

Alaska Public Media wins 3 Goldie Awards during the Alaska Broadcasters Association Convention

Station Recognized for Work in 2021

ANCHORAGE, AK – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Alaska Public Media was awarded three Goldie Awards during this year's annual Alaska Broadcasters Association (ABA) Convention in Juneau, Alaska. The 2021 Goldie Awards concluded the two-day convention, which was held inperson, after a two-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Station proudly walked away with awards in the categories of Uniquely Alaskan Program, Video Production for Digital Streaming and Station-Originated Community Service project.

The Uniquely Alaskan Program winner was *Indie Alaska*, an original video series created by our station, that captures the diverse and colorful lifestyles of everyday Alaskans at work and at play. Together, these videos present a fresh and authentic look at living in Alaska. The team included; Valerie Kern, Matt Faubian, Shiri Segal and Hannah Lies.

In the category of Video Production for Digital Streaming, the station won for our work with a special **Alaska Insight** episode **Well Beings - Preventing Youth Suicide in Alaska: There's Hope. There's Help**. This program, carried on LIVE TV and social media, included a number of original video shorts sharing the stories of Alaskans working with mental health issues themselves or as health providers. The **Alaska Insight** episode was part of our work with WGBH in a national effort and grant. Thanks to the work of those involved in production and community engagement; Lori Townsend, Peter Host, Valerie Kern and Linda Wei.

Lastly, for the Station-Originated Community Service Project, the station was recognized for *Educating Alaskan Children During the COVID-19 Pandemic*. Our team worked quickly to respond to our community's needs; to institute programming and share resources that helped students adjust and thrive in an *At-Home Learning* setting. Due to the hard work of our educational champions; Ed Ulman, Stephanie McFadden-Evans, Mikel Insalaco and Linda Wei.

"We were limited to naming only 4 people per entry submission, but of course, there were many many more involved in making each of these projects happen. So, congratulations to everyone who had a hand in producing *Indie Alaska*, *Well Beings*, and our education efforts during the pandemic and *At-Home Learning*." said Linda Wei, Chief Content Officer for Alaska Public Media.

The Goldie Awards are presented annually to recognize Alaska broadcasters for outstanding work during the previous year.



About Alaska Public Media

<u>Alaska Public Media</u> (AKPM) is a shared Public Broadcasting System (PBS) and National Public Radio (NPR) member and a 501(c)(3) organization. Committed to meeting the needs of our community and state, AKPM produces and presents news and content that provides lifelong learning opportunities in public affairs, health and leisure, science and nature, economic and social development, civic engagement, and world events. The company is located in Southcentral Alaska and is comprised of KSKA radio, KAKM-TV, Create TV, PBS KIDS, PBS KIDS 24/7, and <u>alaskapublic.org</u>. Alaska Public Media also operates the Statewide News network and a shared television service with KTOO in Juneau and KYUK in Bethel.

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