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**JEFF PASSAN: SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR**



**JOE BUCK: HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2024**



**HOLLY ROWE: BEST SIDELINE REPORTER**





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## **NSMA MISSION STATEMENT**

The National Sports Media Association & Hall of Fame is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, which seeks to develop educational opportunities for those who are interested in pursuing a career in sports media, through networking, interning, mentoring and scholarship programs.

The NSMA honors, preserves and celebrates the diverse legacy of sports media in the United States.



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# WELCOME

*from the NSMA Executive Director*

As I near the end of my 15th season as executive director of the National Sports Media Association, I am more excited than ever to welcome you to Grandover Resort and Greensboro for the NSMA's 64th Awards Weekend & National Convention!

We've seen vast changes in our industry in these 15 years, and those changes seem to come faster by the year – or is it month? Week? Day? Hour?

Congratulations to all of our Hall of Fame inductees and other award winners. You have changed with the times, adapted when necessary, yet kept the core values of integrity and journalistic excellence – all reasons your peers voted to honor you with your respective awards.

I call our awards weekend the largest gathering of sports media at which no one is on deadline. I know a few of you will be working anyway, though I hope you find time to relax and enjoy all Grandover and Greensboro have to offer.

We have two days of events that you will find educational, informative, and fun. We are here to celebrate you, but our charge is also to perpetuate our industry's history. So, we give of ourselves by leading seminars at the Sports Media Convergence Summit, we share stories with the students and young professionals who are here, and we do whatever we can to ensure that our fellow professionals do things the right way.

This weekend happens thanks to hard work, generosity, and community spirit. So please, while you're enjoying yourself, help me thank those responsible for this awards weekend.

Thank you to our interns and volunteers!

Thank you to our NSMA Board members!

Thank you to our Summit presenters and to those providing constructive feedback to our students and young professionals!

Thank you to our sponsors and donors!

Thank you to our supporters in Greensboro and the Triad of North Carolina!

Thank you to Kelly Harrill and his Grandover staff, for their unwavering support and encouragement during the process of our move to Greensboro!

And finally, thank you for coming! Without you, there's no awards weekend.

Please don't hesitate to ask me, or one of our volunteers if you need something this weekend.

Sincerely,



Dave Goren  
NSMA Executive Director



After a four-year run in Winston-Salem, the NSMA Awards visit Greensboro for the first time, expanding the organization's reach further into the Piedmont Triad. The Gate City, or "Tournament Town" as Greensboro calls itself is the third North Carolina city to host the Awards Weekend and National Convention. The old National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association signature event began 65 years ago, and 45 miles down the road, in Salisbury. For close to six decades every spring and summer, Salisbury raised a toast to salute the top sportswriter and sportscaster from each of the fifty states. The annual celebration, which until 2016 was called the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, got off the ground because of the dream of a Salisbury restaurant owner and grew legs because of the vision of a Salisbury doctor.

Pete DiMizio promoted boxing matches around the Piedmont area of North Carolina by hobby and ran an Italian restaurant by way of making a living. At one point in the early 'fifties, DiMizio imported an Italian chef to dazzle his patrons' taste buds but soon figured out that his wife, Becky, cooked a better pizza than the chef.

DiMizio also figured it behooved his boxing promotions to friend up with sportswriters and sportscasters in the area. In exchange for free food, DiMizio got the free publicity his boxing matches so desperately needed.

One thing led to another and DiMizio was hosting an annual recognition banquet at his restaurant and the guests of honor were the best writers and casters in North Carolina. Then he founded the idea to expand and go national.

That was in 1958. The first scheduled gathering of national winners never got off the ground and was cancelled in 1959. Then DiMizio died of cancer and left the NSSA dream to his wife, who had neither the time nor financial wherewithal to fulfill her husband's wishes.

In stepped the Salisbury-Rowan County Chamber of Commerce, various regional civic clubs and one Dr. Ed McKenzie.

To get the organization off the ground, all parties agreed that a sum of \$12,000 was needed. The total was more than the entire Chamber of Commerce budget. But McKenzie believed it could be raised, so he went about selling tickets to the first banquet at \$100 a plate. That was in 1960. By today's value, which would be the equivalent of asking for \$823 per plate.

McKenzie personally knocked on the door of every business and friend in the Salisbury area. Before long, his list

of donors reached 113 --- everyone alphabetically from Howard Aiken of Miller Brewing Co. to Bill Younts of Rowan Dairy --- and the Chamber of Commerce was willing to kick in the remaining \$700.

McKenzie next believed it was important for the organization to get the blessing and endorsement of the state of North Carolina, and he went to work on the governor, Luther Hodges.

"He drove to Raleigh three or four times to see the governor," Nancy, his wife, once told the *Salisbury Post*. "The governor did not want to endorse a flop, the winners had to be assured the banquet was not a gimmick. Ed pulled a lovely finesse to get them all here."

McKenzie believed the organization would gain legitimacy only if the first two national winners attended the event. So, he boarded a train for New York and extended a personal invitation to sportscaster Lindsey Nelson and sportswriter Red Smith.

McKenzie talked his way into Nelson's office at NBC and Nelson agreed to come. Smith was not so easy to get. On assignment, Smith was not expected back in New York for eight weeks. McKenzie sneaked past a receptionist at the New York Herald-Tribune and found an audience with Smith's editor. Six long-distance calls later and McKenzie was assured that Smith would be in Salisbury to be honored.

The inaugural event was smashing. Governor Hodges presented awards to Nelson and Smith. Ms. North Carolina, Judi Klipfel of Asheboro, presented plaques to the thirty-eight state winners who attended. Earl Ruth, the Catawba College athletics director, served as the host.

Nelson said his acceptance speech would be brief.


"I have never tried to make a speech since a woman sent me a telegram saying my speaking ability was the oratorical equal of a blocked punt," Nelson said.

Smith spoke as he wrote ... with great prose.

"The very notion of honoring such a disreputable group as ours is utterly audacious," Smith said. "This is the most gracious and most generous thing that has ever been done for our rather seedy group."

Three years into the organization's existence, the board of directors realized it did not have a charter. Upon drawing up the official papers for the organization, the board encountered a delicate problem: Would the organization be called the





Sportswriters and Sportscasters Association or the Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association?

To settle the matter, the group decided on a coin flip between Nelson, representing the casters, and Melvin Durslag of the *Los Angeles Examiner*, representing the writers. Nelson won and the organization has ever since gone by Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association.

That same board also established a Hall of Fame and the lone inductee in 1962 was Grantland Rice, long considered the greatest writer of sports.

Of the Hall of Fame, Durslag wrote: "It is probably easier to walk out of the Louvre with the Mona Lisa than it is to be admitted to this hall of fame." Durslag was inducted into the NSSA Hall of Fame in 1995.

In 1963, McKenzie asked Nelson as a special favor to be the featured speaker at the Spencer High School athletic awards banquet. Nelson agreed but getting to Spencer on time for the banquet was going to be difficult.

Nelson completed the play-by-play announcing of the first three innings of a New York Mets spring training game in Florida, slipped out of the press box and drove seventy-five miles to the airport to fly to Charlotte. McKenzie and the sheriff of Rowan County met Nelson at the Charlotte airport and rode in the sheriff's car to Spencer.

Nelson arrived after dinner had been served and the tables cleared. He then spoke for 45 minutes, wowing the crowd with impersonations of Mets' manager Casey Stengel. Then he concluded with a reading of Rudyard Kipling's poem "If."

Since that reading, NSSA several years later dedicated its Hall of Fame to youth. For several years, state winners and Hall of Fame inductees were presented copies of Kipling's poem, which for many years also appeared in the annual banquet program.

The list of honored guests over the years has included many from the world of sports and beyond. Among those who visited Salisbury for the NSSA awards weekend were Yogi Berra, Terry Bradshaw, Jerry Clower, John Elway, Tennessee Ernie Ford, Whitey Ford, Roman Gabriel, Andy Griffith, Lewis Grizzard, Bob Hope, Larry King, Bobby Knight, Bowie Kuhn, Mickey Mantle, Billy Martin, curly Neal, Jesse Owens, Arnold Palmer, Richard Petty, Wilma Rudolph, Bart Starr, Lynn Swann, Ted Turner, Gene Upshaw, Jim Valvano, Flip Wilson, John Wooden and Cale Yarborough.

In June of 2017, the NSMA moved its re-branded Awards Weekend and National

Convention to Winston-Salem. The organization's headquarters followed suit that October. And now, after a seven-year run in Winston-Salem, the NSMA is expanding its North Carolina footprint to Greensboro.

Called Tournament Town, Greensboro has hosted more Atlantic Coast Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments than any other city. And until last May, the ACC headquarters were located just down the street from Grandover Resort.

Greensboro Coliseum (capacity 22,000) is the longtime host to the ACC Tournaments. Just outside the Coliseum is the Greensboro Aquatic Center, home to many national and top-level college swimming and diving championships. Also adjacent to the Coliseum is Novant Health Fieldhouse, home to the NBA G-League's Greensboro Swarm.

In addition, Sedgefield Country Club is home to the PGA's Wyndham Championship, the Pittsburg Pirates High-A affiliate, the Greensboro Grasshoppers play at First National Bank Field. And Greensboro's college teams – UNC Greensboro, North Carolina A&T, Bennett College, Guilford College, and Greensboro College – provide sports entertainment during the school year.

There are also plenty of year-round opportunities for youth sports in and around Greensboro, with several city and private parks and recreation centers throughout the area.

And now you can add the NSMA's Awards Weekend & National Convention to the calendar. Though we opened in 1959, the excitement remains the same. We may be 65 years old, but we're just getting started.

*Ron Morris graduated from Salisbury (NC) High School and is a five-time NSMA South Carolina Sportswriter of the Year Award winner.*







**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**CHRIS MARLOWE**

2023 NSMA COLORADO SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR





# Bear Bryant COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mike Norvell of Florida State was voted the winner of this year's Paul "Bear" Bryant College Football Coach of the Year Award. The Seminoles finished the 2023 regular season perfect at 13-0, before Georgia beat them in the Orange Bowl.

For 38 years, the Houston, Texas chapter of the American Heart Association has presented the Bryant Award as a salute to those college football coaches who have reached the same high standard of excellence as Coach Bryant did.

NSMA members serve as the voting body for the Bryant Award. Members are emailed a ballot link at the end of the College Football Playoff National Championship Game. The award is presented on stage in Houston two nights later.

The Heart Association also presents a Lifetime Achievement Award to a former coach who excelled at his craft. Lloyd Carr of Michigan was the 2024 winner.

Serving as the voting body for the award is a small way for the NSMA to help the AHA fight heart disease and stroke.



2023 Bryant Award winner Mike Norvell (left) with Marc Bryant Tyson, grandson of Bear Bryant (Wilson Parish Photography)

## Bear Bryant

## COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS

### 2023: Mike Norvell, Florida State

2023	Mike Norvell	Florida State	2004	Tommy Tuberville	Auburn
2022	Sonny Dykes	TCU	2003	Nick Saban	Louisiana State
2021	Luke Fickell	Cincinnati	2002	Jim Tressel	Ohio State
2020	Nick Saban	Alabama	2001	Larry Coker	Miami
2019	Ed Orgeron	LSU	2000	Bob Stoops	Oklahoma
2018	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	1999	Frank Beamer	Virginia Tech
2017	Scott Frost	Central Florida	1998	Bill Snyder	Kansas State
2016	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	1997	Lloyd Carr	Michigan
2015	Dabo Swinney	Clemson	1996	Bruce Snyder	Arizona State
2014	Gary Patterson	TCU	1995	Gary Barnett	Northwestern
2013	Gus Malzahn	Auburn	1994	Rich Brooks	Oregon
2012	Bill O'Brien	Penn State	1993	Terry Bowden	Auburn
2011	Mike Gundy	Oklahoma State	1992	Gene Stallings	Alabama
2010	Gene Chizik	Auburn	1991	Don James	Washington
2009	Chris Petersen	Boise State	1990	Bobby Ross	Georgia Tech
2008	Kyle Whittingham	Utah	1989	Bill McCartney	Colorado
2007	Mark Mangino	Kansas	1988	Lou Holtz	Notre Dame
2006	Chris Petersen	Boise State	1987	Dick MacPherson	Syracuse
2005	Mack Brown	Texas	1986	Joe Paterno	Penn State

# Bear Bryant COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD



NSMA executive director Dave Goren (left) and NSMA board member Carter Bills attend the 2024 Bryant Awards in Houston, Jan. 10, 2024 (Wilson Parish Photography)

## Bear Bryant LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS



Lifetime Achievement Winner Lloyd Carr  
(Wilson Parish Photography)

### 2024: Lloyd Carr

2023	Bob Stoops	2010	Vince Dooley
2022	John Robinson	2009	Barry Switzer
2021	Howard Schnellenbeger	2008	Tom Osborne
2020	Bill Snyder	2007	Glenn "Bo" Schembechler
2019	Frank Beamer	2006	Jack Pardee
2018	Steve Spurrier	2005	Lou Holtz
2017	Barry Alvarez	2004	Gene Stallings
2016	Mack Brown	2003	Frank Broyles
2015	Jimmy Johnson	2002	Bill Yeoman
2014	R. C. Slocum	2001	Charles McClendon
2013	Lavell Edwards	2000	Darrell Royal
2012	Hayden Fry		
2011	Bobby Bowden		

*First awarded in 2000, the Paul "Bear" Bryant Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the career accomplishments of the nation's finest college football coaches.*



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**2023 NSMA RHODE ISLAND SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR**



# WHAT THEY WERE

## "Very well-organized event!"

– **Sandy Rosenbush**, 2023 *Roone Arledge Award co-winner for Sports Journalism Institute*

"Thank-you, thank-you, thank-you for everything. Was just there on Monday night, June 26, for the dinner and awards ceremony and it was a blast. It was an evening I'll never forget thanks to the hard-working folks with the NSMA! Will cherish my time in Winston-Salem for years to come." – **John Kollmansperger**, Washington, DC

"The NSMA event exceeded my expectations and was a lifetime experience. I hope to be fortunate enough to return as a state winner. Thanks again, Dave, for your thoroughness in putting the weekend together."

– **Spencer Tomsett**,  
*U. of Alabama student chapter president, 2022-23*

## "Fantastic event and appreciate the hard work from so many with the NSMA."

– **Colin Lacy**, *Spottercharts by Tony Britt*

"I just wanted to reach out and say this weekend was fabulous! There's no other place where hundreds of like-minded people who are either in the field or just starting their journey like me can come together and network. It's a great feeling learning and having casual conversations with the men and women I aspire to be. Thank you for all you do to make this weekend happen and I already can't wait for next summer. It was fantastic and thank you again."

– **Alex Chasen**, *Incoming NSMA student chapter president, Univ. of Alabama*

"Overall, it was one of the best experiences of my career. The tour of Wake Forest was outstanding, and it was amazing to be surrounded by so many exceptional individuals. I would personally benefit more in the future from a return trip, having a better understanding of how the event works and what opportunities are available to me. I would also be willing to help with the event in the future."

