New Orleans, L.a., April 21, 2016 – On Tuesday, April 19, WDSU was recognized by the Radio Television Digital News Association (RTDNA) with three regional Edward R. Murrow awards. The awards go to recipients who “demonstrate the spirit of excellence that Murrow set as a standard for the profession of electronic journalism.”

In the category of “Feature Reporting,” WDSU was recognized for its story, “Gleason’s Toughest Opponent,” an in-depth and emotional story on former New Orleans Saint Steve Gleason’s battle with ALS. The station also won the “Newscast” category for its coverage of the manhunt following the murder of New Orleans police officer Daryle Holloway. WDSU’s third Murrow award was in the “News Documentary” category for “Chronicle: Children of Katrina,” a one hour special tracking the impact of the hurricane on five young lives before and 10 years after the storm.

Just a few weeks prior, WDSU was also honored by the National Headliner Awards program, one of the nation’s oldest and largest annual contests recognizing journalistic merit. WDSU won a first place award for its feature story, “Steve Gleason: Life Beyond ALS.” Both this story, and the feature story on Gleason that won a Murrow award, were produced by WDSU anchor Scott Walker and Chief Photographer, Megan Mackel.

“Awards like these speak to the dedication and professionalism at work every day in our newsroom,” said WDSU President and General Manager, Joel Vilmenay. “They represent the commitment of our news team to always serve our viewers at the highest level.”
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