



#### WELCOME! 28<sup>TH</sup> HALL OF FAME GALA

The Broadcasters and Community Leaders of Nevada

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 | 5:30PM

COCKTAILS AND SILENT AUCTION | 5:30PM

**BALLROOM DOORS OPEN | 6:45PM** 

**NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY** 

**Scholarship Recipients** 

Mistie Ragle & Alex Scarpa

**OPENING COMMENTS AND VOG** 

JJ Snyder

In Memoriam

**DINNER IS SERVED** 

"Time to get your talk out"

WELCOME

Mitch Fox

**President & CEO, Nevada Broadcasters Association** 

LEADERSHIP AWARD

Viola Cody

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

NVBA Immediate Past Chair: Amie Chapman VP and General Manager, Sinclair Broadcast Group-Reno

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LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**Dave Courvoisier** 

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARS

**Tony and Linda Bonnici** 

Live Appeal

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COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

**NV Energy Foundation** 

**PRESIDENT'S AWARD** 

Congressman Jon C. Porter

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Class of 2024

**SHOW CLOSE** 

**Eric Bonnici** 

**Vice President NVBA & Executive Director NVBF** 



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for attending the Nevada Broadcasters Association's 28th annual Hall of Fame Gala!

This event gives us an opportunity to say how proud we are of the radio and television stations throughout the state of Nevada. They are the ones who inform, entertain and inspire listeners and viewers 24/7!

We've come a long way since 1897 when Marconi sent the first radio message across open water. Today, an astonishing 92% of the American public depends on radio for music, entertainment, news and emergency alerts. Philo Farnsworth gave the first public demonstration of a live television broadcast in 1934. Today 25 million Americans watch local TV broadcasts, making them by far, the most frequent source of local news for the American public.

The Nevada Broadcasters Association is humbled and honored to represent that industry in the halls of Congress, before the FCC and in our own state legislature. Allow me to share some of what we're doing on your behalf.

In March we traveled to Washington D.C. for face-to-face meetings with every member of our congressional delegation. We supported legislation that would force the tech titans to negotiate compensation when station content appears on their websites. We fought attempts to tax our local radio stations just because they offer free, over-the-air music. We're closely watching the FCC as it attempts to make broadcasters responsible for inserting AI disclosures in political ads. And finally, I'm pleased to report that every member of Nevada's Congressional Delegation said they would cosponsor the AM for Every Vehicle Act!

Additionally, we launched a new website with a fresh and exciting design that allows all of Nevada's radio and television stations to promote the great work they do on behalf of all Nevadans.

By the end of this year, we will have completed at least 14 alternative inspections (ABIP) for our member stations. Unlike other state associations, we provide this service free of charge, to all our members.

We continue our oversight of the Nevada Emergency Alert and Amber Alert Systems. We're honored to be appointed by the governor to Nevada's Homeland Security Commission. We're proud to assist Nevada's non-profits and government agencies by communicating valuable messages on Nevada's television and radio stations. And it's all been made possible because of your generous donation of airtime.

During tonight's Hall of Fame Gala, I'm especially pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award is legendary television anchor reporter Dave Courvoisier. This year we are thrilled to honor the NV Energy Foundation with the Community Achievement Award for its tremendous philanthropy in the areas of education and diversity. And finally, I'm excited to announce that this year's President's Award goes to Congressman Jon Porter who has served this state as Boulder City Mayor, Nevada State Senator and U.S. Congressman. He and his team are tireless advocates for Nevada's broadcasters in Washington D.C. and in Carson City.

We're also honoring former Entravision SVP & General Manager Viola Cody with the Leadership Award. Viola selflessly served the Nevada Broadcasters Association as a member of the NVBA Board of Directors.

We're proud to support the Tony and Linda Bonnici Scholarship Program which has been able to award 293 scholarships to Nevada students in just 14 short years!

As an industry, we have so much to be proud of! The 2024 Hall of Fame class consists of 46 inductees who inspire us by their dedication and passion. They have made a lasting impact on our society. Thank you for your support and thank you for joining me in celebrating the broadcast industry of Nevada!

#### MITCH FOX

President & CEO



#### LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### VIOLA CODY

Viola Cody was the former Senior Vice President and General Manager of the Entravision Reno broadcast properties, and recently retired after 22 years on January 31, 2024. She assumed the position in October 2001 to launch the Univision Affiliate in Reno under Entravision Communications Corporation. Additionally, as SVP Viola oversaw the sales and operations of 2 TV stations, 1 radio station and a multitude of digital platforms.

Cody is a graduate of the University of Southern California with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.



Viola was inducted into the Nevada Broadcasters
Hall of Fame in 2001 and was named "Montana
Broadcaster of the Year" in 1984 and 1985. Viola
was past Chairman for the Nevada Broadcaster's
Association and served for many years as an executive
committee board member. She also served on many
other boards and committees for such organizations
as the Reno Chamber of Commerce, Nevada Hispanic
Services and the Nevada Museum of Art.

Viola resided a third of her life in Butte, Montana, another third in Los Angeles, California, and has lived in Reno since 1988. Viola is married to Steve Cody, with 3 adult Children, Jason, Amanda & Spencer.



# **Audacy**Las Vegas

# Congrats



# Trent Ogle Producer



Thank you for incorporating Curiosity, Courage, Creativity & Community in everything that you do













#### LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

#### **DAVE COURVOISIER**

Dave made Las Vegas his home in 1985 when he began anchoring at Channel 3 KVBC. His TV news career spanned 35 years in Vegas, encompassing KLAS and KTNV before he left TV in 2022. In that time, he established himself foremost as a community-minded leader, working with Big Brothers Big Sisters, helping to establish Boys Town Nevada, and advocating tirelessly on behalf of the area's many foster children. His weekly "Wednesday's Child" feature resulted in hundreds of adoptions and brought awareness to the plight of disadvantaged children in Las Vegas. With the help of family services, Dave organized many summer trips with foster children to theme parks in Southern California, and for 10 years, mounted a huge Christmas giving program for the city's adoptable children.

In his time as a Las Vegas newscaster, Dave won several Emmys, and numerous local awards, and was honored by the City of Hope as well as Boys Town Nevada, and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Dave was on the anchor desk for the PEPCON explosion in the valley in 1988, as well as the 1-October shooting in



2017. He flew an F-16 on the 50th Anniversary of the Air Force, followed Pope John Paul II's visit in the Southwest, and covered many breaking stories around the country, including hurricanes Andrew & Katrina, California fires, and the Northridge earthquake. He reported from three national political conventions and covered six Las Vegas resort implosions in his time on the anchor desk. Dave was in Los Angeles for the reading of the OJ verdict, reported the Oklahoma bomber trial, and traveled with veterans to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. Dave also got to play a news anchorman in the movie "Casino".

His rise to Las Vegas anchorman began with a boyhood on an Illinois crop farm, where he was raised by his Swiss-immigrant father and his 3rd-generation German immigrant mother. Dave's father escaped the growing threat in neighboring Nazi Germany in 1936, only to be drafted into the US Army, and get sent back to Europe in WWII, often acting as a translator.

Dave attended the University of Illinois in Champaign Urbana, and after seven years of post-graduate work in Kinesiology, left for a variety of jobs around the country, eventually landing at the KLIS Radio Broadcasting Workshop in Los Angeles. After brief stints in radio, he started working in TV, first in Grand Junction, Colorado; then West Lafayette, IN; Cape Girardeau, MO; and Greensboro, NC before landing the job at Channel 3 which changed his life.

Of late, Dave has busied himself with projects as a voice actor and is collaborating with his former news director at Channel 3– Brent Baader – to produce a series of documentaries focused on the theme of preserving history. You can see their stories on savingamericana.com.

Dave is married to Victoria, his wife of 41 years, and they have three daughters: Grace - who is married to Dominic Venti, Madeleine, and Ellory. Dave has two sisters, Joan and Nancy, and they still own the farm where they grew up in Illinois near St. Louis.



Entravision with Noticias Nevada
Congratulate the
2024 NVBA
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NEWS TEAM Leticia de León Victor Sánchez



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#### **COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**



The NV Energy Foundation provides charitable grants and sponsorships to the nonprofit organizations and causes most important to NV Energy customers and our community including the environment, education, workforce development, and community wellbeing that addresses utility assistance, food insecurity, homelessness, affordable housing, and public safety.

NV Energy, its Foundation and employees contribute on average more than \$5 million annually to support hundreds of nonprofit organizations throughout Nevada. This total is made up of both financial and in-kind donations, including the value of employee volunteer hours and workplace charitable giving. NV Energy customers do not fund the NV Energy Foundation or the company's charitable giving. On average, the Foundation contributes more than three quarters of its total annual investments to nonprofits serving diverse communities, providing more equitable access to opportunities.

NV Energy empowers its employees to purposefully engage in more than 32,000 volunteer service hours annually by organizing events and activities, collaborating with the company's diverse employee resource groups, and providing NV Energy Foundation Dollars for Doers grants.

Signature programs of the NV Energy Foundation include its utility assistance and scholarship programs. Annually, the Foundation provides \$800,000 to statewide utility assistance funds providing relief in 2023 to nearly 4,000 customers experiencing economic hardship. Having helped more than 2,000 Nevada students over the last 23 years take the next step in their education, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$2 million through its Powerful Partnership Scholarships.

NV Energy, its Foundation and employees are committed to being a trusted community partner.



#### Where Every Voice Matters

"Anytime in radio that you can reach somebody on an emotional level, you're really connecting."

-Casey Kasem









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#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congressman Jon C. Porter



Congratulations to Congressman Jon C. Porter on receiving the President's Award. Your outstanding work with the Vegas Chamber and dedication to advocating for the business community have been invaluable. Your efforts have significantly contributed to the success and vitality of our region, and this community leader award is a well-deserved recognition of your work.

Thank you for all you do!



#### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

## JON C. PORTER

Congressman Jon Porter (ret.) has built a unique and remarkable career in business, public policy and politics. He is a distinguished national, state and local leader who has served the people of Nevada in multiple elected positions: as city councilman and Mayor of Boulder City, Nevada state senator, and a three-term United States Congressman. While public service has played a major role in life, he also is an accomplished entrepreneur, having built a successful insurance and financial services operation and, today, as the founder and CEO of Porter Group – a highly recognized federal government relations and business consulting firm with a national and international base of clients. Throughout his entire career - whether business or politics - Congressman Porter has had an abiding passion for helping people and a keen ability to identify the means for getting things done.

During his tenure as a United States Congressman, Jon played a vital role on committees such as the powerful House Committee on Ways and Means (the chief tax writing committee in Congress), the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (and its Subcommittee on Aviation and Rails) and the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. He was also Chairman of the Federal Workforce Subcommittee and the U.S. Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus.

