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Betty Endicott Scholarship Recipients Announced

Reston, VA, May 19, 2026 --- The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NCCB-NATAS) is pleased to announce the 2026 Betty Endicott Scholarship recipient. The Betty Endicott Scholarship is given annually from the NCCB-NATAS Chapter to full-time undergraduate or graduate students studying for a career in communications and/or broadcast journalism.

This year **Ashley Burkett** of the University of Maryland earned \$5,000 to be used towards her education. She is a standout among the sixteen scholarship applicants.

Ms. Burkett is a Journalism major at the University. She has worked as both an anchor, reporter, and videographer. She has also interned at WJLA and is currently interning for CBS Evening News. This is in addition to her roles as a reporter with the Capital News Service and as anchor and reporter for B1G+. Ms. Burkett has worked as a videographer for UMD Football and spent time in the United Kingdom as a sports journalist covering the Premier League. This is in addition to five semesters on the Dean's List and maintaining a 3.93 GPA.

Ms. Burkett will be honored at the 68th Emmy Awards on June 20, 2026.

"We're proud to provide these scholarships to budding communications and media professionals," said Chapter President, Adam Longo. "Ashley is a wonderful example of the tremendous potential that is being cultivated in colleges and universities all over DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Our Betty Endicott Scholars are academically talented, tuned in to the challenges and opportunities in our industry and well on their way to making meaningful contributions to the work Capital Emmy Chapter members do every day," he added.

The regional scholarship, named in the honor of Betty Endicott, the first female news director in Washington DC, is open to all full-time undergraduate and graduate students studying for a career in communications and/or broadcast journalism. Applicants represented a wide range of schools from Howard University to American University to Norfolk State University and the University of Maryland. The local chapter covers all of Virginia, Maryland, and DC, and students at any of the schools in the chapter were eligible to apply.

For more information, please visit <https://www.capitalemmys.tv/education>.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences was established in 1958 and is an organization comprised of more than 1,500 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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