



WEIU-T.V. NEWS WATCH

WEIU TV is a PBS affiliated station owned by Eastern Illinois University.

WEIU serves sixteen counties in East Central Illinois on digital channel 50, analog channel 51 and various cable systems. Our news programs include News Watch, which airs Monday thru Friday at 5:30 p.m., News Watch Night Cap at 9:57 p.m., and News Watch This Morning at 5:59 and 6:30 a.m.

A team of more than thirty journalists cover stories that are of community importance.

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences EMMY Award **Mid America Region**

- 2009— Student Production- Newscast 09-08-08
- 2010 – Student Production News – Newscast 02-8-10
- 2011 – Student Production News
- 2012- Student Production News
- 2013 – Student Production News
- 2014 – Student Production News – 02-28-14
- 2016 – Student Production News – Honorable Mention-2-11-16
- 2016 – Student News Talent – Jesse Guinn
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- 2017- Student News Talent (HM) – Brian Hartman
- 2017- Short Form Non Fiction – Jesse G./Shannon Satterlee
- 2017 – Student Production News
- 2018 – Student News Talent – Abbie Taylor – Honorable Mention – Maher Kawash
- 2019 – Newscast – News Watch – Honorable Mention
- 2019 – Talent – Maher Kawash – Honorable Mention
- 2019 – Talent – Weather – Everett Lau
- 2019 – Talent – Sports – Vince Lovergine
- 2020 – Talent – Weather – Everett Lau
- 2020 – Talent – College Sports – Oscar Rzodkiewicz
- 2020- Sports Program – Oscar Rzodkiewicz
- 2020 – Talent – College Sports – Vince Lovergine – Honorable Mention
- 2021- Newscast – News Watch – Honorable Mention
- 2021 – Talent News/Sports – Stephen Elmore – Honorable Mention
- 2022- College Craft Talent – Tristan Thomas – Honorable Mention
- 2022- Lead Forecaster – Stephen Elmore
- 2022- College Newscast – Honorable Mention
- 2023 – Light News – Honorable Mention – Matt Williamson
- 2023 – College Newscast – Honorable Mention

2023 – Light News – Honorable Mention – Drew Coffey
2023- College Craft Talent – Honorable Mention – Jenna Minor
2023 – Serious News – Honorable Mention – Harrison Belsanti

National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences College Television Awards

2011 – 3rd Place – Best Newscast
2012 – Blue Ribbon Finalist – Best Newscast

Hearst Journalism Awards

2018 - TV-1 Competition – Reporting – Lynnsey Veach

Broadcast Education Association – Festival of Arts Student National Awards

2005 – Outstanding T.V. News Anchor – Whitney Self
2006 – Outstanding T.V. Weather Anchor – Jenni Ketchmark
2006 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Finalist
2007 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place
2007- Outstanding T.V. News Anchor – Angela Taylor
2008-Outstanding T.V. Sports Anchor – Andrew Wilder – 1st Place
2007-Outstanding Weather Anchor-Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place
2008- Outstanding T.V. Sports Anchor – 1st Place – Andrew Wilder
2008-Outstanding T.V. WX Anchor – Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place
2009-Feature Reporting – Zach Nugent – 1st Place–Best of Festival
2009-Hard News Reporting – Zach Nugent – 2nd Place
2009-Outstanding Weather Anchor-Kevin Jeanes-3rd Place
2010 – Outstanding Weather Anchor – Kevin Jeanes – 3rd Place
2011 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place

Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence Awards

2006 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place
2007 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 2nd Place
2008 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 2nd Place
2009 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place
2010 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place
2011 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place
2012 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place
2013 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast Region 5 – 1st Place