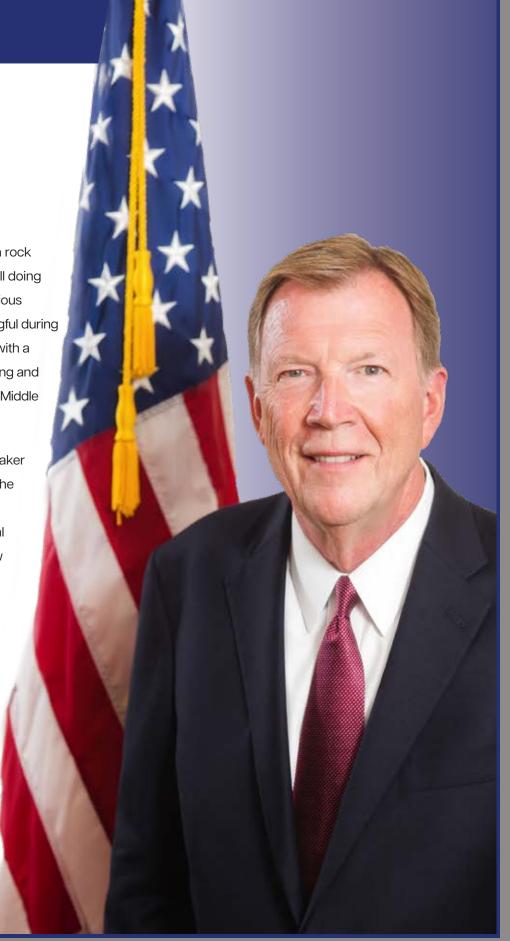
Throughout many years of public service and continuing

today, Congressman Porter has remained steadfast in his commitment to the interests of local broadcasters, to ensure the protection and preservation of local stations in Nevada and throughout the country. While in Congress, he co-sponsored key legislation such as the Broadcaster Freedom Act, the Local Radio Emergency Services Act and the Local Radio Freedom Act — a matter he and the Porter Group team continue to vigorously support in working with and championing the interests of Nevada broadcasters on Capitol Hill. Jon and the team at Porter Group have proudly worked on behalf of the Nevada Broadcasters Association for more than ten years to address critical issues like this.

Congressman Porter has also given his time to numerous boards and council in furtherance of his dedication to community service. Affiliations have included Chairman and Trustee, Las Vegas Events; Charter Board Member, Southern Nevada Water Authority; Board of Directors, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; Board of Directors, Nevada League of Cities; Civilian Military Council, Nellis Air Force Base; Board of Governors, The Valley Health System; Board of Directors, Farmers New World Life Insurance; and Music Maker Relief Foundation.

On a personal note, Jon finds immense joy and pride in family - his wife, Kristin; son, Chris; daughter, Nicole; and a cherished granddaughter, Emme. Besides family, Jon is a seasoned keyboard player, performing in rock and blues bands since junior high and still doing gigs with his high school buddies and various congressional groups. Especially meaningful during his time in Congress, he was able to tour with a group of bipartisan congressmen, engaging and entertaining troops across European and Middle Eastern military bases.

Jon is also an avid champion of Music Maker Relief Foundation, which works to meet the basic human needs of artists who have created and continue to create traditional American music, many of whom are now living in poverty and long forgotten. This foundation, close to Jon's heart, ensures continuing access to and preservation of the rich musical legacies of our nation. Among these and other passionate interests, Jon has an intense devotion to helping people with disabilities find opportunities to experience the sense of personal independence and satisfaction that comes with employment.



#### REYNOLDS SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, RENO





#### **GOING FOR THE GOLD**

Sixteen students and five faculty members traveled to Paris this summer to experience and report on the 2024 Olympics. They attended events like soccer, rugby, water polo and the opening ceremony, giving them a chance to be immersed in an experiential learning environment and get the chance to report at an international level.

#### **SUPPORTING FUTURE BROADCASTERS**

Thank you to the Nevada Broadcasters Foundation for providing scholarships to our students through the Tony and Linda Bonnici Broadcasting Scholarship Fund.

**Aiden Alexander Higgins** Alejandra Ibarra **Alexandra Psak Averey O'Leary** 

**Camryn Caruso Eric Chernaev Kade Collins Kathleen Leslie** 

**Malorie Schwartz** Nick Stewart **Nicolas Scolaro Rayonna Williams** 

PROUD HOME OF









TO THIS YEAR'S HONOREES.

Honoring

Congressman Jon C. Porter President's Award

**NV Energy Foundation** Community Achievement Award

**Dave Courvoisier** Lifetime Achievement Award

> Viola Cody Leadership Award

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION.



#### **WELCOME TO THE 2024 GALA!**

We are happy and proud to enter our 14th year of awarding scholarships. The students may take up to 15 credits per semester in a Broadcasting focus, whenever they apply – Freshman to Senior, as long as they meet the criteria required. Our board members have awarded 30 this year, for a total of 293 scholarships!! This year's group of students are wanting to be on-air, produce programming, be sports reporters and promotion & production experts. They are wicked smart, innovative in their thinking, excited for their futures and great humans!

We are able to award so many scholarships because of the generous donation from the Nevada Broadcasters Association, proceeds from our highly successful Northern and Southern Golf Tournaments and from tonight's Gala Silent Auction. We have great committees in both communities with leadership from Holmes Pooser of Audacy Las Vegas, Amberly Quaintance of Beasley Media Group and Yvette Rodriquez of KVVU-FOX 5 and our wonderful Board of Directors that we are so grateful and appreciative of!

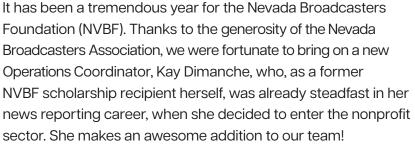
Dr. Alan Stivitsky, Reynolds School of Journalism @ UNR; Kevin Stoker, Director of the Hank Greenspan School of Journalism @ UNLV; Jim McKusick, Partner @ The Geary Company; Amie Chapman, Sinclair Broadcasting—Reno; Kristine Anderson, Richard Harris Law Firm; Venus Hammel, Audacy Las Vegas; Misty Morgan-Yousfi, Gray Broadcasting; Terri Foley, KTNV-TV 13; Monica Schmidt, KVVU FOX 5; Ray Fletcher, The Raiders; Vanessa Lauren, Hope for Prisoners; Mitch Fox, NVBA President; Eric Bonnici, NVBA Vice President and NVBF Executive Director.

Attending UNLV and UNR, they are anxious and ready to get into our industry.

Please look for Nevada Broadcasting Foundation Scholarship Recipient
on your incoming job applications—

YOU WILL NOT GO WRONG IN HIRING ANY ONE OF THEM!!!







We have seen firsthand the impact we are making. From creating an opportunity for our veteran broadcasters to stay engaged with our mission through the Broadcast Alumni Community (BAC), to forging new learning opportunities for our scholars by forming a partnership with the Las Vegas Host Committee Ambassador program. From mentoring and internships, to job placement assistance, our scholarship program offers students more than just financial support.

Speaking of the next generation of broadcasters, this year, 30 students will wear the title of being a Tony and Linda Bonnici Scholar. This equates to over **\$252,000** in tuition funding for the **2024 Fall and 2025 Spring semesters.** This brings our total to 293 scholarships that have been awarded through the Nevada Broadcasters Foundation's Tony and Linda Bonnici Broadcasting Scholarship Fund since its inception just fourteen years ago.

It goes without saying the Nevada Broadcasters Foundation would not exist if not for the selfless efforts of our Board of Directors and volunteers, along with the generous on-going support we receive from our donors, sponsors, the Nevada radio and television industry, and the Nevada Broadcasters Association. But most importantly, our namesakes, Tony and Linda Bonnici, whose legacy continues through the eyes, ears, and voices of these amazing young adults.

A special acknowledgment to the individuals and companies who assist in funding the following scholarships: Colin Cowherd and Lotus Broadcasting (Colin Cowherd Scholarship), the Geary Company (Mike Geary Scholarship), Deanne Sheehan (Deanne Sheehan Scholarship), Chet Buchanan (Chet Buchanan Scholarship) Carter Powersports (Dave and Charli Carter Scholarship), and introducing the (Bob Fisher Scholarship), donor anonymous.

Thank you for the role you play in "Paving the Way for Future Broadcasters".

Best Regards and Happy to Serve,

**ERIC J. BONNICI** 

#### PAST SCHOLARS

#### 2024-2025 SCHOLARS

#### **2011 SCHOLARS**

Alexandria Cannito (UNR) Rachel Johnson (UNLV) Sedinam Kakrada (UNLV) Adrienne Lefebvre (UNLV)

#### 2012 SCHOLARS

Dena Banning (UNLV) Alexandria Cannito (UNR) Ariana Cramer (UNR) Danielle Leeds (UNR) Honey Love (UNLV) Rommel Santiago (UNLV)

#### 2013 SCHOLARS

Sylvia Alvarado (UNLV) Dena Banning (UNLV) Alexandria Cannito (UNR) Karina Gaytan (UNLV) Christina Jones (UNLV) Marcus Lavergne (UNR) Alaina Leadbeter (UNLV) Crystal Muguerza (UNLV) Jessica Zimmerman (UNLV)

#### 2014 SCHOLARS

Sylvia Alvarado (UNLV) Mackenzie Bales (UNR) Dena Banning (UNLV) Kvlie Braver (UNLV) Alexandria Cannito (UNR) Kheslleen Dimanche (UNLV) Sivan Gavish (UNLV) Christina Jones (UNLV) Marcus Lavergne (UNR) Alaina Leadbeter (UNLV) Crystal Muguerza (UNLV) Jillian Pedri (UNLV) Kelsy Ravenscraft (UNR) Shenique Schaff (UNLV)

#### 2015 SCHOLARS

Dena Banning (UNLV) Matteo Holly (UNLV) Colin Pulicella (UNLV) Kira Cooley (UNLV) Michael Lasso (UNLV) Ana Munoz (UNLV) Kylie Braver (UNLV) Jillian Pedri (UNLV) Natalia Lancellotti (UNLV) Autumn Parkam (UNR) Krysta Scripter(UNR) Taylor Harkrader (UNR) Rachel Donovan (UNR) Dominique Dipietro (UNR) Victoria Barnett (UNR) Kaitlyn Olvera (UNR) Robert Conner Glisson (UNR)

Liset Puentes (UNR) Hannah Rae Tonti (UNR) Emily Fisher (UNR) Marcus Lavergne (UNR) Kelsey Ravenscraft (UNR)

#### **2016 SCHOLARS**

Shahrukh Ahmad (UNR) Dena Banning (UNLV) Victoria Barnett (UNR) Christine Barnhouse (UNR) Danielle Basilio (UNLV) Kylie Braver (UNLV) William Compton (UNR) Kira Cooley (UNLV) Dominique DiPietro (UNR) Emily Fisher (UNR) Robert Conner Glisson (UNLV) Trevor Glisson (UNLV) Taylor Harkrader (UNR) Joseph Harvanek (UNLV) Janessa Holman (UNR) Natalia Lancellotti (UNLV) Michael Lasso (UNLV) Marcus Lavergne (UNR) Joaquin Lomeli Jr. (UNLV) Kaitlyn Olvera (UNR) Jillian Pedri (UNLV) Valarie Peritz (UNLV) Idania Ramirez (UNLV) Kelsev Ravenscraft (UNR) Krysta Scripter (UNR) Cassandra Soto (UNLV) Kaylene Talens (UNLV) Hannah Tonti (UNR)

