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Saturday, October 10, 2026

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COCKTAIL RECEPTION | 5:00 PM

DINNER | 6:00 PM

CEREMONY | 6:30 PM

The Board of Governors of the
National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of NATAS cordially invites you
to join us in celebrating the induction of the:

2026 Gold Circle Honoree

Pat O'Donnell

The Gold Circle honors those who have made significant contributions
to the broadcast or cable industry over the span of 50 years or more
in the National Capital and Chesapeake Bay region.

2026 Silver Circle Honorees

**Joe Beninati
Martin Carr
Wayne Covil
Mac Finney
Kym Grinnage**

**Jim Handly
Craig Laughlin
Blaine Stewart
Noreen Turyn**

The Silver Circle honors those who have made significant contributions
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Welcome to the 2026 Gold & Silver Circle Induction Ceremony!

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Please join us in celebrating our extraordinary colleagues whose dedication, talent and passion have shaped our industry and enriched the communities they serve.

Through decades of outstanding work in journalism and the visual arts, these honorees have set a remarkable standard of excellence—and, just as importantly, have paved the way for the next generation to follow in their fabulous footsteps.

Their achievements are part of the legacy we proudly carry forward.

Tonight, we honor the careers of those who have dedicated 25 years – and in one case, 50 years to careers in our Capital & Chesapeake Bay Chapter. We celebrate their contributions and thank them for the lasting impact they have made on all of us.

We are delighted to welcome the following people into the Capital Emmys Silver and Gold Circles:

Gold Circle

Pat O'Donnell

Silver Circle

Joe Beninati

Martin A Carr

Wayne Covil

Mac Finney

Kym Grinnage

Jim Handly

Craig Laughlin

Blaine Stewart

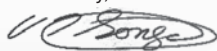
Noreen Turyl

We also say thank you to the chapter volunteers, board members and staff who have helped to make this night special. Gold and Silver Circle Committee Co-Chairs, Barbara Ciara and Donna Weston and our Emmy Night Gala Chair Virginia Pancoe have added some special touches to make tonight's event memorable for our honorees and guests.

We are a founding Chapter of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences and continue to be a shining example in showcasing outstanding journalism and visual arts, celebrating our profession and learning from each other. A big part of that reason involves the people we honor tonight.

Please join me in raising a glass for each of our new inductees. You honor us with your many years of service. This is YOUR night, and on behalf of our Chapter's Executive Committee and Board of Governors, we wish you congratulations and extend our thanks for your incredible contributions.

Sincerely,



Adam Longo, Capital Emmys President



Wayne Covil

Silver Circle

Wayne Covil is the Senior Reporter and Senior MMJ at WTVR CBS 6 in Richmond, Virginia, established in April 1948 as “The South’s First Television Station”.

On December 1st, 1992, Wayne began his career at WTVR; opening the station’s Tri-Cities Bureau in Petersburg. As Bureau Chief and now Senior Reporter-MMJ, he covers the cities of Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell, as well as Prince George and Dinwiddie counties. In addition to covering the news, his regular “Wayne’s World” features shine a special light on personalities and places in the community.

Wayne has spent his entire television career working solo. While today his job is called a “Multi-Media Journalist,” Wayne still refers to himself as a “One Man Band,” meaning he shoots and writes his own stories, edits them for air, and posts the stories online.

As an active member of the community, Wayne has served on various boards and commissions including the Tri-Cities Salvation Army Board and the Colonial Heights Local Emergency Planning Committee.

For more than two decades, Wayne has served as a volunteer auctioneer to various non-profits fundraising events including the Chesterfield - Colonial Heights Christmas Mother, Tidewater Academy, Richmond Friends of the Homeless, Crater Community Hospice, and Swift Creek Mill Theatre.

