



TAB Salutes 2025 News Award Winners

Broadcasters from all over Texas got together in Austin on Saturday, April 12 to celebrate the winners of TAB's Fourth Annual Texas Broadcast News Awards.

WINNERS Radio-Large (DFW, HOU, SA, AUS)		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Best Local Talk Show	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Mid-Morning Mike Check
Continuing Coverage	KSTX Texas Public Radio	Robert Roberson Case
Documentary	KSTX Texas Public Radio	Special Report: After the Smokehouse Creek Fire
General Assignment	KSTX Texas Public Radio	Eagle Pass' Shelby Park
Original Digital Content	KUT Austin	I-35 Expansion
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Joe Kelley, John Liddle & Heather Behrens
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KUT Austin	Housing Beat
Sports Play-by-Play	KTCK Dallas-Fort Worth	ACC Championship Game: SMU vs. Clemson
Sports Story / Series	KUT Austin	UT OU Intense Rivalry
Sportscast	WBAP Dallas-Fort Worth	Mike Traina Morning Sportscast
Use of Actuality-Production	KUT Austin	Chirping Frogs of Austin



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Feature (Light)	KUT Austin	Summer Camp/Public Transit Adventure
Feature (Serious)	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	Marine Helps North Texas Youth
Political Issues Coverage	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	West Texas Private Prison Shutdown
Election Results Coverage	KUT Austin	Texas Standard: Super Tuesday
Breaking News	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Dallas Officer Shooting
Investigative Report	KERA Dallas-Fort Worth	NRA Convention
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KUT Austin	Texas Farm Workers Union History
Reporter	KUT Austin	Nathan Bernier
Newscast	KRLD Dallas-Fort Worth	Afternoon News: Jan. 8, 2024
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KUT Austin	



WINNERS Radio-Other (All Other Markets)

Category	Station	Entry Title
Best Local Talk Show	Bryan Broadcasting	Infomaniacs
Continuing Coverage	Bryan Broadcasting	Recruiting a Semi-Conductor Plant
Documentary	KVLU Beaumont	Bayoulands: Redbones of Southwest Louisiana
General Assignment	KMHT Marshall	Marshall Temporary Fire Station Closure
Original Digital Content	KETR Commerce	Faith & Politics in Black Church
News Anchor / Anchor Team	Bryan Broadcasting	Bill Oliver
Specialty / Beat Reporting	Bryan Broadcasting	Texas A&M
Sports Play-by-Play	KTBB Tyler-Longview	TJC Basketball
Sports Story / Series	KMHT Marshall	Friday Night Lights Match Up
Sportscast	Bryan Broadcasting	7:55 AM: June 27, 2024
Sports Talk Show	KTBB Tyler-Longview	SportsTalk
Use of Actuality-Production	Bryan Broadcasting	Drone Debate

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Feature (Light)	KMHT Marshall	Pig after a Pig
Feature (Serious)	KETR Commerce	How Does Faith Inform Politics?
Political Issues Coverage	Butler7media	Where Do You Keep Your Gun?
Election Results Coverage	KURV Rio Grande Valley	Decision 2024
Breaking News	KMHT Marshall	Historic First Methodist Church Fire
Reporter	Bryan Broadcasting	Chelsea Reber
Newscast	Bryan Broadcasting	Chelsea Reber
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	Bryan Broadcasting	



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Continuing Coverage	KTBC-TV Austin	Meredith Aldis "Caitlin Armstrong"
Documentary / TV Special	KXAN-TV Austin	State of Texas: Preventing Disaster
General Assignment	KSAT-TV San Antonio	To Shoot or Not to Shoot
Feature Editing / General News	KENS-TV San Antonio	Wax to the Max
Deadline Editing / General News	KHOU-TV Houston	On Deadline: Ivan Gibson
Original Digital Content	KXAN-TV Austin	Austin Stitched Together
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KHOU-TV Houston	Marcelino Benito
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KXAN-TV Austin	Public Safety Reporting
Multimedia Journalist	KTXA/KTVT-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	Dawn White: One-Woman Band
Sports Reporter	KPRC-TV Houston	Ari Alexander
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KPRC-TV Houston	Ari Alexander
Sports Special	KXAS/KXTX-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	North Texas Hometown Hopefuls
Sportscast	KPRC-TV Houston	Secrets of the Sinker
Individual Photojournalism	KENS-TV San Antonio	Signos de una lucha
Station Photojournalism	KXAN-TV Austin	Photojournalism 2024
Weather Anchor	KEYE-TV Austin	Avery Tomasco
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KWEX-TV San Antonio	Bienvenido al mundo 3D de Gabriel



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Feature (Light)	KLRU-TV Austin	Can Cheesecake be a Form of Resistance?
Feature (Serious)	KENS-TV San Antonio	Proud Little Lizards
Political Issues Coverage	KXAN-TV Austin	From Class to Court: Texas' Untracked Truancy System
Election Results Coverage	KXAN-TV Austin	Campaign Context
Sports Story	KENS-TV San Antonio	We Have School Spirits!
Breaking News	KXAN-TV Austin	University of Texas Protests
Investigative Report	KXAN-TV Austin	Preventing Disaster: Investigating Hospital Crashes