#### **2017 SCHOLARS** Shah Ahmad (UNR)

Kameron Aitken (UNR) Danielle Basilio (UNLV) Hailey Beattie (UNLV) Kylie Braver (UNLV) William Compton (UNR) Kira Cooley (UNLV) Dominique Di Pietro (UNR) Emily Fisher (UNR) Jade Foote (UNR) Robert Conner Glisson (UNLV) Trevor Glisson (UNLV) Ronnie Gonzalez (UNLV) Janay Hagans (UNR) Taylor Harkrader (UNR) Janessa Holman (UNR) Michaela Jackson (UNLV) Rachael Jones (UNR) Steven Joseph Jr. (UNLV) Michael Lasso (UNLV) Joaquin Lomeli Jr. (UNLV) Kaitlyn Olvera (UNR)

Jillian Pedri (UNLV) Errol Porter (UNLV) Colin Pulicella (UNLV) Kelsey Ravenscraft (UNR) Sebastian Ross (UNLV) Kaylene Talens (UNLV) Hannah Tonti (UNR) Nickolas Wortham (UNLV)

2018 SCHOLARS Shah Ahmad (UNR) Kameron Aitken (UNR) Danielle Basilio (UNLV) Alison Casey (UNR) William Compton (UNR) Kira Cooley (UNLV) Emily Fisher (UNR) Jade Foote (UNR) Robert Conner Glisson (UNLV) Trevor Glisson (UNLV) Ronnie Gonzalez (UNLV) Jordyn Griffin (UNR) Janay Hagans (UNR) Taylor Harkrader (UNR) Evelyn Hernandez (UNLV) Janessa Holman (UNR) Michaela Jackson (UNLV) Rachael Jones (UNR) Steven Joseph Jr. (UNLV) Michael Lasso (UNLV) Jorge Lopez (UNLV) Evan Murphy (UNR) Kaitlyn Olvera (UNR) Errol Porter (UNLV) Robert Quaintance (UNR) Sebastian Ross (UNLV) Marcos Hung Santander (UNLV) Evelyn Hernandez (UNLV) Jason Takhtadjian (UNLV) Kaylene Talens (UNLV) Hannah Tonti (UNR)

Frida Urena (UNR)

**2019 SCHOLARS** Aitken (UNR) Shah Ahmad (UNR) Danielle Basilio (UNLV) Morgan Bobbera (UNR) Alison Casey (UNR) Aniea Collins (UNLV) Trevor Glisson (UNLV) Zachary Green (UNLV) Jordyn Griffin (UNR) D'Ante Haigler (UNLV) Evelyn Hernandez (UNLV) Rachael Jones (UNR) Kevin Krall (UNLV) Michael Lasso (UNLV) J orge Lopez (UNLV) Samantha Mann (UNLV)

Evan Murphy (UNR) Robert Quaintance (UNR) Arturo Sanchez (UNLV) Katherine Streit (UNLV) Jason Takhtadjian (UNLV) Cooper Venzon (UNR) Vanessa Villanueva (UNLV

**2020 SCHOLARS** Kameron Aitken (UNR) Morgan Bobbera (UNR) Alison Casey (UNR) Ray Fletcher (UNLV) Trevor Glisson (UNLV) Jordyn Griffin (UNR) Evelyn Hernandez (UNLV) Usiel Teran-Holguin (UNLV) Rachael Jones (UNR) Jorge Lopez (UNLV) Kevin Ludowitz (UNLV) Kelsey Middleton (UNR) Evan Murphy (UNR) Trevor Paez (UNR) Robert Quaintance (UNR) Vanessa Villanueva (UNLV) Devin Virissimo (UNLV) Jason Takhtadjian (UNLV) Cooper Venzon (UNR) Vanessa Villanueva (UNLV Devin Virissimo (UNLV)

#### 2021 SCHOLARS

Leena Atout (UNLV) Morgan Bobbera (UNR) Amanda Durand (UNR) Ray Fletcher (UNLV) Jordyn Griffin (UNR) Usiel Teran-Holquin (UNLV Jorge Lopez (UNLV) Kevin Ludowitz (UNLV) Ethan McCoy (UNLV) Kelsey Middleton (UNR) Averey O'Leary (UNR) Garrett O'Toole (UNLV) Trevor Paez (UNR) **Robert Quaintance** (UNR) Mistie Ragle (UNLV) Erica Sadorra (UNLV) Nikolas Todorovich (UNLV) Justine Verastigue (UNLV) Vanessa Villanueva (UNLV) Mia Wood (UNR)

#### **2022 SCHOLARS**

Leena Atout (UNLV) Morgan Bobbera (UNR) Bustamante (UNLV) Evan Carroll (UNLV) Kade Collins (UNR)

Amanda Durand (UNR) Ray Fletcher (UNLV) Usiel Teran-Holquin (UNLV) Ashanti Johnson (UNLV) Briana Joseph (UNLV) Kathleen Leslie (UNR) Jorge Lopez (UNLV) Kevin Ludowitz (UNLV) Magnus McArthur (UNLV) Ethan McCoy (UNLV) Kelsey Middleton (UNR) Averey O'Leary (UNR) Trevor Paez (UNR) Ansley Pavicic (CSN) Rylee Pay (UNLV) Kylee Pearce (UNLV) Mistie Ragle (UNLV) Erica Sadorra (UNLV) Reanne Shappee (UNLV) Nick Stewart (UNR) Justine Verastique (UNLV)

#### **2023 SCHOLARS**

Kaitlyn Bustamante (UNLV

Mia Wood (UNR)

, Evan Carroll (UNLV) Camryn Caruso (UNR) Eric Chernaev (UNR) Kade Collins (UNR) Micah David (UNLV Dominick Delpech (UNLV) Amanda Durand (UNR) Matthew Felsenfeld (UNLV) Kathryn Freter (UNLV) Ryan Gilder (UNLV) Ashanti Johnson (UNLV) Kathleen Leslie (UNR Ashleigh Liebig (UNLV) Chantaye Louis (UNLV) Kevin Ludowitz (UNLV Magnus McArthur (UNLV) Averey O'Leary (UNR) Ansley Pavicic (UNLV) Kylee Pearce (UNLV) Alexandra Psak (UNR) Mistie Ragle (UNLV) Justine Retodo (UNLV Reanne Shappee (UNLV) Malorie Schwartz (UNR) Nicolas Scolaro (UNR) Nick Stewart (UNR Ean Taylor (UNLV) Usiel Teran-Holquin (UNLV) Wyatt Touchet (UNLV) Justine Verastigue (UNLV) Mia Wood (UNR)



**Evan Carroll** UNIV



**Camryn Caruso** UNR



**Eric Chernaev** UNR



**Kade Collins** UNR



**Matthew Conigliaro** UNLV



**Christen Davis** UNLV



**Dominick Delpech** 



**Matthew Felsenfeld** 



**Kathryn Freter** 



Ryan Gilder **Aiden Alexander Higgins** UNLV



Donovan Hicks



Alejandra Ibarra





Averey O'Leary UNR





**Kylee Pearce** 







Mistie Ragle UNLV





Alexander Scarpa UNIV



**Malorie Schwartz** UNR



Nicolas Scolaro UNR



Reanne Shappee UNLV



**Nick Stewart** 



**Ean Taylor** UNLV



**Wyatt Touchet** UNLV



**Trevor Tumminia** UNLV



Viviana Obeso UNLV



Rayonna Williams

## Yes! You can go back home again!

BAC is a group of former broadcasters and advertising friends who get together once a quarter to share good times and a few memories!

You are invited to join us for the next get-together on October 1st at 6:15pm.



broadcastalumni.org

A committee of the Nevada Broadcasters Foundation

#### FOUNDATION BOARD

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**



Linda & Tony Bonnici
Foundation Namesakes



Eric Bonnic

Executive Direc



Mitch Fox



Misty Yousfi Morgan

#### DIRECTORS



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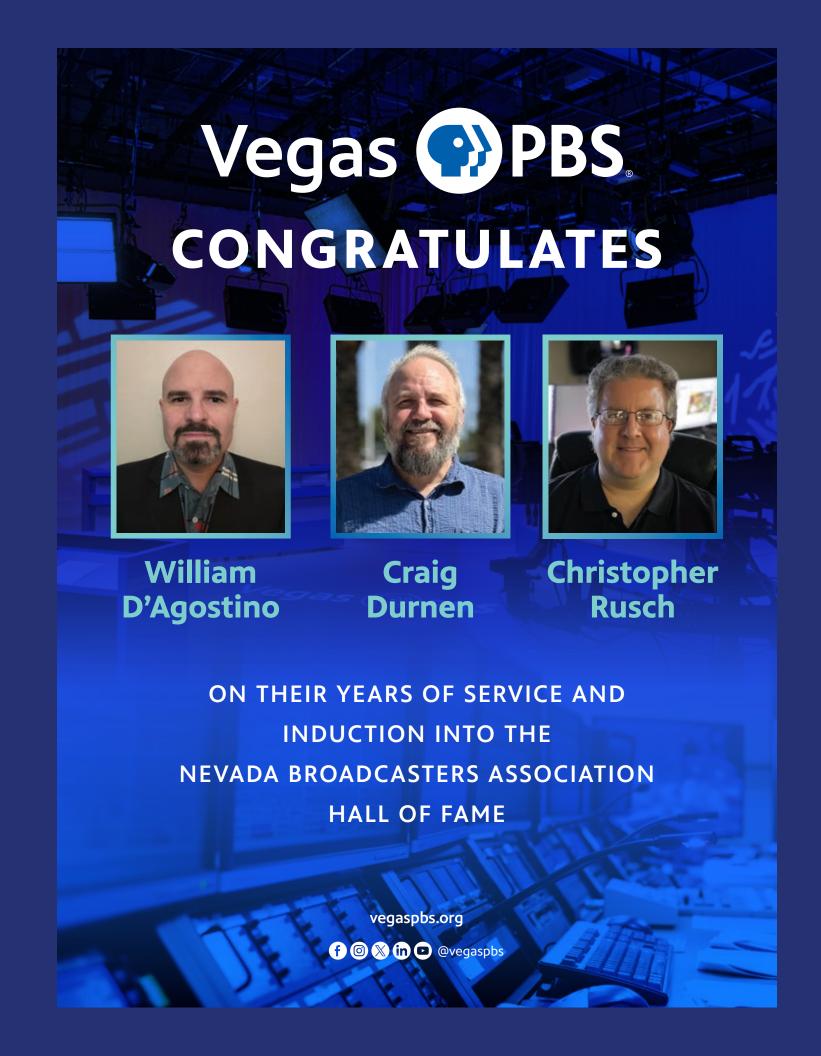
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#### **RICK ANDREWS**

Rick's career compass pointed to broadcasting as he earned a Bachelor of Arts in Radio/Television from UCF, Class of '86. In the years that followed, he wore several hats in the industry. He has twice been a TV medical producer, a news reporter, and a radio A&E reporter. Currently, he is the Morning Edition host for KNPR in Las Vegas. He has been on the air at Nevada Public Radio, on one shift or another, for twenty years.

Rick's real-world broadcasting experience began in Orlando, at WMFE, just before digital editing became ubiquitous, and in the beginning, he would edit using a razor blade and tape. While at the Orlando station, he conducted face-to-face interviews with several television personalities, including David Cassidy, Susan Lucci, Barbara Eden, Don Knotts, and Patty Duke, to name a few. However, looking back, he says, it was the medical beat, later on, that was the most rewarding: interviewing people who

would open up about deeply personal circumstances to help others who might be in the same boat.