– **Paul Swann**,  
*2022 West Virginia Sportscaster of the Year*

"Katelyn and I cannot begin to express our gratitude for your warm welcome. It is not lost on us how much of an undertaking it is to pull this off. You and your team have created a truly special weekend, reflecting a truly meaningful organization. I would be humbled to continue to support the NSMA in any capacity you can think of. Please thank everyone on your team for their tireless hours to make it all possible."

– **Kyle Deckelbaum**, *2022 Arkansas Sportscaster of the Year*

"Thanks again for running such a classy, well-organized event. I had a blast. If I'm ever fortunate enough to win again, I'm gonna make sure to come earlier and participate in more things."

– **David O'Brien**,  
*2022 Georgia Sportswriter of the Year*

"You again delivered a well-run seamless three-day event. A special shout out to Wes Durham who led a very efficient and entertaining awards banquet evening. It was much appreciated."

– **Dennis & Linda White**, *Salisbury, NC*



# SAYING...



"It was my first visit to the NSMA Weekend and I had a great time. I am honored and flattered to be a recipient of a state award. I truly enjoyed the trip and look forward to coming again, whether I win an award or not. Great job to the staff, volunteers and all who made the event such a success."

- **Chris Denari**, 2022 Indiana Sportscaster of the Year

"As a first-time attendee I can't thank you all enough for such a wonderful event! Everything was first class. From the Zoom sessions before the event to the shuttle the day of departure, I've never been to an event like this one. The attention to detail and all the dedicated folks who make this possible really made for a fantastic weekend. Even having students lining the halls directing folks to and from dinner is such a wonderful touch. Bravo to all involved on a job well done and thank you!"

- **Audrey Snyder**, 2022 Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year

"Thank you. We loved every minute. Outstanding job."

- **Keith Murphy**, 2021 Iowa Sportscaster of the Year

"Thanks for all you do. Everything is nailed down to the fine details and it's clear how much effort, energy and resources go into putting this weekend together."

- **Kevin Bolinger**, 2022 Nevada Sportscaster of the Year

"We had a great experience at the NSMA awards dinner/event. Everyone was so friendly, accommodating and welcoming. It was a wonderful moment for us to experience as a family and seeing professionals in the field demonstrate such support and encouragement to our son, Carlo, was a gift. Thank you for putting on such a fantastic event--it is one for the memory books for us! Thank you!"

- **Lori Jiménez**, mother of 2023 Jim Nantz Award winner, Carlo Jiménez

"It was a great event. Honored to be a part of it. Well done."

- **Ned Erickson**, Winston-Salem, NC

"Had an incredible time. Couldn't believe how well everything was put together. The best part was the after-parties. It was so awesome to be able to talk with dozens of great people in such a relaxed environment."

- **Jordan Kaye**, 2022 Idaho Sportswriter of the Year

"Dave - just a follow up thank you for all of your work, organization & hospitality. First-class event."

- **Scott McConnell**, Univ. of Texas media relations director (basketball)

"I just wanted to thank you for allowing me to volunteer at the National Sports Media Association Conference this past weekend. I personally feel like yes, I was volunteering and helping but it opened my eyes to realize how many influential people there are in this field and how everyone's path was different. It also made me realize that this is something that I want to do and take seriously. I appreciate you for allowing me to not only be able to learn from you but giving me the platform to learn and connect with others as well."

- **Katelyn Andrews**, Wake Forest Univ. '26

"So well done and thought out. I know you have constraints yet you bulld through those for another thoughtful and professional presentation of an enriching weekend of networking and learning. Thank you."

- **Gregg Bell**, 2022 Washington Sportscaster of the Year

# National Sports Media Association LEGACY NIGHT AWARDS

## **This year's award winners are:**

### **2023 Best Sideline Reporter**

*Holly Rowe, ESPN*

### **2023 Best Young (Under-30) Reporter**

*Wynston Wilcox, Memphis Commercial-Appeal*

### **2023 Sports Book of the Year**

*"Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments,"  
by Joe Posnanski*

### **2023 Sports Documentary of the Year**

*"Beckham," shown on Netflix, directed  
by Fisher Stevens*

Rowe is widely-recognized for her versatility and excellence as a reporter over more than 20 years at ESPN. Her high-profile events include ABC Saturday Night Football, Big Monday men's college basketball, NCAA Women's Final Four, and the College World Series, as well as the WNBA. A 2023 recipient of the Curt Gowdy Award from the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, Rowe also won the 2022 Sports Emmy for Outstanding Personality/Reporter. The Utah native is a graduate of the University of Utah.

Wilcox recently finished a two-and-a-half-year stint at the Memphis Commercial-Appeal, where he won an Associated Press Sports Editors First-Place Award for breaking news. Wilcox had previous stops at The Augusta Chronicle and Niagara Gazette. The Cincinnati native is a graduate of the University of Ohio.

"Why We Love Baseball" was a New York Times bestseller and winner of the CASEY Award for Best Baseball Book (2023). The seventh book by NSMA's 2012 National Sportswriter of the Year, it tells of both well-known and lesser-known moments that can educate even the most-ardent baseball fan. In its review, the Wall Street Journal said, "Mr. Posnanski is a bit like the guy telling baseball stories at a bar—if that guy is clever, funny, not averse to hyperbole, sentiment or numerology, willing to go to great lengths to track down a fact and possessed of a way with words..."

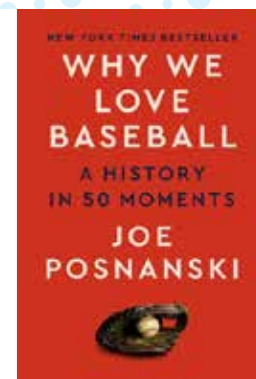
"Beckham," the four-episode docuseries, focuses on the life of soccer superstar David Beckham, both on and off the field. The off-the-field piece includes Beckham's equally-famous wife, Victoria, also known as Posh Spice of the 1990s British musical group, the Spice Girls. The Guardian's review of the docuseries said, "It turns out to be a surprisingly candid look at the life and career of one of the most famous footballers of all time, and it certainly is a rollicking ride."



Holly Rowe



Wynston Wilcox



Why We Love Baseball



Beckham



# HOOP DREAMS

STEVE JAMES  
(Executive Producer)

PETER GILBERT  
(Producer/Director of Photography)



Steve James



Peter Gilbert

Peter Gilbert has had a distinguished career in producing, directing, and photographing documentaries, feature films, commercials, and music videos. He is one of the filmmakers who made *Hoop Dreams*, serving as a Producer and Director of Photography. The film won numerous awards including The Sundance Film Festival Audience Award, Producers Guild of America, Independent Spirit Award, and The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Journalism. *Hoop Dreams* was on 100+ top ten lists for 1994.

Also, with Kartemquin Films he co-directed *At the Death House Door*, which premiered at South by Southwest in 2008, and won awards at other festivals, including the inspiration award at Full Frame. It was short-listed for the Academy Award. It aired on the Independent Film Channel in May of 2008.

In 2004, he produced and directed, *With All Deliberate Speed*, the first work in the new series "Discovery Docs," for the Discovery Network. The nationally released film portrays the drama of the monumental Brown V. Board Supreme Court decision that helped change the racial fabric of our country in 1954. *With All Deliberate Speed* was nominated for a Prime Time Emmy for Distinguished Work in Non-Fiction Film.

Recently, Gilbert and his partner HOF NBA player Chris Webber, Co-Executive Produced *Charm City* for Big Mouth Productions. With Forager Films and Webber, Gilbert has Produced and EP'd 15 independent films that played at major festivals worldwide including Sundance, SXSW, Tribeca and Berlin. All have sold and played on major streaming platforms or released theatrically.

His animated short, *5 Minutes*, currently is on the festival circuit.

Gilbert has a long career in creating branded content and commercials for Nike, Reebok, Adidas, Giant Bicycles, Major League Baseball and the NBA and more.

He has been a nominated three times for Best Director by the DGA (with 1 win) and is a 10-time Emmy nominee (1 win). He is also a winner of the Sundance Film Festival award for best cinematography.

Gilbert served on the board of Kartemquin Films and is a board member emeritus for the organization. He also served on The Executive Committee of the Documentary Branch for AMPAS. He is a DGA, WGA, IA, AMPAS, and ATAS member.

In addition, Gilbert is a Professor of Practice in the MFA Documentary Film Program at Wake Forest University in Winston Salem, NC. He resides in Chicago, his filmmaking home.

Steve James is a Chicago-based filmmaker whose previous work includes Academy Award nominated films *Hoop Dreams* and *Abacus*. Other award-winning work includes *Stevie*, *The Interrupters*, and *Life Itself*. James's sports-themed works for ESPN's Peabody Award-winning series, "30 for 30" include *No Crossover: The Trial of Allen Iverson* and *The Luckiest Guy in the World*, which IndieWire named one of the best documentaries of 2023. James also directed *Head Games*, a film on the C.T.E. crisis in contact sports.

**ABOUT THE ROONE ARLEDGE AWARD** - The Roone Arledge Award for Innovation was begun in 2015 as a way to honor innovators in sports media, either individuals or entities.

Roone Arledge -- the posthumous first winner of the award -- was the legendary president of ABC Sports and ABC News, who during his career, changed the face of sports television. Arledge not only was the mastermind behind such shows as Monday Night Football and Wide World of Sports, he was also responsible for a slew of production values -- slow-motion, instant replay, freeze-frame, hand-held cameras, and on-field microphone placements -- that we take for granted today.

Arledge also hired some of television's most influential broadcasters. In sports, they included NSMA Hall of Famers Howard Cosell, Frank Gifford, and Jim McKay.

The Arledge Award for Innovation is presented annually during the NSMA's Awards Weekend.

2015 - Roone Arledge (posthumous)  
2016 - The Boston Globe  
2017 - The Players' Tribune  
2018 - Raycom Sports

2019 - International Sports Properties (ISP)  
2021 - Neil Leifer  
2022 - Jayne Kennedy  
2023 - Sports Journalism Institute

2024 ROONE ARLEDGE  
Award For Innovation



Roone  
Arledge

# National Sports Media Association

## JIM NANTZ AWARD



Jim Nantz

This marks the 13th year that the NSMA and the Sportscasters Talent Agency of America have partnered on the presentation of the Jim Nantz Award.

The Nantz Award is the culmination of the STAA All-America Competition, which recognizes the most outstanding collegiate radio and TV sports broadcasters. STAA's mission is to encourage collegiate sportscasters to strive to achieve their best.

### 2024 Winner



### **DERRYL BARNES**

*Senior - University of Miami*

Each year, the nation's most outstanding collegiate sportscaster is presented the Jim Nantz Award, named in honor of the 2021 NSMA Hall of Fame inductee and five-time National Sportscaster of the Year.

The 2024 Jim Nantz Award winner is University of Miami senior, Derryl Barnes. Congratulations, Derryl!

Barnes has stayed busy at "The U," interning on University of Miami Television's NewsVision and SportsDesk shows, while also serving as a Creative Video Intern with Hurricanes' Athletics. In addition to those and several other internships as a student, Barnes has also worked for seven years as a freelance videographer.

Basketball journalist and college lecturer A. Sherrod Blakely, said of Barnes on LinkedIn, "As a journalist/educator, every now and then your path crosses with someone who is more than just talented. They have industry-changing gifts that can be honed, not taught. This young man, Derryl Barnes Jr., is one of those people. It's great to see him getting the kind of shine that his immense talents and skills deserve."





# JIM NANTZ AWARD

## Previous Winners



Carlo Jiménez



Caroline Pineda



Evan Hughes



Scotty Gange



Drew Carter



Katie (Emmer) Storm



Nate Gatter



Josh Appel



Eric Gallanty



Kevin Fitzgerald



Ross Lippman



Bill Spaulding



Alex Faust



John Twork



Adam Cavalier

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

2023 - Carlo Jiménez - Sr. - University of Southern California

2022 - Caroline Pineda - Sr. - Notre Dame

2021 - Evan Hughes - Sr. - Virginia Tech

2020 - Scotty Gange - Sr. - Arizona State University

2019 - Drew Carter - Sr. - Syracuse University

2018 - Katie (Emmer) Storm - Sr. - St. Cloud St. U.

2017 - Nate Gatter - Jr. - University of Missouri

2016 - Josh Appel - Sr. - University of South Florida

2015 - Eric Gallanty - Sr. - Syracuse University

2014 - Kevin Fitzgerald - Sr. - Syracuse University

2013 - Ross Lippman - Sr - Emerson College

2012 - Bill Spaulding - Jr. - Syracuse University

2011 - Alex Faust - Jr. - Northeastern University

2010 - John Twork - Sr. - Eastern Illinois University

2009 - Adam Cavalier - Sr. - Marshall University

Radio Play-by-Play - Los Angeles Clippers (NBA)

Reporter and Sideline Assist - NBC Sports

Asst. Dir of Broadcast Services - Virginia Tech Sports Properties

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## *NSMA Student Chapter Spotlight*

NSMA's dual mission includes helping students and young professionals. One of the ways we do that is through our student chapter program, which encourages learning from industry professionals and putting into practice what is learned.

### *AUSTIN PEAY STATE UNIVERSITY (Clarksville, Tennessee)*



The National Sports Media Association Student Chapter at Austin Peay State University just completed its ninth year as a registered student organization on the APSU campus. This past year, chapter members were treated to an exclusive tour of the new F&M Bank Arena prior to its public opening in downtown Clarksville, Tennessee. The arena is managed by the NHL's Nashville Predators and is the new home for Governors men's and women's basketball teams and APSU's new club hockey team.

Chapter members have been attending the NSMA Hall of Fame Weekend since 2014 and four lucky members were chosen to attend the 2023 event in Winston-Salem. The APSU NSMA Student Chapter

is looking forward to the upcoming 2024 event in Greensboro and beginning its 10th year as an affiliate of the NSMA.

### *UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA (Tuscaloosa, Alabama)*



For the first time in Alabama basketball history, College Gameday appeared in Tuscaloosa at Coleman Coliseum. The NSMA Alabama student chapter was honored to host ESPN's Rece Davis. It was the second time Davis joined the chapter in the 2023-2024 school year to meet with members and give insight into his day-to-day responsibilities. Members then had the opportunity to go behind the scenes of College Gameday to watch the live production of the show up close and learn how College Gameday operates in an environment where it has never been. This was a valuable experience for the student chapter because the members witnessed all of the working parts that go into the show, such as analysts, production, public relations, etc.

Members also met Alabama men's basketball head coach Nate Oats, athletic director Greg Byrne, and College GameDay's Public Relations Coordinator Julie McKay. Some members also reconnected with fellow NSMA member Andraya Carter, whom they met during last June's Awards Weekend. The Alabama student chapter enjoys providing these opportunities to its members because each individual can become more knowledgeable about the industry and further connections.



# WHAT I LEARNED INTERNING FOR THE NSMA

## HANNAH BOND UNC GREENSBORO '24

I was given the amazing opportunity to intern for the National Sports Media Association during the Spring of 2023. It was my first ever professional internship experience, and I had no idea what to expect. I knew that I had a passion for sports, and I wanted to take my first steps in the marathon that will be my career. I am so glad and grateful that I started that with NSMA.



