



ARIZONA BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME TO INDUCT 3 HONOREES FOR 2021

The Arizona Broadcasters Association is pleased to announce the induction of three broadcasters into the 2021 class for the Arizona Broadcasters Hall of Fame. The Award is arguably the highest award an Arizona broadcaster can receive during their career. The 2021 class includes:

- **Mark Curtis:** Mark has been a recognizable face on Phoenix TV since 1980 when he joined 12News (KPNX-TV) as a sports reporter. After leaving Arizona in 1987 to grow his career, he came back to 12News in 1995 as Chief Sports Anchor before moving to Evening News Anchor in 2004. Mark has covered just about every big story in Arizona over the last two decades and has a passion for the political world in Arizona. He's won more than a dozen high profile awards during his career that range from Emmys to Murrows and is now one of Arizona's longest serving news anchors in state history.
- **Susan Karis:** Susan has spent 30+ years in Arizona radio, perhaps most prominently as Executive Vice-President of Operations for Western Major Markets at Clear Channel Radio and now as VP of Sales at Hubbard Radio Phoenix. Susan has been named to the list of the "50 Most Influential Women in Radio" and was also the first radio-industry executive inducted into ASU's Walter Cronkite School Alumni Hall of Fame. Susan is an avid community supporter, involved with several organizations throughout her career and currently serves on the Endowment Board of Trustees at the Walter Cronkite School in Phoenix.
- **Scott Vaughan:** Scott started his broadcasting career while in college at the University of Arizona. He got part-time jobs at Tucson's KGUN-TV and KUAT-TV, as well as summer work at Phoenix's KTVK-TV, and received a \$100 scholarship from the ABA to help him invest in the business. After college, he went to work in sales at KGUN, growing through the ranks to General Manager in 1978. He was elected ABA Board Chair, joined the ABC affiliate board and NAB board and eventually left the GM chair to become the Director of Network Television Development for the Tucson-based Muscular Dystrophy Association.

All three inductees will be formally recognized at a to-be-determined event when it's more comfortable to gather together with hundreds of our colleagues. We hope that event will happen in Q1 2022.

This same event will also recognize our 2020 class of inductees: **Jim Cross, Larry Daniels** and **Jeanne-Marie Condo**. We'll share more details as we're able to finalize this celebration.

The list of all previous honorees into the Arizona Broadcasters Hall of Fame can be found on the accompanying page.

About the Arizona Broadcasters Association

Founded in 1952, the Arizona Broadcasters Association represents Arizona's over-the-air radio and TV stations. ABA membership includes more than 220 radio stations, television stations and associate members. The ABA funds Arizona's only broadcast lobbyist at the state legislature, provides free personalized training, and promotes the voice of Arizona broadcasters in Washington to better influence national regulation. The ABA also funds paid internships at member stations and scholarships at all three universities in addition to financially supporting the defense of independent Arizona journalism in legal court proceedings. For more information on the ABA, please visit azbroadcasters.org.

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Complete Arizona Broadcasters Hall of Fame

1990	1996	2001	2006	2011	2016
Rex Allen	Joe Crystall	Rita Davenport	Bob Allingham	Bill Austin	Jineane Ford
Tom Chauncey	Joe Dana	Ray Odom	Hugh Downs	Patti Kirkpatrick	Bill Mortimer
Dick Gilbert	Bea Hoeksema	Jim Slone	Norm Ginsburg	Tim Hatrick	Dave Munsey
John R. "Jack" Williams	Ira Lavin	2002	Marge Injasoulian	Willy D. Loon	Jim Taszarek "Taz"
1991	1997	C.E. "Pep" Cooney	2007	2012	2017
Virginia Mittendorf	Ken Heady	Phyllis Ehlinger	Chuck Artigue	Tom Chauncey II	Jan D'Atri
Willard Shoecraft	Delbert Lewis	Lou Silverstein	Bob Lee	Brian Jefferies	Bob Davies
"Wallace & Ladmo Show"	Mary Jo West	2003	Beth McDonald	Linda Turley	Steve Goddard
1992	1998	Karl Eller	2008	2013	Allen Kath
Lew King	Gene Autry	Larry John	Jim Arnold	Lin Sue Cooney	Michael Owens
Homer Lane	Guy Christian	Jack Parris	Ron Bergamo	Jack Miller	2018
George Wallace, Jr.	Bill Close	2004	Betty Waters	Bill Phalen	Art Brooks
1993	Jack Jacobson	Jack Clifford	Preston Westmoreland	Bobby Rich	J.D. Freeman
Bill Lester	1999	Bill Heywood	Gary Steven Woodworth	2014	"Johnjay & Rich"
Jack Murphy	Bob Ellis	Al McCoy	2009	Sharon Kelley	Donna Rossi
Buck Owens	Larry Schnebly	Jon Ruby	Kent Dana	Ray Lindstrom	2019
1994	Lee Shoblom	2005	Bud Foster	Todd Wallace	Loy Engelhardt
Steve Allen	Ray Thompson	Pat McMahan	W. Steven Martin	Linda Williams	Marty Manning
Jewell Lewis	2000	Bill Miller	Dave Pratt	2015	Ernesto Portillo
Ray Smucker	Dick De Angelis	Roy Track	2010	Bill Buckmaster	
1995	Gary Edens	Charlie Van Dyke	Guy Atchley	Tom Dillon	
Chuck Blore	Frank Kalil		Ned Foster	Maurie Helle	
Jeanne Metzger Michael	Joe Tabback		Joe Garagiola, Sr.	Barry Young	
John Redfield					