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2021 VAB Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet Recap



*Award Winners L-R Standing: Noah Villamarin-Cutter, Tim Thayer, Bill Goldsbury, Liz Strzepa
Hall of Fame Inductees L-R sitting: Bruce Zeman, Stephanie Gorin, Steve Cormier, Shelly Holt Allen*

WATCH THE FULL EVENT RECORDING HERE!

After a Global Pandemic kept us apart for almost two years, Saturday, December 4th, the Vermont Association of Broadcasters were able to come together again and celebrate the 26th Anniversary of the Hall of Fame & Awards Banquet at the Hilton Hotel in Burlington!



About 200 guests enjoyed a spectacular evening of eating, drinking, socializing and recognizing excellence within Vermont's broadcast community.

Special guests at the event included Sue Keenom from the NAB in Washington D.C. and Vermont's Adjutant General, MG Gregory Knight. [Senator Leahy](#), [Rep. Welch](#) and [Gov. Scott](#) all sent recorded messages of congratulations.

introduced Rising Star Award Winners Liz Strzepa from WPTZ and Noah Villamarin-Cutter from Vermont Public Co.

WCAX-TV GM Jay Barton introduced Snyder-Teffner Award Winner Tim Thayer and Mary Cenci and Karen Lougee accepted the award on behalf of their colleague Lynn Elkert.



WVNY Chief Engineer Greg Towne introduced Distinguished Service Award winner Bill Goldsbury and VAB President Alex von Lichtenberg [revealed that all Vermont broadcasters won "Broadcaster of the Year"](#) for their unprecedented efforts during a global pandemic.

VAB President Alex von Lichtenberg also [introduced the concept of a VAB group PSA](#) thanking viewers and listeners and promoting fair and trustworthy journalism within Vermont media.

We remembered broadcasters we lost in 2020 and 2021 with a beautiful [In Memoriam](#) presentation put together by Scott Antonovich of WKVT-FM.

We also shared a series of three videos created by NAB entitled "[Shining A Light](#)", "[Spreading Hope](#)" and "[Supporting Our Communities](#)" that featured passionate messages from State Broadcaster Association leaders around the country.

The highlight of the evening came when four new members were inducted into the VAB Hall of Fame. Watch the induction introduction video links below:

[Bruce & Hobbes video](#) created by Daniel Calcagne of WFFF-TV & WVNY-TV

[Shelly Holt Allen video](#) created by Jen Bergeron and Bob Conley of WCAX-TV

[Steve Cormier video](#) created by Steven Tanzi of Radio Vermont Group

[Stephanie Gorin video](#) created by Steven Kuntz of WPTZ-TV



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VAB Paid Internship Program Spring 2022 Enrollment Now Open



The VAB's newest member benefit; a Paid internship Program designed to connect stations who need workforce help with students interested in pursuing careers in Broadcasting, is now accepting applications for Spring 2022.

Here's how it works:

- Station applies through VAB.org to get 100% of the internship subsidized.
- VAB Awards Nomination Committee reviews applications and selects up to three grantees.
- VAB writes a check to the station for \$1,731.90 to pay 120 hours at \$12.55/hour (VT minimum wage) + 15% towards payroll taxes.
- Station finds and hires the intern on their own. VAB will have nothing to do with the selection process, but the intern must be a college or trade school student obtaining school credit.

[DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION](#)

Job Openings at Stations Around Vermont



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Utilizing your state broadcasters association to post job openings earns you EEO Credit! If you have a job opening you would like the VAB to publicize, simply email a description to vab@vab.org

This Week at the FCC



Every week, the attorneys at [Wilkinson Barker Knauer, LLP](#) 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:

<https://vab.org/this-week-at-the-fcc>

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