



Wisconsin Community Media  
Presents the

# *Best of the Midwest Media Fest* Awards Show

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*Honoring the best in public, education, and government access programming and LPFM shows across the Midwest.*

**VIA CASTUS LIVESTREAM**

7 PM MAY 27, 2021

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**For Excellence, Best in Show, and Significant Community Program Award Winners  
Who are taking the stage to accept their awards and say a few words via Zoom**

“Doors” open at 6:45 pm



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# Congratulations and Welcome

## *to the Best of the Midwest Media Fest!*

Welcome to the annual Best of the Midwest Media Fest! Wisconsin Community Media sponsors the fest to honor community television programming throughout the nine-state Alliance for Community Media Midwest Region. It is the sixth year that the fest has accepted LPFM radio programs and the ninth year that the 23-year old fest has been region-wide.

This year, producers from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, Kansas entered 194 programs. Twenty-nine Wisconsin PEG media centers and thirteen from outside the state participated. Amateur producers entered 43 shows, professionals, 130 and LPFM radio producers, 15. Six Significant Community Programs are being recognized this year, a new record!

The Best of the Midwest Media Fest plays an important role in what we do as an organization. The fest's chief purpose is to recognize the producers working in the field of community media. WCM knows how much producers build community by turning television into a medium that presents things that matter in a locality -- to parents, who send their kids to local schools; to artists, who exhibit and perform regionally; to citizens, who vote on referendums and select their legislators; to local businesspeople, who serve community needs and interests; to sports enthusiasts, who love watching not only kids play, but adult regional sports; to community activists, who want to get their message out to a broad audience; and to educators and students, who can use PEG media and LPFM radio for teaching and learning communication skills.

There are other important reasons WCM holds the fest: Publicity for the work of community TV producers, Sharing what we do with other media centers, (when there isn't a pandemic) Networking with other producers, Learning from the feedback. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the 56 judges who reviewed programs this year. Your constructive feedback is key to the success of the fest. You will see more well-deserved thanks on the next page to all of the people who came together to make this fest possible.

Whether you won an award, judged programs, or are just here to enjoy the show, WCM hopes the Fest is an experience you'll want to repeat.



Mary Cardona  
Executive Director, WCM

# Thank you!

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**Conferences Committee:** Chair Deb Brunett and members Alan Lockett, Boyce Johnson, Scott Mealiff and Tom Loppnow

**Media Fest Coordinator:** Mary Cardona

**Media Fest Assistant Coordinator:** Jake Timm

**Media Fest Show Technical Director:** Alan Lockett

**Media Fest Show Livestream provider:** CASTUS

**Media Fest Show producer/editor:** Nathan Meyer

**Media Fest Show Voice-Over Talent:** Jamison Rabbitt and Mark Gonwa

**Media Fest Show Hosts:** Jeff Robbins and Jake Timm

**Judging Host Site Coordinators:** Alan Lockett, Janesville JATV; Jason Rimkus, Kenosha Community Media; Justine Stokes, UW-Oshkosh; Scott Mealiff, Sheboygan WSCS; Jeff Robbins, Sun Prairie Media Center; Karen Huismann, Watertown TV; Ross Rowe, Elk Grove Village EGTV; Stephanie Miller, McFarland WMCF; Lisa Wolf, Columbus Cable; Tom Loucks, Marshfield Media Access; Joe Bachman, Wisconsin Rapids Community Media; Jake Timm, Oshkosh Media, Lucky 13 and The Expansion Team.

**Judges:** Each of the fourteen sites consisted of a panel of four judges. If a site was assigned amateur programming, it found two community television staff and two experienced community access producers to judge programs. If a site was assigned professional programming, it found two community television staff and two media professionals working outside the field of community media to judge. Thank you to all of our judges for providing such excellent feedback.