Broadcasting is hardly the only industry in which Rick has worked. He can also tell you what being a dishwasher, line cook, telephone solicitor, resort reservationist, studio tour guide, and audiobook narrator is like. He says that every job has been interesting in its own way, and each one came with a colorful cast of characters. Nevertheless, he says, talking on the radio will be hard to top.



#### **CRYSTAL ROSE ANGELL**

Crystal Rose Angell is a native Las Vegan.

She started her broadcasting career during her freshman year at CSN as an intern for KTNV Channel 13 and accepted a position as a production assistant. After five years, she continued to KLAS Channel 8, where she spent the next 18 years moving from production assistant to AM / Noon newscast director.

She is proud of all the friends and connections she has made throughout the years.

Those who have taught her more about the television business, like Paula Francis, Gary Waddell, and Dave Courvoisier, are some of the many she has respected and looked up to. They are the true examples of broadcasting and professionalism that she hopes she has portrayed in herself.

Angell is so excited about her hometown's success in professional sports and looks forward to being part of all the significant broadcasting events in the future. She is proud to have already been a part of many events and celebrations and witnessed the hardships Las Vegas has experienced throughout her career.

She enjoys the company of her husband, Steve of 14 years, and her "fur kids," Nala, Lily, Gus, and Jack. Discovering new and old destinations on road trips throughout the state has become one of her favorite things to do on weekends, but staying home and catching up on her favorite shows is always fun.





#### **FRANK ANOBILE**

Frankie Anobile is regarded as a Las Vegas Nightlife pioneer. Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1961, he moved with his family to Las Vegas in 1978. Frankie then started DJing in Las Vegas's best-known nightclubs, namely Paul Anka's Jubilation and the Brewery. He has since introduced many concepts to major casinos, nightclubs, and radio stations, such as the live mix DJ remote, the mix show, and many nightclub promotions. Many of his concepts are still in use today.

Frankie started the casino nightclub trend by opening Studio 54 with MGM Grand in 1997. That was one of many achievements that led to him being awarded the Key to the city of Las Vegas in 2000. Frankie also appeared on the cover of Las Vegas Weekly in 2007 as a Las Vegas nightlife icon. His résumé is a historical documentation of the city's nightlife and music evolution. In 2013, he scored a number-one

Billboard dance hit featuring Crystal Waters, co-produced with Grammy award winner DJ Chris Cox. He also achieved other top 10 dance hits with local producer DJ Hollywood.

In his early career, Frankie produced sold-out hotel dance events through the power of his first mix show, "The Magic Mix," which started the mix show trend. As a result, Frankie has been on the air since 1982 with several mix shows on various stations. Frankie is the Program Director, Music Director, and Station Manager for Las Vegas's first House/EDM radio station, Club Radio 87.7 FM. The station is inside the PLANET 13 Entertainment complex, where Frankie is the Entertainment Consultant. Frankie's passion has always been entertainment. However, music always comes first in Frankie's life.



#### **JAMES AUSTIN**

James "Jim" Austin is originally from Lincoln, Nebraska, and moved to Arizona with his family in the early 1970s. Finally, he left the Sonoran Desert for the Mojave Desert in mid-2015. Jim was the DJ for his grade school dances and was the MC for the talent shows. In high school, he was the lead in all but one production (female lead) in Drama and announcer for the Homecoming Parade. This led to his wanting to go into broadcasting in college, but over the summer, he decided that he just had to learn music. Even so, Jim still took broadcasting classes and had a radio show. After getting kicked out of college, Jim played lead guitar for several rock bands in the Phoenix metropolitan area. By the time he was 27 years old, Jim decided he did not want to die a rock star's death and went back to college for music while continuing to broadcast. His radio show became polished, and

he won the Outstanding Broadcaster and Most Creative Show awards, a feat that no one had ever done before. Because of a cigarette break during one show, he fell into a career in Master Control. Besides, Jim is not too fond of teaching kids, so it worked out for him!

Growing tired of the small-town life in Yuma, Arizona, Jim accepted a friend's offer to move to Las Vegas. He did so on a wing and a prayer in mid-2015, scoring a job in Master control at KLAS.

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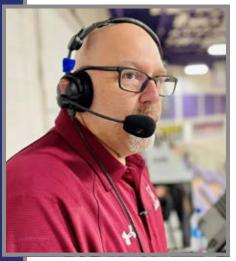
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#### **ERIC BROWN**

Eric Brown was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and raised in Golden Shores, Arizona. In 2002, his father suddenly passed away, and after this, he moved to Iowa for a short time until moving to Reno, Nevada with his brother, Jeremy. Shortly after moving to Reno, his sister-in-law's mom, Robin Tanner, mentioned working at a television station. In August 2002, he began working on the morning show at 2 News Nevada while finishing high school. After high school, he became a Master Control Operator for a year before returning to production. He then moved into a Maintenance Engineering role with the help of Steve Sonnenburg. In 2008, he was laid off due to the Great Recession. This made him return and get his College degree in Computer and Electronics Technology. He returned to 2 News Nevada in 2009, first in production, then soon returning to Engineering. He helped the station

convert to HD broadcast, an HD Production Control, and a new studio. In 2016, he became the Assistant Chief Engineer with Steve Sonnenburg. Steve spent the next four years teaching Eric and preparing him to take over as the Chief Engineer. In March 2020, Eric became the Chief Engineer. He went through the pandemic his first few years and is now helping 2 News move into the next era of television.



#### **SAM BROWN**

Sam Brown likes to refer to himself as a transplanted Nevada native, having arrived in the Silver State at the age of nine. Possessing a lifelong love for sports, he fell hard for play-by-play while listening to Hall of Fame members and Elko Broadcasting legends Ernie Hall and Len Holdren broadcast Elko High sports for KELK-Elko in the mid-1980s.

Beginning his broadcast career in 1988 at 16, Sam served as a weekend board-op and sports intern for Torrey Sheen at KWNA-Winnemucca. After returning to Elko in 1990, Sam joined Elko Broadcasting as a sports broadcaster, cutting his teeth as a color commentator on Elko High girls basketball before moving on to play-by-play with Elko High boys basketball. He also briefly served as news director and sports reporter for KRJC-Elko before returning to Elko Broadcasting in 2002. Since 2014,

Sam has been the sports director at Elko Broadcasting, also serving as the lead sports broadcaster and play-by-play Voice of the Elko Indians, calling football and girls and boys basketball.

Sam feels blessed to have worked with many broadcasting talents in Northern Nevada during his 30-plus years in the industry, including Hall of Fame members D. Ray Gardner, Paul Gardner, Torrey Sheen, and Larry Barker, as well as a growing number of dedicated broadcasters across Northern Nevada who make up a tight-knit support group. He has been married since 2005 to his incredibly supportive wife Jo and has three children - Tyler, Emma, and Noah. The youngest, Noah, has taken to the mic as the 14-year-old serves as Sam's color analyst for basketball broadcasts. As he looks forward to many more years on the mic, Sam remains motivated by the amazingly appreciative community he has served for over three decades.



#### **PAUL CARRON**

Born in Los Angeles, Paul had not decided what he wanted as a career until his family moved to Opelousas, Louisiana, in the '80s. One night, he saw Ed Bradley on '60 Minutes,' and right there, he realized journalism was his fate. Paul started his collegiate career by studying journalism at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. He also began a part-time career as a radio DJ at KNEK FM in Washington, LA. He pleaded with the program director to let him read local news on the air. He was named 'News Director,' though the news was only read during his shift. Paul's family then moved to Las Vegas in 1990; after taking a year off to avoid paying out-of-state tuition, Paul transferred to the University of Nevada Las Vegas. While at UNLV, Paul began his broadcast career at KVBC Channel 3 as a weekend producer. Not only did Paul work part-time at Channel 3, but he also worked full-time at the Greenspun

School of Communication. He did all three until 1993 when he graduated with a bachelor's degree in communication. The hard work earned him a full-time job as morning producer at KVBC until 1998; he then left to help kick off the morning show at KVVU Fox 5. The job at Fox 5 was Paul's favorite, but they had to give it up when an unbelievable opportunity arose in 1999. Paul was offered a job at CBS2 in Los Angeles as a morning show producer. The job was in the same building where the man who originally got him into the business (Ed Bradley) worked. The two never crossed paths—in or out of the building, but just being there was enough for Paul. He's been at CBS2/KCAL9... Winning two Emmys and two Golden Mikes in the process.



#### **WILLIAM D'AGOSTINO**

Born in Queens, NY, William D'Agostino moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, at a young age. It was not until he went to high school that he knew what he wanted to do. William went to SECTA High School (though it was called Vo-Tech when he went there). Mr. Beal, his telecommunications instructor, referred him to Vegas PBS Channel 10. He was a student worker from 1999 until 2002 when he was hired full-time as a Master Control Specialist.

William was trained by Gary Clendenning, who took him under his wing and taught him everything he knew about the job. On August 24, 2002, William received an award from the Broadcasters Association for his dedicated professionalism and commitment to broadcast engineering. William got to see the station go from analog

to digital and transition from the old TV station on CH. 10 Drive to the new building on McCloud and Flamingo.

The Superintendent of Clark County School District thanked William for his help coordinating Emergency Services during the Carpenter Wildfire at Nevada Springs Mountain, west of Las Vegas, on July 14th, 2013. William worked the night shift for almost ten years. Seven of those years, he had the privilege of working with Kurt Kramer, who passed away two years ago.

William returned to the day shift this January, working with Gary Clendenning again. Seeing so many familiar and new faces at Channel 10 has been nice.



#### **DONDO DARUE**

Dondo started his radio career in 1980 at KOZZ while a Journalism major at the University of Nevada-Reno. KOZZ was an AOR station in those days. A lot of fun. He was quickly offered a paid, part-time, and weekend position. These were the wonderful days of live shifts, 24 hours per day, so there were plenty of shifts to work. After a couple of years, Dondo moved to KUNR Public Radio to pursue news. He wrote, edited, and voiced numerous investigative stories emphasizing growth, planning, and water rights. He also kept his musical chops in shape by hosting various specialty shows -blues, folk, bluegrass, and more.

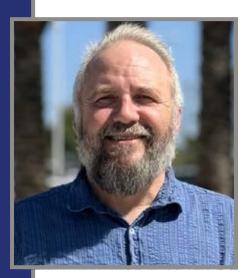
In October of 1990, Dondo got a call from his friend and broadcast mentor, Bruce Van Dyke. Bruce explained that they could put together the kind of radio station they always wanted. They held listening sessions in Don's living room and organized and

categorized boxes of index cards of music. A library was built using their personal record and CD collections. KTHX went on the air on November 1, 1990.

Dondo worked the afternoon drive shift and was the Music Director for the first six years. He was twice nominated for Music Director of the Year at the national AAA convention. When KTHX went on the air, Dondo immediately started a two-hour Americana, folk, and bluegrass show for Saturday mornings called The Risky Biscuit Hayseed Hoot. The show aired on KTHX until 2010.

That show is now in year 34! It has been on every week in Reno, these days via KUNR, since 2010.