Wayne has been honored by Petersburg Police, Petersburg Fire, Colonial Heights Police, and the Adopt-a-Soldier Program at Fort Lee and Rotary International. He was named a 2025 “Man of Distinction” by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Foundation and is a 2023 the recipient of the MLK Legacy Award from Nu Omicron Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Wayne is the 2022 Virginia Association of Broadcasters “George Bowles, Jr. Distinguished Broadcaster Award” recipient as well as a 2023 National Murrow and 2025 Regional Emmy winner.

After college, Wayne became Assistant News Director at WJNC-1240 AM in Jacksonville, N.C.

In April 1989, he was named WNCT TV 9 Jacksonville Bureau Chief and covered Camp Lejeune during “Operation Desert Shield” and “Desert Storm”. He credits the Marine Corps and the City of Jacksonville for helping develop his understanding of the importance of recognizing both the person serving in the military and the family at home.

In 1994, Wayne and WTVR won a Virginia Associated Press Award for his reports on the 1993 Tri-Cities tornado and its aftermath.

In 2012, Wayne did a cold case report about twins born and killed in a dorm room at St. Paul’s College in Lawrenceville, Va. It updated his original story from when it occurred in February 1998. A few months later, the mother was arrested, charged, and convicted.

Wayne is a former Track Announcer for Virginia Motorsports Park; the premiere Drag Racing Facility in Virginia. In his spare time, he enjoys shooting “Sporting Clays” and “Skeet”.

Wayne was born in Jacksonville, N.C. and raised in Sanford, N.C. and since moving to Virginia, has always lived in the Tri-Cities.

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Martin Carr

Silver Circle

Martin Carr's journey in broadcasting began at an early age, fueled by a passion for music, sports, and the art and science of sound.

Raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Martin began his first summer internship at WCBN Radio on the campus of the University of Michigan at just 14 years old. During that experience, he accompanied a team of audio technicians providing sound reinforcement for the Ann Arbor Art Fair's Jazz Festival. It was there that Martin discovered the unique intersection of technology, creativity, and live performance—and found the direction that would shape his career.

Martin went on to attend Hampton University, where he earned a degree in Mass Media Arts. While at Hampton, he served on the Audio-Visual team, traveling with the university's football team to gather footage for the student-produced program *The Pirate's Locker Room*. As co-producer and director, Martin helped expand the program, extending its broadcast into the basketball season for the first time.

After graduation Martin joined the Smithsonian Institution's Special Events Audio-Video Department. As an audio technician, he had the opportunity to serve as a front-of-house mixer for an impressive array of renowned artists, including Wynton Marsalis, Shirley Horn, Joe Henderson, and Marcus Roberts.

His work soon expanded into television, beginning with opportunities at WNVC-TV, followed by BET, and ultimately leading to a distinguished career at WETA-TV.

As a freelance audio technician, Martin worked behind the scenes on some of the nation's most prominent news, sports, and entertainment productions. His credits include ABC News, ESPN, ABC Sports, NBC Sports, Fox Sports, and CBS Sportsnet. In the world of music and entertainment, his work included *In Performance* at the White House, The Kennedy Center Honors, Bobby Jones Gospel, the McDonald's 365 Awards, and BET's Walk of Fame.

At WETA, Martin spent 33 years building a remarkable career and serving in a variety of technical roles. His audio work included highlights mixing for multiple Democratic and Republican national conventions, interviews with three sitting presidents, and productions such as PBS News and Washington Week. His dedication and technical expertise were ultimately recognized with an Emmy Award.

After decades in broadcasting and technical production, Martin recently retired from WETA—but his impact extends far beyond the programs and productions listed on his résumé.

When Martin reflects on his career, he speaks with deep gratitude for the opportunities he was given and, most importantly, for the people who helped make those opportunities possible. From early mentors and colleagues to producers, engineers, performers, and organizations, the guidance, trust, and support he received along the way helped shape his professional journey.



Gold and Silver Circle Honorees, who were inducted prior to 2024, can now purchase the current Medallion, Plaque with Medallion, and magnetic lapel pin.