Hannah Bond, center, with other 2023 Awards Weekend volunteers

My specific job title was 'Media and Operations Intern', but in reality, my responsibilities allowed me to dabble in everything. I was given endless opportunities to improve and grow, both personally and professionally, hone my skills, and more importantly, learn. I learned something new each day, whether that was about the industry, being successful, or how to be a good person. The mentorship that I, and all interns receive is like none other.

I was given opportunities to develop many hard and soft skills. Everything that we did was in preparation for the 63rd Annual NSMA Awards Weekend and National Convention. Interns are given the responsibility of interviewing state award winners. Some of you reading this have probably participated in these interviews. What started out as a super intimidating task, became one of the greatest gifts. Before my first interview I was sitting in the NSMA office preparing to interview Maryland Co-Sportswriter of the Year, Dan Connolly. Knowing that I was about to interview someone who is always on the other side

of the questions, someone who has perfected his award-winning craft, I was nervous to say the least. We formally introduced ourselves and jumped right into the interview. Mr. Connolly and I had the chance to talk afterwards, and he was kind enough to offer tips and advice for my ensuing interviews and for me to take into my career. So here I was, getting interviewing advice from a two-time award winner! I went on to complete 18 more personal interviews with State Sportswriters and Sportscasters from all over the nation, each time gaining more experience and advice. That is a true testament to why NSMA is so good at what it does. It is rare when college students can gain hands-on experience that truly prepares them for their careers. NSMA interns do.

I was given a special opportunity; dare I say the best opportunity of my college career. After one semester of interning at NSMA, I was entrusted with a leadership role in the operations of the 63rd Awards Weekend in Winston Salem. I served as "operations co-coordinator," or "lieutenant."

It was in this role that I assisted in leading a team of 25 volunteers. I found my passion for leadership, while combining that with my passion for sports. It was truly amazing. Not only did I grow as a leader, but I also had opportunities to make professional and personal connections with individuals in the industry from all over the country. Again, another opportunity that is rare for college-aged students. Over three days I learned so much through attending Convergence Summit sessions, connecting with industry professionals, and leading a live event. It really was the best opportunity.

I can say because of my internship with NSMA, I have become a better person, professionally and personally. The growth that occurred from my first day walking into the NSMA office, to now, two months after graduating from UNC Greensboro, is astronomical. This is also just one of hundreds of stories of people who have been positively impacted by NSMA, and I am sure that that number will keep growing.

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## *Congratulations To Our Family Of Broadcasters*



**Nevada - Russ Langer**  
13th NSMA Award - UNLV Runnin' Rebels



**Alabama - Chris Stewart**  
6th NSMA Award - Alabama Crimson Tide



**Ohio - Paul Keels**  
6th NSMA Award - Ohio Bobcats



**New Hampshire - Justin McIsaac**  
3rd NSMA Award - UNH Wildcats



**Delaware - Bill Harman**  
2nd NSMA Award - Delaware Blue Hens



**Idaho - Chris King**  
2nd NSMA Award - Idaho Vandals



**Mississippi - Bart Gregory**  
2nd NSMA Award - Mississippi State Bulldogs



**Texas - Craig Way**  
2nd NSMA Award - Texas Longhorns



**Virginia - Mike Burnop**  
2nd NSMA Award - Virginia Tech Hokies



**Wyoming - Erick Pauley**  
2nd NSMA Award - Wyoming Cowboys



**Arkansas - Matt Zimmerman**  
1st NSMA Award - Arkansas Razorbacks



**Connecticut - Bob Joyce**  
1st NSMA Award - UConn Huskies



**Kansas - Brian Hanni**  
1st NSMA Award - Kansas Jayhawks



**Rhode Island - John Rooke**  
1st NSMA Award - Providence Friars



**South Dakota - John Thayer**  
1st NSMA Award - South Dakota Coyotes

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*Mike Reis*  
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# 2023 STATE WINNERS

## ALABAMA



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Chris Stewart



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Creg Stephenson

## ARIZONA



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Greg Schulte



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Kent Somers

## ARKANSAS



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Matt Zimmerman



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Trey Biddy

## CALIFORNIA



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Mike Krukow



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Joe Davidson

## COLORADO



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Chris Marlowe



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Nick Kosmider

## CONNECTICUT



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Bob Joyce



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Nkwa Asonye



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Dom Amore

## DELAWARE



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Bill Harman



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Kevin Tresolini

## WASHINGTON DC



**SPORTSCASTER**  
Dave Jageler



**SPORTSWRITER**  
Tarik El-Bashir



# 2023 STATE WINNERS

## FLORIDA



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Eric Reid



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Rick Stroud

## GEORGIA



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Brandon Gaudin



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Ken Sugiura

## HAWAII



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Kanoa Leahey



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Brian McInnis

## IDAHO



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Chris King



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Rachel Roberts

## ILLINOIS



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Jason Benetti



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Kevin Fishbain

## INDIANA



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Greg Rakestraw



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Kyle Neddenriep

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**SPORTS**CASTER  
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**SPORTS**WRITER  
Chad Leistikow



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Tommy Birch

## KANSAS



**SPORTS**CASTER  
Brian Hanni



**SPORTS**WRITER  
Arne Green



# 2023 STATE WINNERS

## KENTUCKY



SPORTSCASTER  
Greg Stotelmyer



SPORTSWRITER  
Kyle Tucker



SPORTSWRITER  
Mark Story

## LOUISIANA



SPORTSCASTER  
Steve Schneider



SPORTSWRITER  
Jeff Duncan

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SPORTSCASTER  
Jon Shields



SPORTSWRITER  
Larry Mahoney

## MARYLAND



SPORTSCASTER  
Geoff Arnold



SPORTSWRITER  
Jamison Hensley



SPORTSWRITER  
Jonas Shaffer

## MASSACHUSETTS



SPORTSCASTER  
Mike Gorman



SPORTSWRITER  
Alex Speier

## MICHIGAN



SPORTSCASTER  
Jennifer Hammond



SPORTSWRITER  
Dave Birkett

## MINNESOTA



SPORTSCASTER  
Dick Bremer



SPORTSWRITER  
Chip Scoggins



## MISSISSIPPI



SPORTSCASTER  
Bart Gregory



SPORTSWRITER  
Stefan Krajisnik



## MISSOURI



SPORTSCASTER  
Chip Caray



SPORTSWRITER  
Ben Frederickson

## MONTANA



SPORTSCASTER  
Herm Elenbaas



SPORTSWRITER  
Jeff Welsch

## NEBRASKA



SPORTSCASTER  
Jayson Jorgensen



SPORTSWRITER  
Steve Sipple



SPORTSWRITER  
Tom Shatel

## NEVADA



SPORTSCASTER  
Russ Langer



SPORTSWRITER  
Ed Graney

## NEW HAMPSHIRE



SPORTSCASTER  
Justin McIsaac



SPORTSWRITER  
Allen Lessels

## NEW JERSEY



SPORTSCASTER  
Matt Loughlin



SPORTSWRITER  
Steve Politi

## NEW MEXICO



SPORTSCASTER  
Scott Galetti



SPORTSWRITER  
Will Webber

2023 STATE  
WINNERS



## NEW YORK



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Kenny Albert



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Rich Cimini

## NORTH CAROLINA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Eric Collins



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Mike Solarte



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Brendan Marks

## NORTH DAKOTA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Alex Heinert



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Brad Schlossman

## OHIO



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Paul Keels



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Bill Rabinowitz



## OKLAHOMA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Jeremie Poplin



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Guerin Emig

## OREGON



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Brenna Greene



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Demi Lawrence



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Sean Highkin

## PENNSYLVANIA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
John Clark



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Mike Jensen



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Olivia Reiner

## RHODE ISLAND



SPORTS**CASTER**  
John Rooke



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Eric Rueb

# 2023 STATE WINNERS

## SOUTH CAROLINA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Bobby Hartin



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Pete Iacobelli

## SOUTH DAKOTA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
John Thayer



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Marcus Traxler

## TENNESSEE



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Mike Keith



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Teresa Walker

## TEXAS



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Craig Way



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Evan Grant

## UTAH



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Andrea Urban



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Tony Jones

## VERMONT



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Noah Cierzan



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Jacob Rousseau

## VIRGINIA



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Mike Burnop



SPORTS**WRITER**  
David Teel

## WASHINGTON



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Everett Fitzhugh



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Paul Silvi



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Larry Stone



## WEST VIRGINIA



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Cassidy Wood



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Tim Stephens

## VOTING PROCESS

NSMA members in each state nominate up to three people for state and national awards from mid-October through mid-November. The names of the top two state vote-getters and top 10 national vote-getters (plus ties) appear on the final ballot. If a minimum of two candidates fail to earn a minimum number of nomination votes, that category requires a write-in vote on the final ballot. National Board members supply the 10 Hall of Fame finalists.

Final ballot voting is conducted throughout the month of December. In the event of ties, a tiebreaker vote is conducted. If there is still a tie after the tiebreaker vote, that contest is declared a tie and the candidates are declared co-winners.



2023 STATE  
WINNERS

## WISCONSIN



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Jeff Levering



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Todd Rosiak

## WYOMING



SPORTS**CASTER**  
Erick Pauley



SPORTS**WRITER**  
Cody Tucker



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NSMA MARYLAND SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR!





# ANDREA KREMER

Andrea Kremer is one of the most accomplished and widely respected journalists in the industry today. In 2018, she was honored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame as the recipient of the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award, which recognizes "long-time exceptional contributions to radio and television in professional football." Kremer became the first fulltime female NFL game analyst, partnering with Hannah Storm to form the first female commentating team for Amazon Prime Video's "Thursday Night Football" package.



In 2011, she was named one of the 10 greatest female sportscasters of all time. TV Guide said Kremer is "among TV's best sports correspondents of either sex," and her work is "distinguished by her eagerness to calmly ask tough questions and her refusal to pursue the same old story." She has received numerous awards and accolades, including eight Emmys, multiple Gracies, and a Peabody. She was the first inductee into the Synopsis Sports Hall of Fame in recognition of her many contributions to journalism. In 2005, Kremer received a PRISM Award for her ESPN story on Dexter Manley and in 2017 she was inducted into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame. In 2020, Kremer received the Mary Garber Pioneer Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Association of Women in Sports Media (AWSM).

Kremer is currently Chief Correspondent for the NFL Network. She led the network's coverage and in-depth reporting on health and safety, a critical issue facing professional sports. She has chronicled All Pro defensive back Darrelle Revis' year-long comeback from a devastating ACL injury for "A Football Life," she interviewed Johnny Jolly in prison for drug abuse and then a year later as he returned to the Green Bay Packers' starting lineup, and also got wide receiver Laurent Robinson to open up about how his life changed after suffering four concussions in four months.

Kremer added a podcast to her broadcast portfolio in 2021 as the host of iHeart's "NFL Films: Tales From the Vault." This weekly podcast dives deep into NFL history featuring exclusive interviews between the late NFL Films founder Steve Sabol and some of the most iconic figures in the game.

Kremer was also a correspondent for HBO's "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel." For 16 years, she contributed a host of critically acclaimed profiles and features to the Emmy-Award winning newsmagazine show. Her 2016 investigation into sexual assault in Bikram Yoga was called one of the Ten Most Shocking Stories of the Year by Metro US. Among the most memorable interviews she has done at HBO include compelling one-on-ones with Robert Kraft, Kobe Bryant, Urban Meyer, Pete Carroll, Phil Jackson, Mark Davis, Barret Robbins, DeMaurice Smith, Bill Parcells, Jim and John Harbaugh as well as track and field star Caster Semenya. Her story on the abuse of the drug Toradol helped earn Real Sports its first Peabody Award in 2012.

In 2014, Kremer helped launch "WE NEED TO TALK," the first ever all-female nationally televised weekly sports show on CBS Sports Network. Airing in prime time, the show features a rotating group of female panelists discussing all the hot topics and the latest news from across the sports landscape. After its inaugural season, the show won a Gracie Grand Award for On Air Talent: Sports Program.

In addition to her current TV work, Kremer teaches a course of her own design, "The Art of

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## 2024 NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee HALL OF FAME SPORTSCASTER



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**KEVIN KEATTS**

Winner of the 2024  
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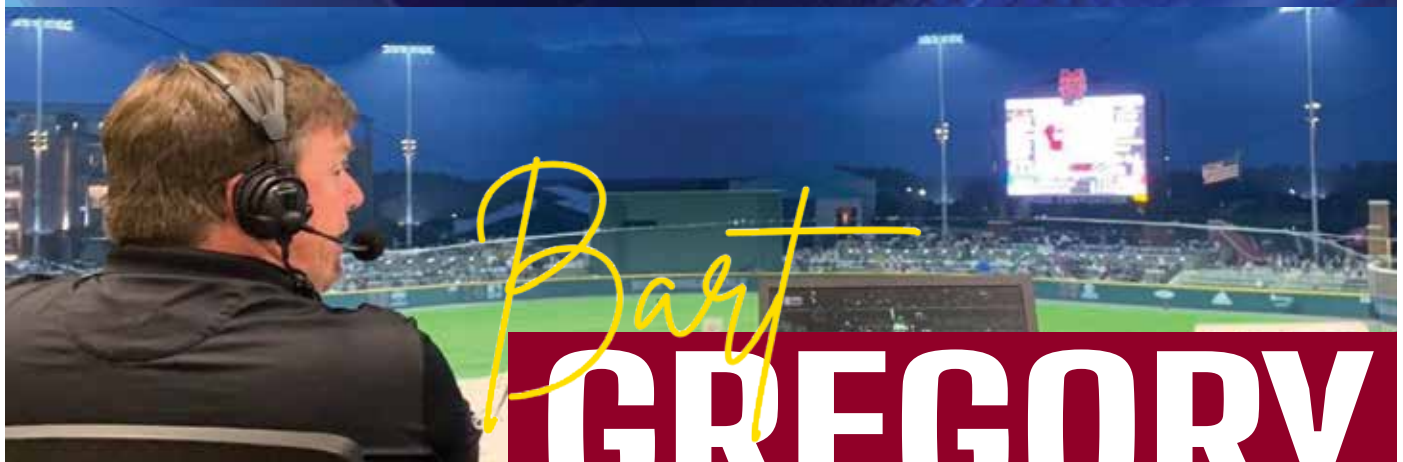


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SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR



# ROGER KAHN



Roger Kahn, was often called the dean of American sports writers and the best baseball writer in the country. He earned this praise as a newspaper reporter, magazine writer, columnist, and author for more than 50 years. Growing up in Brooklyn, he developed a deep passion for the Dodgers, eventually joining the New York Herald Tribune in 1948 as a copyboy, and by 1952, he was living his dream; he became the newspaper's star sports reporter by covering the Dodgers.