KUNR's coverage extends across Northern Nevada. The show also airs on KGFN in Goldfield, reaching all the way to Beatty. Additionally, it airs on ten other stations throughout California, Oregon, and Washington.



#### **CRAIG DURNEN**

Born in Pontiac, Michigan, Craig Durnen moved to the Las Vegas Valley in 1972. Immediately, he became fascinated with the local children's programming as he was only 3. His interests began to focus on electronics and computers, and he became an IT professional in the 80s and 90s. He started his broadcast career at KLVX in the summer of 1999 as an IT technician and worked with various AVID editors and servers. As technology changed, so did the job requirements. Learning broadcast servers, Chyron, and other broadcast equipment became the norm as the lines between TV Engineer and IT blurred.



## A product of the 24-hour, fast-paced city of Las Vegas racked everything from the Las Vegas radio air

A product of the 24-hour, fast-paced city of Las Vegas, NV, Rockstarr DJ D-Money has rocked everything from the Las Vegas radio airwaves, major industry artist promotional events, mega clubs, celebrity charity events, concerts, and tours. His style of blending popular genres of music, along with his extremely high-energy persona, fast-paced style of DJ'ing, and intricate knowledge of Las Vegas culture and history, has won over everyone he has encountered, from your average club go-er to your everyday common listener, and even high-ranking industry peers and executives.

D-Money's love for music started at a very young age. From playing cassette tapes at family house parties to becoming percussion leader at Valley High School in Las Vegas, D-Money finally picked up DJing after receiving his first pair of turntables from

his father at 17 as a birthday present. What seemed to be another way to enjoy music soon turned into an intense hobby and later evolved into a serious career as the fire of soul-soothing blends and the rush of rocking tremendous crowds converted him into a DJ junkie and Las Vegas household name.

Honing his craft on the Vegas underground party scene and doing on-air live remotes for V-108 Las Vegas, he finally received his big break when he won a live DJ battle on the Hot 97.5 KVEG radio airwaves. His hard work and dedication to his craft have elevated him to rise inside the entertaining, family environment of Hot 97.5 to one of the most celebrated and sought-after radio mix show DJs and on-air personalities in his market and beyond. With his hometown legacy cemented, Rockstarr DJ D-Money plans to take his talents worldwide, conquering the airwaves and the crowds one show at a time!

Stay Tuned.



#### **STEVE GRIESBACH**

Steve began his broadcast career on air at a small station in New London, WI in 1986. He became interested in broadcast engineering in 1987. He took a course in electronics and broadcast engineering with the Cleveland Institute of Electronics. In late 1997, he decided to pursue a different career path. Steve returned to broadcast engineering in 2004 with Cumulus Broadcasting, taking care of a five-station cluster. From 2008 until he departed from Cumulus in 2016, he took care of two markets with 11 stations. Steve relocated to Las Vegas in 2016 to begin the next chapter of his broadcast career with Beasley Media Group, where he remains today.



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#### **HEIDI GABLE**

Heidi Gable is a seasoned professional with a proven track record in broadcast sales. With 28 years of experience, her exceptional results are credited to her passion for deep client relationships and ability to navigate the dynamic broadcasting landscape.

Hailing from Minnesota, Heidi embarked on her broadcasting journey in 1995 at a local independent television station in Bullhead City, AZ. Her success earned her a coveted position at The Highway Radio stations in 1996. Relocating to her favorite city, Las Vegas, Heidi discovered her passion for radio. She dedicated the next two decades to The Highway Stations before embarking on a new chapter with iHeartMedia in 2017.

Throughout her career, Heidi has exemplified an ability to adapt to the ever-evolving media landscape, seamlessly transitioning from traditional television and radio to the latest digital platforms. Heidi approaches each client interaction, focusing on understanding their unique needs and crafting tailored, strategic solutions that deliver tangible results. With local and national brands equally important to Heidi, her ultimate success is fueled by her unwavering dedication to the client.

Beyond her sales acumen, Heidi is valued for her collaborative spirit. She has a proven ability to inspire and motivate, fostering a culture of innovation and excellence for emerging newcomers in our vibrant, diverse industry. Her passion for radio as a vehicle for informing, entertaining, and inspiring audiences is unmatched, and she remains at the forefront of industry trends and technologies.

Amidst her professional achievements, Heidi's vibrant spirit shines through as she remains a fixture at live music shows, concerts, and festivals. She embodies the essence of radio's power to unite and uplift communities.

With a strong foundation in broadcast sales and an unwavering commitment to excellence, Heidi is poised to continue making significant contributions to the industry for years to come.



#### **DOUG KLINGONSMITH**

Raised in Moapa Valley, Nevada, Doug Klingonsmith held multiple jobs in different industries before permanently making his way to Las Vegas. Some jobs included a truck stop in Mesquite, construction in St. George, Utah, ironworking in Las Vegas, and landscaping in Provo, Utah. Doug moved to Las Vegas in 1986, looking for a new start in a growing city, and began his broadcasting career at KTNV Channel 13. His first position was a station runner where he was responsible for delivering billing and picking up commercial spots throughout the day. While at KTNV, he held positions including Floor Director and Camera, Audio, Graphics, Technical Director, and Director/Shift Supervisor. In 1990, Doug met his now wife, Brenda Klingonsmith, when she joined the KTNV Channel 13 team as a Writer/Producer in Promotions.





#### **RANSOM GARCIA**

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Ransom Garcia began his career at KSNE and KWNR. He explored rock music briefly in 2013 at KXTE but returned to country music in 2017 at KCYE.

Even as a young man, he had always dreamed of working in radio, but he could never have imagined how life changing it would be.

Ransom struggled with a stutter as a child, but listening to his favorite radio hosts helped him overcome it. He's been one of the lucky ones, getting to work his entire career in the city he loves most—his hometown.

Since 2003, Ransom has been fortunate to work with and raise money for many organizations, including FEAT (Families for Effective Autism Treatment) and The Shade Tree. However, what he is most proud of is the work that he and his team at

KCYE Coyote Country did after the devastating 1 October shooting.

Ransom worked the broadcast at Route 91 for all three days and, unfortunately, knows too many people impacted by the senseless act. Ransom considers it an honor to have been a friendly voice that people trusted in the following weeks, months, and years since. Putting together the Vegas Strong benefit show afterward, connecting with survivors, and raising money for the victims' families are experiences Ransom wishes he never had to do but is thankful to be trusted with.

To the wonderful people of Las Vegas, Ransom thanks you for allowing him to have his dream job for over two decades and letting storytelling (and the occasional dad joke) provide for his family. He loves you, and he's happy you're here.



#### **DANIEL GUTIERREZ**

Daniel Gutierrez was born and raised in the L.A. area before attending Emerson College in Boston, where he graduated with a degree in Broadcast Journalism. He started his career as a morning show producer for CBS in Santa Barbara County and Sacramento, California. Daniel moved to Las Vegas in 2004, where he took a job as a morning producer at KLAS Channel 8. Eventually, he moved on to produce several different newscasts. During his tenure there, working for television news icons like Bob Stoldal, Paula Francis, Gary Waddell, Dave Courvoisier, and Terri Foley, Daniel earned his first Emmy Award for Best Evening Newscast. In 2009, Daniel took on a new venture, moving across the street to KTNV Channel 13. He found his true calling as a producer in the Investigative and Special Projects Unit, working with well-known names in the Vegas Valley, such as Tricia Kean, Steve

Wolford, and Darcy Spears. During his 15 years with the team, he has covered many projects he is proud of, including a series of stories exposing billing issues at the Las Vegas Valley Water District, contractors and auto mechanics accused of ripping off Vegas Valley residents, and other in-depth stories such as an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Cirque du Soleil and the life and times of Mayors Oscar and Carolyn Goodman in Las Vegas. When he is not working, Daniel spends time with his high school sweetheart, best friend, and wife, Veronica, along with their three girls. He is an avid reader and runner, completing five marathons and countless half-marathons across three states. He is also heavily involved in his local church, having served as a Deacon, Board Trustee, and Sunday school teacher.



#### **CARLOTA GONZALEZ**

Born and raised in Southern California, Carlota heard her calling while listening to the radio at age eight.

"105.9 Magic FM—there's Andy Gibb with I Just Want to Be Your Underwear". That was it. Carlota knew at that moment she just wanted to be your...um, on the radio.

Many years later, Carlota found her first real paying gig, K-100, in Porterville, CA. "99.9 Music designed with you in mind." She was spinning the hottest from Mariah Carey, Barry Manilow, and elevator versions of "Under My Thumb." She even had her first request there.

Many years and a few dial positions later, Carlota saw an ad for a radio personality who thought they had what it took to follow Howard Stern. She applied and got the job at Xtreme Radio (X-1075) in Las Vegas.

During her four years at X107.5, she won DJ of the Year four times and Best Radio Personality. In 2000, she was named one of the "100 Best Things about Las Vegas" by Las Vegas Magazine.

In 2002, Carlota went to KOMP 92.3, where she took names and ate free donuts. But all good things end. COVID made sure of that in 2020.

After floating in a pool without a mask (still a rebel after all those years) and a quick stint in Sacramento, Carlota returned home to Vegas and Xtreme Radio. Where it all began.

Oh, and Carlota still stops and listens to that Andy Gibb song every time she hears it.

A thank you of sorts.



#### **DIANE LUBAK**

Born and raised in Staten Island, NY, Diane Lubak moved to Las Vegas in 2000. She became the business manager for the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County's radio station, KCEP-FM.

This was her dream job. Being very shy, she spent her workdays listening to the music she loved while doing the accounting work for the station. Diane used her accounting skills and love of music to make a positive impact with Power 88.

In her free time, Diane enjoys reading, having dinner with friends, and spending time with her two granddaughters.





#### **HEIDI HARRIS**

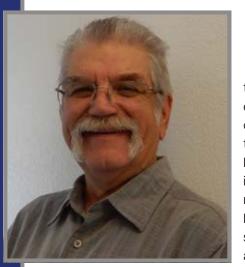
Heidi Harris grew up in Las Vegas and worked in various industries after college, including cocktail waitressing at the MGM Grand, the largest hotel in the world at that time. She also sang for years in Las Vegas lounges. Fun jobs, but not intellectually stimulating. She listened to talk radio while driving to work, never imagining she would be the one on-air someday. An avid reader and news junkie who was never caught without an opinion, friends and co-workers suggested she give talk radio a try and take her opinions somewhere else.

In 1998, Claire, the crusty GM of the old KDWN in the Union Plaza Hotel, gave Heidi her first chance. Knowing nothing about radio but knowing Vegas, she worked for free in the middle of the night, taking open-line calls and running her own board. She was worth every cent.

After a year of calls from midnight crazies at KDWN, Gavin Spittle hired her at KXNT as a fill-in and gave her a weekend show. From 2001 to 2021, she co-hosted and solo-hosted morning drive shows in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

After 20 years of getting up at 2 AM, she stepped down from her full-time gig at KMZQ and now works for Audacy in St. Louis via the magic of technology.

Heidi has authored two books: "Cocktail Waitress Wisdom: Life Lessons Learned While Carrying a Tray in Vegas" and "Don't Pat Me on the Head! Blowback, Setbacks, and Comebacks in Vegas Radio."



