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## **2020 BOARD OF GOVERNORS AWARD HONOREE ANNOUNCED**

**Reston, VA, June 12, 2020** --- The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS-NCCB) is pleased to announce the 2020 Board of Governors Award honoree. All honors will be presented at the 62<sup>nd</sup> Emmy<sup>®</sup> Awards Gala on Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The **Board of Governors Award** reaches beyond those usually awarded for television news and production by recognizing achievements by individuals, organizations or companies in community service or other worthwhile endeavors within the National Capital Chesapeake Bay's region. Historically, the Board of Governors Award is presented for truly outstanding achievement and unique accomplishment of some duration and durability. This year, the award will be presented to Washington Capitals play-by-play announcer **Joe Beninati of NBC Sports Washington**.

Joe Beninati has become synonymous with the Washington Capitals during his 25-year tenure as the team's play-by-play announcer for NBC Sports Washington. Though Beninati's emphatic goal calls are the most memorable part of his repertoire, his ability to illustrate every moment of the game in an entertaining and insightful fashion is what has made him a favorite amongst the Rock-the-Red faithful and his peers, and which has earned him 14 NATAS-NCCB Emmy<sup>®</sup> Awards. Along with his partner Craig Laughlin, Beninati experienced the apex of his quarter-century of service calling hockey in the nation's capital during the 2017-18 season as the Caps claimed their first Stanley Cup Championship. From calling preseason games to emceeding the championship celebration on the National Mall, he helped narrate one of the most magical seasons in DC sports history.

"Joe Beninati makes an impact well outside of his role as an announcer," said Chapter President, Jason Gittlen. "He has become a leading advocate and representative for the Capitals and NBC Sports Washington in the community, helping build the sport of hockey and giving back to those in need through his support of countless causes and events. Joe is also a selfless colleague and mentor to many, helping guide rising professionals through the ranks and providing advice to those looking to break into the field," he added.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences was established in 1958 and is an organization comprised of more than 900 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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