Transitioning to Newsweek magazine in 1956 as sports editor and later serving as editor at large for The Saturday Evening Post from 1963 to 1969, Kahn expanded his reach. He contributed a monthly column to Esquire magazine for ten years, winning the E.P. Dutton prize five times. Beyond sports, Kahn also covered fiction and nonfiction, exploring politics, social issues, and racial inequality. His heartfelt writings on Jackie Robinson's groundbreaking entry into major league baseball in 1947 skyrocketed his following.

At that point in his career, Kahn realized his passion and hard work were admired; he used this to his advantage, writing 17 nonfiction books, two novels, and countless articles in such national publications as Esquire, Sports Illustrated, Time, and The Saturday Evening Post. Recognized for his thoughtful commentary, Kahn's writings captivate readers by dissecting the greatness and flaws of sports figures.

"Roger Kahn is one of the most eloquent sportswriters ever," said John Mark Eberhart in the Kansas City Star. "All his pieces make for great reading as they address the greatness and shortcomings of everyone from Jack Dempsey to the late, great, obnoxious Yankees manager, Billy Martin."

In 1972 Roger Kahn became a national sensation after publishing his book *The Boys of Summer*. The book became a popular bestseller, and other authors used it hundreds of times each baseball season. Through March of 2024, *The Boys of Summer* had sold over 300 million copies. In addition to memorable meetings with Hall of Famers Jackie Robinson, Pee Wee Reese, and Duke Snider, as well as other notable Brooklyn Dodgers from the 1950s, the book traces Kahn's early years as a sports reporter in New York City. According to a review, the book captured the attention of readers. "It's not simply another story about a youngster who grows to love baseball or baseball in general, but a book about pain and defeat and endurance, about how men, anywhere, must live."

Kahn taught writing at various colleges and lectured at such universities as Yale, Princeton, and Columbia. In 2004, he was appointed the Ottaway Professor of Journalism at SUNY New Paltz. He emphasized the importance of mentorship in journalism and shared insights from his career. While at SUNY New Paltz, he also taught a class called "Beyond the Boys of Summer," where he discussed his approach to writing. Kahn was honored in 2006 by being inducted into the National Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, and Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig praised him as an "icon of our game."

Reflecting on his career, Kahn expressed his desire to pass his journalism knowledge to the next generation. Roger Kahn passed away on February 6, 2020, at 92.

2024 NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee  
HALL OF FAME SPORTSWRITER

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# TIM McCARVER



## 2024 NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee HALL OF FAME SPORTSCASTER

Tim McCarver proved as versatile and dependable during his Hall of Fame broadcasting career as he did during his MLB career that spanned parts of four decades. A two-time All-Star catcher who was part of two World Series championship teams, McCarver's broadcasting career lasted more than 30 years.

He was known as a shrewd and literate analyst, who could predict what was about to happen on the field. While sometimes a play-by-play announcer, McCarver was most often a color commentator, a role for which his talents were better suited.

His on-air career began in Philadelphia in 1980, moved to the Mets' booth, and then to his national appearances on four different networks, while also calling games for the Yankees and the Giants.

McCarver was a respected independent voice in the booth, not afraid to criticize teams for which he worked. Some thought that cost him his job with the Mets in 1999, after 16 seasons broadcasting their games.

McCarver called a total of 24 World Series. For the first, on ABC in 1985, he was a replacement for another NSMA Hall of Famer, Howard Cosell.

As with many of baseball's best broadcasters, McCarver was a catcher. The thinking goes that because a catcher plays such a large part in all facets of the game, that it's easier for one to impart that knowledge on a broadcast. When you mixed that with his intelligence, communication skills, and sense of humor, you had a Hall of Fame broadcaster.

When you think of McCarver as a ballplayer, the two words that come to mind are solid and dependable. Most of his career, which stretched from 1959 to 1980, was spent with two teams, the Cardinals and the Phillies. His career batting average of .271 was among the better averages for catchers at that time. But he was known better for his handling of pitchers, including two of the game's all-time best, Bob Gibson and Steve Carlton.

In 1966, McCarver did something no catcher had done before. He led the league in triples with 13. He made his first All-Star team that season, and made his second in 1967, when he hit .295 and with a career-high 14 home runs and 69 runs batted. He finished second behind teammate Orlando Cepeda in voting for the National League's Most Valuable Player award. With McCarver in the lineup, the Cardinals won three pennants and two World Series (1964, 1967). In the '64 series over the Yankees, he hit safely in all seven games, batting .478 and hitting a 10th-inning three-run homer to win Game 5. Though he didn't hit well in the '67 Series win over Boston, he hit .333 in the '68 Series against Detroit. Ironically, the Cardinals won in '67, but lost in '68. Both Series went 7 games.

As a player, McCarver is probably best known as the battery mate of choice for two of the greatest pitchers in big-league history, Bob Gibson and Steve Carlton. Both were on the Cardinals in the 1960s, and McCarver was behind the plate for Gibson's 1968 season, in which his earned run average was a minuscule 1.12, the lowest for any pitcher in more than century.

Carlton joined the Cardinals in 1965, and McCarver caught his first two all-star seasons,

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# JAYSON STARK

Jayson Stark grew up in Philadelphia dreaming of becoming a sportswriter. He has worked all of his adult life making that dream a reality.

Jayson has been a senior writer for The Athletic since 2018. Before joining The Athletic, he covered baseball for ESPN for 17 years and at the Philadelphia Inquirer for the previous 21 years. He also worked at the Providence Journal for five years following his graduation from Syracuse University. He has been a longtime presence on TV as well, most recently as an insider for MLB Network.



Jayson was the 2019 winner of the BBWAA's Career Excellence Award and was honored that summer at the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In his profile on the Hall of Fame's website, he was described as "a curator for all things weird, wacky, unique, statistically inclined and historically rare in the game." His popular "Weird and Wild" column at The Athletic is a regular collection of notes, quotes, numbers, oddities and laughs.

In his previous stops at ESPN.com and the Philadelphia Inquirer, he was the creator and author of the nationally syndicated "Baseball Week in Review" column, where he first began looking at baseball in the irreverent style for which he is so well known.

While working at the Inquirer, Jayson was twice named as the NSMA's Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year. He was a 2019 inductee into the Philadelphia Sports Hall of Fame and was honored by the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame in 2017. He was honored in 2010 by Penn State's Foster Conference for Distinguished Writers for his books and other work. He also appeared in the 2014 film, "Million Dollar Arm," starring Jon Hamm.

Jayson is the author of three books, "Wild Pitches: Rumblings, Grumbings and Reflections on the Game I Love" (Triumph Books, 2014), "The Stark Truth: The Most Overrated and Underrated Players in Baseball History" (Triumph Books, 2006) and "Worth The Wait: Tales of the 2008 Phillies" (Triumph Books, 2009). And in 2018, Topps issued an actual Jayson Stark baseball card.

Jayson lives in suburban Philadelphia with his wife, Lisa. They have three children: Steven, Jessica and Hali.

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HALL OF FAME SPORTSWRITER



# **GREG RAKESTRAW**

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# JOE BUCK



## 2024 NSMA Hall of Fame Inductee HALL OF FAME SPORTSCASTER

In March 2022, ESPN signed play-by-play commentator Joe Buck, along with Troy Aikman, to a multi-year deal, making him the new play-by-play announcer of Monday Night Football.

Buck and Aikman are the NFL's longest broadcasting tandem in history, beginning their partnership in 2002 as a three-man booth with analyst Cris Collinsworth, before becoming a duo in 2005. Over their 22 seasons together, they have called more than 300 regular-season games, more than 40 playoff matchups, 18 NFC Championships and Super Bowls XXXIX, XLII, XLV, XLVIII, LI and LIV. Both have been nominated for Sports Emmy Awards multiple times, with Buck winning a record-tying eight times for play-by-play. In December 2022, Buck was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

During the season, Aikman and Buck work alongside Lisa Salters, Monday Night Football's longest-tenured sideline reporter. In May 2023, at the 44th Annual Sports Emmy Awards, Monday Night Football won a Sports Emmy for 'Outstanding Live Sports Series' for the MNF's 2023 season – the trio's first year together.

At a mere 25 years old, Buck became a household voice for NFL fans. He made his NFL debut during the 1994-95 season, calling a full slate of games for FOX Sports, a role he has continued each subsequent year. As he enters his 29th consecutive season calling NFL games, Buck will become the eighth play-by-play voice of Monday Night Football. He has also continued a family legacy, as he and his dad, Jack, are the only father-son duo to both call network Super Bowls and be recognized with the Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award. Jack Buck also had significant history with Monday Night Football, calling play-by-play on the national radio broadcast from 1978-1984 and 1987-1995.

Outside of the NFL, Joe Buck's career accomplishments are vast and impressive, calling 24 World Series, 22 MLB All-Star games, five of golf's U.S. Opens, and having hosted his own studio shows. Buck has been named the National Sports Media Association's National Sportscaster of the Year four times, including three years in a row (2002-04, 2006).

Buck was a local radio and television announcer for the St. Louis Cardinals from 1991 to 2007. His broadcasting career began in 1989, while he was an undergraduate at Indiana University. That year he called play-by-play for the Louisville Redbirds of the American Association, a minor-league affiliate of the Cardinals, and was a reporter for ESPN's coverage of the Triple-A All-Star Game. Buck also hosted a talk show for HBO Sports, "Joe Buck Live," in 2009, and hosted "Undeniable with Joe Buck" on DirecTV's Audience Network.

Joe is the son of late broadcasting legend Jack Buck, whose career spanned parts of six decades. The Bucks become the third parent-child duo to become NSMA Hall of Famers, joining the Jenkinses (Dan, Sally) and the Carays (Harry, Skip).

Active in many national and local charities, he hosts The Joe Buck Classic golf tournament, which benefits St. Louis Children's Hospital and helps fund its imaging center. Since it began in 2000, the annual event has raised more than \$5 million. Buck also works closely with the Parkinson's Foundation, Mathews-Dickey Boys' & Girls' Club and City of Hope.

Buck is married to fellow ESPN reporter, Michelle Beisner-Buck. He has four kids; Natalie, Trudy, Wyatt and Blake.

# 64th National Sports Media Association AWARDS SCHEDULE

Grandover Resort, Greensboro, NC

**SUNDAY, JUNE 30**

Noon – NSMA	Registration begins, hotel lobby (1st floor, across from hotel registration desk)
3:30-5:30pm	Welcome Reception, Grandview Room (2nd floor)
6:30-9pm	Legacy Night, Grandville Ballroom A/B (1st floor) Dinner, followed by the presentations of the following awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Best Sports Book of the Year (2023)</li><li>- Best Sports Documentary of the Year (2023)</li><li>- Best Young (Under-30) Reporter of the Year (2023)</li><li>- Best Sideline Reporter of the Year (2023)</li><li>- Roone Arledge Award for Innovation (followed by an on-stage discussion with the winner(s))</li></ul>
9pm – Midnight	Networking After-Party, Griffin Room (1st floor)

**MONDAY, JULY 1**

8am – NSMA	Registration begins, hotel lobby (1st floor, across from hotel registration desk)
9am-4pm	Sports Media Convergence Summit, Whitehall Auditorium (1st floor)
5-6:30pm	General Reception, Grandville Ballroom B/C Foyer (1st floor)
6:30pm	Call to dinner, Grandville Ballroom (1st floor)
6:45pm	Dinner service begins, Grandville Ballroom (1st floor)
7:30pm	Awards Ceremony Begins, Grandville Ballroom (1st floor)
Following Ceremony	After Party, 1808 (Hotel Lobby Bar)

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Kevin Belbey (left), with 2022 Best Young Reporter Award winner, Andraya Carter

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Louisiana Sportscaster of the Year, Brooke Kirchhofer (right), with her mother, Ruth Kirchhofer

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NSMA Hall of Fame inductee, Lee Corso (left), with son Dan

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the Interview," in the Department of Journalism at Boston University's College of Communication. In 2015, she was appointed the Andrew R. Lack Fellow at Boston University. She has also guest lectured at several leading institutions including Stanford University and the University of Pennsylvania.

A versatile reporter, Kremer has worked close to 30 Super Bowls, covered the NBA Finals and All-Star Games, Major League Baseball's All-Star Game and League Championship Series, college football bowl games, Stanley Cup Playoffs and Finals, NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament, U.S. Olympic basketball trials, and the PGA Championship.

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1968 and 1969; after that, they followed each other.

McCarver was traded to the Phils in 1970, to the Expos in 1972, back to the Cardinals in 1973, and to the Red Sox in 1974. When Boston released him the next season, the Phillies brought him back and made him Carlton's personal catcher. From 1976 to 1979, Carlton won 77 games, the second of his four Cy Young Awards, and the Phillies reached the postseason three times.

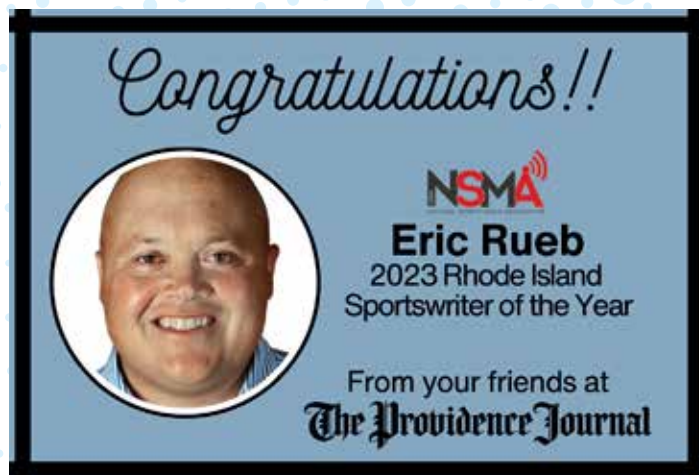
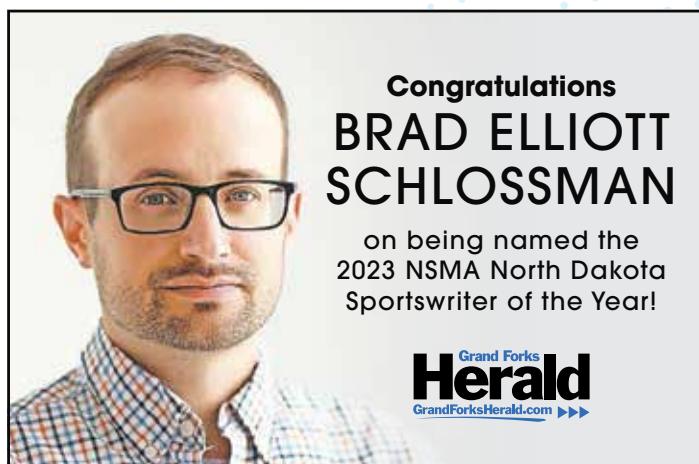
McCarver was released after the 1979 season and began his broadcasting career the next year, but the Phillies brought him back in October 1980 so that he could join the short list of big leaguers who played in four separate decades. He appeared in six games; had one hit, a double; and occasionally handled two jobs at once, conducting television interviews in his Phillies uniform.