Rick Appleby	Andrew Haese	Scott Mayernick	Bujar Sadiku	Daryl Duchatschek
Joe Bachman	Taylor Hale	Jim Mead	Justine Stokes	Dominic Famularo
Kevin Bargender	Patrick Heasty	Scott Mealiff	Jake Timm	Drew Martin
Ben Becks	Karen Huismann	Luke Mielke	Mara Trusty	Mike Martin
David Bennett	Robert Ingraham	Mike Moon	Mike Weigel	Wendell Ray
Tina Breeze Wahlers	John Kelly	Teresa Nguyen	John Wells	Jason Rimkus
Clayton Brock	Kris Kelly	Nancy Nichi	Derek Westby	Rachel Womack
Deb Brunett	Howard Kleinstein	Ben Olson	Jourdan Westenberg	James Wyngaard
Patrick Caine	Jim Knightwright	Rachel Packard	Joe Wiedenmeier	Bill DiNicola
Mary Cardona	Kris Leonardt	Seth Parmer	Scott Williams	Alan Lockett
Debbi Dennison	Tom Loucks	Ralph Piro	Jesse Wilson	Andy Radig
				Lisa Wolf

# Tonight's Program

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**Livestreamed Show.** Our Show is being LIVESTREAMED by Castus. Use this link to watch the show:

<https://imdomxanj2.execute-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ssr/live/5efcdca5abe7c442b33b5c68>

**Award Recipients via Zoom:** If you are receiving or presenting one of the following awards, we ask you to participate via Zoom and say a few words: Significant Community Program Award Presenters and Winners – Friend of Access Presenters and Recipients – Hall of Fame Presenter and Inductee – Best in Show – Excellence Award Winners. “Doors” open at 6:45 pm

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85303317499?pwd=aXEwbHR2cFZnZFdHbG9jYTJ2NWZuZz09>

Meeting ID: 853 0331 7499

Passcode: 281797

“Doors” open at 6:45 pm

**7 PM - The Show Begins!**

**Welcome** – WCM President Jake Timm and Vice-President Jeff Robbins

**Introduction of our voice-over talent for the show** – Jamison Rabbitt and Mark Gonwa

**Significant Community Program Awards** To be presented in the following order: Green Bay Public Television – Urbana Public Television – West Bend Community Television – Salina Media Connection – Lake Mills TV – Sun Prairie Media Center

**Friend of Access Awards** – Daryl Joten – Nancy McMahon

**Hall of Fame Inductee** – Mike Ryan

**Media Fest Show** – The show is arranged alphabetically by **Entry Category** and then by **Entry Level**. First by any Amateur Awards, then by any LPFM awards, then by any Professional Awards. Within each **Entry Level**, **Achievement Award** winners will be first, followed by **Excellence Award** winners. Please see [this program for the specific award order](#). [Excellence and Best in Show award winners will have a clip played of their shows. They will be recognized on Zoom to say a few words.](#)

**Closing**

# Significant Community Program Awards

## Green Bay Area Public School District's Class of 2020 High School Graduations for Southwest, Preble, East and West High Schools

Producer: Dean Leisgang, CESA 7 Communications Department and the Green Bay Area Public School District

**Four high school graduation features** produced in collaboration with each of the schools were played through Green Bay Public Television, the city's PEG access channel. One principal said, "This was a masterpiece!" Lori Blakeslee of the Green Bay Area School District said, "We know that these were valued by our families."



## Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

Producers: Julie Pryde, Elizabeth Hess, & Jason Liggett

**Coronavirus Update** is a weekly update on the pandemic hosted by the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District. Produced by **Urbana Public Television**, community members relied on the program for updates throughout the pandemic.



## Together West Bend

Producer: John Ehlke

**Together West Bend** debuted on March 20, 2020 very quickly after the pandemic hit. The 30-minute program produced by **West Bend Community Television** featured eleven small businesses with the same message of solidarity and resilience.



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# Significant Community Program Awards

## Decision: Saline County Jail Vote

Producer: Paul Kirkwood

**Decision: Saline County Jail Vote** Saline County in Kansas commissioned this video to explain why a new jail was needed. The feature produced by **Salina Media Connection** included a tour of the old deteriorating jail and interviews with key players. The resolution passed.



## Lake Mills Black Lives Matter Protest in Commons Park

Producer: Dave Grooman

**Lake Mills Black Lives Matter Protest** documented a gathering of more than 200 residents in historic Commons Park. A local high school student organized the gathering. "**Lake Mills TV** covered this peaceful protest to give the community a better understanding of the issue of police brutality and the concern that exists here in Lake Mills."



