

'Revealed,' investigation by Scripps' WTVF, receives duPont-Columbia Award, one of journalism's highest honors

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NASHVILLE – "Revealed," an investigation of Tennessee's Capitol Hill by WTVF, Nashville's CBS-affiliated local television station owned by The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP), has won an Alfred I. duPont-Columbia University Award. The prestigious journalism award recognizes America's best video and audio journalism.

The duPont Silver Baton was given to chief investigative reporter Phil Williams in a ceremony this week at Columbia University in New York City.

Additional members of the WTVF-NewsChannel 5 Investigates team that worked on "Revealed" include photojournalists Mike Rose, Bryan Staples and Bob Stinnett, and producer Kevin Wisniewski. Assistant news director Michelle Bonnett supervised the investigation. Sandy Boonstra is NewsChannel 5's news director, and Lyn Plantinga is its general manager.

Beginning in February 2022 and continuing into 2023, the "Revealed" investigation shined a light on Tennessee's Capitol Hill, giving viewers unprecedented insight into a legislative process where the state's supermajority depends on well-financed special interests to maintain power and, in turn, often does the bidding of those special interests. As a result of WTVF's investigation, the Tennessee statehouse has created a system to [make amendments publicly available](#) before votes.

The duPont judges described the "Revealed" investigation as "statehouse reporting at its absolute finest."

"This investigation revealed a side of Tennessee's Capitol Hill that the public never sees," Williams said. "America needs more of this kind of watchdog journalism – especially at the statehouse level."

The ongoing investigation has resulted in more than 50 individual stories and a [one-hour documentary](#).

This is the fourth duPont-Columbia Award for Williams and the NewsChannel 5 Investigates team.

NewsChannel 5 was one of 16 winners, including just five local television stations from across the country, to receive a 2023 duPont Award.

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