McCarver also appeared on broadcasts outside of the baseball booth. He hosted the "Tim McCarver Show" on radio and television for several years, interviewing sports celebrities and others. He was a co-host for CBS' broadcast of the 1992 Winter Olympics. In addition, he co-authored six books, appeared in several movies, sang for an album, and was such a good bridge player, the New York Times talked about him in its bridge column.

The capstone to McCarver's career came in 2012, when he received the Ford C. Frick Award, essentially a lifetime achievement citation presented annually to a broadcaster by the National Baseball Hall of Fame for "major contributions to baseball."

Four years later, he was inducted into the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

McCarver died in February of 2023 in his hometown of Memphis. He left behind two daughters, Kelly and Kathy, and two grandchildren.







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# 2023-24 College Basketball Coach Of The Year

## BIG HOUSE GAINES AWARD

### KEVIN KEATTS

DIVISION I • NC STATE



Kevin Keatts' seventh season as head men's basketball coach at NC State turned out to be his team's best.

After a challenging 17-14 regular season, the Wolfpack ran off five wins in five days to capture the ACC Tournament championship. And the team stayed hot, winning four straight NCAA Tournament games before losing in the national semifinals to Purdue.

Keatts has an overall record of 139-94 and has guided NC State to a .500 or better record in ACC play in five of his seven seasons. He is just the second coach in the last 40 years to lead NC State to four consecutive seasons of .500 or better play in the ACC.

Keatts' NC State teams have a 88-33 home record in his seven years as head coach. The Pack has defeated 10 ranked opponents at home, including three wins over top-10 ranked teams.

The Pack's 2023-24 season saw NC State finish with a 26-15 record as NC State returned to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season.

It marked the fifth time in seven seasons that Keatts' teams finished with 20 or more wins.

Keatts came to NC State after three seasons as head coach of UNC-Wilmington. With the Seahawks, Keatts compiled a record of 72-28 (.720) and a 41-13 (.759) mark in Colonial Athletic Association play, leading the team to the postseason in each of his three years.

A native of Lynchburg, Va., he guided the Seahawks to CAA regular season titles all three years in Wilmington and was named CAA Coach of the Year in 2015 and 2016. He was the first coach in conference history to earn Coach of the Year accolades in back-to-back seasons.

He came to UNC-Wilmington after three seasons as an assistant coach on Pitino's staff at Louisville and was elevated to associate head coach in January of 2014.

While on staff at Louisville, Keatts and the Cardinals went 96-21 (.821) and Keatts helped the Cardinals compile two straight top-10 recruiting classes en route to a pair of Big East Conference championships and NCAA Final Four appearances in 2012 and 2013.

Prior to arriving at Louisville, Keatts served as the head coach at Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Va. In 10 seasons with two separate stints at Hargrave (1999-2001, 2003-2011), he compiled a 263-17 record with two national prep championships (2004, 2008), three runner-up finishes (2005, 2006, 2009) and two other appearances among the final four prep teams (2007, 2010).

#### Keatts Career Timeline

2017-present: NC State head coach  
2014-17: UNC-Wilmington head coach  
2011-14: Louisville assistant/associate head coach  
2003-11: Hargrave Military Academy head coach  
2001-03: Marshall assistant coach  
1999-2001: Hargrave Military Academy head coach  
1997-99: Hargrave Military Academy assistant coach  
1996-97: Southwestern Michigan assistant coach

Keatts has also had stops as an assistant coach at Marshall and Southwestern Michigan College. He worked for two seasons at Marshall from 2001-03 and assisted with the program at Southwestern Michigan in Dowagiac, Mich., during the 1996-97 campaign.

He was a two-sport standout in football and basketball at Heritage High School in Lynchburg, Va., and went on to play four seasons of basketball as a point guard at Ferrum (Va.) College. He later earned his Bachelor's Degree while at Marshall.

Keatts and his wife Georgette, have two sons, K.J. and Kaden.



# 2023-24 College Basketball Coach Of The Year

## BIG HOUSE GAINES AWARD

### ALFRED JORDAN

DIVISION II – CLARK ATLANTA



After going 8-20 in his first season at Clark Atlanta, Jordan's second team showed marked improvement. The Division II Gaines Award winner led the Panthers to a 22-5 record during the regular season, with the five losses coming by a total of 11 points. Clark Atlanta won the SIAC Eastern Division Championship, then won three straight games to take the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Tournament championship and advance to the NCAA Division II South Regional, where they lost to Florida Southern College. For his efforts, Jordan was named the SIAC Coach of the Year and HBCU National Coach of the Year by BOXTOROW.

Jordan is a Harlem, N.Y. native who earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, with a concentration in marketing from Clark Atlanta. He played point guard for the Panthers from 2006-09. Prior to starting as a head coach, Jordan served eight seasons as an assistant at his alma mater, and was part of three Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championship teams, including the regular season championships in 2009-2010 and the SIAC tournament champions in 2011 and 2017. During his last two seasons at Clark Atlanta, Jordan served as the recruiting coordinator. During that time, the Panthers went 45-18 with back-to-back NCAA Division II tournament appearances.

He then followed former Clark Atlanta head coach Darrell Walter to serve for two years as an assistant coach at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. There Jordan recruited four-star guard Markquis Nowell and Ruot Monyyong, a top-50 JUCO recruit. Nowell and Monyyong earned 2019-20 first-team All-Sun Belt honors while helping lead the team to a 21-12 record and a regular season championship. Another Jordan recruit, Kamani Johnson, was named All-Sun Belt third team.

Most recently, Jordan was the associate head basketball coach at Morehouse for the 2021-2022 season. During his time at Morehouse, the team won the Eastern Division regular season championship and tied the school's longest winning streak (18 consecutive games).

He and his wife Cherokee, are the parents of son Alfred Jr., and daughter, Aria.



### *About The Clarence "Big House" Gaines Awards*

*The Clarence "Big House" Gaines College Basketball Coach of the Year Awards are presented to the head coach in NCAA Divisions 1 and 2, who may not earn recognition from mainstream outlets. An NSMA committee votes on the awards at the conclusion of the NCAA men's and women's tournaments.*

*Gaines was the head basketball coach at Winston-Salem (NC) State University for 47 seasons. His teams won 828 games, including the 1967 NCAA Division II National Championship. That team was led by Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, who went on to an NBA Hall of Fame career. Among other notable players Gaines coached were Cleo Hill, the first NBA first-round draft choice from a historically Black college or university, and sports media personality Stephen A. Smith. A former president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC), Gaines was elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982. He died in 2005.*

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## 2023 SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR **KEVIN HARLAN**



Kevin Harlan joined the CBS Television Network's NFL broadcast team as a play-by-play announcer in 1998, after four years of broadcasting the NFL on Fox Sports.

He also has called CBS Sports' coverage of the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship since 1999, and called the NCAA Final Four and Championship game for CBS Radio Network and Westwood One for five consecutive years (2003-07), as well as the regionals (2009, 2010, 2011).

Harlan called CBS Sports' HDTV coverage of the 2001 AFC Championship and Super Bowl XXXV.

Harlan once again called play-by-play for "Monday Night Football" games teaming with Kurt Warner on Westwood One Radio Sports as the lead announce team, including all the playoffs, a Conference Championship game and the Super Bowl. In 2020, he called his 11th consecutive Super Bowl, surpassing a record held by former CBS Radio broadcaster Jack Buck. This upcoming NBA season marks his 35th season broadcasting the NBA. Harlan also has called play-by-play for Turner Sports' coverage of the NBA Playoffs since 1996. He has called regular-season action for TNT and TBS since the 1997-98 season and has served as play-by-play announcer for TBS's coverage of the 1998 Goodwill Games and several college football bowl games. For five seasons, Harlan broadcast NFL pre-season games for the Chicago Bears on WBBM-TV. He began broadcasting the Green Bay Packers' pre-season games in 2003 and will continue again this season. Harlan also called pre-season games for the Kansas City Chiefs, Jacksonville Jaguars, Washington Redskins and NFL Network. Harlan was voted the 2017 and 2019 National Sportscaster of the Year by the National Sports Media Association joining other CBS Sports broadcasters to win the award including Jim Nantz, Pat Summerall, Ray Scott and Chris Schenkel.

Harlan was the original broadcast voice of the NBA's Minnesota Timberwolves, calling their games for nine seasons on KFAN-AM Radio and KARE-TV. The Timberwolves honored him during the playoffs in May.

He has called NFL action for NBC Sports and college football for ESPN, as well as college football, college basketball and championship boxing for the Mutual Broadcasting System. In addition, Harlan has been the voice of the NBA's "2K" video games series since 2006, the last seven years with CBS Sports colleague Clark Kellogg as analyst.



Harlan landed his first job, as the radio and television voice of the NBA's Kansas City Kings, at the age of 22. He called basketball broadcasts for the University of Kansas Jayhawks Radio Network (1983-84) and also spent nine seasons (1985-93) as the radio voice of the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs. In addition, he provided radio play-by-play for the University of Missouri Football and Basketball Network (1986-89).



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*2023 National Sportscaster of the Year*

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*2023 National Sportswriter of the Year*

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## 2023 SPORTSWRITER OF THE YEAR **JEFF PASSAN**



Senior MLB Insider Jeff Passan joined ESPN in January of 2019, immediately making an impact through his position as a leading reporter in the industry. He appears regularly on ESPN studio shows, including *SportsCenter*, *Get Up* and *Baseball Tonight*, writes for ESPN.com and is a frequent guest on such ESPN podcasts as *ESPN Daily* and *Baseball Tonight with Buster Olney*. He has also contributed as an on-field reporter for *Monday Night Baseball* and *Wednesday Night Baseball*.

Passan was named a 2022 Dan Jenkins Medal for Excellence in Sportswriting award recipient by the Moody College of Communication Center for Sports Communication & Media at the University of Texas for his 2021 story on San Francisco Giants outfielder, Drew Robinson. Passan detailed some of the care that went into telling this story on ESPN Front Row in 2021.

Passan is now a two-time winner of NSMA's National Sportswriter of the Year Award, having also won it in 2021.

Prior to ESPN, Passan spent 13 years at Yahoo Sports. He is the author of New York Times bestseller *The Arm: Inside the Billion-Dollar Mystery of the Most Valuable Commodity in Sports*, and co-authored *Death to the BCS: The Definitive Case Against the Bowl Championship Series*.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Passan's love for baseball began in his hometown. "Getting to watch the 1990s Indians, with Albert Belle and Kenny Lofton and Jim Thome and Manny Ramirez and Omar Vizquel and Carlos Baerga and Eddie Murray, made a baseball fan of me forever," he said.

Passan is a graduate of Syracuse University. As someone with a passion for both sports and writing, he said, "the ability to marry the two seemed too convenient to work a real job."

"Somehow, for upward of 20 years now, I've managed to make it happen. And for all the late nights, the days away from the family, the clacking away on the keyboard: Yeah, it really is the best job in the world."





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# National Sports Media Association MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

The National Sports Media Association is dedicated to celebrating and advancing the work of sports media professionals across the United States. With a rich history spanning over eight decades, NSMA has been at the forefront of recognizing excellence in sports journalism, broadcasting, and related fields. The association is also committed to providing educational resources and networking opportunities to aspiring sports media professionals.

The NSMA Virtual Mentorship Program is designed to connect aspiring sports media professionals with industry veterans for personalized feedback, guidance, and support. Through virtual meetings, workshops, and networking, mentees will learn from experienced professionals, gain insights into the industry, and receive valuable career advice.

The Virtual Mentorship Program is an offshoot of the Sports Media Convergence Summit that the NSMA has conducted over the last decade. While the Summit is an important in-person event, the NSMA wants to widen our outreach to help more young people improve their skills, grow their network, and become confident and effective communicators.

NSMA has already surveyed our membership for interest, identified mentees and mentors, and will kick off our program on July 10 with a virtual introductory meeting.

We are looking for sponsorship of this fledgling program. If your company is interested in supporting a diverse program designed to help young people with real-world skills, please contact NSMA executive director Dave Goren at [dgoren@nationalsportsmedia.org](mailto:dgoren@nationalsportsmedia.org), or 336-655-2976.





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# NSMA's Sports Media CONVERGENCE SUMMIT

For more than a decade the National Sports Media Association has hosted a series of seminars and panels known as the Sports Media Convergence Summit. Dozens of our Hall of Famers, National and State Award winners, and other industry veterans have educated hundreds of students and young professionals on a variety of subjects pertaining to our industry. And it's all done on a volunteer basis.

Dozens more have volunteered their time in our "Critique Room," where those same students and young professionals can bring their clip files or demo reels, and receive invaluable one-on-one or small-group feedback.

The NSMA thanks all our presenters for giving back to those who follow in our footsteps.

## PANELS/SEMINARS MONDAY, JULY 1ST

GRANDOVER RESORT - WHITEHALL ROOM

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTER(S)	MODERATOR
9AM	What Do I Know: Exploring a Second Career	Jacob Hancock-Hernandez (Documentary Filmmaker) J. Mike Blake, English Teacher, Cardinal Gibbons HS and Kai Jones, Founder, WJG Sports	Dave Nathan
10AM	Future of the Beat: Balancing Analytics with Reporting & Game Coverage	Kevin Fishbain (The Athletic - Chicago) Tim Stephens (HD Media - West Virginia)	Dave Nathan
11AM	How to Get Started	Noah Cierzan (WPTZ-TV, Burlington, VT) John Thayer (Coyote Sports Props., SD) Andrea Urban (FOX13 - Salt Lake City)	Dave Nathan
NOON	LUNCH		
1PM	Play-by-Play Fundamentals: Prep, Performance, and Persistence	Kevin Harlan (CBS/Turner/Westwood One) Eric Reid (Miami Heat/BallySports)	Daron Vaught
2PM	Making the Most of Interviews (Best practices for asking questions, getting sources to open up, knowing when and when not to pry, embracing silence, etc.)	Andrea Kremer (NFL Network) Brendan Marks (The Athletic, NC) Olivia Reiner (Philadelphia Inquirer)	Daron Vaught
3PM	Finding and Developing Column and Enterprise Ideas	Bill Rabinowitz (Columbus Dispatch) Ed Graney (Las Vegas Review-Journal) Jayson Stark (MLB.com/MLB Network)	Daron Vaught

## FEEDBACK

GRANDOVER RESORT - BEAUMONT ROOM

9AM - NOON	John Rooke (Providence College Radio), Paul Keels (Ohio State Radio), Brian Hanni (KU Jayhawks Radio), Sean Kelley (Florida Gators Radio, ESPN), Steve Holman (Atlanta Hawks Radio)
1PM - 4PM	Everett Fitzhugh (Seattle Kraken Radio), Craig Way (Texas Longhorns Radio), Chris Marlowe (Denver Nuggets TV), J.P. Shadrack (Jaguars Radio, Westwood One), Chuck Cooperstein (Dallas Mavericks Radio)





# CONGRATS

TARIK EL-BASHIR



D.C. SPORTSWRITER  
OF THE YEAR

Senior Writer for *The Athletic* &  
Monumental Sports Network  
covering the Washington Capitals





# CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Gorman

on being elected as the 2023 National Sports Media Association's (NSMA) Massachusetts Sportscaster of the Year.



