

**The Atlanta Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences
1997 Southeast Regional Emmy Nominees & Recipients:**

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Spot News Reporting

- “Hostage Standoff,” Producers – Gustavo Valdes, Shirley Washington, Jeff Moore, Ann Tripp, Dexter Andrews, Jim Heath & Ron Horne; WAGA
- 🏆 **“Another Church Fire,” Producer – Luther Davis; WBRC**
- “Day Care Accident,” Producers – Lynn Harasin & Jeff Burton; WSB

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Spot News Reporting/Team Coverage

- 🏆 **“Who’s Child Is This?” Producers – Dave Bennalack, Leon Jobe, Ross Cavitt, Al Blinke, Shaunya Chavis, Kevin Hill, Marian Pittman, Lisa Krysiak, Andy Artis, Doug Rink; WSB**
- “Valujet Crash WXIA,” Producer – David Roberts; WXIA
- “Park Bomb Aftermath,” Producers – Mark Shavin, Brenda Wood, Blair Carper, Mike Daly, Sidmel Estes-Sumpter, Jeff Goodall, Russ Spencer, Dale Russel, Logan Crawford, Susan Kicak, Beth Perella, Budd McEntee, Rod Fowler, Vicki Creel, Karen Koutsky, Leslie Collins, Kendall Kerr, Sharon Crowley, Terri Van House-Thornton, Gustavo Valdes; WAGA
- “The Crash of Flight 592,” Producers – Dave Bennalack, Al Blinke, Steve Gasque, Leon Jobe, Lauren Watkins, Lisa Krysiak, Sandra Bookman, Sara Worthington, Shaunya Chavis, Sally Sears, Mary Hylbak, Bill Jordan, Jeff Burton, Sharon Monroe, Ross Cavitt, Pam Martin & Richard Belcher; WSB

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/General Reporting

- “Men Not Working,” Producers – Ross Cavitt & Eric Hager; WSB
- 🏆 **“A Horse & A Cop Who Cared,” Producers – Jeff Dore and Karen Sawyer; WSB**
- “Jail Moms,” Producers – Alex Quade, John McKnight, Helen Lester & David Allbritton; WGNX

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Investigative Reporting

- “The Housing Authority,” Producers – Bob Carr, Michael Carlin, Dale Russell, Travis Shields, Mindy Larcom, and Tony D’Astoli; WAGA
- “Whistleblower/School Thefts,” Producers – Richard Belcher, and Bob Page; WSB
- 🏆 **“Target 4: The Greenville County Administrators,” Producers – Larry Blunt, John Hendon, Don Jackson, and Rob Yingling; WYFF.**

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Series Reporting

- 🏆 ***“Drug Wars,” Producers – Mark Winne and Bob Page; WSB***
- “Street Beggars,” Producers – Bob Carr, Michael Carlin, Randy Travis, Tony D’Astoli and Mindy Larcom; WAGA
- “Jailbound,” Producers – Brenda Wood, Anthony Daniels & Elliot Sparks; WAGA

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/ Specialty Series Reporting

- “Dancing with Wolves,” Producers – Bob Carr, Michael Carlin, Randy Travis, Tony D’Astoli, Travis Shields and Mindy Larcom; WAGA
- 🏆 ***“Sorry Speakers,” Producers – Bob Carr, Michael Carlin, Randy Travis, Tony D’Astoli, and Travis Shields; WAGA***
- “Heap of Trouble,” Producers – Larry Blunt & John Hendon; WYFF

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/News Feature

- “Champion-Edwin Moses,” Producers – Angela Robinson & Janice Collins; WXIA
- “Waffle Houce Science,” Producers – Doug Richards, Andrea Lerner, Bill Sykes and Rodney Hall; WAGA
- 🏆 ***“Feng Shui,” Producers – Angela Robinson, Andy Lockett, and Mike Zakel; WXIA***

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Sports Reporting

- 🏆 ***“Bremen vs Bowdon,” Producers – Doug Richards, Andrea Lerner, Bill Sykes, and Rodney Hall; WAGA***
- “Field of Dreams,” Producers – Tom Corvin and Eddie Cortes; WAGA
- “Fouled Out,” Producers – Rick Karle, Mike Tucker, Kwame Grafton; WBRC