## Sun Prairie Police Department Citizens' Police Academy

Producer: Sun Prairie Police Department

**Sun Prairie Police Department Citizens' Police Academy** is normally held in person every year, but because of the pandemic, the police department asked **Sun Prairie Media Center** to turn it into a 12 program series. Viewers were able to learn what it is like to work as a police officer and since the academy is now available on video, many more people will be able to learn what it is like thanks to SPMC.



# Friend of Access Award Recipients

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## Daryl Joten

Daryl Joten has advocated and volunteered for WTCO (formerly Trempealeau County Community Television) for more than 15 years. As a member of the Trempealeau County IT Department, Daryl has gone way above and beyond his job responsibilities to advocate for and help out the station. Through the years, he's kept on top of the technical needs of the station, made sure equipment was well-maintained and advocated for necessary equipment upgrades to ensure the station could be in a position to serve its mission well. Daryl has volunteered countless hours to assist with on-air auctions, do production work and help many a community producer with a production challenge. "Daryl's work with the station has been instrumental in its development and there is no doubt that it has made the great progress it has year after year due to his interest in its success," said Derek Westby, Director of WTCO.



## Nancy Chase McMahon

**Nancy McMahon** was the first director of Sun Prairie Cable Access. She was a passionate believer in public access media and had great concerns about media's influence on young people. As a board member of the National Telemedia Council, McMahon spearheaded what would become KIDS-4, a still unique television station for kids, by kids, where kids create, produce, direct, and operate all equipment needed to mount television productions. McMahon's vision of what Sun Prairie Cable Access, now the Sun Prairie Media Center (SPMC), could do still resonates in one of the most vibrant and active media centers in the state. To all who knew and worked with McMahon, she was a strong, eloquent and vocal defender and trailblazer in the worlds of media literacy and community media. With media even more central to our lives today, McMahon's vision of a community of media-wise consumers is even more relevant. According to Jeff Robbins, the current director of SPMC, the center still strives to meet and exceed the high standards that McMahon set. (Presented posthumously.)

# WCM Hall of Fame Inductee

## Mike Ryan

*Former Director*

*West Bend Community Television*

Each year, WCM recognizes and inducts one community media professional who has shown great leadership and devotion to the mission of public, education, and government access television -- “empowering people to create media for human purposes.” Mike Ryan has shown that leadership and devotion to community media in both his Wisconsin hometown of West Bend and on a statewide level.

In a seven-year career on the WCM Board, Mike’s in-depth industry knowledge acquired over a thirty-year career helped set the policy direction for the organization. Mike was elected to the board in 2010 and served as Secretary and as a member of the Public Policy Committee for most of those years.

Mike became director of West Bend Community Television (WBCTV) in 2006 after beginning his career in the 1980’s working for a cable-company run public access center in Illinois. Mike led the transition of WBCTV from VHS to digital and became so well known in West Bend that turning to WBCTV became second nature to the area’s non-profit organizations. According to John Ehlke, Production Manager, “Through countless meetings, late nights and events in the rain, Mike Ryan gave everything to our community so others could be heard. He would often encourage me by reminding me of our basic mission, ‘We’re here to help them get their message out.’”

Mike truly understood what PEG media is all about – “empowering people to create media for human purposes.” Today, the media center Mike helmed for twelve years is going strong. Certainly Mike can take credit for setting the pace. Today, WBCTV is an integral part of community life and its staff continues to work hard on its local mission to help residents “get their message out.”