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Mac Finney

Silver Circle

Mac Finney is an Emmy Award-winning television photojournalist whose career in broadcasting spans nearly five decades. He began as a volunteer at Maryland Public Television in 1978 before advancing through production, studio operations, and field photography. At age 23, he joined Baltimore's WJZ-TV as a news photographer, working alongside future media icon Oprah Winfrey during her early years on television.

After moving to WBAL-TV, Finney built a distinguished 43-year career with the Hearst Corporation, helping tell more than 25,000 stories. His work has earned multiple Emmy Awards, a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award, and a National Headliner Award for excellence in journalism, including investigative, long-format, and aerial news coverage.

A former Chief Photographer and mentor to countless young journalists, Finney remains passionate about storytelling, community engagement, and inspiring future generations. He now advocates for a citywide mural arts initiative to help beautify and revitalize Baltimore neighborhoods.

Throughout his career, Finney has worked alongside some of the industry's most talented reporters, producers, and photographers. His storytelling earned him his first Emmy Award for a long-format report in the United Kingdom examining a groundbreaking program that provided medically supervised opioid addicts with pharmaceutical-grade heroin or cocaine alongside counseling. The story explored innovative approaches to addiction treatment and sparked important discussions about public policy and harm reduction.

Finney later served nearly a decade as WBAL-TV's Chief Photographer, mentoring younger journalists and advocating for excellence in visual storytelling. When WBAL launched its helicopter program, he played a key role in developing aerial news coverage and quickly became proficient in aerial photography. His work from the air earned three Emmy Awards for coverage ranging from swift-water rescues and rip current awareness to the unforgettable story of a herd of bison that escaped enroute to a slaughterhouse.

One of the most extraordinary moments of his career occurred during the search for an escaped prisoner who had eluded multiple law enforcement agencies for an entire day. As Finney prepared a news report from his vehicle, he looked up from his laptop and saw the fugitive walking directly past his live-shot camera. After confirming the man's identity, Finney alerted 911, recorded the encounter on his phone, and coordinated coverage that led to the fugitive's capture live on television. The resulting reporting earned both a Regional Edward R. Murrow Award and a National Headliner Award.

While he is grateful for the recognition he has received throughout his career, Finney believes the most rewarding aspect of journalism is connecting with people. Whether covering breaking news, mentoring young photographers, or speaking with strangers on the street, he strives to treat every person with dignity, respect, and compassion.

As his distinguished career enters its final chapter, Finney has turned his attention to another passion: beautifying Baltimore through public art. He envisions a citywide mural initiative that would transform neighborhoods, support local artists, attract visitors, and celebrate Baltimore's rich history and culture. His vision is simple yet ambitious: Baltimore, a City of Murals—a place where art inspires pride, strengthens communities, and helps shape a brighter future.



Jim Handy

Silver Circle

Jim Handy anchors News4 at 6 and 11 for NBC4, both top-rated newscasts in the Washington, D.C. area.

In 2022, Handy celebrated 30 years with NBC4 after spending most of those years anchoring evening newscasts and reporting on stories throughout our community.

Handy has been honored with multiple Emmy Awards and an Edward R. Murrow Award during his career, which has taken him to the Middle East, Russia, and the Caribbean. He's also reported live on big breaking news stories in the D.C. area. Along the way, he has also covered seven inaugurations, countless election nights and four U.S. papal visits and, as a Florida native, his share of hurricanes.

Handy has also enjoyed covering the Olympics, the Super Bowl, and, most of all, Washington Nationals and Washington Capitals championship celebrations.

During his time in Washington, Handy has been involved in many organizations, including the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, Humane Rescue Alliance, Junior Tennis Champions Center in Maryland and Thanks USA, which provides scholarships for families of military soldiers.

Prior to joining NBC4, Handy served as an anchor and reporter for the CBS affiliate in Hartford/New Haven, Connecticut. He began his broadcasting career anchoring and reporting for WPTV, the NBC affiliate in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Outside of the station, Handy is a competitive tennis player who enjoys taking part in charity tennis events. In his off time, you'll also find Jim biking, kayaking, and checking out the newest coffeehouses and roasters and farmers markets around our region.