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Specialty Reporting

- 🏆 ***“Unclaimed Money,” Producers – Angela Robinson, Andy Lockett, Bill Jones, and Willis Boyd; WXIA***
- “Camp Smile-A-Mile,” Producers – Mike Royer; WVTM
- “Cancer: Through A Childs Eyes,” Producers – Mary Beth Bryd & Wes Harrell; WVTM

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Live Reporting

- “Fox Fire,” Producers – Blair Carper, Jay Ariano, Carey Winzurk and Ron Horne; WAGA
- 🏆 *“Sandy Springs Tornado,” Producers – Rob Young and Nick Nygro; WYFF*
- “Firewatch,” producers – Larry Blunt and Jay reilly; WYFF

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/News Special Or Continuous Coverage

- 🏆 *“1996 Olympics,” Producer – David Roberts; WXIA*
- 🏆 *“After the Crash: The Stories of ValuJet Flight 592,” Producers – Dave Bennallack, Al Blinke, Leon Jobe, Jonathan Serrie, Monica Kaufman, Lauren Watkins, Lisa Krysiak, Andy Artis, Marian Pittman, Dorthey Daniels, Chris Reilly, Shaunya Chavis, Tracy Reeves, Tony Dorsey, Sharon Monroe, Kevin O’Shea, John Pruitt, Richard Belcher, Tom Regan, Erin Fredrickson, Bob Page, Jeff Burton, and Sandra Bookman; WSB*
- “Hurricane!” Producers – Mac Thompson, Rob Fowler, Bill Evans, Anne Fonda, Mark Kennedy, Nina Sossamon, Russ McCaskey, BoWilliams, Miles Crosby, Gary Bartlett, Dianne Brown, Devon Mishkin and Stacy Stahl; WCBD

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Daily Newscast (Markets 1-25)

- “WGNX News,” Producerws – Mike Dreaden, Mark Aldren, Eric Burns, Christine Conklin, Michelle Birnbaum, Sheri Enix, Nancy Adams, Mary Davies, Christi Cerwinski, Melissa Ponzio, John McKnight, and Karyn Greer; WGNX
- “11Alive News,” Producer – David Roberts; WXIA
- 🏆 *“Eyewitness News at 5 & 6,” Producers – Mark Shavin, Bill Sykes, Brenda Wood, Jim Axel, Leslie Collins, Scott Stucky, Ki Sanders, Kendall Kerr, Vickie Creel, Karen Koutsky, Sandra Davenport, Rod Fowler, Budd McEntee, Bud Veazey, Joyce Hanley, Michael Carlin, Sidmel Estes-Sumpter, Lisa Rayam, Russ Spencer, and Beth Perrella; WAGA*
- “Channel 2 Action News,” Producers – Al Blinke, Dave Bennallack, Susan Stone, Monica Kaufman, Lisa Krysiak, Janice Elder, Dave Mobley, Roger Porter, Andy Artis, Marian Pittman, Chris Reilly, Kevin O’Shea, Dorthey Daniels, Glenn Burns, John Pruitt, and Don Farmer; WSB

Outstanding Achievement: Television News Excellence/Daily Newscast (Markets 26 and Above)

- “WCFT Birmingham,” Producers – Bill Shory and Monica Vigil; WCFT
- “Best Newscast,” Producers – Mac Thompson, Bill Evans, Anne Fonda, Nina Sossamon, Russ McCaskey, Rob Fowler, Bo Williams, Ross Camp, Jim Alexander, Amy Robach, Kenny Dickens, Barry Landrum, Erica Bryant, Mark Kennedy, Gary Baize, Don Stanke, Brendan Clark, and Charles Bowden; WCBD
- 🏆 *“News 4 at Six,” Producers – Andy Still, Josh Robinson, George Schellenger, Carol Goldsmith, Kevin Cokely, Geoff Hart, John Cessarich, Lee Brown, Kim Deal, Doug Story, Randy Johnston, and Dave McAtee; WYFF*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Public Affairs Program

- “Atlanta’s Summer Games: Are You Ready?,” Producers – Mary Callen, Ron Borden, John Pruitt, Sandra Bookman, Kevin Caffrey & Scott Huffman; WSB
- 📌 **“Action News Prime Time with Don Farmer – The War That Never Ends,” Producers – Mark Engel, Kevin Caffrey, Scott Huffman, Don Farmer, and Bill Goodwyne; WSB**
- “Steven; Happy Camper,” Producer – Charlie Thompson; WCSC

