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## **Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Award Recipients Announced**

*The award recognizes outstanding journalism demonstrating the essential role of humane animal research in medical discoveries and scientific breakthroughs*

WASHINGTON — The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) today announces the winners of the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Michael E. DeBakey Journalism Awards. The awards, named in honor of FBR's late chairman Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, recognize outstanding journalism that discusses the essential role of humane animal research in medical discoveries and scientific breakthroughs.

The 2009 winners are as follows: Michael Anft (Johns Hopkins Magazine), Scott Pelley and Denise Schrier Cetta (CBS News, 60 Minutes), Jonathan Hamilton (National Public Radio), Max Taves (LA Weekly). The judging panel was composed of both members of the media and the scientific community.

“We applaud a well-balanced and accurate discussion of animal research,” said FBR president Frankie Trull. “The DeBakey awards are a unique opportunity for scientists and the media to converge in celebration of strides made in science and medicine.”

A ceremony to honor the winners will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2009. For more information about the award winners and their work, please visit FBR's website: [www.fbresearch.org](http://www.fbresearch.org).

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*Established in 1981, FBR is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to educating the public about the essential role of humane animal research in the quest for medical advancements, treatments, and cures for both humans and animals. For more information visit [www.fbresearch.org](http://www.fbresearch.org).*