He lives in Washington, D.C. and is an active member of the Washington National Cathedral congregation.

CONGRATS JIM!

NBC4 and Telemundo 44
proudly celebrate Jim Handy
on his induction into the
NATAS Silver Circle.





Pat O'Donnell

Gold Circle

Pat O'Donnell is Executive Director for the Washington-Mid Atlantic Local of SAG-AFTRA.

Pat has dedicated more than 50 years of her life to broadcasting, initially in front of the camera and subsequently through her unwavering support for newsmakers and their livelihoods. Her career began at the former KOIA TV2 in Flagstaff, Arizona, where she served for three years as a weathercaster. She then journeyed across the country, ultimately settling in Washington D.C., where she would play a pivotal role in shaping broadcast history from behind the scenes.

In 1976, Pat joined the Washington-Baltimore office of the American Federation of TV and Radio Artists (AFTRA) union. She steadily rose through the ranks, becoming chief negotiator and eventually executive director. As executive director, Pat was instrumental in leading the merger of AFTRA and the Screen Actors Guild in 2012, resulting in the formation of SAG-AFTRA, the world's largest union representing performers and entertainers. The Washington-Mid Atlantic local currently oversees 35 broadcast collective bargaining agreements for radio and television station units and stands as one of the largest broadcast locals in the nation. Within the D.C./Baltimore region, Pat is renowned as a hands-on, dynamic negotiator and advocate. She has been a steadfast guardian of the careers and livelihoods of generations of TV News broadcasters and announcers, ensuring that anchors, reporters, producers, writers and content creators receive fair compensation for their work and secure all earned benefits if they face job loss. She has received SAG-AFTRA's highest honors and awards for staff including the coveted George Heller Memorial Award Gold Card.

Pat is committed to ensuring fair and safe working conditions for all. She serves as a powerful voice for everyone, from the burgeoning freelance multimedia reporter to the most acclaimed, highest-paid anchors.

As many in the industry know, if you ever find yourself in a predicament, call Pat. If you receive a new contract offer, send it to Pat. If you need sound advice on your next steps in your career... call Pat. From local news directors to the corporate offices of the world's largest media organizations, Pat O'Donnell's name commands recognition and respect.

While her work may not be in front of the camera or within the newsroom itself, she is the ever-present assurance for those who labor in newsrooms across the Washington-Baltimore region.



We celebrate

PAT O'DONNELL

Executive Director, Washington-Mid Atlantic Local

and her induction into

THE GOLD CIRCLE



Craig Laughlin

Silver Circle

Craig Laughlin is a former National Hockey League player and longtime television color analyst best known for his decades of work covering the Washington Capitals. A fan favorite both on the ice and in the broadcast booth, Laughlin has become one of the most recognizable personalities in D.C. sports, celebrated for his enthusiasm, hockey expertise, and engaging storytelling. Since joining the Capitals' television broadcasts in 1990, he has helped educate and entertain generations of hockey fans while serving as half of one of the NHL's longest-running broadcast partnerships alongside play-by-play announcer Joe Beninati.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Laughlin starred at Clarkson University, where he developed into one of the most accomplished players in program history. A standout right wing, he recorded 168 career points, helped lead the Golden Knights to sustained success, and later had his No. 22 jersey retired by the university. He was inducted into the Clarkson University Athletic Hall of Fame in recognition of both his collegiate accomplishments and his professional career.

Selected by the Montreal Canadiens in the 1977 NHL Draft, Laughlin went on to play 549 NHL games with the Canadiens, Washington Capitals, Los Angeles Kings, and Toronto Maple Leafs. Traded to Washington as part of the landmark 1982 deal that also brought Rod Langway to the Capitals, he became a key contributor during one of the most important periods in franchise history, helping the team reach its first Stanley Cup Playoff appearance and establish itself as a perennial contender. Over his NHL career, Laughlin recorded 136 goals and 205 assists before finishing his playing days in Germany and retiring from professional hockey in 1990.

