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SC Public Radio's Victoria Hansen Nominated for Radio Reporter of the Year
South Carolina Broadcasters Association announces nominations for annual STAR Awards

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is proud to announce that SC Public Radio reporter Victoria Hansen has been nominated for Radio Reporter of the Year by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association (SCBA). Winners of the annual State Television and Radio (STAR) Awards will be announced on August 13 at the Hilton Columbia Center.

The SCBA serves as the voice for South Carolina radio and television stations by providing educational resources for members, communicating essential information to the public and lobbying for legislation that supports broadcasters' commitment to serving their communities.

Each year, the SCBA honors Palmetto State broadcasters at the STAR Awards. The STAR Awards recognize the exceptional accomplishments of South Carolina stations and their broadcast professionals. SC Public Radio reporter Victoria Hansen is nominated for Radio Reporter of the Year. Victoria Hansen is SC Public Radio's Lowcountry connection, covering the Charleston community, a city she knows well. Hansen grew up in newspaper newsrooms and has worked as a broadcast journalist for more than 20 years. Her first reporting job brought her to Charleston where she covered local and national stories like the Susan Smith murder trial and the arrival of the Citadel's first female cadet.

In addition to this nomination for Radio Reporter of the Year from the SCBA, Hansen recently received second place recognition in the Special Feature Category: COVID-2021 at the Public Media Journalist Association (PMJA) 2022 Annual Conference in Seattle, WA. Her intimate portrait of a hospital COVID unit from a photojournalist-turned-nurse received one of the 221 awards presented to 101 organizations, recognizing the best work in public media journalism from across the country.

For more information on the STAR Awards, visit the [SCBA website](#).

QUOTES:

"I'm grateful for the Radio Reporter of the Year nomination, especially from an organization that does so much to support broadcast journalists in our state. I've been fortunate to be able to do what I love for so long. I also want to thank PMJA for recognizing a story about the plight of healthcare workers during the pandemic. Alan Hawes, the photojournalist turned critical care nurse, deserves all the credit."- **SC Public Radio Reporter Victoria Hansen**

"Victoria Hansen works to always find the human element in her stories, looking past the headlines to understand how the news of the day is truly impacting South Carolinians. We could not be more proud of Victoria and are thrilled see this recognition of her dedication to local journalism."- **Director of SC Public Radio Sean Birch**

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About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV (SCETV) is the state's public educational broadcasting network. Using television, radio and diverse digital properties, SCETV's mission is to enrich lives by educating children, informing and connecting citizens, celebrating our culture and environment and instilling the joy of learning. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow*, *Palmetto Scene* and *This Week in South Carolina*, SCETV also presents multiple programs to regional and national audiences, including *By The River*, *Expeditions*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *Live from Charleston Music Hall*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

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