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Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KXAN-TV Austin	A Hanging on Backbone Creek: Unraveling Texas' Antiquated Death Investigations
Reporter	KPRC-TV Houston	Gage Goulding
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KXAN-TV Austin	Total Solar Eclipse
Evening Newscast	WFAA-TV Dallas-Fort Worth	North Texas Tornadoes:10 PM
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KXAN-TV Austin	



WINNERS TV-Medium		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Continuing Coverage	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Robert Roberson Execution Blocked
Documentary / TV Special	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	41 @ 100
General Assignment	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	Facing Danger: State Hwy 361
Feature Editing / General News	KWTX-TV Waco	Once Bitten
Deadline Editing / General News	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Cemetery Restoration
Original Digital Content	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	First Alert Weather
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Karla Castillo
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KWTX-TV Waco	Making the Grade
Multimedia Journalist	KBTX-TV Bryan-College Station	Donnie Tuggle
Sports Reporter	KXXV-TV Waco	Donna Conrad
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KXXV-TV Waco	Shahji Adam
Sports Special	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Beyond the Sidelines
Sportscast	KAMR-TV Amarillo	Local 4 News: Sports at 10 PM
Individual Photojournalism	KRGV-TV Rio Grande Valley	Israel Almeida
Station Photojournalism	KFOX-TV El Paso	CBS4 Best Photo Shop
Weather Anchor	KAMR-TV Amarillo	John Harris
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KFDA-TV Amarillo	Tornado Coverage: 8 PM

WINNERS TV-Medium		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Feature (Light)	KLBK-TV Lubbock	The Happiest Worker in Lubbock
Feature (Serious)	KFOX-TV El Paso	Migrants Deaths in the Desert
Political Issues Coverage	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Tariff Threats
Election Results Coverage	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Cruz vs. Allred
Sports Story	KFOX-TV El Paso	Barrio Boys
Breaking News	KWTX-TV Waco	Mall Crash and Shooting – Four Days before Christmas
Investigative Report	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	City of Taft: Small Town, Big Problems



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Category	Station	Entry Title
Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KVEO-TV Rio Grande Valley	Remembering the 21
Reporter	KIII-TV Corpus Christi	Bill Churchwell: Covering the Coastal Bend
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KLTV-TV Tyler-Longview	Good Morning East Texas
Evening Newscast	KAMR-TV Amarillo	Local 4 News at 10 PM
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	



WINNERS TV-Small		
Category	Station	Entry Title
Continuing Coverage	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Mystery Woman Comforts Child
Documentary / TV Special	KTAB-TV Abilene	Confronting the Fentanyl Crisis
General Assignment	KTAB-TV Abilene	Embracing Tradition: The West Texas Catrina
Feature Editing / General News	KTAB-TV Abilene	It Gave Me Chills
Deadline Editing / General News	KFDM-TV Beaumont	Finding Hope Among the Ashes
Original Digital Content	KWES-TV Odessa-Midland	Hoppel Watch: Go Bryce Go!
News Anchor / Anchor Team	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Jalen Wells & Emily Faith
Specialty / Beat Reporting	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Josh Hoggard: Crime and Courts Beat Reporting
Multimedia Journalist	KLST/KSAN-TV San Angelo	Senora Scott
Sports Reporter	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	M.J. Baird
Sports Anchor / Anchor Team	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Tobin McDuff
Sports Special	KIDY/KXVA-TV San Angelo	Rams Kicker Bradley Larson
Sportscast	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Tobin McDuff
Individual Photojournalism	KXII-DT Sherman	Kelby Archer
Station Photojournalism	KXII-DT Sherman	Photojournalism 2024
Weather Anchor	KTXS-TV Abilene	Caiden Dinkins
Weathercast / Best Weather Coverage	KTEN-TV Sherman	Sulphur Tornado

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Feature (Light)	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Great Grandmother Goes Back to School
Feature (Serious)	KTXS-TV Abilene	Living History Underground
Political Issues Coverage	KBMT-TV Beaumont	Texas Political Showdown
Election Results Coverage	KXII-DT Sherman	News 12 at 10 PM: Election Night 2024
Sports Story	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Noel Johnson Courage Award: Brad Boyd
Breaking News	KBMT-TV Beaumont	The Gilbert Building Fire



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Multimedia / Digital Storytelling	KOSA-TV Odessa-Midland	Hostage Situation in Midland
Reporter	KFDX-TV Wichita Falls	Dylan Jimenez
Morning / Mid-Day Newscast	KXII-DT Sherman	News 12 at 6:30 AM April 29
Evening Newscast	KBMT-TV Beaumont	12News at 6 PM: Tracking Beryl
Overall Texas Broadcast Excellence	KXII-DT Sherman	

WINNER (Carole Kneeland Award)	
Station	Entry Title
KRIS-TV Corpus Christi	City of Taft: Small Town, Big Problems