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## *Congratulations* **Chip Scoggins**

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# Woody Durham

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Created in 2018, the Woody Durham Voice of College Sports Award recognizes professional college broadcasters who fit the following criteria: preparation; association with his/her school; tenure at their school; efforts in the community; mentorship of young broadcasters; character. The award is named for the legendary, 40-year radio play-by-play announcer for the University of North Carolina, and is sponsored by Learfield and the University of North Carolina athletics department.



### ALL-TIME DURHAM AWARD WINNERS

2023 – Rich Chvotkin  
Georgetown

2022 Joe Starkey  
University of California

2021 Gene Deckerhoff  
Florida State University

2020 Johnny Holliday  
University of Maryland

2019 Bill Hillgrove  
University of Pittsburgh

2018 Don Fischer  
Indiana University

Mike Reis, who retired in 2023 after 44 years as the radio play-by-play announcer at his alma mater, Southern Illinois University, is the winner of the 2024 Woody Durham Voice of College Sports Award. Sponsored by Learfield and the University of North Carolina athletics department, the award will be presented during the 64th NSMA awards banquet in Greensboro, N.C., on July 1, 2024.



### 2024 Winner MIKE REIS

A select group of NSMA member play-by-play announcers, including past winners, as well as representatives of the two sponsoring organizations vote on the award.

Reis said, "This is certainly a top highlight in my career. I know of Mr. Durham's -- and his family's -- legacy in North Carolina and beyond. So, to learn the award's selection committee thought my career met the qualifications established by his career, made me ecstatic." Reis added, "I am so happy that the selection committee for a national award like the Woody Durham Award would even notice a career made at the mid-major level like mine, let alone reward it."

Born in Cincinnati and raised in Cleveland, Reis began his sportscasting career as a student at SIU's radio and television stations in 1975. While still a student, he began working part time at WCIL Radio in Carbondale, IL, and upon graduation in 1978, moved to full time there.

Among Reis' highlights calling Salukis' games:

- 1983 I-AA National Championship football team;
- 2007 I-AA Final Four football team;
- 2002 and 2007 NCAA basketball tournament Sweet 16 teams;
- Seven Missouri Valley Conference regular season championships (basketball);
- 1977 College World Series (Baseball)
- Four NCAA baseball tournament teams.
- Reis was inducted into the Southern Illinois Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005, the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2005, and the St. Louis Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. He was recognized as the NSMA's Illinois Sportscaster of the Year in 2010.

Reis lives in Carbondale, IL.



2023 OVERALL WINNER

**Nikola Jokic**

BASKETBALL

### 2024 Monthly Winners

April – Scottie Scheffler, Golf

March – Mikaela Shiffrin, Skiing

February – Patrick Mahomes, Football

January - Jannik Skinner, Tennis

### *About The Hickock Belt® Award*

The Hickok Belt® Award was conceived as a way to honor Ray and Alan Hickok's father, Stephen Rae Hickok, an avid sportsman and the entrepreneurial innovator behind the Hickok Manufacturing Company, in Rochester, NY, once the largest and most respected maker of men's belts and accessories in the world.

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In 2014, Tony Liccione contacted the NSMA to help resurrect the award. The NSMA now provides the voting body for the award each month. The voters then pick one of the monthly winners as the overall yearly winner.

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Basketball



**2016**  
**Michael Phelps**  
Swimming



## **Previous Annual Winners**



**2017**  
**José Altuve,**  
Baseball



**2018**  
**Patrick Mahomes**  
Football



**2019**  
**Kawhi Leonard**  
Basketball



**2020**  
**Patrick Mahomes**  
Football



**2021**  
**Shohei Ohtani**  
Baseball



**2022**  
**Aaron Judge**  
Baseball



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**1962**  
Grantland Rice



**1963**  
Edward Brit 'Ted' Husing



**1964**  
Graham McNamee



**1964**  
Damon Runyon



**1967**  
Ring Lardner



**1969**  
J.G. Taylor Spink



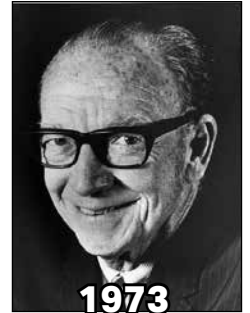
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Clem McCarthy



**1971**  
John Kieran



**1972**  
Mel Allen



**1973**  
Walter Lanier 'Red' Barber



**1973**  
Arch Ward



**1974**  
Bill Stern



**1974**  
Stanley Woodward



**1975**  
Russ Hodges



**1975**  
Dan Parker



**1976**  
Arthur Daley



**1976**  
Jay Hanna 'Dizzy' Dean



**1977**  
Walter Wellesley 'Red' Smith



**1978**  
Jim Murray



**1978**  
Jesse Owens



**1979**  
Lindsey Nelson



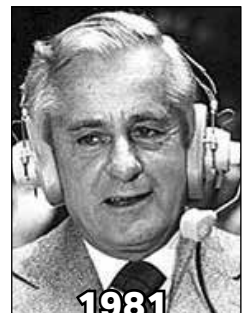
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John Wayne



**1980**  
Bob Considine

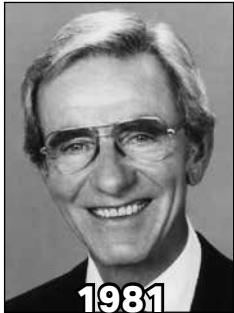


**1980**  
Lou Gehrig



**1981**  
Curt Gowdy

# HALL OF FAME GALLERY



**1981**  
Chris Schenkel



**1982**  
Ray Scott



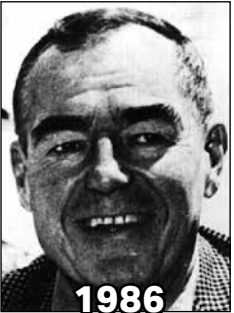
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Jack Brickhouse



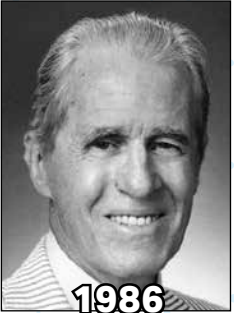
**1984**  
Shirley Povich



**1985**  
Si Burick



**1986**  
Jimmy Cannon



**1986**  
Don Dunphy



**1986**  
Bob Prince



**1987**  
Will Grimsley



**1987**  
Jim McKay



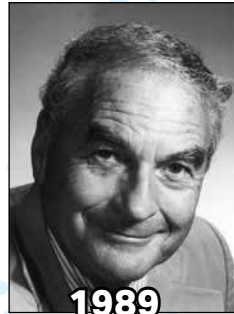
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Harry Caray



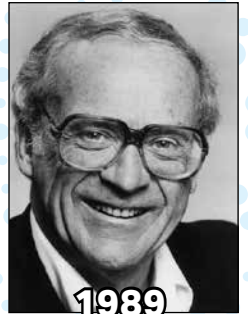
**1988**  
Fred Russell



**1988**  
John Patrick 'Jack' Murphy



**1989**  
Furman Bisher



**1989**  
William Earnest 'Ernie' Harwell



**1990**  
Dave Anderson



**1990**  
Jack Buck



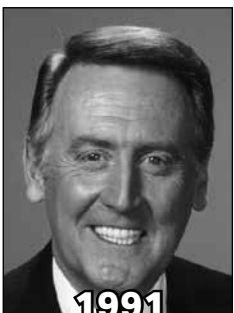
**1990**  
Knute Rockne



**1990**  
Ronald Reagan



**1991**  
Blackie Sherrod



**1991**  
Vin Scully



**1992**  
Dick Connor



**1993**  
Howard Cosell



**1993**  
Marty Glickman



**1993**  
Murray Olderman



# HALL OF FAME GALLERY



**1994**  
Edwin Pope



**1994**  
John Carmichael



**1994**  
Pat Summerall



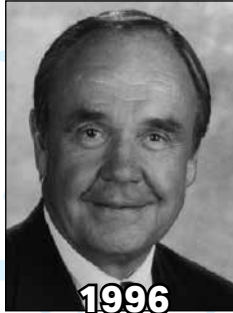
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Keith Jackson



**1995**  
Mel Durslag



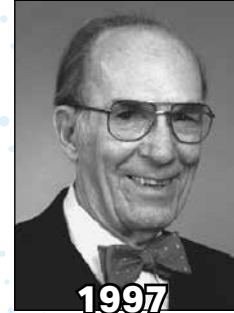
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Dan Jenkins



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Dick Enberg



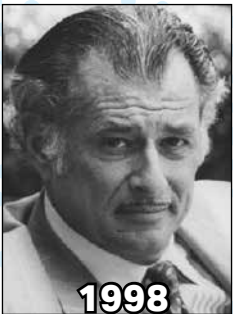
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Francis Dayle 'Chick' Hearn



**1997**  
Robert Wiley Broeg



**1998**  
Al Michaels



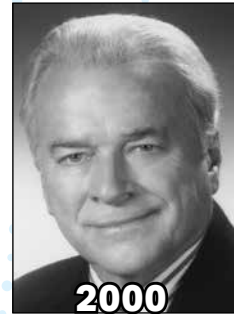
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Frank Deford



**1999**  
John Steadman



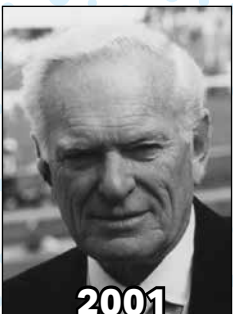
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Jon Miller



**2000**  
Jim Simpson



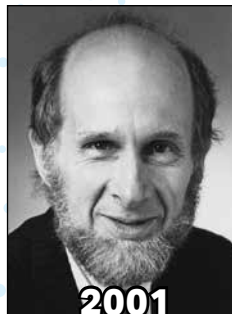
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Jerry Izenberg



**2001**  
Jack Whitaker



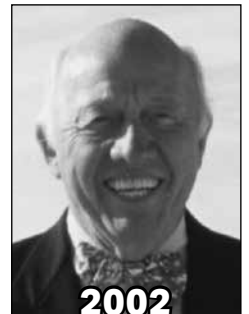
**2001**  
W. C. Heinz



**2001**  
George Vecsey



**2002**  
Bob Murphy



**2002**  
Bud Collins



**2003**  
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Will McDonough



**2004**  
Joe Garagiola



**2004**  
Jerome Holtzman



**2005**  
Marty Brennaman

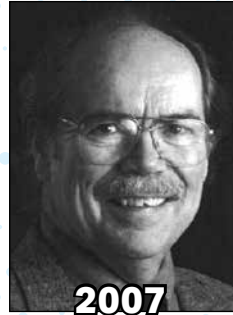
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**2005**  
Sally Jenkins



**2007**  
Verne Lundquist



**2007**  
Dave Kindred



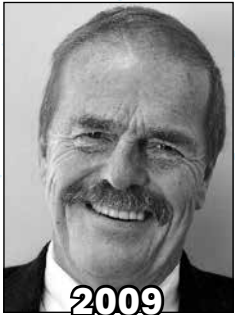
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Harry Kalas



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Mary Garber



**2009**  
Larry Munson



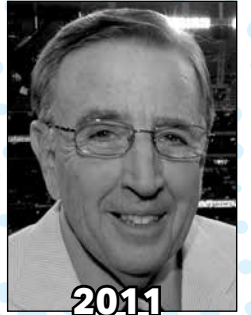
**2009**  
Leigh Montville



**2010**  
John Madden



**2010**  
Peter Gammons



**2011**  
Brent Musburger



**2011**  
Bob Ryan



**2011**  
Bob Uecker



**2012**  
Bob Costas



**2012**  
John Feinstein



**2013**  
Mitch Albom



**2013**  
Dick Vitale



**2014**  
Marv Albert



**2014**  
Rick Reilly



**2015**  
Dick Schaap



**2015**  
Hal McCoy



**2015**  
Bill Raftery



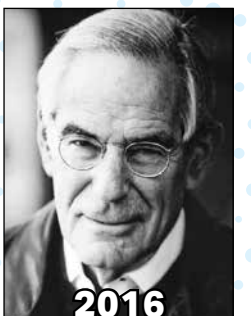
**2015**  
Lesley Visser



**2016**  
Billy Packer



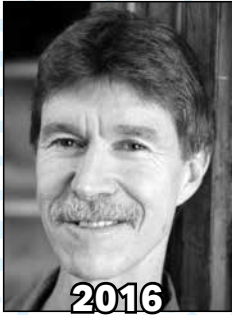
**2016**  
Chris Berman



**2016**  
David Halberstam



# HALL OF FAME GALLERY



**2016**  
Gary Smith



**2017**  
Frank Gifford



**2017**  
Linda Cohn



**2017**  
Mike Lupica



**2017**  
Sam Lacy



**2018**  
Woody Durham



**2018**  
Bryant Gumbel



**2018**  
Thomas Boswell



**2018**  
Dick Weiss



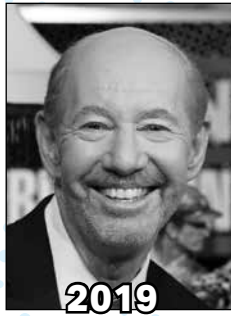
**2019**  
Bob Ley



**2019**  
Mike 'Doc' Emrick



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Peter King



**2019**  
Tony Kornheiser



**2020**  
Cawood Ledford



**2020**  
Dan Patrick



**2020**  
Michael Wilbon



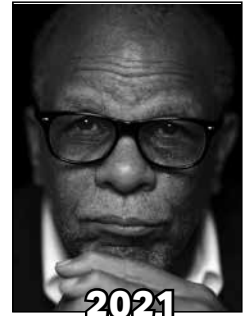
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Skip Caray



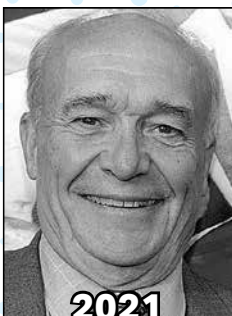
**2020**  
Tom Verducci



**2020**  
Dick Young



**2021**  
William C. Rhoden



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William Nack



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Rick Telander



**2021**  
Larry Merchant

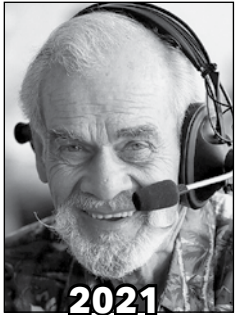


**2021**  
Jim Nantz



**2021**  
Dick Stockton

# HALL OF FAME GALLERY



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Bill King



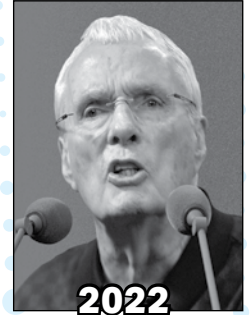
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Curry Kirkpatrick



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Stuart Scott



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Jackie MacMullan



**2022**  
Hubie Brown



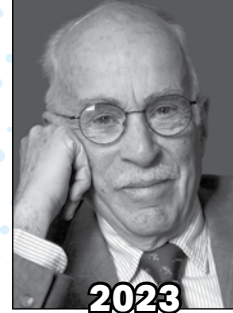
**2023**  
Lee Corso



**2023**  
Dan Kelly



**2023**  
Bill Plaschke



**2023**  
Roger Angell



**2024**  
Andrea Kremer



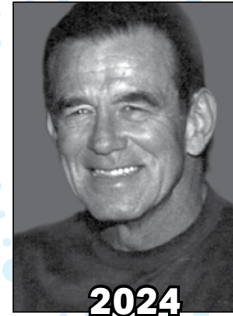
**2024**  
Jayson Stark



**2024**  
Joe Buck



**2024**  
Roger Kahn



**2024**  
Tim McCarver

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Through all the years, beginning at Brentwood Elementary,  
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have always show through.  
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many years of outstanding achievements.