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Interview/Discussion Program

- 📌 **“Student Voices,” Producers – Gerald Bryant, Joey Baughman, and Collin Siedor; GPTV**
- Countdown to Signing Day,” Producers – Jim Claussen, Maura McCurdy & Jamie New Berg; SportSouth
- “Multiple Choice Follow-up,” Producers – Fran Harvey, Don Hess, Doug Furce and Doris Hines; WATL

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Cultural Affairs Program

- “Music of The Tsars,” Producers – noreen Nelson, Peter Zapletal, Dick Rizzo, Diane Hartman and Jeff Judin; Mississippi ETV
- 📌 **“Palaces of St. Petersburg,” Producer – Gene Edwards; WAPT**
- “Moscow State Ballet,” Producers – Jim Eddins and Jean Chase; South Carolina ETV

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Youth Program

- “Action News Prime Time with Don Farmer-Childs Play or Foul Play.” Producers – Edvige Jean-Francois, Don Farmer & Scott Huffman; WSB
- 📌 **“Multiple Choice,” Producers – Dan Johnson and Judy Neal; IMAGEMASTER Productions**
- “Meanstreets; Fall Edition,” Producers – Charlie Thompson, Tara Stewart and Jim DeMauro; WCSC

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Educational Program

- “Action News Prime Time with Don Farmer-Alzheimers,” Producers – Edvige Jean-Francois, Clint Jones, Ron Borden and don Farmer; WSB
- “Georgia Stories II-February,” Producers – joey Baughman, Collin Siedor and Kara Balch; GPTV
- “Science in The Rain Forest; Turner Adventure Learning,” Producers – Maureen Pierce and Jennifer Ware; TBS
- 📌 **“Rockets on Wheels: Turner Adventure Learning,” Producer – Maureen Pierce; TBS**

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Feature: Non News

- “Andy Young (Closeups-3),” Producers – Mary Callen, Monica Kaufman & Ron Borden; WSB
- “Airbags,” Producers – Edvige Jean-Francois, Ron Borden, Christine Brandigi-Clark and Mike Epstein; WSB
- ‡ *“Lypsinka From Southern Expressions,” Producers – Ron Rodenmeyer; Mississippi ETV*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Feature Sports

- “Willard Brooks,” Producers – Edvige Jean-Francois & Ron Borden; WSB
- “Lauren McDevitt,” Producers – Edvige Jean-Francois, Ron Borden, Don Farmer & Mike Epstein; WSB
- ‡ *“SEC-TV Lawrence Wright,” Producer – Ray Goodrich; SportSouth*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Documentary Program

- “Vanishing Georgia,” Producers – Carol Fisk and Mark Cottrell; GPTV
- “No Excuses,” Producer – Shannon Livingston; University of Alabama PTV
- ‡ *“Tuskegee, Alabama: Living Black and White,” Producer – Michael Letcher; University of Alabama PTV*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Entertainment Program

- “Sophisticated Ladies,” Producers – Carol Fisk and Judy Cohen; GPTV
- “Sharks; Killer of the Caribbean,” Producers – nate Haskell, Steve Sutton and Kimberly Munn; GPTV
- ‡ *“The Ark of the Spirit With Avery Brooks,” Producers – Terri Tingle, Tony Marshall, and Fran Burst; TBS*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Sports Program (Live)

- “SEC Women’s Basketball – UGA vs TN,” Producers – Steve Craddock, Ray Goodrich & Tom Smith; SportSouth
- “Countdown to Kickoff,” Producers – Steve Taylor, Mark Harmon, Harmon Wages, Sheri Enix and Mark Aldren; WGNX
- ‡ *“Atlanta Braves,” Producers – Steve Craddock, Darrin Woley, Roy Alfors, Ernie Johnson Sr., Ernie Johnson Jr., and Bob Fiscella; SportSouth*

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Sports Program (Non-Live)

- 🏆 ***“200 Days: Atlanta’s Dreams,” Producer – Brennan Donnellan; WXIA***
- “The Southern Game,” Producers – Carol Fisk and Rick Westaway; GPTV
- “Preparing for Takeoff,” Producers – Fran Harvey, Steve Holman and Doug Furce; WATL

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Live Special Events (Other Than News)