### Previous Inductees:

2008 Wade Britzius, Trempealeau County Community Television

2009 Judi Kneece, Janesville JATV

2010 Jon Urben, Oshkosh Media Services

2011 Pam Steitz, Sun Prairie Kids 4

2012 John Jordan, Wausau Area Access Channels

2013 Mary Shanahan-Spanic, West Allis Community Media Center

2014 Connie Darling, Fitchburg FACTV

2015 Mick Givens, Rice Lake Television

2016 Dan Kummer, Marshfield Community Television

2017 Bonnie Lundy, Fitchburg FACTV

2018 Liz Harlow, Oregon Cable Access Media

2019 Dawn Wills, River Falls Community Television

2020 Jim Walsh, River Cities Community Access





# 2021 Award-winning Programs

Award	Program Title	Producers	Media Center
<b>DOCUMENTARY FEATURE</b>			
Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Client Schools	2020 WHS Commencement Ceremony	Greg Stewart, Whitewater High School	Whitewater Community TV
Award of Achievement - Pro	WWII Radio Christmas	Brad Weigel	Marshfield Media Access
Award of Excellence - Pro	Deer Hunt Wisconsin 2020	Dan Small and Mark LaBarbera, Dan Small Outdoors	Dodgeville
<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>			
Award of Achievement - Amateur	IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE Radio Show	L Douglas Bord-Pire for Oshkosh Community Players	Oshkosh Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	WRCT Laugh-In (Part 1)	Joe Bachman	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Inspector Pig	Bethany Hultgren and Columbus Public Library Staff	Columbus Cable
Award of Achievement - Pro	Mark Gruenwald Comic Book Creation Challenge 2020	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Pro BEST IN SHOW: Public Access Program	Thought Passing Through	Pete Thelen, Hans Christian, Bill Youmans	Sevastopol TV
Award of Excellence - Pro	JPAC's Holiday Cabaret 2020	Jim McCulloch & Alan Lockett	JATV Media Services
<b>HOW TO/INSTRUCTIONAL</b>			
Award of Achievement - Pro	A.L.I.C.E. Training Video	Kevin Bargender	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Composting	Debbi Dennison	Village of Elk Grove Village
Award of Achievement - Pro	Why is Census 2020 Important to Mount Prospect?	Steve Martini	Mount Prospect Digital Communications
Award of Excellence - Pro	Tips & Tricks for Great Interviews	Rachel Womack, Today and Forever Videos	Hartford Community Television

Award	Program Title	Producers	Media Center
<b>LIVE</b>			
Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: LPFM Radio/Podcast	Bluesology	Mark Gonwa	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Excellence - Pro BEST IN SHOW: Client: Schools	University of Wisconsin Oshkosh 2020 Midyear Commencement	Justine Stokes	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV
<b>LOCAL EVENTS</b>			
Award of Achievement - Amateur	WHS Commencement Ceremony 2020	Greg Stewart, Whitewater High School	Whitewater Community TV
Award of Achievement - Pro	Sun Prairie High School 2020 Virtual Graduation Ceremony	Rachel Packard	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Achievement - Pro	Oshkosh Fire Dept. Training Tower Ribbon Cutting	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Oshkosh State of the City 2020	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Cowboy / Cowgirl Boot Camp	Rachel Womack, Today and Forever Videos	Hartford Community Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	Historic West Bend Theater Opening	John Ehlke	West Bend Community Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	Healthcare Workers Tribute at Glenbrook Hospital	Emily Lopez, Village of Glenview	Glenview Television
Award of Excellence	Eagan Holiday Tree Lighting	Josh Sibley	Eagan Television
<b>MAGAZINE FORMAT/NEWS</b>			
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Titan TV News	Kyle Winek	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV
Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: College Student	Beloit Report	Claire Read and Jonathon Kelley	Beloit Access Television - BATV
Award of Achievement - Pro	Democratic Visions: September 2020	Jeff Strate and Carol Sundstrom	Bloomington Community Access Television and SWTV

## MEETING COVERAGE

Award of Achievement - Pro	Beloit City Council Meeting	Jonathon Kelley	Beloit Access Television - BATV
Award of Achievement - Pro	Common Council: Meeting of March 17, 2020	Joe Schraven	Madison City Channel
Award of Achievement - Pro	Common Council Meeting 12-15-20	Tom Loppnow	Milwaukee City Channel 25
Award of Achievement – Pro BEST IN SHOW: Virtual Program	Oshkosh Common Council Meeting - 8/25/20	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media

## PAID COMMERCIAL/ SPONSORSHIP SPOT

Award of Excellence - Pro	Date Night in Downtown West Bend	John Ehlike	West Bend Community Television
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## PANDEMIC-RELATED PSA

Award of Excellence - Pro	Home Exercise	Max Alexander	Watertown TV
Award of Excellence – Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Produced by Youth	Mayor's Youth Council Thank you	Mayor's Youth Council	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Wood County Mask PSA	Joe Bachman	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Improvements at City Hall	Dan Callahan	Eagan Television
Award of Achievement - Pro	Whitewater Strong PSA	Haley Dieter	Whitewater Community TV
Award of Achievement - Pro	Milwaukee Property Tax Payment Options	Tom Loppnow	Milwaukee City Channel 25
Award of Achievement - Pro	We ask you to wear a mask	Tom Loucks	City of Marshfield
Award of Achievement - Pro	Oshkosh Public Library Curbside Pickup PSA	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Pro	Together West Bend	John Ehlike	West Bend Community Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	We Are Mount Prospect: Food Pantry	Steve Martini	Mount Prospect Digital Communications
Award of Excellence - Pro	We Are Mount Prospect: Restaurants	Steve Martini	Mount Prospect Digital Communications
Award of Excellence - Pro	Absentee Voting PSA	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media