Society of Collegiate Journalists National Awards

2007 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
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2012 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2017- Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place
2017 – Outstanding T.V. News Package – 1st/2nd Place – Kallie Koester
2017 – Outstanding T.V. Feature Package – 2nd/3rd – Abbey Taylor
2019 – TV News Show Overall Excellence
2019 – Television Sports Package – Vince Lovergine – 2nd Place
2021 – Television Live Broadcast – Tristan Thomas – 3rd Place
2021 – Television Feature Package – Tristan Thomas – 1st Place
2021- Television Sports Package – Tristan Thomas – 1st Place

Illinois News Broadcasters State Collegiate News Awards

2003 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – Honorable Mention
2004 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2004 - Outstanding Hard T.V. Program – 2nd Place
2005 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2005 – Best Hard T.V. Program – WEIU T.V. News Watch Election Coverage – 2nd Place
2005 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place Whitney Self
2005 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – Honorable Mention – Blake Wood
2005 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 2nd Place – Tasha Brown
2006 – Outstanding Newscast – 2nd Place
2006 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 2nd Place – Tasha Brown and Eric Schumacher
2007 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2007 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 2nd Place – Catherine Thoma
2007 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 1st Place – Eric Schumacher
2008 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2008 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place – Kristie Reeter
2008 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 2nd Place – Kevin Ratermann
2008 – Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting – 2nd Place – Andrew Wilder
2009 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 2nd Place – Katherine Rufener

2009 – Outstanding T.V. Program – 2nd Place – Election Watch 08
2009 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 3rd Place
2010 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2010- Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place - Katherine Rufener
2010- Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting – 1st Place – Emily Mieux
2010- Outstanding Sports T.V. Program – 1st Place
2010 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 2nd Place – Kevin Ratermann
2011- Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2011 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place – Krista Henery
2011 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 3rd Place – LaMar Holliday, Barbara Harrington and Vicki Paisley
2011 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 1st Place – Dustin Tylman
2012 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2012 – Outstanding Hard T.V. Program – 1st Place – Graywood Coverage
2012 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 2nd Place – Kodi Smith
2012 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting 3rd Place – Victoria Zeal
2012 – Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting – 1st Place – Kodi Smith
2012- Outstanding T.V. Sports Reporting – 2nd Place – Kyle Guertin
2013 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place – Savanna Tomei
2014 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast - 1st Place
2014 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 1st Place – Braden Harp
2014 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 3rd Place Savanna Tomei
2015 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2015 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – 1st Place – Kole Rushmore
2015 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – 1st Place – Nathan Page
2016 – Outstanding T.V. Reporting – Jesse Guinn – 2nd Place
2016 – Outstanding T.V. Videography – Nathan Page – 1st Place
2017 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place – Lynnsey Veach
2018 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place – Parker Valentine
2019 – Outstanding T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
2019 – Outstanding Sports Reporting – 1st Place Vince Lovergine
2019 – Outstanding Sports Reporting 2nd Place Oscar Rzodkiewicz
2020 – Outstanding Television Newscast – 1st Place
2020 – Outstanding Television Sports Reporting – 2nd Place Oscar Rzodkiewicz
2020- Outstanding Television News Reporting - 2nd Place Oscar Rzodkiewicz
2022- Outstanding Television Newscast – 1st Place
2022-Outstanding Television Sports Reporting – 1st Place – Jenna Minor
2023 – Outstanding Television Newscast – 1st Place
2023 – Outstanding Television Sports Reporting – 2nd Place – Jenna Minor
2023 – Outstanding Television News Photography – 1st Place – Jenna Minor
2024 – Outstanding Television Newscast – 1st Place
2024 – Outstanding Television News Reporting – 1st Place – Olivia Bennett
2024 – Outstanding Television News Reporting – 2nd Place – Matt Williamson
2024 – Outstanding Television Sports Reporting – 1st Place – Jenna Minor

