grief to Grace: How the Piazza Family Turned a Tragedy into a Positive Mission

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Television Hard News Reporting Category
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Experts warn of consequences from cuts to the National Weather Service and NOAA

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Danielle Dempsey

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Student Firefighters Help Rescue Captain

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Television Newscast (3 Days a Week or Less)
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Centre County Report: April 4, 2025

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Television Weathercaster Category
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Filippo Formica

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Filippo Formica - TV Weathercaster

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Anneke Wagner

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State High senior, Molly Workman, excels in the water and the classroom

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Video Talent (Anchor/Host) Category
3rd Place

Cailey Thalman

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Cailey Thalman - Sports Anchor/Host

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Robert Fornataro

Point Park University

Veterans Trade Combat Boots for Cleats at the Steelers' Practice Field

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Craig Combs

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Craig Combs, Play-by-Play

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Video Live Game Production Category
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Canaan Paladini, Russell Matthews, Ashley Strait & Craig Combs

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Indiana at Purdue Wrestling, B1G+

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Sound Engineering and Production Category
1st Place

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Boy From Two Blocks Down

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Micro-Documentary Category
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McKenzie Glass

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A Stable Way

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Mini Narrative Category
Award of Excellence

Will Freestone, Christina Couch, Josiah Rozek & Jack Bartig

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Smiley Face

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Mini Narrative Category
Award of Excellence

Jillian Scott & Madison Couch

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The Stand

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Student Film & Video Competition
Spots Category
3rd Place

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Bubbles Commercial

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Short Narrative Category
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Multimedia Storytelling Category
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Website Category
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Television Hard News Reporting Category
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Moira Vaughan: No King's Rally Takes Over Erie Boulevard | News Live at 6

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Immigration enforcement in CNY affecting agriculture industry

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Audio Story/Feature/News Category
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Mull it over: The mullet is back

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Video News Program Category
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Syracuse Women's Soccer vs Cornell Pregame Show

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Video Talent (Anchor/Host) Category
1st Place

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Short Narrative Film Category
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Music Video Category
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Short Narrative Category
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Narrative Audio Category
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PSA, Promo, or Commercial Category
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Marisol Sela

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PSA, Promo, or Commercial Category
2nd Place

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Short-Form Documentary Category
Award of Excellence

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Trailblazers: The Create + Collaborate Story

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Television Short Feature Reporting Category
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Victoria Heim Leaves ESPN

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Documentary
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Nour Wael Mohamed

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The Nubian Code

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Documentary
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Sports
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Egypt Breathes Football

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Podcast Promo-21st Philosophy

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Radio Feature Reporting Category
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Ouahiba Ait Elhaj Mhand

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Narrative Audio Category
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Toronto Metropolitan University

We Met U When Season 4 Episode 1: Schooled by Sekou

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Animation/Experimental/Mixed Category
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Micro Narrative Category
2nd Place

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Radio Feature Reporting Category
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What's Popping at Bryant-Denny Stadium?

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Narrative Feature Category
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Narrative Feature Category
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Short Narrative Film Category
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Project Eden: After The Flood

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Television Hard News Reporting Category
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Arkansas Maternal Mortality Rates

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Educational Program Category
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Hospice Chaplain Provides Comfort in Life's Final Moments

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Micro Narrative Category
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Short-Form Documentary Category
Award of Excellence

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Crosley Tower: A Special Hunk of Concrete

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Music Video Category
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Knots By Gonies

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Short Narrative Category
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Student Sports Competition
Video Live Game Production Category
2nd Place

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Cincinnati Women's Soccer vs UCF

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Comedy or Drama Category
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Juanita Hurtado Huérfano

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Ruidosas Episode 14: Las Brujas de Cachiche

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Student Interactive Multimedia Competition
Website Category
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KVCU Radio 1190

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Spots Category
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Television Long Feature Reporting Category
3rd Place

Lily Haverstock, Michael Cheuvront & Christian Moreno

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Hockey Heals: How one player beat the odds and got back on the ice

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Mercury Cafe closes as its slam poetry team represents Colorado at regionals

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Kosmic Lunches on the Green

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Burning Florida

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Mini Narrative Category
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Radio Hard News Reporting Category
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Between pressure and hope

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Radio Newscast Category
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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Television Anchor Category
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Television Anchor Category
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Television News Magazine Category
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Original Television Series Pilot Category
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Air Personality Category
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Promo: Main Event