Award	Program Title	Producers	Media Center
<b>PERFORMING ARTS</b>			
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Glass Menagerie	Rachel Bartelme	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Music for the Master	Brandon Simmons	Watertown Television
Award of Achievement - Pro	A Christmas Carol	Joe Bachman	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Senior Outreach Holiday Special 2020 featuring John Duggleby	Patrick Heasty	McFarland Cable WMCF
Award of Achievement - Pro	A Christmas Cabaret	Jon Hines	City of Coralville CoralVision
Award of Achievement - Pro	Claire Kelly and Michael McKinnon live at The Heist	Riley Icenogle, Chris Jones, Cole Grygny, Aaron Duesterhoeft	The Ripon Channel
Award of Achievement - Pro	The Smoky Nights at JPAC	Alan Lockett	JATV Media Services
Award of Achievement - Pro	Tales of Our Farms - Rural Life in Rock County	Tess Nguyen & Alan Lockett	JATV Media Services
Award of Achievement - Pro	Music at CELEB	Ian Nie, Jonathon Kelley, Anton Cross and Adriel Limas	Beloit Access Television - BATV
<b>PERSONALITY</b>			
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Fully FUNKtional.	Mark Gonwa	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Take Immediate Cover	Mark Gonwa	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Good Morning Sun Prairie - Baker Street	Bill Baker	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Excellence - Pro	Rail Road Crossing Poem	Casey Zempel	City of New London

## PSA

Award of Excellence - Amateur	Kitchen Safety with Freddie the Fire Truck	Marshfield Fire Department	Marshfield Media Access
Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Client: Government	Hedberg Virtual Library	Chris Valley	JATV Media Services
Award of Achievement - Pro	How to Submit an Absentee Ballot	Nicholas Boucher	McFarland Cable WMCF
Award of Achievement - Pro	Iowa River Landing Celebrates EPA's 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Jon Hines	City of Coralville CoralVision
Award of Achievement - Pro	Electronic Recycling PSA	Scott Mayernick	Village of Elk Grove Village - EGTV
Award of Achievement - Pro	Leaf and Brush Pickup Schedule	Casey Zempel, Videographer	City of New London
Award of Excellence - Pro	We Are The 28	Paul Schmidt	Madison City Channel
Award of Excellence - Pro	Let's Grow. Together. The 50th Anniversary of the Wolf River Art League.	Casey Zempel and The Wolf River Art League	City of New London

## SERIES

Award of Achievement - Amateur	G is for Gaming	Corey Hill	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV
Award of Merit - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Produced by Seniors	History Files	Nancy Bergman & Mary C. Anderson	Trempealeau County Community TV
Award of Achievement - Amateur	Song Archaeology	Mark Gonwa	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Achievement - Pro BEST IN SHOW: Cultural/Ethnic	Books and Cooks: Book Talks and Tastings	Svetha Hetzler	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Achievement - Pro BEST IN SHOW: College Student	Gems of Whitewater	Michael Hilliger	Whitewater Community Television
Award of Achievement - Pro	Junior Achievers Series	Jon Hines	City of Coralville CoralVision
Award of Achievement - Pro	2020 Great Decisions Series	Scott Mealiff, Mead Public Library and the Sheboygan Branch of the American Association of University Women	Sheboygan WSCS
Award of Achievement - Pro	Music at the Marv	Bujar Sadiku	JATV Media Services
Award of Excellence – Pro BEST IN SHOW: Client: Government	Business of the Month	John Ehlike	West Bend Community Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	Pandemic Special 1	George Sawyn and Pat Judy	Sevastopol TV
Award of Excellence - Pro - BEST IN SHOW: Small Station	Pandemic Special 2	George Sawyn and Pat Judy	Sevastopol TV