Illinois Broadcaster's Association Student Silver Dome Awards

- 2002 – Best T.V. Newscast – 3rd Place
- 2003 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2003 – Best T.V. News Story – 1st Place
- 2003 – Best T.V. Website – 1st Place
- 2004 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2004 – Best Website – 1st Place
- 2005 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2006 – Best T.V. Website – 1st Place
- 2006 – Best T.V. Newscast – Honorable Mention
- 2007- Best T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place
- 2007 - Best T.V. Sports Package – 3rd Place
- 2007 - Best T.V. News Package – 3rd Place
- 2008- Best T.V. News Reporting – 3rd Place – Zach Nugent
- 2008- Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2009 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2009 – Best T.V. News Reporting – 2nd Place – Zach Nugent
- 2010 – Best T.V. Sports Package – 2nd Place
- 2010 – Best T.V. Photo Journalism – 3rd Place
- 2010 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2010 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place
- 2010 – Best T.V. Longform – 1st Place
- 2011- Best T.V. News Pack – 1st Place
- 2011- Best T.V. Sports Pack – 1st Place
- 2012 – Best T.V. News Pack – 1st Place
- 2012 – Best T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place
- 2013 – Best T.V. Newscast – 2nd Place
- 2013 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place
- 2013 – Best T.V. Sports Pack – 1st Place
- 2014 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place
- 2015 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place – Derrick Jackson
- 2015 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 2nd Place – Braden Harp
- 2015 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 3rd Place – Lacey Clifton
- 2016 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 2nd Place – Lacey Clifton
- 2016 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 3rd Place – Jesse Guinn
- 2016 – Best T.V. Sports Pack – 1st Place – Nick Ruffolo

2016 – Best T.V. Newscast – 3rd Place
2017 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place – Brian Hartman
2017 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place – Brian Hartman
2018 – Best T.V. Weathercast – 1st Place – Everett Lau
2018 – Best T.V. Weathercast – Heaven Richey – 2nd Place
2019 – Best T.V. Weathercast – Everett Lau – 1st Place
2019 – Best T.V. Weathercast – Phillip Collins – 2nd Place
2019 – Best T.V. Reporting – Maher Kawash – 1st Place
2019 – Best T.V. Sports Pack – Oscar Rzodkiewicz – 2nd Place
2019 – Best T.V. Sports Pack – Vince Lovergine – 3rd Place
2020 – Best T.V. Newscast – Finalist
2020 - Best T.V. Weather – Everett Lau
2020 – Best T.V. Weather – Phillip Collins
2020 – Best New Media – Everett Lau – Finalist
2021- Best TV Sports Package – Tristan Thomas
2021 – Best TV Weather – Everett Lau
2021 – Best TV Weather – Stephen Elmore – 2nd Place
2021 – Best TV News Package – Oscar Rzodkiewicz
2021 – Best TV Newscast – News Watch – 2nd Place
2021- Best TV News Package – Everett Lau – 2nd Place
2022- Best TV Newscast – News Watch Team – 1st Place
2022- Best TV Weather – Stephen Elmore – 1st Place
2022- Best TV Sports Package – Tristan Thomas – 1st Place
2022- Best TV News Package – Jenna Minor – 2nd Place
2022- Best TV Sports Package – Jenna Minor – 3rd Place
2023 – Best TV Weather – Will Redden – 1st Place
2023- Best TV News Package – Jenna Minor – 1st Place
2023- Best TV News Package – Drew Coffey – Honorable Mention
2023- Best TV Sports Package – Jenna Minor – Honorable Mention
2024 – Best TV Newscast – News Watch Team – 1st Place
2024 – Best TV Sports Package – Andrew Spaid – 1st Place
2024 – Best TV Photojournalism – Matt Williamson – 3rd Place
2024 – Best TV Weather – Will Redd, Ben Whitney, Emily Davis – 1st,
2nd, 3rd

2010 CBI Student Production Awards

2010 – Best T.V. Newscast – 1st Place

Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS) College Media Awards

2023 – Finalist, Best Newscast

COLLEGE MEDIA ASSOCIATION, PINNACLE AWARDS

2024 – Finalist, Best Video Newscast

2024- Finalist, Best Video Sportscast