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WCM Hall of Fame Inductees

2008 Wade Britzius, Trempealeau County Community Television
2009 Judi Kneece, Janesville JATV
2010 Jon Urben, Oshkosh Community Media
2011 Pam Steitz, Sun Prairie Kids-4
2012 John Jordan, Wausau Area Access Channels
2013 Mary Shanahan-Spanic, West Allis Community Media Center
2014 Connie Darling, Fitchburg FACTV
2015 Mick Givens, Rice Lake Television
2016 Dan Kummer, Marshfield Community Television
2017 Bonnie Lundy, Fitchburg FACTV
2018 Liz Harlow, Oregon Cable Access Media

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Dear Liz,

John Kelly
Secretary
Trempealeau County
Community Television

I have the great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by the WCM Board of Directors to be the 2018 inductee into the WCM Hall of Fame! Each year, WCM recognizes and inducts one community media professional who has shown great leadership and devotion to the mission of public, education, and government access television -- "empowering people to create media for human purposes." Your more than 30 years of dedication to the cause of access is one to be proud of and one WCM is very pleased to recognize.

Deb Brunett
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You started as a public access television professional when the field was just being defined. In 1985, the landmark 1984 federal Cable Act was new when the Village of Oregon decided to form a non-profit organization, the Oregon Community Foundation, to use the local cable access channel to cover the schools, the village, and the community at large. Your community connections made you the kind of person the Village was looking for – someone who was committed to the community, had a lot of energy, and was willing to learn video to bring the community to life on TV.

Directors

Tina Breeze Wahlers
Janesville JATV

Boyce Johnson
Madison City Channel

Working out of a closet in Village Hall, you gathered together a group of high school students who were eager to play with cameras and microphones to record school events and games on tape. Parents started to get involved, too. They saw the value in recording the important events in their children's lives. With this group, you also covered government meetings and community events, and the profile of the channel grew.

Tom Loucks
Wisconsin Rapids
Community Media

Andy Radig
UW-Oshkosh

Jeff Robbins
Sun Prairie Media Center

As a member of Inter-Comm of Southern Wisconsin in the 1980's and 1990's, you shared program ideas, explored equipment options, hosted production workshops and built relationships with other communities doing access, too.

Jake Timm
Oshkosh Media

Derek Westby
WSTO Stoughton

In 2005, OCA finally emerged from the closet and moved to Market Street. Still working as a part-time director, you had added a couple more part-time employees to help run the station. Many students had come in and out your door, learning valuable skills that would serve them for life. One of the high school kids loved doing production so much he decided to go to school for it. And that kid, Tim Olsen, returned to Oregon to bring a valuable set of skills to the station and help move it firmly into the

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digital sphere. And that same kid is receiving a top Excellence Award in the Best of the Midwest Media Fest for his program, "Welcome Home to Oregon" this year. You must be very proud of him!

At your retirement in late 2016, you didn't just walk out the door. You made sure the new manager, Paul Zwicker, had the reins firmly in hand before you did. You stayed to help with the transition and to make sure that after thirty years, the station you had built and nurtured was going to be just fine.

We will be recognizing your contribution to community television and to the Village of Oregon by inducting you into the WCM Hall of Fame at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show on Thursday, May 10 at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center in Oshkosh. There are two tickets reserved for you and a guest. Oregon Cable Access Media will receive the traveling Hall of Fame plaque with your name added to display proudly during the coming year.

Please contact me to let me know who is coming by emailing or calling me by Friday, May 6. All the best!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Cardona". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Cardona
Executive Director

cc: WCM Members