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ABC7/KABC-TV LOS ANGELES RECEIVES FOUR HONORS FROM THE 2020 REGIONAL EDWARD R. MURROW AWARDS

KABC Honored With the Overall Excellence Award

KABC-TV, Southern California's most-watched television station, has been awarded four 2020 Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) for news coverage in 2019. The station received the distinction for Overall Excellence, Breaking News Coverage, Excellence in Video, and Best Newscast. The Regional Murrow Awards are among the most prestigious in broadcast and digital news, and recognizes the work of the highest quality produced by radio, television and digital news organizations around the world.

"I'm so proud of our teams at ABC7 for being recognized by the Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for two years in a row, and now receiving more accolades this year across four categories is exceptional," said Cheryl Fair, president and general manager at KABC-TV. "KABC is committed to delivering the most impactful stories to our audiences across all platforms, and the investments in community journalism focused on expanding hyperlocal reporting and data-driven investigative storytelling have been instrumental.

"The Regional Murrow Award is one of the most esteemed awards given by the Radio Television Digital News Association," said Rob Elmore, vice president at KABC-TV. "Receiving the Overall Excellence Award truly exemplifies the team's dedication to groundbreaking reporting in service of our viewers."

Last year, KABC was honored for Breaking News Coverage and Best Newscast at 11 p.m. for news coverage in 2018. For its 2019 coverage, KABC has expanded its win to four categories and has won awards for large-market television in Region 2, which covers California, Hawaii and Nevada.

KABC's four award-winning categories for 2019 news coverage include the following:

- **Overall Excellence Award** for breaking news coverage, investigative reporting, data journalism, community journalism
- **Breaking News Coverage** for its special edition of Eyewitness news coverage, "[Easy/Hill Fires and Red Flag Warning/High Winds.](#)" where reporters were on the scene covering real-time devastation of the "Easy Fire" that spread across Ventura County, endangering communities, animals and commuters, and threatened the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.
- **Excellence in Video** for [The Monarch](#) – A touching narrated video of Eyewitness News anchor David Ono's daughter, Kaia, taking steps to preserve the monarch butterfly, which is being negatively impacted due to global warming and the pesticides tragically killing them and harming their natural environment. (Aired on Dec. 24, 2019)
- **Best Newscast at 5p.m.** for the Nov. 14, 2019, coverage of the [Saugus High School Shooting](#), where a 16-year-old high school student killed two fellow students and injured others on campus, before taking his own life.

KABC's four award-winning entries will advance to the National Murrow Award competition. The national winners will be announced in June.

About KABC Los Angeles

ABC7 Los Angeles is Southern California's No. 1 local news and information source. ABC7 is a leader in digital and social audience engagements and was the first station in the Los Angeles market to regularly broadcast news in high definition and also the first local television station in the United States to surpass 2 million Facebook followers. The station's offices and studio are located in Glendale, California.

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