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Call for VAB Hall of Fame & Award Nominations



View HOF Criteria & Make a Nomination

Each year, the VAB recognizes outstanding Vermont broadcasters with inductions into the elite VAB Hall of Fame as well as with awards for excellence including:

- Broadcaster of the Year
- Alan Noyes Community Service
- Snyder-Teffner Award for Support Roles
- Rising Star

The VAB relies on members to nominate colleagues they believe are deserving of either induction into the VAB Hall of Fame or one of the excellence awards. The nomination window is now open and it is time for you to let the VAB know who is deserving of these prestigious recognitions!

Descriptions of each excellence award are below and nominations must be received no later than Friday, September 12th, 2025 at 11:59PM.



The intent of this award is to honor a professional TV or radio broadcaster or a radio or TV station or group, that has done something so extraordinary within the past 12 months (August 2024-July 2025), that it shines a positive light on the role of broadcasting in Vermont.

Examples could include (but are not limited to) an extraordinary act during an emergency, a stand-out way of going above and beyond to make sure viewers or listeners are alerted to something serious or providing help to a fellow broadcaster in need.



The Snyder-Teffner Award honors a professional who has demonstrated excellence "behind the scenes" in a support role. This includes anyone working in operations, administration, sales, creative services, production, promotions, HR, traffic, reception, engineering, I.T., editors, producers, videograpers, master control operators, etc.

The intent of this award is to honor the unsung heros who do not work on camera or on a microphone and are unknown to viewers or listeners.

Submit a Nomination

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Open to a television or radio station or individual broadcaster that has completed a project within the last 12 months (August 2024-July 2025) that made a positive contribution to a community in need, or to a nonprofit organization that serves a community in need.

This award will go to someone under the age of 30 who is new to broadcasting but shows an extraordinary amount of passion and potential and will likely have a long and successful career in the industry! Open to any person working in any department of radio or TV for 2-5 years.

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Save-the-Date! VAB Hall of Fame & Awards Gala Saturday, November 15, 2025



Saturday, November 15, 2025, the VAB will celebrate two milestones; the "Platinum" 70th Anniversary of the VAB as well as the "Pearl" 30th Anniversary of the VAB Hall of Fame & Awards Gala! This year's event will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Burlington Vermont and the theme is "Platinum & Pearls!"

More details and registration information coming soon, but if you would like to participate in the planning of this milestone event, please join the VAB Membership Committee meeting via ZOOM Wednesday, September 3rd from 3:30-4:15 PM at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84791787087

Dan Feliciano Joins WVMT



Dan Feliciano brings a unique blend of military discipline and analytical expertise to Vermont radio as the new co-host of WVMT's "The Morning Drive" along with Anthony Neri.

As a U.S. Navy Sonar Technician, he developed the foundation for his career-long passion for analyzing complex systems and finding clear solutions to challenging problems.

Following his military service, Dan became a GE-certified Master Black Belt, applying his problem-solving skills across industries, including healthcare, finance, defense contracting, and manufacturing. He developed innovative frameworks, such as The Phoenix Protocol, for organizational recovery.

Vermonters know Dan from his runs for Governor and Auditor of Accounts, experiences that deepened his understanding of state issues. As an active member of Braver Angels, he's committed to fostering respectful dialogue across political divides—a skill that will serve him well in his new role.

Dan and his family are proud Vermonters, and he's excited to bring his military-trained analytical approach, curiosity, and commitment to honest conversation to WVMT's morning audience.

WOOL FM Celebrates 20 Years!



Congratulations to WOOL FM, Black Sheep Radio, on celebrating their 20th Anniversary and 20 years of member owned, volunteer run, community radio in Bellows Falls!

Saturday, August 23rd, WOOL FM will hold a 20th anniversary block party FUNdraiser they're calling "MIssion: Transmission" to raise money for a new transmitter. Its happening from 2:00-10:00 PM at the Waypoint Center in Bellows Falls. The party features 8 live bands playing live music and live DJ's from WOOL all day, family-friendly games, classic festival foods, a 50/50 raffle, cash bar and more!

Free Webinar Tuesday, August 12th



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Finish Strong, Start Bold!

BROADCAST SELLERS, ARE YOU READY TO FINISH THE YEAR WITH A BANG AND KICK OFF YOUR NEXT QUARTER AHEAD OF THE GAME?

Paul Weyland, LBS Broadcast Selling Expert



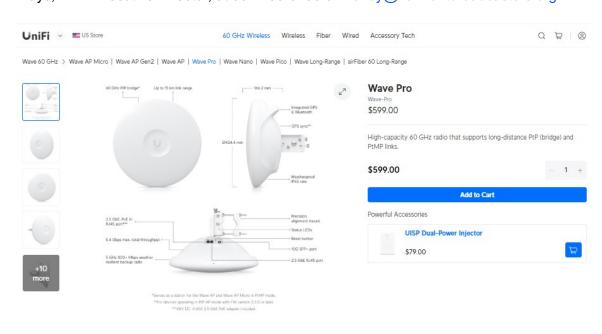
Finish Strong, Start Bold! Broadcast Sellers, are you ready to finish the year with a bang and kick off your next quarter ahead of the game?

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Join Paul Weyland Tuesday, August 12th atst 12:00PM for a high-impact webinar complete with actionable strategies to help you close fourth-quarter deals and carry momentum forward. We'll explore proven techniques to attract holiday advertisers across Christmas, New Year's, and other key celebrations, as well as practical insights for driving both time-sensitive and long-term campaigns. Whether you're boosting billings or building advertiser value, this session will equip you to lead with confidence and deliver results.

New Equipment For Sale @ 50% Retail Cost

The VAB has a pair of brand new Ubiquiti Wave Pros for Sale for 50% of the retail cost. They were purchased for an EAS project we thought we had to do, but then found out we didn't, so they are still in their shipping boxes and have never been opened. If you were to buy them from the supplier, the pair would be \$1,200, but the VAB is selling the pair for \$600 and will deliver for free within Vermont. If you are interested, call or email Wendy Mays, VAB Executive Director, at 802-233-0296 or wendy@vermontbroadcasters.org



The VAB also has a brand new Barix Instreamer Audio Encoder for sale at 50% of the retail cost. Again, it was purchased for an EAS project it turned out we didn't have to do and has never been opened or used. It retails for \$399 and we are asking \$200 and will ship it to you. If interested, call or email Wendy Mays at 802-233-0296 or wendy@vermontbroadcasters.org



Broadcast Job Openings Around Vermont







Sales Representative

Air Talent

Part-time Board Operator





News Anchor, Gray Television Future Focus
Intern,

Multimedia Sales Executive, Junior Account
Executive, Digital Marketing Consultant









Master Control Supervisor, Multimedia Journalist, Broadcast Production Assistant, Assistant Chief Engineer, Master Control Operator, Local News Producer, Sales Account Associate, Account Executive

IT Broadcast Engineer, Graphic Artist/Photographer, Digital Content Manager, Senior Sales Account Executive, Multimedia Journalist, Photographer/Director

This Week at the FCC



Every week, the attorneys at <u>Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP</u> in Washington D.C. provide a summary of the regulatory and legal actions of significance to broadcasters within the FCC. They also provide links to information about how these actions may affect your operations. Read this week's summary as well as summaries from past weeks at:

vermontbroadcasters.org/this-week-at-the-fcc

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