



TENNESSEE JOURNALISM HALL OF FAME

"Recognizing individuals who have demonstrated outstanding skill in their Journalism field"

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MURFREESBORO: The Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame will honor five broadcast journalists during a banquet and award ceremonies Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Murfreesboro Association of Realtors Training Center at 311 Butler Drive, Murfreesboro, Tn.

This will be the fourth class of inductees to be honored by the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame which is centered in the John Bragg Mass Communications building on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University. A listing of previous Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame inductees may be found at www.tnjournalismhof.org.

The 2016 class includes a former State Representative who began his journalism career at Murfreesboro's WGNS radio Station; a former anchor/producer and Television News Director before becoming Press Secretary for Governor Buford Ellington; an anchor, News Director and Reporter; a former TV Sports Director and Anchor; and a popular Radio Sports announcer and Sports News Director who called both Football and Basketball games for High School and College games.

The ceremony will be emceed by WSMV-TV Channel 4 news anchor Demetria Kalodimos, Nashville's longest serving TV News anchor. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. Guest speakers include; Shane McFarland, Mayor, City of Murfreesboro, Ken Paulson, Dean, College of Media and Entertainment, Ron Fryar, President of the Tennessee Press Association and Owner of the *Cannon Courier* and Whit Adamson, president of the Tennessee Association of Broadcasters.

Individuals who have distinguished themselves through news or business management, leadership in the industry, or in the ordinary practice of all forms of journalism can be considered for induction. Inductees may be living or deceased. Nominees for the 2017 class are being accepted now. Nomination forms and guidelines may be downloaded from TJHOF website.

The Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame 2016 class include:

- **Tom Britt**, News Producer/Anchor/Reporter, WBBJ-TV, Jackson, Tn.
- **Hudley Crockett**, Former News Director, Anchor, Producer, WSIX-TV (WKRN) and Press Secretary for Tennessee Gov. Bufford Ellington, Nashville, Tn.

- **Monte Hale**, Sr. Sports Director/Announcer WGNS Radio, Murfreesboro, Tn **Posthumous**
- **John D. Hood**, Director of Government and Community Affairs, MTSU, Former Tennessee State Representative, Popular Master of Ceremonies and Radio Station WGNS News and Program Director, Murfreesboro, Tn.
- **Darrell Patterson**, Sports Director/Anchor WTVC-TV, Channel 9, Chattanooga, Tn.

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