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KING 5 Continues Winning Streak with National Murrow Award and Regional Emmy Awards

Station collects 26 awards honoring excellence in local journalism

Seattle, WA – KING 5 has 26 new awards in its trophy case, adding one national Edward R. Murrow Award from the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) and 25 Regional Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts Sciences (NATAS) Northwest Chapter.

“Our news teams continue to produce the most compelling content in our region,” said Russ Walker, KING 5 assistant news director. “These awards recognize their talent and the efforts they make to raise the bar for journalism every day.

KING 5 received the prestigious National Murrow Award on June 18th for “[Back of the Class](#),” a year-long investigation from chief investigative reporter Susannah Frame and special projects reporter Taylor Mirfendereski that exposed widespread special education failures in Washington state. The multi-part series also received a [Peabody Award](#) earlier this year. As a result of the investigation, funding for special education has become a top priority for lawmakers in Washington state this year. The "Back of the Class" reporting team also includes photojournalist Ryan Coe, graphic artist Kevin Glantz and assistant news director Russ Walker.

The national [Edward R. Murrow Award](#) won by KING 5 is just one of many for TEGNA, its parent company. This year, TEGNA properties won 10 National Murrow Awards and 91 Regional Murrow Awards, the most in TEGNA’s history and more than any other media company in the country.

In addition to the Murrow Award, KING 5 won 25 Regional Emmys at the 56th Annual Northwest Regional Emmy Awards in early June. The awards recognize television excellence in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. KING 5 brought home more awards than any other media organization in the region, spanning 23 categories and including the award for best large market Morning/Daytime News. KING 5 was also recognized for Community Service for its “Home Team Harvest” food drive, which collected a record of nearly 6.8 million meals.

Here’s the list of the KING 5 Regional Emmy Award recipients. Congratulations to all!

Morning/Daytime News (Markets 1-20)

KING 5 Morning News • KING • Christopher Zito, Producer • Alex Rozier, Reporter • Mimi Jung, Anchor/Reporter • Kelly Chase, Producer • Emily Wen, Director • Drew Mikkelsen, Reporter • Doug Dillon, Photojournalist • Laura Evans, Executive Producer • Krista Muench, Photojournalist • Joyce Taylor, Anchor • Cam Johnson, Anchor • Steve Bunin, Anchor • Rich Marriott, Meteorologist

Spot News

Fire on the 4th • KING • Joseph Huerta, Photojournalist • Michael Crowe, Reporter/MSJ

General Assignment Report - Within 24 Hours

The Perks of Being Chief • KING • Michael Crowe, Producer

General Assignment Report - No Time Limit

Martin's Mission • KING • John Sharify, Producer • Joseph Huerta, Photojournalist

Feature News Report - Light Feature

Love is the Answer • KING • John Sharify, Producer • Joseph Huerta, Producer

Feature News Report - Serious Feature

Active Shooter Training • KING • Joseph Huerta, Photojournalist/Editor • Mark Wright, Anchor • Mark Feijo, Creative Director

Business/Consumer - Story/Series - No Time Limit

The Business of Giving Second Chances • KING • John Sharify, Producer • Joseph Huerta, Photojournalist
Priced Out • KING • Joseph Huerta, Producer • Emily Landeen, News Photojournalist • Amanda Pendleton, Anchor

Crime - Story/Series - Within 24 Hours

...How? • KING • Joseph Huerta, Photojournalist • Michael Crowe, Reporter/MSJ

Health/Science - Story/Series - No Time Limit

Creating Beauty • KING • John Sharify, Reporter • Emily Landeen, Producer

Politics/Government - Story/Series - Within 24 Hours

All Politics Is Local • KING • Chris Daniels, Producer • Joseph Huerta, Producer • David Wike, Producer

Politics/Government - Story/Series - No Time Limit

Army Fails Sick Soldiers • KING • Taylor Mirfendereski, Reporter

Environment - News Story/Series

Hanford's Dirty Secrets • KING • Susannah Frame, Reporter • Steve Douglas, Investigative Photographer

Investigative Report - Single Story or Series

Back of the Class • KING • Susannah Frame, Reporter • Taylor Mirfendereski, Reporter • Ryan Coe, Photojournalist • Kevin Glantz, Graphic Artist

Continuing Coverage

NHL to Seattle! • KING • Chris Daniels, Producer

Informational/Instructional - Program/Special

SKYTECH: Aviation Innovation • KING • Glen Farley, Reporter • David Wike, News Photojournalist • Carl Pugliese, Writer/Producer • Thomas Lawnsby, Writer/Producer • Kevin Glantz, Chief Editor

Interview/Discussion - Program/Special

Race and Sports • KING • Jenna Hanchard, Reporter • Emily Landeen, Photojournalist

Special Event Coverage (Other than News or Sports)

New Year's at the Needle • KING • Carl Pugliese, Producer • Meghan Stewart, Producer • Doug Mossano, Director • Ellen Meny, Field Producer

Anchor - News

Greg Copeland • KING

Reporter - News General Assignment

Chris Daniels • KING

Reporter - News Specialty Assignment

Jake Whittenberg • KING

Photographer - News

Joseph Huerta - KING

Editor - News

Joseph Huerta • KING

Video Journalist - Within 24 hours

Ryan Takeo • KING

Michael Crowe • KING

ABOUT KING 5

KING 5 Media Group, The Home Team, is a multi-platform media company based in Seattle, WA. It includes NBC affiliate KING 5, independent station KONG-TV and numerous digital platforms, including king5.com. KING 5 was the first television station in the Pacific Northwest, founded in 1948 by Dorothy Bullitt, now owned by [TEGNA Inc.](#) (NYSE: TGNA), an innovative media company that serves the greater good of its communities. Today KING 5 is the dominant media company in the region, delivering the largest local news audience and the most local programming across all screens. For more information, go to www.king5.com.

ABOUT RTDNA

The Radio Television Digital News Association has been honoring outstanding achievements in electronic journalism with the Edward R. Murrow Awards since 1971. Murrow's pursuit of excellence in journalism embodies the spirit of the awards that carry his name. RTDNA represents local and network journalists in broadcasting, cable and digital media in more than 30 countries.

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