- 🏆 ***“30 Days: Atlanta’s Dreams,” Producers – Brennan Donnellan, Terry Pickard, and Lori Cover; WXIA***
- “The Lighting of Rich’s Great Tree,” Producers – Art Rogers, Bob Monti, Steve Guy, Gary Alexander and John Coley; WSB
- “Miss Georgia Pageant,” Producers – Chris Rehkopf, Steve Hondros, Mike Thomas and Oz Roberts; WAGA

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Magazine Program

- “Campus Live,” Producers – David Brayfield, Julie Ceyene, Angie Dillard, Matt Barron, Karlos Walkes, Adam Boozer and Seleta Hayes; Campus Live
- “Monica Kaufman Closeups #34,” Producers – Mary Callen, Monica Kaufman, Ron Borden, Melissa Hampton, Leona Nascimento and Christine Brandigi-Clark; WSB
- 🏆 ***“Minute by Minute,” Producers – Bob Carr, Michael Carlin, Brenda Wood, Tom Corvin, Mike Daly, A. Edward Stevenson, Elliot Sparks, Ken MacLeod, Travis Shields, Catherine Williams, Dave Dawson, and Steve Hondros; WAGA***

Outstanding Achievement: Television Programming Excellence/Editorial (Including Commentary)

- “Olympic Commentary,” Producer – Fred Kalil; WXIA
- 🏆 ***“Cracklin,” Producers – Doug Richards, Andrea Larner, Bill Sykes, and Rodney Hall; WAGA***
- “It’s Over,” Producers – Doug Richards, Andrea Larner, Bill Sykes and Rodney Hall; WAGA

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Anchor

- Dennis Douda, WXIA
- 🏆 ***Mike Landess, WXIA***
- Angela Robinson, WXIA

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Sportscaster

- 🏆 ***Fred Kalil, WXIA***
- Rick Karle, WBRC
- Geoff Hart, WYFF

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Weathercaster

- Chris Holcomb, WXIA
- 🏆 ***John Cessarich, WYFF***
- Mike Royer, WVTM

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Field Reporter

- 🏆 ***Carol Sbarge, WSB***
- Ross Cavitt, WSB
- Tom Corvin, WAGA

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Performer

- “Teen Age Pregnancy,” Paula Gwynn; WPBA
- Michael Earl, Mississippi ETV
- Chambers Stevens, Mississippi ETV
- 🏆 ***“Irasshai,” Tim Cook; GPTV***

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Performer Sports

- 🏆 ***“Del’s Decathlon Dream,” Del Rodgers; WXIA***
- Fred Kalil, WXIA
- Rick Karle, WBRC

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Writer (Excluding Commentary Editorial)

- 🏆 ***Dennis Douda, WXIA***
- “Babies From China,” Carl Ward; WSB
- Doug Richards, WAGA

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Writer

- 🏆 *John Kukla, WAGA*
- Barry Sinock, WSB
- Deborah Panciera, WXIA

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Photographer

- 🏆 *Dave Dawson, WXIA/Independent*
- Mike Tucker, WBRC
- Sean Drummond, WSB

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Photographer

- 🏆 *Nate Haskell, GPTV*
- Mitchell Zastrow, GPTV

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Editor (Film or Tape)

- 🏆 *David deMedicis, WXIA*
- Andrea Larner, WAGA
- “Heroes on Call,” Leon Jobe; WSB

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Editor (Film or Tape)

- Ken Beaver, WSB
- “Multiple Choice,” Dan Johnson, ImageMaster Productions
- 🏆 *“STOMP,” Theresa Virgil; WATL*

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Lighting Designer

- Leonard Mason, WATL
- “Tuxedo Junction,” Brian S. McDaniel, Kenneth Johnson, Gary Thomas Wann and Louisa Carlisle;
- WTVM
- 🏆 *“WSAV News Set,” W. Bruce Harlan and Marivee Cade; WSAV*

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Scenic Designer

🏆 *Ty Towriss, SportSouth*

- “People Count,” Scott Frizzile, Glenn Bundesmann and Fred Haab; TBS
- “WSAV News Set,” John Marcum & Guy Tuttle

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Graphic Artist

🏆 *Ty Towriss, SportSouth*

- James Burns, WXIA
- Mike Wilhite, SportSouth

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Director

- “The Lenny Wilkens Olympic Basketball Special,” Steve Childress; Independent
- 🏆 *“Multiple Choice,” Dan Johnson; IMAGEMASTER Productions*
- “Sharks: Killers of the Caribbean,” Nate Haskell; GPTV