#### **TOM JORDON**

Tom Jordan is St. Louis born and raised a Cardinals fan at four, with an AM transistor radio permanently attached to his ear; his mom said that was all he ever wanted to be and do. Growing up in St. Louis listening to all the great jocks on KXOK in the early 60s just made Tom more determined to somehow get into that radio station. During his 14th year, he managed to talk nighttime jock Johnny Rabbitt into letting him into the station at night to watch and learn. Then, while living in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, during his junior year of high school, Tom heard about a new station being built by Fred Baker, KISR-FM. Tom approached Fred and talked him into letting him help build the studio from the ground up! Tom graduated high school back in St. Louis, went to Elkins Institute of Radio, and worked his way into a part-time job board-opting on Sunday mornings on 1460 KIRL in St. Charles for

six months before starting his first full-time air job in Nevada, Missouri, at KNEM-AM. A 250-watt MOR station that Tom talked the owner, Mr. White, into a Top 40 format after 3 pm daily! Tom has worked all over the Midwest, from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Illinois, and Iowa to Montana, California, and Nevada, from screaming Top 40 AM Radio in the 70s to Country radio from 1980 until now. The true highlight of Tom's career came in Reno and Las Vegas with KBUL and KWNR from 1990 to 2006. Tom was given artistic freedom to create memorable stations that listeners fell in love with and could not leave even for a moment for fear of missing something spectacular!



#### **JASON HARVEY**

Jason Harvey started broadcasting at 14 as an intern for CitiCable 22 in the City of Torrance, CA. His time at CitiCable was part of a summer youth job program and one of the departments that came up as a good fit for work at the city-operated TV station. His first internship occurred between his freshman and sophomore year of high school. During this time, Harvey learned the basics of shooting in the studio and in the field. This internship opportunity occurred twice, during his junior and senior years of high school and then again during his senior year. By the time his third internship ended, he remembers thinking that he was getting paid to have fun and had learned a lot about working in TV behind the lens of a camera.

After Jason graduated from high school, he applied to become a production assistant at CitiCable and for the City of Torrance. He officially became a part-time

city employee in November 1994 until May 1996.

From May 1996 until May 1998, Jason moved to Bakersfield, CA, started working for KBAK, and learned what it was like working in a live news environment.

In May 1998, Jason moved to Las Vegas, NV, and started his employment for KTNV. In April 1999, he was asked if he wanted to be trained in operating the camera system and flying in the station helicopter, which became a highlight of his news career. In March 2016, Jason became the Chief Photographer at KTNV until April 2022.

In May 2022, Jason started working freelance sports broadcasting and continued his passion for working behind the lens of a camera.



#### **PAUL KNIGHT**

Paul grew up listening to WHOT-FM in Youngstown, Ohio. He would stalk the request lines and have his parents drive him an hour to deliver pizzas to his favorite station. In 1999, he was around so much, willing to work for free, that they made him an intern. By 16, he was on the payroll as a board operator.

Paul followed in his first PD's footsteps by attending the Journalism School at Kent State. Paul dabbled in TV and the business side. It was there that a professor hinted that he was better off doing radio than on camera.

The Dean, knowing Paul moonlighted, told him about a student competition, part of the NAB. Paul sent his best air check tape and was awarded second place nationally! The school flew him to Las Vegas to accept the recognition. Being underage and sharing a hotel with his mom, Paul was determined to

make a better reel in hopes of being back.

In 2006, the Broadcasters' Education Association recognized Paul again as the first-place college personality and the University sent him back to Vegas! This time, he was 21, and all bets were off! Paul was graduating and moving west.



#### **BETH JOHNS**

Beth Johns has been in the Northern Nevada market for over 22 years helping local, regional, and national businesses reach their sales and marketing goals. Her expertise in advertising, sales, and public relations has helped countless businesses grow their revenue and market share.

Originally from Carroll, Iowa, Beth moved, sight unseen, to Northern Nevada in 2002 after graduating from Buena Vista University with a degree in Corporate Communications. The first few months were interesting, as Reno differs from Central lowa! Nevertheless, she soon fell in love with the vibrant community, outdoor lifestyle, and essence that is Reno.

After a few positions with local agencies, Beth began her 20+-year tenure at the FOX and NBC affiliates and Nevada Sports Network in Reno, NV. She has managed

key accounts in categories from automotive to healthcare and home improvement. She is passionate about creating new and innovative ways for her clients to reach their key customers, garnering her numerous accolades. In her 20+ years in the business, Beth was awarded Sales Development Leader of the Year in 2006 and the President's Circle Award in 2011 with Cox Media Group. She earned the Circle of Excellence Award for top sales in 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 while at Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Beth has been married to Craig for 11 years. Together, they have two kids, Hudson (10) and Harper (6), two adult stepsons, Hunter and Conner, and two furry kids. Beth loves to travel, hike, read, and take her side-by-side into the mountains near her home in Verdi, Nevada.



#### LILLIAN MCMORRIS 1954-2024

Lillian McMorris was the former KVVU TV FOX5 Public Affairs Director and Producer/Host of AM Southern Nevada, the longest-running Public Affairs Television Show in Nevada. Additionally, she reported on Community Events for FOX5 News. For nine years, she worked within the community as KVVU TV FOX5's ambassador, building the FOX5 franchise of being the station for 'Community Service'. She was considered a "Social Architect," bringing people, needs, solutions, and information together as one.

Lillian was involved with many community activities by being deeply and personally emerged in numerous civic and cultural organizations. She spread

the 'word' throughout the community and the nation via her Internet marketing company. Your RESOURCE was designed to educate and inform about non-profit organizations and small businesses, as well as events, programs, activities, and training opportunities.



#### **CHRIS JONES**

Chris Jones, a Las Vegas native, developed a passion for filmmaking during his junior high years when he began creating and producing short films from home. Upon entering college, he focused on video production, art, and broadcast journalism He secured his first full-time news position at KVVU Fox 5 in Henderson, Nevada. There, he covered news stories and served as an editor for the weekend sports show "Sports Plus." Chris also shot and edited a documentary series following the Findlay Prep Henderson team, which aired on "Sports Plus." Later, he became the Investigative and Special Projects Photographer for KSNV News 3, earning four Emmy Awards and ten nominations for his coverage of a wide range of stories, including the "Secrets of the Desert" segment, which involved traveling Route 66.

His talents led to a promotion to Chief Photographer and lead drone pilot in command for KSNV's sister station, WPEC CBS 12. Notably, Chris earned an AP award for his breaking news coverage of the Fort Lauderdale shooting, providing live coverage to every Sinclair station nationwide.

Chris became the first and only broadcast videographer for the Vegas Golden Knights NHL team. His work with the Vegas Golden Knights garnered him three Emmy Awards and several more nominations. Additionally, he hosted his travel segment, "Roamin' with Jones," where he brought viewers on the road with him and the team, focusing each week on historical, informational, or hockey-related segments to engage the audience.

Growing up, Chris's three passions were film, travel, and sports, and he has successfully combined them into his current job, making it a dream come true.



#### **MICHAEL MEAD**

Born and raised in Las Vegas, Nevada, Michael Mead was brought up listening to SOS Radio, then known as KILA. Over the next several years, Mike began to understand the transforming power of a word or a song shared over the airwaves. After graduating from UNLV with a degree in managerial finance in 1998, he left a short career in banking to join forces with his father at SOS. Through his 26 years at SOS Radio, Michael has worked in several different departments, and his early years consisted of manning the front desk while answering phones and greeting listeners. A two-year stint as a board operator followed. Back in the day, board operating consisted of reel-to-reels, DAT machines, mini disk players, CD players, CD racks from floor to ceiling, and white knuckles. Controlling the board felt nearly as complicated as piloting a 747...digital was still years away! After this came several

years on the programming team, finally becoming the music director. After years of assisting the GM and PD in programming, Michael returned to his early roots...finance, where he enjoys serving today. Michael considers himself an accountant with a personality. Nevertheless, even more than his Director of Donor Services title, he fancies himself as a "utility infielder" who loves to serve where most needed, often engaging in unnoticed tasks. Michael loves his career but loves his Brazilian wife and three wonderful children (all mostly grown up) even more. He serves weekly at his local church, teaching children the timeless truths of the Bible...the same life-changing messages shared over the airwaves on SOS Radio!



#### **JENNIFER LANE**

Jennifer, originally from Menominee, Michigan, moved to Henderson in 1988, where she graduated with honors from Basic High School in 1992.

In June 1995, Jennifer began her career in broadcasting as a continuity director at Regent Broadcasting, KFM 102, and Y93 Hit Kickin' Country. Driven by a desire to broaden her skill set and explore new opportunities, Jennifer transitioned into a sales assistant role, where she thrived in a fast-paced environment. Leveraging her vast experience in broadcast operations and her natural flair for communication, she excelled in building relationships with clients, crafting compelling proposals, and driving revenue growth.

In November 1997, Jennifer began working at American Radio Systems/Infinity Broadcasting/CBS Radio. Recognized for her exceptional performance and leadership

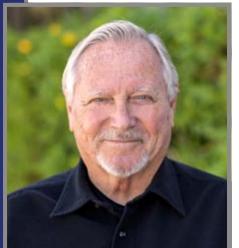
potential, she was promoted to national sales assistant, where she played a pivotal role in coordinating national advertising campaigns, managing client accounts, and liaising with internal teams to ensure seamless execution. Eager to further her career trajectory, Jennifer embraced the challenges of an executive assistant role with enthusiasm and dedication. Serving as a trusted right-hand to the general manager, she demonstrated her ability to multitask effectively, prioritize competing demands, and provide invaluable support in driving strategic initiatives forward.

In September 2012, Jennifer moved to the Bay Area in California, where she spent eight short months as the executive assistant to the VP of Sales at Clear Channel Media & Entertainment before moving back to Las Vegas in August 2013. Jennifer currently works as the executive assistant and national sales coordinator at iHeartMedia Las Vegas, where she has spent the last ten years mastering the art of anticipating needs, solving problems proactively, and fostering seamless communication across all levels of the organization.



#### **MEGAN MYERS**

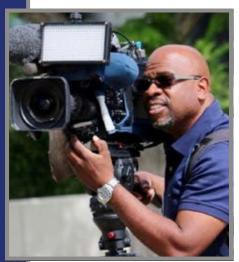
Megan moved to Reno, Nevada in 2001 from Oceanside, California. She has a BA in Communications and Marketing from Cal State San Marcos (CSUSM) and a Master's from the Reynolds School of Journalism. Her passion for journalism began in high school and has never stopped. Megan began working as an overnight air operator for PBS Reno while attending school. She moved around through different departments from education to production and is still with PBS Reno today 21 years later, now serving as Vice President of Content. She continues with PBS Reno because of her passion for serving the community and the station's mission to Entertain Your Curiosity!