Following his retirement, Laughlin seamlessly transitioned into broadcasting, bringing a player's perspective and infectious energy to Capitals' telecasts. Craig Laughlin's excellence as a broadcaster was recognized at the Capital Emmy Awards in June 2026 when he earned his first solo Emmy Award for Outstanding Sports Analyst in his first nomination in the category. The honor carried special significance given the extraordinary challenges he overcame during the season. After missing part of the 2024–25 campaign following emergency heart surgery, Laughlin made a remarkable return to the broadcast booth and, within weeks, helped narrate two of the most historic moments in National Hockey League history as Alex Ovechkin first tied and then surpassed Wayne Gretzky's all-time goals record.

Beyond the broadcast booth, Laughlin remains active in Capitals alumni initiatives, charitable causes, and community events throughout the region. His contributions to both the franchise and the sport have earned widespread respect, including recognition as a member of the D.C. Sports Hall of Fame. Today, he continues to be a beloved ambassador for hockey in the nation's capital and one of the most enduring voices associated with the Washington Capitals organization.



Joe Beninati

Silver Circle

Joseph 'Joe' Beninati is an Emmy Award-winning play-by-play broadcaster best known as the longtime television voice of the Washington Capitals. Since joining the Capitals' broadcast team in 1994, he has become one of the most recognizable and respected voices in hockey, known for his meticulous preparation, deep knowledge of the game, and memorable calls of some of the franchise's most significant moments.

Born on Long Island, New York, and raised in Massachusetts, Beninati developed a passion for sports at an early age. He attended Bowdoin College, where he played lacrosse, and began his broadcasting career at the campus radio station after a hockey injury led him behind the microphone. Following graduation, he worked in minor league hockey and spent several years calling games in the American Hockey League, including for the Providence Bruins, before earning his opportunity with the Capitals.

Over more than three decades in broadcasting, Beninati has called thousands of professional hockey games and chronicled the evolution of the Capitals from a developing franchise into one of the NHL's premier organizations. His tenure includes coverage of multiple division titles, Presidents' Trophy-winning seasons, and the club's historic Stanley Cup championship in 2018. Alongside longtime broadcast partner Craig Laughlin, Beninati has become synonymous with Capitals hockey for generations of fans throughout the Washington, D.C. region.

In addition to his work in the NHL, Beninati has called college football, lacrosse, and other major sporting events for networks including ESPN, ESPNU, and the Big Ten Network. His excellence behind the microphone has earned numerous regional Emmy Awards, including multiple honors for sports play-by-play announcing.

Widely respected for his storytelling, professionalism, and ability to capture the emotion of pivotal moments, Beninati remains one of the most accomplished and enduring broadcasters in American sports television.



Blaine Stewart

Silver Circle

For Blaine Stewart, broadcasting was never simply a career choice. It was a calling that revealed itself early.

As an elementary school student growing up near New Orleans, Blaine routinely recorded local television newscasts, transcribed scripts and recreated his own versions of the evening news. By middle school, he approached the morning announcements with remarkable seriousness, even creating handmade poster-board graphics modeled after those he saw on television. At just 18, he earned an on-air position at a local radio station.

In 1996, Blaine began his television career as an associate producer at WDSU-TV in New Orleans before moving to WWL-TV. Although he developed a reputation as a talented producer, his dream remained reporting and anchoring. In 1999, that dream took him to Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for his first on-air television position. His career later brought him to Columbus, Georgia, and ultimately to Norfolk, Virginia.

For nearly two decades at WTKR News 3, Blaine has become one of Hampton Roads' most recognizable and trusted journalists. Whether reporting in the field or anchoring from the desk, he has approached stories with empathy, accountability, and a deep responsibility to the people he serves. Through deadly crashes, mass shootings, hurricanes, military deployments, community milestones and moments of triumph, Blaine has helped viewers understand events that have shaped their lives.

