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SC Public Radio receives 13 awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas

COLUMBIA, SC - SC Public Radio is proud to announce the network has received 13 awards from the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas (RTDNAC). Winners of the 2023 RTDNAC awards competition were announced at an awards luncheon on Nov. 11 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

SC Public Radio received five first place and eight second place wins across various categories. In addition to several stories being recognized, SC Public Radio's podcast ***InDebted*** received first place in both the Podcast (Long) and Podcast (Short) categories. Victoria Hansen was also named 2023 Radio Reporter of the Year.

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.

These annual awards honor outstanding journalism across TV, radio and digital platforms. The competition is open to all Carolina stations and individuals, and submissions are separated into four divisions— Radio, TV I (public television and radio stations with 20 or more full-time employees operating in certain markets), TV II (all other stations) and Student.

See below for the full list of SC Public Radio's 2023 RTDNAC Award winners:

Breaking News

2nd Place: *South Carolina judge sentences Alex Murdaugh to life in prison*, Victoria Hansen

Entertainment

1st Place: *Frankenstein remains a frightful favorite for more than two centuries*, Tut Underwood

General News

2nd Place: *The colorful South Carolina State Fair was once black and white*, Tut Underwood

Hard News Feature

1st Place: *Classical musician releases debut album in prison*, Victoria Hansen

2nd Place: *Lesson from a fading mind, from a neighbor with early-onset Alzheimer's*, Scott Morgan

Light Feature

2nd Place: *A nearly decade-long wait is over for Mary Ashley Barbot and the kidney she calls "Cupcake"*, Victoria Hansen

Podcast (Long)

1st Place: ***InDebted**: Episode 8 — The 36% Solution*, Caelan Bailey, Sean Birch, Scott Morgan, A.T. Shire

Podcast (Short)

1st Place: *InDebted: Barnwell — A love story*, Caelan Bailey, Sean Birch, Scott Morgan, A.T. Shire

Radio Reporter of the Year

1st Place: Victoria Hansen

Series

2nd Place: *New report looks at isolation in South Carolina's senior population*, Scott Morgan

Social Reform

2nd Place: *Partnership to restore football field of former Equalization School, sends message of community, hope*, Thelisha Eaddy

2nd Place: *Upstate takes center stage in LGBTQ+ books debate*, Scott Morgan

Special Report

2nd Place: *SC General Assembly begins work on new anti-abortion bill*, Russ McKinney

Reaching more than 275,000 listeners each week, SC Public Radio's network offers two formats – News/Talk and News/Music – and operates eight transmitters across the state. For more on SC Public Radio, visit southcarolinapublicradio.org.

A complete list of [2023 RTDNAC Award winners](#) can be found on the RTDNAC website.

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"At SC Public Radio, we believe in the power of storytelling to inform, inspire and connect communities. The acknowledgment of our work ranging from breaking news to podcasts and beyond, is a testament to our team's commitment to journalistic integrity and creativity. We are grateful for the support of our listeners and the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas, and we remain dedicated to providing meaningful stories that resonate with the diverse audience we serve." **–SC Public Radio Director Sean Birch**

FAST FACTS

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About South Carolina ETV and Public Radio

South Carolina ETV and Public Radio (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*, *After Action*, *Reconnecting Roots*, *Reel South*, *Somewhere South*, *Yoga in Practice* and *How She Rolls*. In addition, SC Public Radio produces the national radio production, *Chamber Music from Spoleto Festival USA*.



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