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**SC Public Radio receives 14 RTDNAC awards,
including “Outstanding News Operation”**
Annual awards recognize the best in broadcast journalism in the Carolinas

COLUMBIA, SC - South Carolina ETV and Public Radio received 14 awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas (RTDNAC) this past weekend. Winners of the 2022 RTDNAC Awards were announced at a luncheon on Nov. 12 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

RTDNAC is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to showcasing the best broadcast journalism in North Carolina and South Carolina. RTDNAC also supports college students who aspire to a journalism career.

The annual awards ceremony brings together media professionals and journalism students to recognize them for their efforts in various categories.

In total, SC Public Radio received seven first place and eight second place awards in eleven categories ranging from “Entertainment” to “Long-Form Interview.”

RTDNAC recognized the network for its dedication to providing radio news coverage to listeners across the state, naming SC Public Radio first in the “Outstanding News Operation” category.

SC Public Radio reporter Victoria Hansen received second place for RTDNAC “Radio Reporter of the Year,” a title the veteran reporter received earlier in 2022 from the South Carolina Broadcasters Association.

See below for a full list of SC Public Radio RTDNAC Award winners:

Outstanding News Operation

- First Place: SC Public Radio

Consumer/Economic

- First Place: [SC economic experts offer tips for dealing with inflation](#), Tut Underwood
- Second Place: [Shortage of microchips costing consumers more perhaps for years](#), Tut Underwood

Education

- First Place: [Federal school meal waivers are about to expire](#), Scott Morgan
- Second Place: [Embracing life, death of a formerly-enslaved person](#), Thelisha Eaddy

Entertainment

- Second Place: [Randy Lucas – a South Carolina banjo phenomenon](#), Tut Underwood

Health-Medicine

- First Place: [USC autism study could lead to detection far earlier than now](#), Scott Morgan
- Second Place: [Protecting doctors’ beliefs or enabling discrimination: SC’s new medical conscience law](#), Victoria Hansen

Long-Form Interview

- First Place: [A Ukrainian pianist finds new relevance in his repertoire](#), *Bradley Fuller*

Podcast (Long)

- First Place: [SC Lede: 'Lowcountry at high tide'](#), *A.T. Shire, Gavin Jackson, Sean Birch, Aimee Crouch*

Radio Reporter of the Year

- Second Place: [Victoria Hansen](#)

Series

- Second Place: [diSConnected](#), *Scott Morgan*

Social Reform

- First Place: [Charleston-based festival tries to change the color of classical music](#), *Victoria Hansen*
- Second Place: [For many, celebrating black history also means dealing with trauma](#), *Thelisha Eaddy*

Sports

- Second Place: [Pickleball is exploding as a popular sport](#), *Tut Underwood*

Reaching more than 300,000 listeners each week, the network offers two formats – News/Talk and News/Music – and operates eight transmitters across the state. For more on SC Public Radio, visit www.southcarolinapublicradio.org.

A complete list of [2022 RTDNAC Award winners](#) can be found on the RTDNAC website.

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“As South Carolina’s statewide public media network, we strive to empower citizens with up-to-date, accurate information. Each person and piece of work recognized by RTDNAC is a testament to the hard work and dedication shown every day. I am very proud of the SC Public Radio team.” –**SCETV President and CEO Anthony Padgett**

“We here at SC Public Radio strive to inform, enlighten, and entertain. The pieces recognized with these awards — covering topics ranging from racial reckoning in classical music to coastal communities dealing with climate change to the growing popularity of pickle ball — represent the breadth of topics we are able to cover each week. We are proud to be recognized for our work and dedication to our audiences across the Palmetto State.” –**SC Public Radio Director 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. SCETV amplifies South Carolina voices, provides educational experiences and strengthens communities, while working toward creating a stronger, more connected and informed South Carolina. In addition to airing local programs, such as *Carolina Classrooms*, *Making It Grow* 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 *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.

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