His influence extends well beyond the stories he tells. Blaine has mentored countless colleagues and has become a pillar of the WTKR newsroom, generously sharing the knowledge accumulated during three decades of broadcasting. He has also used his platform to promote understanding, acceptance, and empathy within the LGBTQ community, becoming a source of representation for viewers who saw themselves reflected in his authenticity.

In June 2025, Blaine faced one of the greatest challenges of his life when he suffered a massive, near-fatal heart attack while on vacation. At times, doctors questioned whether he would survive and warned that, even if he did, he might never be the same. The response from Hampton Roads demonstrated just how deeply Blaine had touched the community. Viewers, colleagues, friends, and loved ones rallied around him throughout months of recovery and rehabilitation.

Against tremendous odds, Blaine returned to WTKR, bringing with him the same humor, warmth, professionalism, and compassion that have defined his career.

More than 30 years after entering broadcasting, Blaine Stewart's legacy is measured not simply in years or newscasts, but in trust earned, colleagues mentored, communities represented and viewers served. His career embodies the enduring commitment to broadcasting and public service that the Silver Circle was created to honor.

CONGRATULATIONS FROM YOUR WTKR FAMILY



BLAINE STEWART

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Kym Grinnage

Silver Circle

For more than three decades, Kym Grinnage has stood as a cornerstone of Virginia broadcasting, guided by a steadfast belief in the power of local journalism. Today, he serves as Regional Vice President for Gray Media, as well as Vice President and General Manager of Richmond stations WWBT-TV (12 On Your Side) and WUPV-TV (CW Richmond). He also oversees stations in Charlottesville, Virginia, Harrisonburg, Virginia, and New Bern, North Carolina.

Grinnage discovered his passion for the industry early, launching his career in New York with NBC in sales and affiliate relations before joining CBS Television as a sales account executive. In 1990, he arrived in Richmond to join WWBT as an account executive, beginning a transformative journey at the station. His strategic vision and leadership earned him successive promotions to national, local, and general sales manager. By 2011, he was appointed Vice President and General Manager of WWBT, later expanding his oversight to WUPV-TV in 2019. Under his direction, both stations have championed impactful reporting rooted in community service.

Grinnage's influence reaches far beyond day-to-day station operations. A three-time Associated Press award winner for Best Editorial, he has consistently used his platform to address pressing civic concerns. In 2018, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities honored his commitment to equity and community welfare with its Humanitarian Award.

Peers across the industry have similarly celebrated his contributions. Grinnage was inducted into the Virginia Communications Hall of Fame in 2020. His sustained leadership brought further recognition with the 2024 Virginia Black Business Leaders Award. These recognitions commemorate nearly four decades of distinguished service to television.

Kym is married to his wife Kyle and has two beautiful daughters, Kendra and Kerri.



Noreen Turyn

Silver Circle

Noreen Turyn is an award-winning journalist who dedicated more than 36 years to WSET ABC 13 in Lynchburg, Virginia, serving as Senior Anchor and Managing Editor. A graduate of the University of Maryland with a degree in journalism, she began her television career at WJLA-TV in Washington, D.C., where she worked as a researcher and investigator from 1984 to 1985. She later served as an assignment editor at WMAR-TV in Baltimore from 1988 to 1990 before joining WSET in 1990 as a reporter.

Over the next three decades, Turyn became one of Central Virginia's most trusted and respected news leaders. Her work earned numerous professional honors, including a regional Emmy Award for her investigative reporting on the death of Lynchburg resident Johnny Cashman, "What Happened to Johnny?" She also received multiple regional Edward R. Murrow, Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters, and Virginia Association of Broadcasters awards. Her acclaimed investigative series "The Forbidden Family," which exposed Virginia's history of forced sterilizations under the eugenics movement, earned both the Scripps Howard Award for Excellence and a regional Edward R. Murrow Award. Noreen's reporting has been recognized for its impact on public policy, public awareness, and accountability.

Beyond her distinguished journalism career, Turyn has dedicated decades to community service, supporting organizations including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities, and the Alzheimer's Association. Through leadership, fundraising, advocacy, and storytelling, Noreen has made a lasting impact on communities across Central Virginia.