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**STEVE BATTERSON**, longtime Quad City Times sportswriter and three-time NSMA Iowa Sportswriter of Year

**DARYL BELL**, was first Black journalist in Florida Times-Union sports department, second at Richmond Times-Dispatch. Spent most of career at Philadelphia-area newspapers

**BILL BENNER**, sportswriter and columnist for more than 40 years at the Indianapolis Star, two-time NSMA Indiana Sportswriter of Year

**JIM CAPLE**, baseball writer who covered 20 World Series for St. Paul Pioneer-Press, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and ESPN.com

**JOE FITZGERALD**, covered Boston sports for four decades at the Boston Herald

**RICK JEANNERET**, 51-year TV/radio voice of the Buffalo Sabres, and Hockey Hall of Famer.

**CHARLIE JONES**, longtime NBC and ABC sportscaster, best known for his play-by-play of the American Football League

**BOB KURLAND**, longtime Bergen Record from 1955-2001, was 1977 NSMA New Jersey Sportswriter of Year

**CHRIS MORTENSEN**, award-winning sportswriter who covered the NFL for ESPN for more than three decades

**PETER OOSTERHUIS**, served three decades as golf commentator for CBS, Golf Channel, and Sky Sports

**BILL REYNOLDS**, Providence Journal sportswriter for nearly 40 years. Five-time NSMA Rhode Island Sportswriter of Year

**TONY ROBERTS**, longtime radio voice of Notre Dame football. Also called NFL, MLB, NBA, college basketball and Olympics

**STAN SAVRAN**, longtime Pittsburgh TV/radio anchor, color commentator, and talk show host

**HOWIE SCHWAB**, ESPN researcher who starred in his own quiz show, "Stump the Schwab"

**AL SHAVER**, North Stars' play-by-play announcer for more than 20 years, 10-time NSMA Minnesota Sportscaster of Year

**T.J. SIMERS**, LA Times columnist, 1990-2013; was 2000 NSMA California Sportswriter of the Year

**IRWIN SMALLWOOD**, more than 40 years at the Greensboro News and Record, was on hand for founding of Atlantic Coast Conference

**KEN SQUIER**, longtime NASCAR broadcaster for CBS, TNN

**TERRY TAYLOR**, AP sports editor from 1992-2013

**DAVE VAN DYCK**, spent three decades covering baseball for the Chicago Sun-Times and Chicago Tribune

**LEN WAGNER**, 30 years at the Green Bay Press-Gazette, was 1974 NSMA Wisconsin Sportswriter of Year

**BILL WALTON**, basketball star turned TV color commentator. 30 years with CBS, NBC, ABC/ESPN, LA Clippers, and Pac-12 Network

**TOM WEIR**, USA Today sportswriter for nearly 30 years

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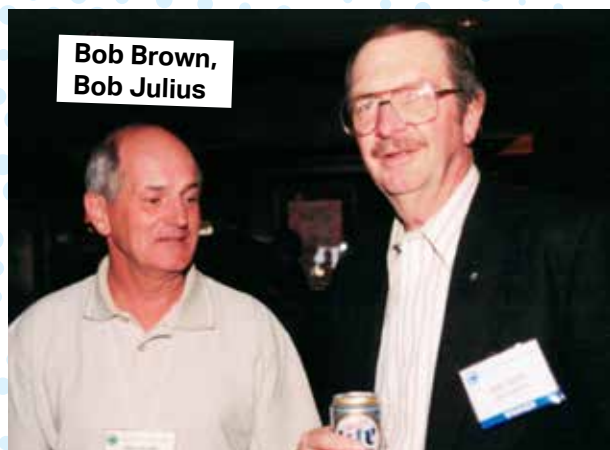
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Babe Laufenberg



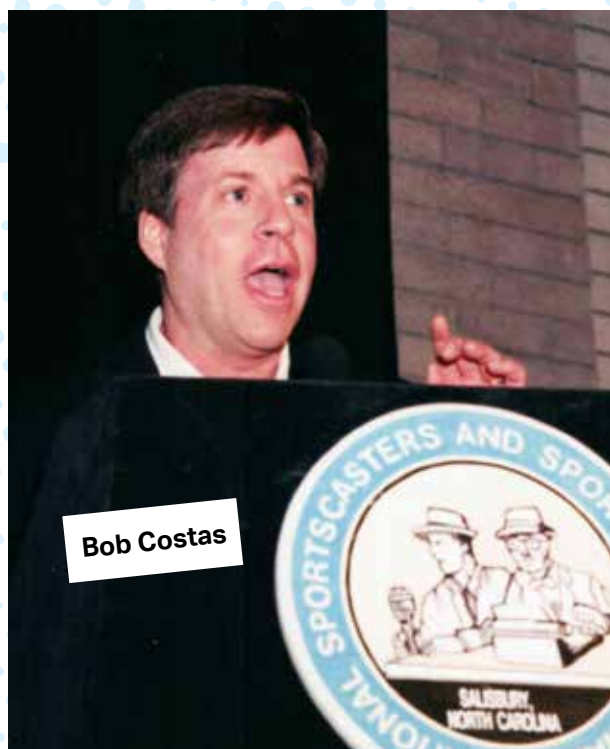
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Doug Doughty



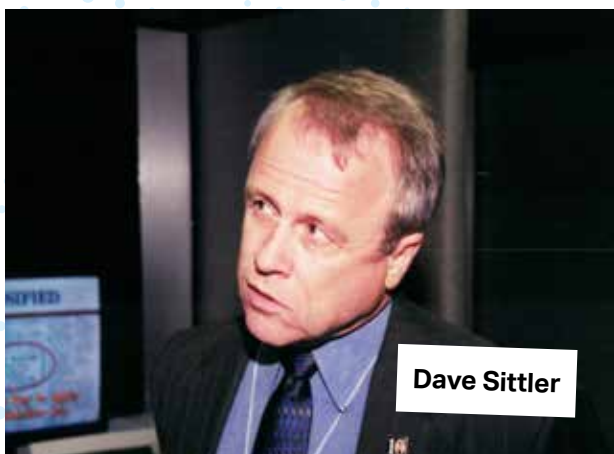
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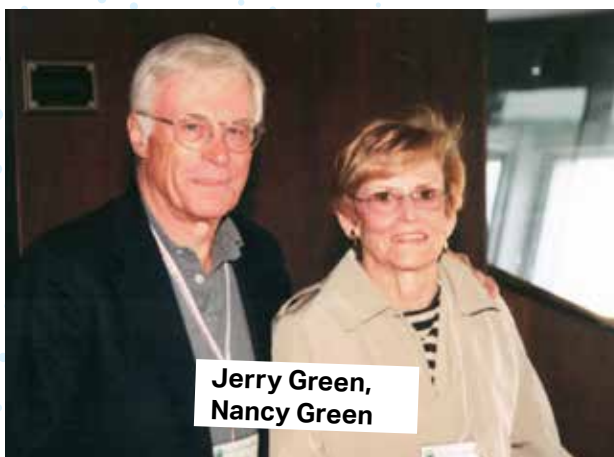
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Rick Peterson



Bob Costas



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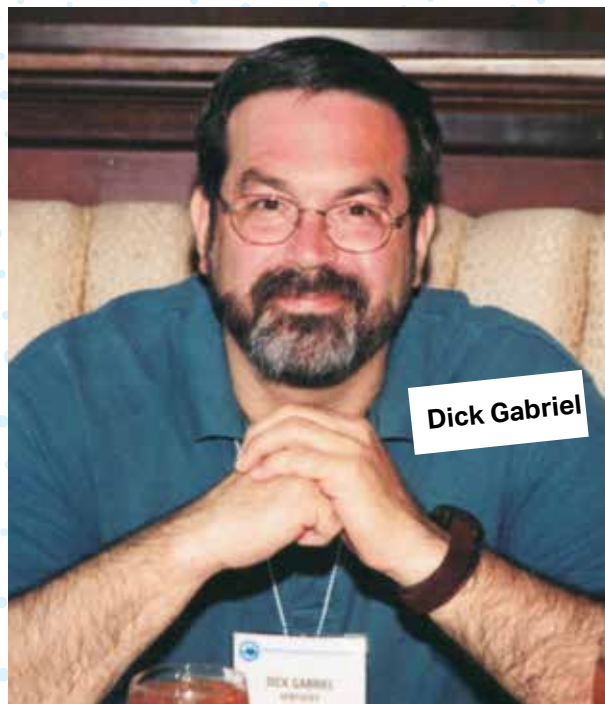


Jerry Green,  
Nancy Green

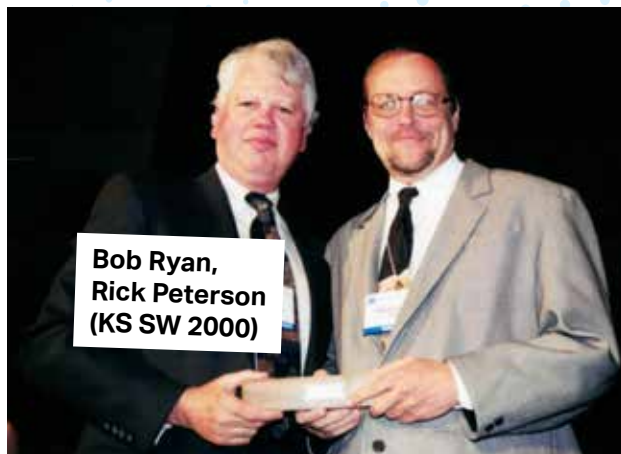
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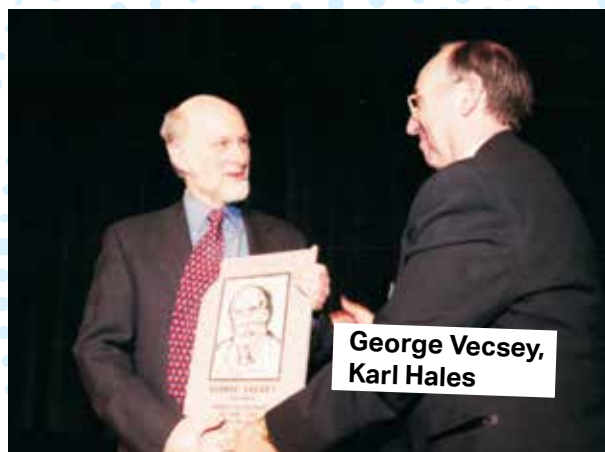
**Bob Costas, Kevin Williams (NJ SC 2000)**



**Dick Gabriel**



**Bob Ryan, Rick Peterson (KS SW 2000)**



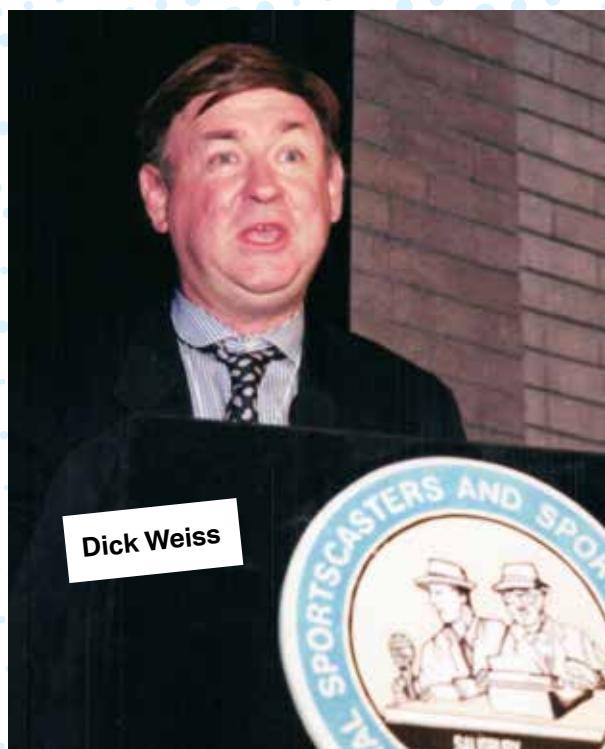
**George Vecsey, Karl Hales**



**Bob Julius, Lee Timmerman**

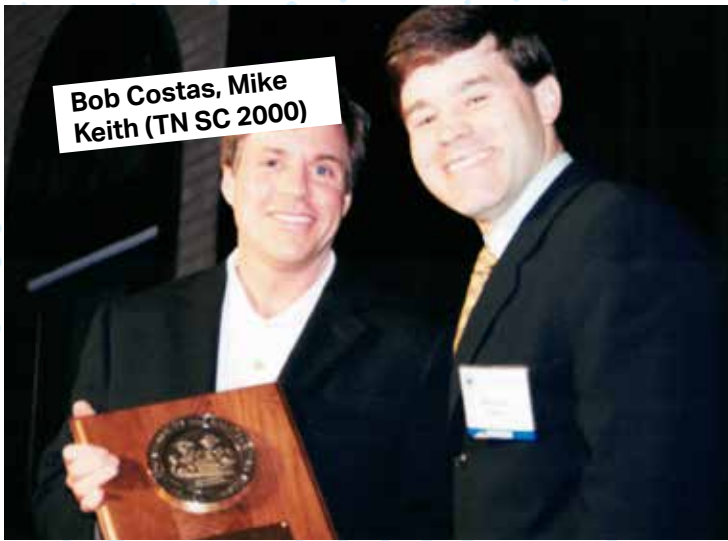


**David Simmons, Furman Bisher**



**Dick Weiss**





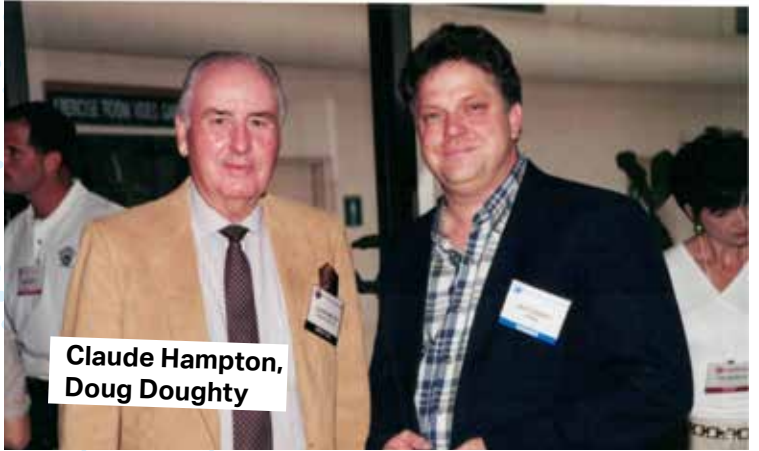
**Bob Costas, Mike Keith (TN SC 2000)**



**Bob Ryan, Vahe Gregorian (MO SW 2000)**



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# AWARDS 2023



2022 Sports Book of the Year Award winner, David Maraniss (left), with wife, Linda, and son, Andrew



2023 Woody Durham Voice of College Sports Award winner, Rich Chvotkin, with daughter, Pam



Hall of Fame inductee, Bill Plaschke (center), with daughter, MC and son, Willie



2023 Hall of Fame inductee, Lee Corso has a story for 2022 National co-Sportswriter of the Year, Ken Rosenthal



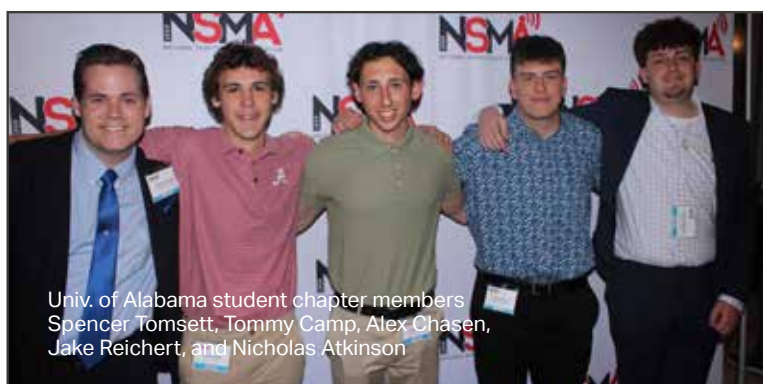
2023 Jim Nantz Award winner, Carlo Jiménez, center, surrounded by family members



