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IOWA PUBLIC RADIO ANNOUNCES 2020 ERIC SEVAREID AWARD WINNERS

DES MOINES, Iowa (April 7, 2020) – Iowa Public Radio (IPR) is pleased to announce that the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association has awarded three first place awards and three awards of merit to IPR talk shows and news reporters for their annual *Eric Sevareid Awards*.

In first place, IPR's *Talk of Iowa* won in the "Documentary/Special" category for "[It isn't easy being plastic-free](#)" and for "[Caleb Rainey Poetry Collection](#)" in the "Talk/Public Affairs" category. IPR's Charity Nebbe hosts *Talk of Iowa*. Both of the winning shows were produced by IPR's Katelyn Harrop. Also in first place in the "news series" category, "[Iowa in Focus: Population Influencers](#)." This was a five-part series featuring IPR reporters Natalie Krebs, Katie Peikes, Kate Payne, Pat Blank and Rob Dillard.

Awards of merit went to IPR's *River to River* for "[Iowa farmers losing patience over trade war](#)" in the "Documentary/Special" category. IPR's Ben Kieffer hosts *River to River*. This special was also produced by IPR's Katelyn Harrop. In the "General Reporting" category, IPR's Grant Gerlock won an award of merit for his story, "[Some people in Marshalltown struggle with repairs a year after the tornado](#)." And in the "Investigative" category, IPR's Amy Mayer won an award of merit for her stories, "[Pesticide exposure is not evenly tracked](#)."

"We're incredibly proud of the IPR news and talk teams", says IPR News Director Michael Leland. "They work to bring Iowans important and timely news, and it's exciting to see them recognized by their broadcasting peers for this hard work."

The *Eric Sevareid Awards* are named for the North Dakota-born and University of Minnesota-educated journalist best known for his work as a correspondent for CBS Radio and Television. Each year, the Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association presents awards to the best work done by broadcast news operations and journalists working in small, medium and large markets in our six-state region on radio, television and online. The distinguished panel of judges is made up of journalists and educators who live outside of Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Dakotas, Iowa and Nebraska to help ensure impartiality.

About Iowa Public Radio

Iowa Public Radio (IPR) was formed by the Iowa Board of Regents in 2004 to manage the day to day operations of the 26 public stations licensed to Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa and University of Iowa. IPR, a member of National Public Radio (NPR) provides news, talk and music programming via 26 radio stations and through digital streaming and on-demand audio downloads. IPR currently serves a weekly audience of 220,000 listeners across three programming streams: News, Studio One and Classical.

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