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Saying their Names: The Virtual Experience Team

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Emerging Media & Technology Category
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Answer Campus: First Semester

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Melanie Lowe: Reporter Compilation

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Miami Street Medicine

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Television News Magazine Category
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Hometown Heroes: 2025 Edition

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Television News Magazine Category
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Ximena Hidalgo, Chris Perez & Jordyn Minnis

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Breaking Barriers: 2025 Edition

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NewsVision: March 6, 2025

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High School Senior Helps NICU Babies

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Video News Program Category
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Short Narrative Film Category
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Erin Sides

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From Found to Lost

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Narrative Audio Category
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Denise Valdez-Alvarez, Juliette Eckler, Myah French, Bayleigh Koch, Joel Anderjaska, Samira Zarazua, Karlie Ryman, Wyatt Lehr, Jacie Ambrose & Ivan Tovar

University of Nebraska at Omaha

Heartland: Live Broadcast Open, 14th Anniversary Edition

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Non-Narrative Audio Category
1st Place

Wyatt Lehr, Denise Valdez-Alavarez, Bayleigh Koch, Katie Klemmensen, Myah French, Juliette Eckler, Sam Eckler, Brian Tessmer & Sean Keating

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Live from the Strauss Performing Arts Center: CFAM 20th Anniversary, Segment 2/3

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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Enterprise Reporting by Henry Talacko, The Omaha News

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Comedy or Drama Category
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Multimedia Storytelling Category
3rd Place

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Nebraska Debates Sentencing Reform Amid Overcrowding

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Harmon Johnsen

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Local Public Media in Jeopardy

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Narrative Podcast or Radio Drama/Play
1st Place

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Audio/Video Event: Play by play talent
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NCAA Men's Basketball: Nebraska vs Oklahoma at the Sanford Pentagon

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MavRadio FM - Angry Caller Promo

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Studio or Remote Category
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Digital Drip: Bella Peadon

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Multimedia Sound Design Category
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Micro-Documentary Category
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Short-Form Documentary Category
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Jason Bodin: Marketing MVP

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Long Narrative Category
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Long Narrative Category
2nd Place

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Long Narrative Category
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Music Video Category
3rd Place

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Promotional Category
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Jill Simpson: Right Place, Right Time

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Kameryn Stanhouse: Making An Impact

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Short Narrative Category
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Throw Away

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Spots Category
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Social Media Category
1st Place

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Jack Hancock: Rallying for Grad Assistant

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Student Television News Reporter Category
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Television News Special Event Coverage Category
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OU Nightly Severe Weather Coverage

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Television Newscast (4/5 Days a Week)
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OU Nightly

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Television Weathercaster Category
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Television Weathercaster Category
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Rural Health Care Shortages

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Top prospect reflects on nationwide growth for high school boys volleyball.

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Radio Newscast Category
1st Place

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Dimelo Radio

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Television News Special Event Coverage Category
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Comedy or Drama Category
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Little Red

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Narrative Audio Category
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Macey Breedlove

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A Conversation about Sephora Kids

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Documentary Feature Category
1st Place

Jack Hanning, Carter Moore, Nick Reed & Rylie West

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Hunter

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Television Anchor Category
3rd Place

Gracyn Thatcher

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Thatcher Anchor Reel

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The Vol Channel Staff

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TVC Newscast - October 31, 2025

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What's Your History?

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Long Narrative Category
3rd Place

Maddie Cobb

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Antithesis

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Short Narrative Film Category
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La Capucha Roma y La Migra Cucuy

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Student Audio Competition
Non-Narrative Audio Category
Award of Excellence

Dylan Ekhart, Andy Glassel, Dominic Lee & Jacob Link

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The Titan Report

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Suspicious Good Doer

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Social Media Category
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Sports
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Ty McClung - Referees

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Social Media Category
3rd Place

Mountaineer Playbook

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Mountaineer Playbook 3 in 30

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Television Hard News Reporting Category
Award of Excellence

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Television Newscast (3 Days a Week or Less)
3rd Place

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WVU News Spring 2025 Episode 4

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Logan Callendar "Mine Rescue"

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WVU News Madison Ely Hearts of Gold

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Promotional Video/Tease/PSA Category
2nd Place

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Video News Program Category
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Jeff Boggess "Gauley River"

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Vincent Stoll "Michael Coats Jr."

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Parker Szwejbka - Mountaineer Playbook

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Social Media Category
2nd Place

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