

Radio TV Film students win national, regional accolades

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Radio TV Film students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh continue to be honored in competitions for their student productions.

In April, the Broadcast Education Association (BEA) held its Festival of the Arts at their annual convention in Las Vegas. UW Oshkosh won three awards in this national student competition:

In the category of Radio Hard News Reporting, student Brandon Kinnard took second place for his news piece *UW Oshkosh Coach in Boston Marathon*. It featured an interview with a former UWO track coach who participated in the Boston Marathon the day of the terrorist attack. This segment had already won awards from the Northwest Broadcast News Association and the Society of Professional Journalists. Kinnard is now a full-time sports reporter and anchor at WAOW-TV in Wausau.

In the category for Television Spec Script, Taylor Berglund took third place with a script for the NBC sitcom *Community* called *Advanced Personal Dynamics*. Berglund currently has a professional internship in social media marketing with the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) in Arlington, Va.

In the category for Radio/TV Sports Play-by-Play, UWO garnered an honorable mention for a radio broadcast over WRST of last fall's football matchup between UWO and UW-Whitewater. WRST station manager Alexander Crowe and Sports Director Tony Bettack were on the call. This entry was also honored earlier this year with an award from the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association. Crowe is currently interning in sports at WTMJ Radio in Milwaukee.

With this year's honors, UWO has now won 16 BEA awards.

On May 16, the Milwaukee Press Club issued production awards at their Gridiron Dinner in Milwaukee. WRST was honored with three awards:

In the collegiate category for best Audio Feature Story, WRST won two awards. Second place went to Katherine Stevens for a humorous piece she did on her pet hedgehog and the effect it had on her roommate. Stevens produced the segment for the Advanced Radio Production class. Third place went to Jim Delury who won for a piece he did on the history of the UW Oshkosh Titan nickname. This was one of a series of stories he produced during the year on UWO history. Another segment from Delury's series was a finalist earlier this year in the Society of Professional Journalists' regional competition.

In the collegiate category for Best Audio News Story, the Brandon Kinnard piece mentioned earlier took third place.

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