Award	Program Title	Producers	Media Center
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SHORT FORM DOCUMENTARY OR FEATURE

Award of Achievement - Pro	Business Spotlight - Wisconsin Rapids Coffee	Joe Bachman	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Wisconsin Rapids Virtual Open House	Joe Bachman	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Wisconsin Rapids Downtown Farmers Market 2020	Kevin Bargender	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	The City: Lac Lawrann Conservancy	John Ehlke	West Bend Community Television
Award of Achievement - Pro	Shining Star 2020 Public Works Unsung Hero Award	Steve Martini	Mount Prospect Digital Communications
Award of Achievement - Pro	Independence Day Through the Eyes of Oshkosh	Oshkosh Public Museum	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Pro	Spreading Christmas Joy	Kevin Bargender	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media
Award of Excellence - Pro	Eagan Firefighters	Hailee Boston	Eagan Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	Elk Grove Profiles - The Sandberg Family Christmas Display	Scott Mayernick	EGTV - Elk Grove Television
Award of Excellence - Pro	Discover Something New - Edison Phonograph	Casey Zempel and the New London Public Museum	City of New London
Award of Excellence - Pro BEST IN SHOW: LPFM Radio/Podcast	EAS Tones	Randall Davidson	WMUU-LP
Award of Excellence - Pro	Student Loan Scam	Randall Davidson	WMUU-LP

## SPORTS

Award of Achievement - Amateur	Girls' Swimming and Diving: Chanhassen at Kennedy	Student Techs	Bloomington Educational Community Television
Award of Achievement - Pro	Sun Prairie Cardinals Boys Basketball: Playoff vs. Waunakee	Mike Mathison	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Achievement - Pro	Oshkosh West vs. Oshkosh North Boys Basketball	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Achievement - Pro	Thielmann's Athletic Club Youth Scholarship Bowling Tournament	Greg Zabolocky	Sheboygan WSCS

## TALK SHOW

Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Public Access Program	Making it Happen	Edward Kastern	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Making it Happen 2	Edward Kastern	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Inside Your City with Aaron and Chris, 10-30-20	Chris Mertes, Sun Prairie Star	Sun Prairie Media Center
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Y? Why Not! Show - Getting Financially Sound	Janice R Newman	Comcast Public Access Center
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Y? Why Not! Show - Lack of Young Adults in the Church	Janice R Newman	Comcast Public Access Center
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Y? Why Not! Show - Married with Different Beliefs	Janice R Newman	Comcast Public Access Center
Award of Excellence - Amateur	Y? Why Not! Show - Motorsports Unlimited	Janice R Newman	Comcast Public Access Center
Award of Achievement - Pro	City Manager's Report Top 10 of 2020	Oshkosh Media	Oshkosh Media
Award of Excellence - Amateur BEST IN SHOW: Virtual Program	Y? Why Not! Show - Y? Why Not God	Janice R Newman	Comcast Public Access Center

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Producer	Program Title	Media Center	Entry Category	Entry Level
Paul Kirkwood	Decision: Saline County Jail Vote	Salina Media Connection	Documentary/Feature	Professional
Oshkosh Media and Oshkosh Public Museum	Remembering Our Honored Dead	Oshkosh Media	Documentary/Feature	Professional
Scott Mealiff	Sheboygan Police Department Media Conference	Sheboygan WSCS	Emergency Operations Center Live Response	Professional
Nathan DeHaan, Jake Hasan, Alex Aquilera and Brendyn Jones	WPGU's Illini Drive 3-4-20	City of Urbana Public Television	Entertainment	Amateur
Matt Niesen	The Board Room - Codenames	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV	Entertainment	Amateur
Zachary Popke	4th of July 2020 Celebration: "Parades of the Past"	Whitewater Community TV	Entertainment	Professional
Jeff Robbins	Sun Prairie Tree Lighting 2020	Sun Prairie Media Center	Entertainment	Professional
Tina Breeze Wahlers	Molly's Flour Shop	Janesville JATV Media Services	How to/Instructional	Professional
Nathan Meyer and Draco Fink	Maple Grove Christmas Concert	Merrill Productions	LIVE	Professional
Draco Fink	2020 MHS Fall Choral Concert	Merrill Productions	LIVE	Professional
Alan Lockett	Janesville City Council Candidates Forum 2020	Janesville JATV Media Services	LIVE	Professional
Joe Wiedenmeier	FCC Live Stream 9-20-2020	Oshkosh Media	LIVE	Professional
Beatha Kliewer	LHS Band   December 2020	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media	Local Events	Amateur
Black American Community Outreach and WSCS	March for Unity	Sheboygan WSCS	Local Events	Professional