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Director Live

🏆 *Davis Goolsby, WGNX*

- “Newschannel 4 at 6 PM,” Matt Sellars; WCIV
- “Music of the Tsars,” Dick Rizzo; Mississippi ETV

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Technical Director

🏆 *“11 Alive News at Midnight,” Kevin Sheridan; WXIA*

- “Sports/Live to Tape,” David Schrein; WSB
- Allyson Pressley; WGNX

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/News Program Producer

- “March Storm: 6 PM News,” Carol Michel; WXIA
- “Olympic 1st Week,” Tracey Christensen; WXIA
- 🏆 *“Valujet Grounded,” Nicole Thibault; WXIA/Independent*

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Composer

- “SportSouth Composite,” Stephen Arnold; SportSouth
- ‡ ***“I’m In The Truth Business: William Bradford Huie,” Stephen Webber; University of Alabama PTV***
- “Theme Song, Mississippi Outdoors Show,” Gordon Larson; Mississippi ETV

Outstanding Achievement: Individual Excellence/Audio

- ‡ ***“Image ’96,” Paige Lillard; TBS***
- “Rockets on Wheels,” Robert Ferguson; TBS
- “Motor Sport Image,” Robert Ferguson; SportSouth

Outstanding Achievement: Make-Up/Wardrobe

- ‡ ***Jack R. Morton***

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: News Writing

- ‡ ***“Top Stories,” Dave Bennalack and Marian Pittman; WSB***

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: Writing

- “College Football Coaches,” Jim Claussen & Tommy Kane; SportSouth
- “Irasshai-September,” Kellie Anderson Picallo, Nwandi Lawson, Tim Cook, Masako Cook and Danny Schnitzlein; GPTV
- ‡ ***“I’m In The Truth Business: William Bradford Huie,” Don Noble and Brent Davis; University of Alabama PTV***

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: Composers

- ‡ ***“Five is ...,” John Kukla and Eddie Horst; WAGA***
- “Ticktock Minutes,” Randy Klein & Michael Earl; Mississippi ETV
- “Don’t Blame Me,” Karen Cole & Mark Jerald; WTTO
- “The Fun Starts Here,” Karen Cole & Mark Jerald; WTTO

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: Audio

No entries were nominated in this category.

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: News Photographers

No entries were nominated in this category

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: Photographers (Other than News)

- 🏆 *“Sharks: Killers of the Caribbean,” Nate Haskell, Jason Wallace, Pam Cristman, Frazier Nivens, Kimberly Munn, and Steve Sutton; GPTV*

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: News Editors

- 🏆 *“Torch Relay,” C.B. Hackworth and David Brooks, WXIA*

Outstanding Collaborative Achievement: Editing

- 🏆 *“Atlanta Hawks – Just You Watch,” Ty Towriss and Tommy Kane; SportSouth*
- *“College Football Coaches,” Jim Claussen & Ty Towriss; SportSouth*
- *“College Football Coaches,” Tommy Kane and Andrew Pope; SportSouth*

Outstanding Achievement: Public Service Announcement

- 🏆 *“Feed the Arts,” Bruce Harlan and Laura Cheshire; Lighting & Production Equipment, Inc.*
- *“Magic Memories,” Brian McDaniel, Louisa Carlisle, Kenneth Johnson, Darla Turner, Gary Thomas Wann, William Goudy, Ed Cody, Malena Cunningham, Mike Moore, Jerry Tracey, Ken Lass, Joe Allen and Charles Maulden; WVTM*
- *“Harry the Hawk,” Fran Harvey; WATL*

Outstanding Achievement: Promotional Announcement (Image)

- *“11Alive Olympics,” Shawn Perex, Jeff Dudley, Gerry Alferio and David Maschinot; WXIA*
- *“Kids WB36! ID’s,” Michael Privett, WATL*
- 🏆 *“The Nuthomer Suite,” Michael Privett; WATL*

Outstanding Achievement: Promotional Announcement (Topical)

- 🏆 *“College Football Coaches,” Jim Claussen and Ty Towriss; SportSouth*
- *“00 Fife,” Karen Cole & Mark Jerald; WTTO*
- *“00 Fife #1,” Karen Cole & Mark Jerald; WTTO*