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SC Public Radio's Victoria Hansen Named Radio Reporter of the Year *Hansen receives STAR Award from the South Carolina Broadcasters Association*

COLUMBIA, SC – South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (SCETV) is proud to announce that SC Public Radio reporter Victoria Hansen has been named Radio Reporter of the Year by the South Carolina Broadcasters Association (SCBA). Winners of the annual State Television and Radio (STAR) Awards were 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.

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.

This is the fourth year that Hansen has been named Radio Reporter of the Year by the SCBA. Additionally, Hansen has been received recognition from the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas (RTDNAC) and 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.

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

QUOTES:

"Reporters like Victoria allow SCETV and SC Public Radio to provide quality, authentic stories and coverage across our platforms. I am proud of Victoria for receiving this award for the past four years. It truly is a testament to her commitment and passion for public media."- **SCETV President and CEO Anthony Padgett**

"I'm grateful to SCBA for the recognition and for my SC Public Radio and SCETV family who came out to celebrate our work serving the community. I'm passionate about educating and connecting people through storytelling."- **SC Public Radio Reporter Victoria Hansen**

"We are so proud to see Victoria Hansen be recognized as Radio Reporter of the Year. She works tirelessly to present informative, balanced and most importantly humanizing stories that help to connect South Carolinians to each other. Although we don't do what we do for awards, we are still thrilled to see one of our own receive such a wonderful accolade."- **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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