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of Aging, Corrections, General Services, and Community and Economic Development.

Budget hearings will resume the week of Monday, Feb. 28, with the departments of Environmental Protection, Transportation, State, Agriculture, Labor and Industry, Health, and Drug and Alcohol Programs, as well as the Pennsylvania State Police.

For a full schedule of upcoming budget hearings and video of prior hearings go to pahousegov.com.



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WDIY Tops PA Association of Broadcasters' 2022 Awards with Five Wins

By Shamus McGroggan

(Lehigh Valley, PA) – WDIY 88.1 FM, Lehigh Valley Public Radio, has captured five awards in the 2022 Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters' Excellence in Broadcasting Awards.

The announcement came on Tuesday as the PAB named winners in several different categories for radio and television stations across Pennsylvania. WDIY's five awards was the highest total for a single radio station across the Commonwealth, only matched by KYW in Philadelphia who also picked up five awards.

WDIY received awards for a range of outstanding feature stories and public affairs programs as well as an award for outstanding use of digital media.

"These awards are a wonderful testament to our small but dedicated news team of staff and volunteers and their true connection with our community and their stories," said Greg Capogna, Executive Director of WDIY. "For a station of our size to receive this number of awards is a remarkable achievement."

WDIY received the following awards:

Outstanding Use of Digital Media - WDIY Phone App

Outstanding Radio Feature Story/Report/Series - "Buy American": Joe Biden promotes US Manufacturing During Mack Trucks Visit (WDIY Local News)

Outstanding Radio Feature Story/Report/Series - Bethlehem Mounted Police's Patrol Horses (WDIY Special News Feature)

Outstanding Radio Public Affairs Program/Program Series - Social Determinants of Health with LVHN's Dr. Brian Nester (HealthBEAT)

Outstanding Radio Public Affairs Program/Program Series - Upcoming Elections with Tim Ramos, Matt Turek & Steve Lynch (Lehigh Valley Discourse)

A full list of the 2021 radio and television winners is available at the PAB website.

The details for the award ceremony have not been announced yet. Last year, the PAB held the award ceremony virtually.

The wins for WDIY come on the heels of last year's PAB Excellence in Broadcasting Awards where WDIY's program Teen Scientist hosted by Moravian Academy student Rayna Malhotra won for Outstanding Radio Public Affairs Program/Program Series.

\$2.5 Million in 'Schools-to-Work' Grants Available

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) is seeking applicants for its "Schools-to-Work" grant program to continue fostering partnerships between schools, employers, organizations and associations that lead to career pathways for students.

Eligible applicants must be any entity that is registered with the department as a pre-apprenticeship program or is connected with a registered apprenticeship program. Other eligible applicants include entities that have an established connection with a registered apprenticeship program and are working on pre-apprenticeship registration, and which will have the full responsibility for the administration and operation of the program.

Project proposals must create learning opportunities for participating students and should focus on the coordination of people and resources to help individuals on a continuous path to family-sustaining employment and career growth. The proposal must also focus on building pre-apprenticeship programs to fill current and anticipated labor market needs in the given geographical area.

The maximum award per project is \$250,000, and grants will be awarded and funded based on availability of funds. This grant is funded by reemployment funds, which may be used to fund programs and services to assist individuals to become employed or improve their employment, including, without limitation, job search and placement services, educational enhancement, job training and job readiness, and workplace skills training.

Proposals are due by Tuesday, March 15, at 4 p.m., with contracts starting July 1, 2022, and ending Dec. 31, 2024. Go here for more information <http://links.pahousenews.com/>.

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