#### **PAUL STERLING MEAD**

Paul was born in Grand Junction, Colorado, but his school years were in Moab, Utah, where he met his future wife, Marcy. Paul was fourteen, Marcy was thirteen and Paul says she was the prettiest girl in junior high. They married many years later and will celebrate 55 years of marriage next month, Together they have four lovely children. From Moab, Paul moved to Salt Lake City to follow his dream of a career in banking & accounting. While attending school, Paul was hired at the Continental Bank & Trust Company and soon became the bank's Assistant Auditor in charge of branch audits, a dream come true. After four years at Continental, Paul & Marcy moved to Las Vegas near Marcy's family. Through a connection at Continental Bank, Ken Sullivan, Paul was hired at Valley Bank of Nevada as an Officer in the bank's Trust Department, in charge of Fiduciary & Federal Estate Taxes and the administration of

numerous client trust accounts. After five years, Paul left banking to privately assist a number of his bank clients and was soon to meet one of his favorite people of all time, Mr. Las Vegas Christian Radio, Jack French of KILA Radio, now SOS Radio 90.5fm. To know Jack French was to love him and at 29 years old, Paul was asked by Mr. French to join the Board of Faith Communications Corporation to assist them in the administration of the Corporation. Five years later, Paul joined the staff at SOS Radio as CFO, where he is closing in on retirement as a happy and healthy 75-year-old. He is humble and grateful to have served Mr. French and our Savior Jesus for these 45 years.



#### **ROBERT NOBLE**

From Chicago, Illinois, Robert A. Noble moved to the Las Vegas Valley in 1990. He attended the University of Las Vegas-Nevada. In the mid-90s, Robert began his Las Vegas broadcasting career at KTVY Talk TV COX Channel 61. He worked in several positions, from sales to production. While working on a show at KTVY, Robert met Ron Futrell on his show, "The Locker Room." Ron introduced Robert to the production Manager Greg Rogers at KTNV News 13, and he started his news career where he once again worked several positions in the studio and editing. He quickly trained as a photojournalist but soon took a position at KLAS News Now 8. Under the instruction of Tim Foley, he continued to expand his knowledge of the television business, volunteering whenever possible to learn and obtain new skills to help him move up in the television industry. Later, he moved on to Las Vegas, WB, and soon

after started Tsunami Studios, Las Vegas LLC. He and his partner Chris Arroyo produced various programs, including the Christmas mass that aired on KLAS-TV for several years. He later returned to news, working at FOX5, Las Vegas, and returning to KLAS-TV as a photojournalist. Robert eventually landed a job as chief photographer at KSNV News 3 Las Vegas. He finally returned to KTNV News 13, presently working as a sports photographer.





#### **DAVE NOURSE**

Dave Nourse is an assistant professor in the Hank Greenspun School of Journalism and Media Studies at UNLV. He has worked for Cox Media Group Connecticut, Capitol Broadcasting Company, Curtis Media Group, North Carolina Public Radio, and KUNV, the public radio station licensed to the university. These days, Dave teaches courses in audio gathering and production, audio storytelling and podcasting, media innovation, and sports media. Dave has presented on a variety of topics related to radio at regional and national conferences, most recently the impact that Low Power FM stations have on their community of license. When he is not teaching, you will find Dave hanging out with his family, refereeing lacrosse, or helping out behind the scenes at KUNV. Occasionally, he helps Joe Sands and Ray Ragle when things blow up.



#### **MISTY MORGAN-YOUSFI**

Originally from Amarillo, TX, Misty Morgan graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from West Texas A&M University. She worked as a marketing director in the banking industry for several years before moving to KAMR as an Account Executive. She achieved Top Gun status in her first year of sales, and by the end of year two, she was promoted to local sales manager of KAMR's sister stations, KCIT and KCPN. In May of 2002, she was recruited to help lead the new business team at the Sinclair stations, KVWB, the WB and KFBT, and Gold 33 in Las Vegas, and she has lived there ever since. After several years as Local Sales Manager, then Regional Sales Manager/ Research Director, she accepted a new position at KLAS, the CBS affiliate owned by Landmark Communications at that time. She worked there for twelve years in various roles, including National Sales Manager, Digital Sales Manager, Local Sales

Manager, and finally, General Sales Manager in 2015 after the station was sold to Nexstar Broadcasting. Misty then continued her career in 2017 with Gray Television as a Regional National Sales Manager, working from home for stations they owned out of the market. In July 2018, she returned to the market as the Director of Sales for KTNV, a Scripps station. In November of 2021, Misty was again recruited by Gray Television to serve in a corporate role as the West Coast Director of National Sales and is still in that position. Misty is happily married to her husband Tony and has two beautiful daughters, Ansley and Brinnley. She has recently served on the Foundation for an Independent Tomorrow board in Las Vegas and still proudly serves on the Nevada Broadcasters Scholarship Foundation board and works actively in her church.



#### **RITA PARDUE**

Rita Pardue's first career took her on the road touring as a vocalist from St. Louis, Missouri. She landed in Las Vegas in 1981 when she was cast in Donn Arden's Jubilee at the MGM Grand Hotel.

While performing 13 weekly shows, Rita enrolled at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She discovered KUNV and began a second career to produce a talk show, "Paying Dues with Rita Pardue. She also became a jazz host and a news reporter from 1981-1983.

After completing her MGM contract, Rita was hired by NBC to work in Burbank, California. NBC offered a work/study program, and Rita transferred to California State University, Los Angeles, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Radio/TV/Broadcasting and a Master of Arts in Child Development, focusing on

children's radio programming.

Her career included working for TMS Entertainment on the CBS animated series, "Galaxy High." Focusing on radio programming, Pardue produced and hosted "The Nothing-To-Do Funshop" for 10 years, which aired on CBS radio affiliate KWNK and then moved to KCSN.

Rita joined Children's Broadcasting Corporation in Los Angeles and worked at KPLS and KAHS, producing "Disneyland Live" and coaching a crew of ten on-air teens known as the "Radio Aahs Air Force" for five years. For her contribution to children's radio programming, Rita Pardue received the City of Los Angeles "Incredible Women Making History" award from the YWCA.

Rita was hired by Salem Broadcasting Corp. as the KKLA Midday Host and traveled to China, Indonesia, Japan, and Jamaica with various ministries.

In 2007, Rita was hired by NPR affiliate KPCC to become the "Voice of Southern California Public Radio" as the Production Manager for 14 years.

Because of the 2020 pandemic, Rita returned to KUNV, Las Vegas.



#### **TRENT OGLE**

Trent Ogle is an award-winning news, video, and radio professional with over 30 years of broadcasting experience. Ogle is an Arkansas native who moved to Southern Nevada in 2007, where he played an integral role in launching the video and multimedia department for the Las Vegas Sun/Greenspun Media Group. Trent returned to his broadcast news roots in 2011 with KLAS-TV and, most recently, with Audacy Las Vegas in 2018, where he works.





## **TAYLOR PAUL 1977-2020**

Taylor started at KVBC Channel 3 on October 5, 2001, and knew that when he started, that would be his legacy. He loved working in the broadcasting field.

His work family was truly his second family. If you were lucky enough to work beside him, he was your biggest supporter, confidente, and best friend you could always count on.

He continued those friendships in and outside of work for two decades and genuinely was the life of the party at work events—sometimes obnoxiously so.

Additionally, he worked a consecutive 15 years at Telemundo, essentially working two full-time jobs, which allowed him to do all the traveling he loved so much. He was always up for an adventure to Mexico or Europe, or anywhere in between, and if he wanted to go somewhere and one of his many friends could not go as well, he simply went alone.

He was one of the hardest workers you could ever meet, and he took great pride in his work. He was thrilled to have won an Emmy for his coverage of the 2014 brush fires in California and was so glad to be a part of such a wonderful team. He made a point of working holidays so his coworkers with children would not have to. He always looked out for those around him and made the world a better place by putting his footprint on it.

When he passed away in June 2020, he left an immeasurable void in the world. We miss him terribly and are so pleased to see him honored as an inductee. It means so much to us as his family to see him remembered for the work he so enjoyed.



#### **ANA G. QUIRARTE**

Ana Quirarte is a seasoned executive administrative professional with over 20+ years of experience. She grew up in Mesquite, NV, and relocated to Las Vegas in the early 90s. She began her broadcasting career with Univision Communications in 2004 and is currently with Latino Media Network since February 2023. Ana has held several positions during her broadcasting career, from executive assistant, human resources manager, stage manager, and most recently, office manager. "You must wear many hats to make it in this business." Ana's mission is to create a fun and enjoyable working culture for the team. She prides herself on helping others and ensuring they feel safe, heard, and valued. In her free time, Ana enjoys spending time with her family, going on walks, enjoying sunsets, and listening to music. Ana has a son, and he is the light of her life.



#### **DR. ASHTON RIDLEY**

Dr. Ashton Ridley is a distinguished professional with a robust background in multicultural affairs, public broadcasting, and media management. His career began at the College of Southern Nevada (CSN), where he served for five years as the manager of multicultural affairs. Before his tenure at CSN, Dr. Ridley dedicated 16 years to Las Vegas' public radio station, KCEP-FM. Starting as a high school intern, he advanced through various roles, encompassing radio broadcasting and management.

Dr. Ridley's academic journey is closely tied to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV). He earned bachelor's degrees in communication studies and workforce education, followed by a certificate in nonprofit management and a master's in public administration from the UNLV School of Public Policy. He further enhanced his expertise by obtaining a doctorate in public policy from the same institution.

His extensive experience at KCEP has fueled his passion for mentoring students and helping them gain valuable professional experience during their college years. Dr. Ridley is deeply committed to community service and fostering the development of future communication professionals.

Currently, Dr. Ridley leads KUNV-FM, a station that has seen significant growth under his leadership. KUNV-FM's innovative "Jazz & More" format blends classic hits with smooth jazz, supplemented by diverse weekend programming. In addition to his responsibilities at KUNV, Dr. Ridley collaborates with UNLV's other media operations, including UNLV-TV and the Rebel Media Group social media agency. As a faculty member, he teaches journalism classes and helps manage the school's concentration in audio production.

Dr. Ridley's educational credentials include a B.A. in Communication Studies, a B.S. in Workforce Education, an M.A. in Public Administration, and a D.P.P in Public Policy, all from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. His multifaceted expertise and dedication make him a valuable asset to academic and broadcasting communities.



#### **CHRISTOPHER RUSCH**

Christopher Rusch, originally from Oakfield, a small town in Wisconsin, graduated from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh with a Radio-Television-Film degree in 1999. After working in radio at KFIZ in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, he began his television broadcast career in master control near the Frozen Tundra of Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 2000, at WFRV-TV. After a few years in Green Bay, Christopher had finally had enough of the cold and snow and packed his car, driving across the country to move to sunny Southern Nevada in 2002. There he worked in the engineering department and master control for KVBC. In 2007, he made the leap from commercial to public television. Christopher began working for KLVX (Vegas PBS) as a master control specialist, where he remains. In his spare time, he loves to catch concerts in various genres in fabulous Las Vegas.





#### **BRIAN SHAPIRO**

Brian has been on air in Las Vegas for over 20 years. He is the only talk show host in the country that incorporates news, politics, sports, and entertainment into one show.

Brian interviews the biggest celebrities, politicians, and sports figures on the planet. Some of his recent guests include first lady Jill Biden, actor Robert De Niro, and Presidential candidate Robert F Kennedy Jr.

Brian averages over 100,000 listeners to his show daily, and around 15,000 listeners live. He has had a passion for radio since he was a child.