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Silver Circle

1987

Lamar Allison
Buddy Belote
Elizabeth Campbell
Bob Dalton
Joe DeVito
Kay Fisher
William Galvin, Jr.
Mac McGarry
Bryson Rash
Joe Rizzo
Clyde Roller
Ed Turney

1988

Robert Asman
Harry Bottorf
Lillian Brown
Jim Clarke
Betty Cole Dukert
Jim Griffin
Herbert Kaplow
Lawrence Laurent
Kline Mengle
Arnold D. Wallace
Fred Weiss

1989

Robert L. Adams
Ed Bliss
Jack Dennis
Betty Endicott
Les Gaver
Maurice Javins
Robert Pierpoint
Willard Scott

Jack Waldron
Ed Walker

1990

Rich Adams
Densil Allen
Cleatus Barnett
Gilbert Bentley
Frank Brewary
Bill Cosmas
David Deutsch
John Goldsmith
Robert Hager
Jim Karayn
Irving R. Levine
George Light
Jim Silman
James L. Snyder
Charles Stopak
Ed Summers

1991

Joel Albert
Sophie Altman
Christie Basham
Johnny Batchelder
Jane Cohen
Paul Duke
Michael DeMonceau
Earl Dunmeyer
Ginny Ellis
Stanley Guttenberg
Peter Hackes
John Harter
Jim Hollingsworth

Bill Hovis
Edward Jones, Jr.
Douglas Kiker*
Jim Little
Karen Loveland
Maury Povich
Max A. Schindler
Jim Vance
Gene S. Weiss
Thom R. Winkler
Milton J. Wishard

1992

Tom Angell
Ernie Baur
Carl Day
Evelyn Freyman
Jerry Gallagher
James A. Gustafson
W. Lee Hunter
Dennis B. Kane
David Kaplan*
J. David Lewis
Robert J. Lynch, Sr.
Russ Moore
Gordon Peterson
Bob Strickland
Robert Vitarelli

1993

Ceremony Not Held

1994

Steven C. Affens
Paul Berry
Mike Buchanan

Arch Campbell
Jerry Grossman
George Herman
Dorea Hicks
Samual Jackson
Aisha Karimah
Bruce Kelbel
William O. Moore
Ike Pappas
Lee "Captain Tugg" Reynolds
"Ranger Hal" Shaw
Doug True
Susan Truitt
Charlie Uchima

1995

Richard B. Armstrong
Wally Ashby
Sandra Butler-Jones
Holly Fine
Paul Fine
Cliff Herbert
Sandra Pastoor
Pedro Perez
Paul Sisco

1996

Paul Anthony
Maureen Bunyan
Meryl Comer
Leonel Concepcion
Eugene Givens*
Michael Mayes
Johnie Roth, Jr.
Bob Schieffer

1997

Lucille Huddleston Baur
David Brinkley
Lionel Chapman*
Harry Davis
Barton Eckert
Charles Guggenheim
Pete Hake
JC Hayward
Paul T. Monte-Bovi
Fritz Roland
Ed Turner

1998

Olita Crawford
Nancy Dickerson*
Sam Donaldson
Tad Dukehart
Rhea Feikin
Frank Herzog
Patrick McGrath
Ron Minor
Will Seymour
Sue Ann Staake
Marilyn Weiner
Hal Weiner

1999

Murray Alvey*
Richard Armstrong
Tommi Childs
Sheldon Fielman
Kenny Gamble
Vincent Keys, Jr.
Ted Koppel
Jim Lehrer
Bill Leonard

Bob Ryan
Judy Woodruff

2000

Herman (Hy) Badler
Bruce Bookhultz
Jack Bowden
Susan White-Bowden
Ray Farkas
Helen Gaul
Tom Jarriel
Bruce Johnson
Joe Krebs
Andrew M. Ockershausen
Chester Panzer
Dave Willingham

2001

Andy Barth
Jim Brown
Walter Gold
John Long
Angela Mason
Kathleen Matthews
Lark McCarthy
Angela Owens
Ron Riley