Pete Thamel (top right) poses with his family and the 2022 NSMA co-Sportswriter of the Year Award



Stephen Gaither (center), with Arledge Award recipients Leon Carter (left), and Sandy Rosenbush



Univ. of Alabama student chapter members Spencer Tomsett, Tommy Camp, Alex Chasen, Jake Reichert, and Nicholas Atkinson



# National Sports Media Association AWARDS 2023

From left, Ian Eagle, Ken Rosenthal, Bill Plaschke, Pete Thamel, Dan Corso (son of Lee Corso)



NSMA executive director, Dave Goren, with wife, Ada



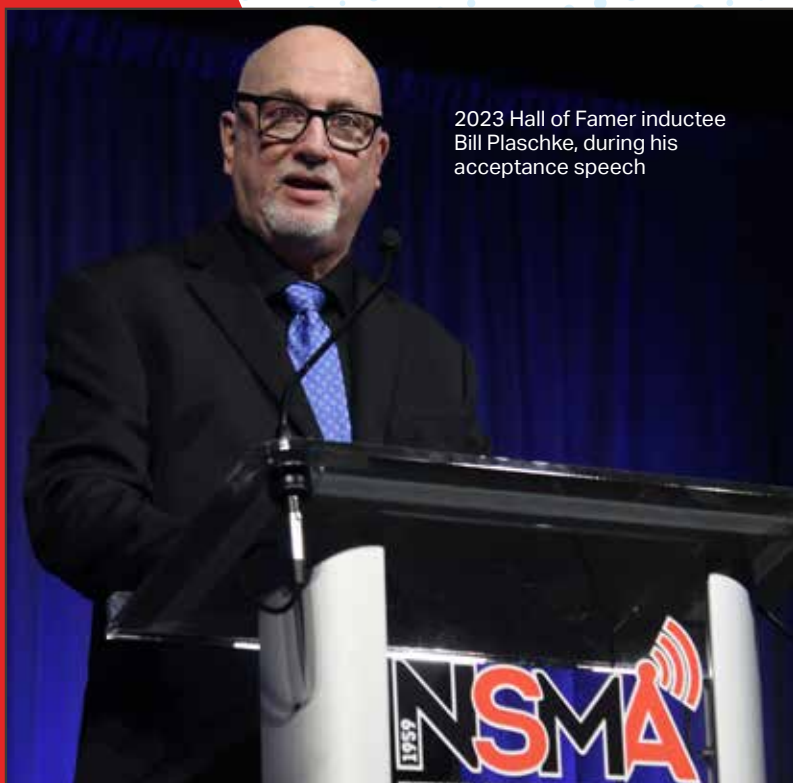
From left, Laura Chacon, Randolph Childress, Briana Brewer, NSMA board member Greg Brewer



2022 South Carolina Sportswriter of the Year, Grace Raynor (left), with 2023 Pennsylvania Sportswriter of the Year, Audrey Snyder



2023 Hall of Famer inductee Bill Plaschke, during his acceptance speech



2022 Best Sideline Reporter, Lisa Salters, with her son, Sam







NSMA executive director Dave Goren presents the Big House Gaines Award to Rodney Terry from the University of Texas



From left, Tom Boman of award sponsor, Learfield, 2023 Woody Durham Voice of College Sports winner, Rich Chvotkin of Georgetown, and NSMA board president Wes Durham



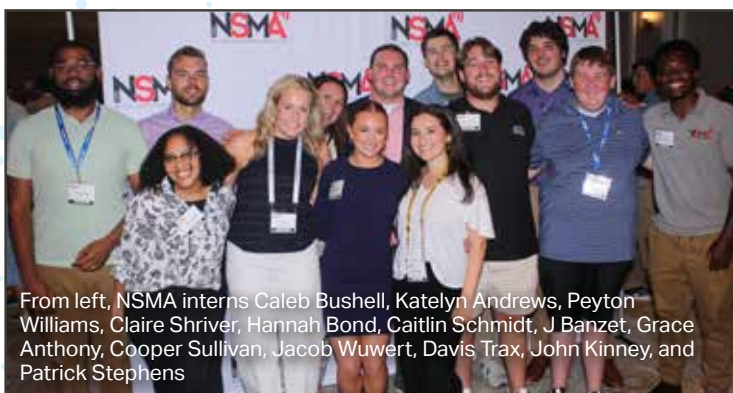
Legacy Night - 2023



NBA play-by-play announcers, from left, Ian Eagle (Nets, TNT TV), Chuck Cooperstein (Mavs radio), Steve Holman (Hawks radio), Chris Denari (Pacers TV), Noah Eagle (Clippers radio)



Sports Book Festival authors, from left, Bob Lowe, Terence Moore, Andrew Maraniss, David Maraniss, Tom Shanahan, Stu Pospisil, and Jo Lannin



From left, NSMA interns Caleb Bushell, Katelyn Andrews, Peyton Williams, Claire Shriver, Hannah Bond, Caitlin Schmidt, J Banzet, Grace Anthony, Cooper Sullivan, Jacob Wuwert, Davis Trax, John Kinney, and Patrick Stephens



NSMA board member, Jimmy Holder (center), with volunteers, Peyton Williams (left), and Jack McKenney



NSMA board president, Wes Durham, chats with NC A&T journalist-in-residence, Nicole Watson





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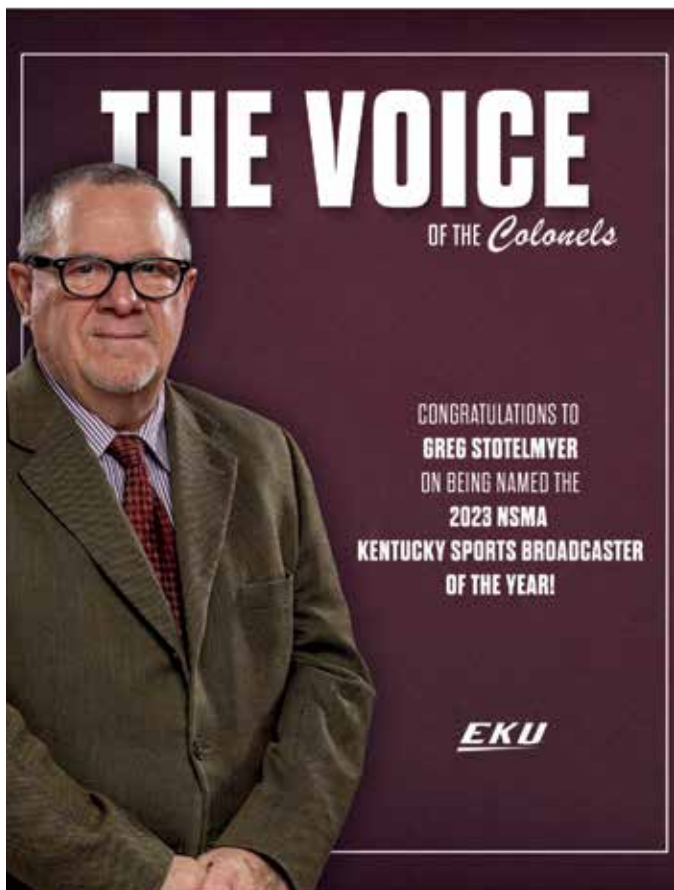
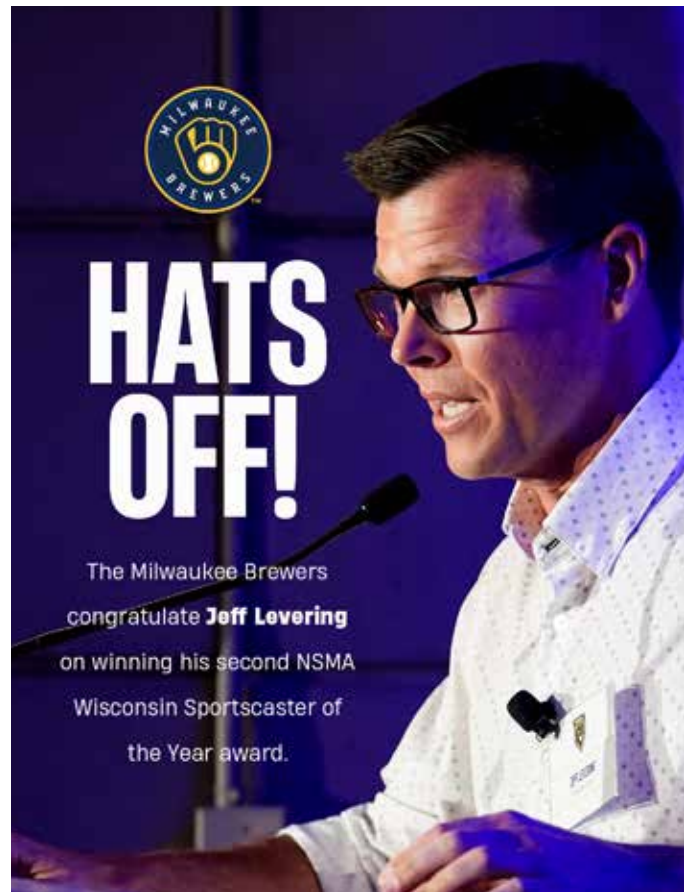
**Teresa Walker**

2023 NSMA Tennessee Sportswriter of the Year

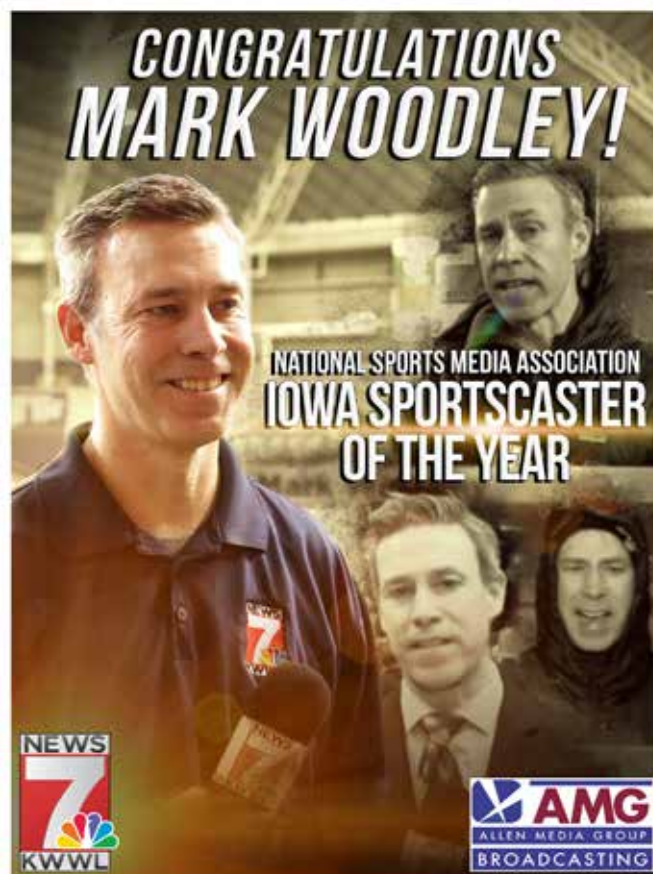
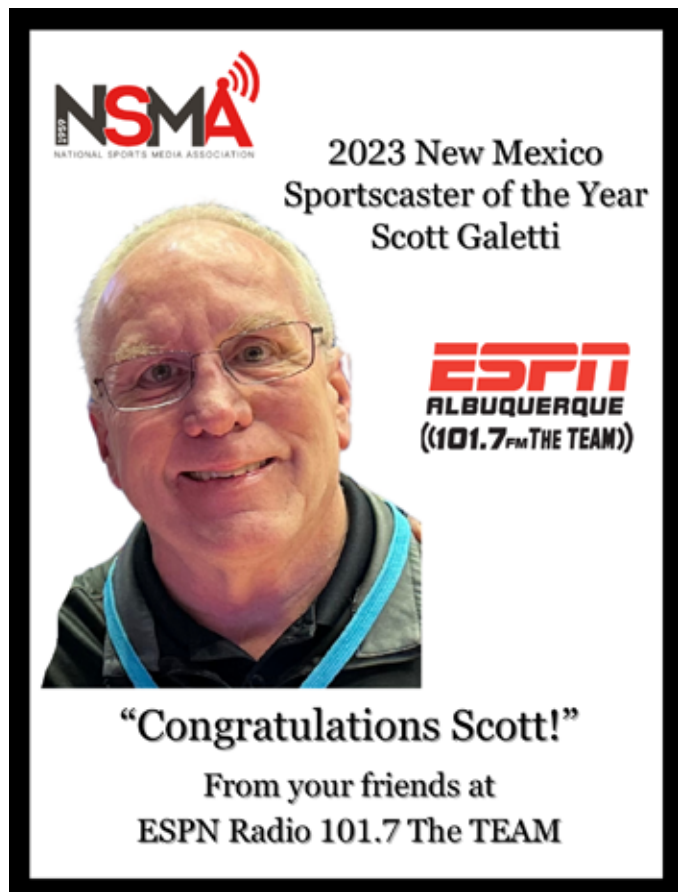


**Mike Keith**

2023 NSMA Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year









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