### CHRISTOPHER 'MORTY' SAMPAIO

Morty, originally from the island of Oahu, Hawaii, started his radio career right out of high school as a producer for the Hudson & Scotty B. Morning show on KUCD, Star 101.9 in Honolulu. He was a producer and one of two Street Stunt Boys, going out to entertain the people of Hawaii. From there, he slowly climbed the ladder and became the APD/MD of Star 101.9, stepping away from the producer role to program Hawaii's number 1 alternative station. He also served as the imaging director for the station as well.

After nine years on the station, he crossed the street to do afternoons on KQMQ's 93.1 The Zone and be the production director at Visionary Entertainment. After

about a year there, he uprooted his life on the island and moved to what the locals call the 9th island-Las Vegas.

He was hired as the board operator for The Alan Stock Show on KXNT for about three months while doing weekend shifts on Mix 94.1. He was then moved over full-time to be a producer for the Mark & Mercedes morning show for six years on KMXB, Mix 94.1. He was also named production director of CBS/Intercom and worked for CBS/Intercom for nine years.

Morty was later part of a company-wide layoff but was immediately picked up by the Mike and Carla morning show on 96.3 KKLZ to be their executive producer. He is still with the Mike and Carla morning show on 96.3 KKLZ! He also did nights on KKLZ and helped out with imaging and production for Beasley Media Group, but he scaled back when he was diagnosed with Stage 4 colon cancer. Despite his diagnosis and treatment, he still maintains his role as the morning show's executive producer.



#### **ERIN SIMS**

Erin Sims moved to the Reno area when she was 7 years old. She fell in love with Journalism while attending Wooster High School in Reno and writing for the school paper. Erin attended Eastern Washington University and received a Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Journalism. In 1994, Erin began her first full-time news position at KRNV in Reno. She then moved to KOLO TV and became a News Producer.

After moving to Seattle in 1998, she became a News Producer for KOMO TV. During her time there, she covered some of the most notable news events of her lifetime, including the September 11 terror attacks, the 6.8 Nisqually Earthquake in February 2001, and the capture and sentencing of the notorious Green River Serial Killer. Her work was recognized with two Emmy Nominations.

In 2018, Erin and her husband decided it was time to move home to the Reno area once again. In February 2020, she was hired at KTVN as an executive producer, and soon after, she became the assistant news director.

Just days after starting at KTVN, COVID-19 took hold, and our communities started shutting down. That effectively changed the way we covered news in the middle of a Pandemic. Erin believes the years that followed were possibly the most important time to be a journalist, as our communities relied on us daily to report the information as we learned about it, to keep them safe.

Erin was honored to win an Emmy for Best Newscast with the KTVN team for covering the Dixie Wildfire in 2022, which destroyed the town of Greenville.

Erin enjoys spending time with her husband, Jon Sims and is proud of her two adult children, Lorna and Tyler Powell. For Erin. Home Means Nevada!

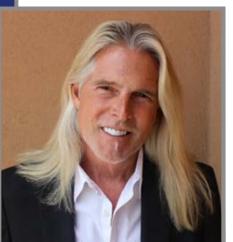


#### **STEVEN SMALLWOOD**

Originally from Torrance, CA, Steve moved to Bakersfield, CA, in 1994 after high school to start college. He was given the opportunity to help a friend and began his career in the news by pressing a transmit button on a live truck. In Bakersfield, he learned the fundamentals of shooting, lighting, composition, and the technical side of news. After two and a half years of working at KBAK TV 29, he followed his best friend to Las Vegas and started in June 1999 at KTNV TV 13. Over the last 24 years, he has covered stories from the July 1999 100-year floods to 9-11 in the Las Vegas valley, several casino implosions and openings, and many sports events, including the Superbowl, NASCAR, F-1, and the going on the ice when the VGK won the Stanley Cup and ONE October. He has learned a lot from many photojournalists. He has worked with and now has the opportunity to pass those skills to the younger

photojournalists who are just starting their careers.





#### **SHAWN STEVENS**

Shawn Stevens is a Midwest boy turned radio nomad who began his radio career in 1978, working weekends and overnights at WRTH, St. Louis, while attending college for broadcasting. After college, his real radio journey began.

Shawn's first full-time radio job was in Paris...Illinois. Less than a year later, he moved slightly east to begin his programming career in another French hotspot, Vincennes... Indiana. From there, it was off to the Wild West...Grand Junction, Colorado.

To say Shawn has lived the dream is an understatement. While on the air at 93QFM, he received a call from a Seattle program director who had enjoyed his show while crossing the state on Interstate 70. Shawn was offered a job over the phone, and without hesitation, he decided to make the market jump to Seattle.

While working at KXRX, Shawn was asked to transfer back to Colorado. In 1987,

he was instrumental in launching Denver's Kool 105, one of the nation's leading Oldies stations. After several successful years, Shawn was lured to the Country format, where he found his true passion.

In 1997, Shawn took his love of country music to Utah, where he continued to strengthen his ties with the Nashville music community.

Shawn spent 20 years serving the people of Salt Lake City, where he and his wife, Kimberly, established The Christmas Wish program. This program provided Christmas gifts to thousands of children and much-needed hope to hundreds of needy families.

Shortly after the tragic events of 1 October, Shawn and Kimberly felt the calling to make Las Vegas their home. Thank you, Tom Humm. Music heals. Shawn is on a mission.

God, Country, and Family.



#### **DOUG SOULE**

A true Las Vegas Native, Doug loves working in the city he grew up in. Doug has always had a passion for television, even at a young age. After graduating from UNLV with a degree in Journalism, Doug was lucky to land his first broadcasting job at KTNV as a video editor. His true calling was in production, and when a position opened at KVVU, Doug jumped at the opportunity. He started as a part-time morning show camera operator. After two months, he was promoted to full-time, where he began to learn all facets of the control room and beyond. In 2007 and 2008, while working night side at KVVU, Doug spent his mornings teaching for three semesters at UNLV, where he taught News Gathering and Editing & TV Production 1. In June 2013, Doug was promoted to Senior Production Manager, becoming a department head and overseeing the production team. He continues to hold that role 11 years later.



#### **GLORIA VALENCIA**

Gloria was born and raised in Southern California. She studied Communications at California State University, Long Beach. She moved to Las Vegas in 1981 and has since made it home. She worked in sales at the Las Vegas Review Journal beginning in 1999 then switched to broadcast in 2003 at Channel 13. She says it was the best career decision she has ever made. Gloria loves animals and has had an assortment of senior rescues over the years. She enjoys spending time with her three adult daughters. She especially enjoys spoiling her baby grandson, Remy Moon.

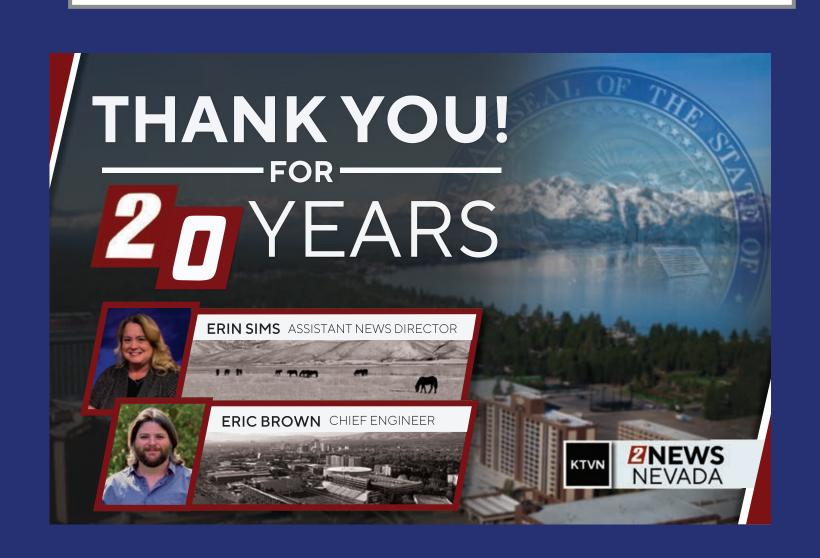




MARK WHITEHEAD 1960-2023

Mark was born in West Covina, California. Mark was the youngest of three boys and grew up with a love and passion for television. He loved watching all the 70s series and old films. One of Mark's favorite stories is meeting John Wayne while at the beach in Newport Beach. After high school, Mark moved from Orange County to Los Angeles and eventually to Las Vegas, where he landed his dream job as a promo producer for Channel 8 TV. He eventually worked for the ABC, NBC, and Fox television stations and was a freelance producer. Mark enjoyed collecting vintage animation art and was passionate about giving back and donating his time to local charities. Throughout his time in Vegas, Mark produced countless commercials, promos, and television specials, including "Children's Miracle Network Telethon," "Goodbye to 2K2", "A Very Vegas New Year," and "A Very Vegas Thanksgiving,"

among many others. Mark won five EMMY Awards for his work.





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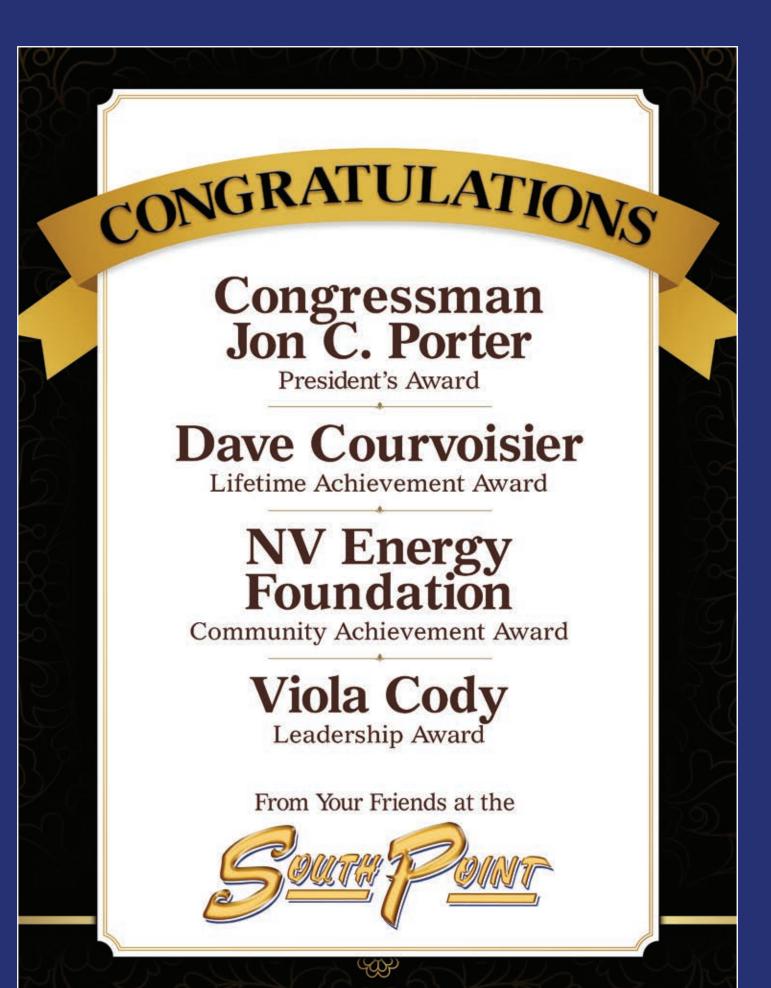
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