2002

John Dunmire
Charles Horich
James Jennings
Lessandra MacHamer
John R. Morison
Lee Payton
Lea Thompson
Robert Turk

2003

Ceremony Not Held

2004

Ceremony Not Held

2005

Sheila Brooks

Jon Stiehm

2006

Phyllis Armstrong

Victor Blandburg

Pat Collins

Gene Cox

Harry Kakel

2007

Samara Martin Ewing

Pege Gilgannon

Pat Lawson Muse

John Palmer

Sue Richmond

Murray Schweitzer

Doug Wilkes

2008

Gail Fendley

Judith Dwan Hallet

Barbara Harrison

Michael Horan

Tom Kierein

Jeff Rathner

2009

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2010

Jay Alvey

Glynda Bates

May-Lily Lee

2011

Marty Aronoff

Steve Buckhantz

Barbara Ciara

Elizabeth Crenshaw

Bob Kanner

Lou Scally

Don Watrud

2012

Ceremony Not Held

2013

Ceremony Not Held

2014

Charles Bragale

Cathy Lewis

Pete O'Neal

Sue Palka

Michael Skehan

Joe Yasharoff

2015

James Baum

Kathleen Cairns

Albert Calogero*

Doug Hill

Sylvia Reis

Wendy Rieger

Pablo Sanchez

2016

Ceremony Not Held

2017

John Davis

Doreen Gentzler

Glenn Harris

Sue Kopen Katcef

Bruce Rader

John Rydell

Donna Weston

2018

Bill Bell

J. Michael English

Chris Gordon

Barbara Hamm Lee

Andrea Roane

2019

Joe Dashiell

Jennifer Gilbert

Donna Knutson

Fran Murphy

Topper Shutt

Shelley Simpson

Don Slater

Catherine Snyder

2020

Jamie Costello

John Crosset

Greg Guise

Janet Roach

Steven Schupak

Tom Sherwood

Diane Walker

2021

Will Anderson
Melanie Hastings
Ede Jermin
Veronica Johnson
Dave Lucas
Robin Reed
Lisa Robinson
Harry Vaughn

2022

Ceremony to induct
2020 and 2021 classes

2023

Julie Carey
Sam Ford
Robert Forsyth
Andy Fox
Al Koken
Greg McQuade
Cheryl Miller
Linda Taggart
Kurt Williams

2024

Brad Bell
Jim Byrne
Liz Feldman
Mark Kraham
Dr. Tim Tooten, Sr.
David Wainwright
Deborah Weiner
April Woodard

2025

Dave Cupp*
Martin Doblmeier
Jean Jadhon
Beverly Lindsay-Johnson
Denise Koch
Regina Mobley
Jeff Myers
Julie Newman
Rick Yarborough

2026

Joe Beninati
Martin Carr
Wayne Covil
Mac Finney
Kym Grinnage
Jim Handly
Craig Laughlin
Blaine Stewart
Noreen Turyn

* Posthumously

Gold Circle

2005

Willard Scott

2006

Bob Abernethy

Mac McGarry

Paul Sisco

2007

Joseph "Tex" Gathings

Bruce Morton

Max Schindler, Sr.

2008

No Inductees

2009

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2010

Jim Silman

2011

Zvi Shoubin

Robert Vitarelli

2012

Ceremony Not Held

2013

Ceremony Not Held

2014

Rhea Feikin

Johnny Holliday

Don Richards

2015

Lou Davis

Charles Horich

2016

Ceremony Not Held

2017

Ernie Baur

Sid Davis

2019

George Beneman

2020

Wally Ashby

2021

Tom Bettag

Edward Jones

Ross Simpson

Stan Stovall

2022

Ceremony to induct

2020 and 2021 classes

2023

John Davis

Pat Collins

Tom Draper*

2024

Rob Henninger

Donald Thoms

2025

Richard 'Dick' Dyszel

Al Spoler

2026

Pat O'Donnell

* Posthumously



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