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2026 Gold & Silver Circle Honorees Announced

July 30, 2026 - The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NCCB-NATAS) is pleased to announce the 2026 inductees to the prestigious **Gold & Silver Circles**.

The **2026 honorees** join an impressive group of industry professionals who have helped shape the broadcast industry and continue to influence its future. These leaders have inspired excellence and innovation in every communications discipline. Devoting more than a **quarter-century for Silver Circle or half-century for Gold Circle** to the broadcast industry, these remarkable media professionals have made significant contributions to the National Capital Chesapeake Bay community.

"I am delighted to inscribe these names into the history books as the newest members of our EMMY Chapter's "Hall-of-Fame," said NCCB-NATAS President Adam Longo. "It's so exciting to recognize a group of hard-working professionals who represent such a diverse mix of TV roles in various locations throughout our regional NATAS chapter."

With the induction of the 2026 honorees, the **Silver Circle** totals 298 and the **Gold Circle** totals 31. "Those we honor will join the ranks of other past inductees including Sam Donaldson, Gordon Peterson, Judy Woodruff, Ted Koppel, Bob Schieffer, Maureen Bunyan, and Jim Vance," said Longo.

Gold Circle Honoree		
Pat O'Donnell	SAG-AFTRA, Washington-Mid Atlantic Local	Executive Director
Silver Circle Honorees		
Joe Beninati	Monumental Sports Network	NHL Play-by-Play Announcer
Martin A Carr	WETA	Audio Engineer
Wayne Covil	WTVR	Sr. Reporter/MMJ
Mac Finney	WBAL-TV	Photojournalist
Kym Grinnage	WWBT	Regional VP and General Manager
Steve Hammond	WBOC	Broadcast Journalist
Jim Handly	WRC	Anchor
Craig Laughlin	Monumental Sports Network	NHL Color Analyst
Blaine Stewart	WTKR	Anchor
Noreen Turyn	WSET	News Anchor and Chief Managing Editor

The **Gold & Silver Circle** induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, October 10th at the Visitation Hotel Frederick (211 E Church Street Frederick, MD, 21701). Please visit www.capitalemmys.tv for ticket sales and additional information.

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