Sheboygan County Chamber and WSCS	First Friday Forum: Candidate Forum	Sheboygan WSCS	Local Events	Professional
Tom Loucks	Marshfield graduation	Marshfield Media Access	Local Events	Professional
Andra Matthews	Amphitheater Grand Opening: The NEW Piano Guys	Whitewater Community TV	Local Events	Professional
Oshkosh Media	Lakeshore Riverwalk Ribbon Cutting	Oshkosh Media	Local Events	Professional
Dan Presser, Tweedee Productions	Sun Prairie In Focus	Sun Prairie Media Center	Magazine Format/News	Professional
Tom Ringdall	Return to School Community Engagement	Bloomington Educational Community Media	Meeting Coverage	Professional
Scott Mealiff	City Plan Commission Meeting, Dec. 15, 2020	Sheboygan WSCS	Meeting Coverage - Virtual	Professional
Joe Schraven	Common Council: Meeting of October 20, 2020	Madison City Channel	Meeting Coverage - Virtual	Professional
Robert Smetana	MKE 2020 Elected Officials-Take the Oath	Milwaukee City Channel 25	Pandemic-Related PSA	Professional
Jennifer Vail-Storrs	Community Matters	Itasca Community Television, Inc.	Pandemic-Related PSA	Professional
Alan Luckett	WADR Indiband Benefit Fest	Janesville JATV Media Services	Performing Arts	Professional
Sheboygan County League of Women Voters and WSCS	Are You Ready to Vote?	Sheboygan WSCS	PSA	Professional
Anton Cross	Earaches	Beloit College and Beloit Access Television - BATV	Series	Amateur
Rachel Hanson	Simply Fun Cooking	Sun Prairie Media Center	Series	Amateur
Nancy Bergman and Mary C. Anderson	History Files	WTCO - Trempealeau County	Series	Amateur
Dave Watson	All Jazz	Sun Prairie Media Center	Series	Amateur
Jeff Strate, Chuck Kundschieer and Carol Sundstrom	Democratic Visions	BCAT and SWTV	Series	Professional

Nadia Giordana, Where Women Talk TV	Where Women Talk	St. Paul Neighborhood Network - SPNN	Series - Virtual	Amateur
BEC-TV Student Techs	Inside Football	Bloomington Educational Community Television	Series - Virtual	Amateur
Jimmy Velasco	Look Who's Starting	Beloit College and Beloit Access Television - BATV	Series - Virtual	Amateur
Jamison Rabbitt	Reel Reviews	Sun Prairie Media Center	Series - Virtual	Professional
Nona Miller, Smoky Hill Museum	Let's Go - Germania Park	Salina Media Connection	Short Form Documentary/Feature	Amateur
Mark Ward	Little Amerricka & The Whistle Stop Campground	Watertown TV	Short Form Documentary/Feature	Amateur
Kevin Clark	Definitely De Pere Testimonials Video	De Pere TV	Short Form Documentary/Feature	Professional
Peter Abraham	WIAC Championship: UW O Men's Basketball vs. UW Eau Claire	UW-Oshkosh Titan TV	Sports	Amateur
Art Napgezsek	WR Riverkings vs. Chicago Cougars   10-31-2020	Wisconsin Rapids Community Media	Sports	Amateur
Andy Schoenherr	What Are We Building?	Sun Prairie Media Center	Talk Show	Amateur
Claire Read and Jonathon Kelley	Inside Beloit	Beloit Access Television - BATV	Talk Show	Professional
Stephanie Miller	Keeping Neighborhoods Safe - An Interview with McFarland's Police Chief	Village of McFarland Cable - WMCF	Talk Show	Professional
Jason Rimkus	Just Talkin' with special guest Aileen Quinn	Kenosha Community Media	Talk Show	Professional
Jason Rimkus	Just Talkin'	Kenosha Community Media	Talk Show - Virtual	Professional

## Thanks for coming to the Fest Show!

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