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WFAE Wins Two Regional Murrow Awards

Charlotte, N.C. (April 27, 2018) – The Radio Television Digital News Association recognized [WFAE 90.7 FM](#) with two awards in its regional [Edward R. Murrow Awards](#) competition for electronic journalism. WFAE ranked first among large market stations for reporting in the categories of Hard News and Investigative Reporting for its coverage of the shooting of Rueben Galindo and the Charlotte School of Law paying students not to take the bar exam, respectively.

“We’re extremely proud of reporters Lisa Worf and Sarah Delia and their editor, news director Greg Collard, for producing powerful storytelling that is vital to the well-being of this community,” said **Ju-Don Marshall**, WFAE’s chief content officer. “Our journalists work hard every day to produce these kinds of stories, and we’re appreciative that those efforts are being recognized with such a coveted award.”

[Partner of Rueben Galindo Reflects on Police Shooting, Family’s Pain](#) by reporter **Sarah Delia** – **Hard News category:** On September 6, 2017, Reuben Galindo was shot and killed outside his home by a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officer. CMPD says Galindo approached officers with a gun in his hand and they felt a threat. Galindo’s attorneys say he wanted police to come to his home, and it’s not clear that he was holding a gun at the time he was shot. WFAE’s Sarah Delia talks with Azucena Zamorano, Galindo’s significant other of two-and-a-half years. Zamorano and her family were home when Galindo was shot and killed.

“Sarah Delia’s story is a classic ‘driveway moment’ piece. You can’t stop listening,” said **Collard**, WFAE’s news director. “It still gives me chills when I listen to it – as it did again today upon learning it had won a Murrow.”

[Charlotte School of Law Paid Students Not to Take the Bar](#) by assistant news director **Lisa Worf** – **Investigative Reporting category:** Charlotte School of Law, a for-profit school, came under scrutiny by its accreditor the American Bar Association for admitting too many unqualified students and its low bar passage rates. School leaders decided to pay students not to take the bar and instead enter a bar preparation program. WFAE’s Lisa Worf obtained emails that showed how the program worked, and recordings of a law school official encouraging faculty to get students to participate in the program, telling them the school’s bar passage rate would have been much worse if not for the payment program.

“Lisa’s series of stories on the Charlotte School of Law is an example of dogged determination, and the type of investigative work public radio is known for,” added **Collard**. “Both Sarah and Lisa’s stories represent substantive journalism and storytelling that WFAE is committed to consistently deliver. Their recognition is well-deserved.”

WFAE competes in a region that’s comprised of stations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia. As regional winners, these entries are eligible for the national awards competition that will be judged in June.

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Photos available upon request.

About WFAE

[WFAE 90.7 FM](#) is a nonprofit public radio station, licensed to the University Radio Foundation Inc. With 90.3 in Hickory, 106.1 in Laurinburg and 93.7 in Southern Pines, WFAE serves more than 230,000 weekly listeners in the greater Charlotte region with an award-winning mix of local, national and international news, and entertainment programs from NPR® and other content partners.

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