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Julio Avila, WTKR - Norfolk, VA



Julio Avila is a reporter for WTKR-TV in Norfolk, Va. He currently reports three days out of the week and appears during on the station's weekend morning newscast where Julio highlights some of the good happenings in the Hampton Roads region of Virginia and North Carolina.

He crossed over the Mason-Dixon line in August 2019 for the first when the station hired him. Julio came down south after working for two years at WETM-TV in Elmira, N.Y. where he was a weekday reporter and weekend anchor. He was born and raised on Long Island for most of his life where Julio also worked and went to school.

Julio's journalism career expands on a variety of topics from hard to soft. He enjoys covering every bit of it and uses those moments and stories to learn and grow. If you ask him what his most favored stories were, he would tell you of a series called "Paranormal in the Twin Tiers" that he produced, edited, and reported on during the Halloween seasons of 2017 and 2018.

Jaqueline Karli, WBOC - Salisbury, MD



Jacqueline Karli spent more than 25 years covering stories affecting Southern California before moving with her husband Todd Karli to WBOC in Salisbury, MD in 2016.

An award-winning journalist, she is the recipient of numerous industry honors including multiple Emmy and Golden Mike Awards. She also received the prestigious regional Edward R. Murrow award for her coverage of a homeless teen and his mother. Jacqueline is passionate about highlighting the plight of young people who are determined to succeed despite facing overwhelming circumstances. She sees local news as the perfect opportunity to showcase people who lead and inspire.

A native of Washington State, Jacqueline graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Communications from the University of Washington. She landed her first reporting job in Montana before moving to Bakersfield, Calif., where she met and married Todd. The couple has two children.



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Michelle Marsh, WJLA - Washington, DC



Michelle Marsh is an Emmy Award winning journalist. Michelle joined the team in January 2016. She anchors the 4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. newscasts for ABC7 and the 10 p.m. news on WJLA 24/7.

Michelle came to ABC7 from WRAL-TV in Raleigh, NC where she spent four years as a morning and noon anchor. While in Raleigh, she was awarded two Emmys for breaking news coverage and best newscast.

Prior to working in North Carolina, Michelle anchored and reported in Atlanta, Georgia for WGCL. Michelle is a native New Yorker and began her career as a reporter at stations in Binghamton and Albany. She is an alumnus of Syracuse University, graduating Magna Cum Laude from the prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications with a B.S. in Broadcast Journalism.

Michelle's move to the DMV brings her closer to family. Her sister Rene is the Aviation and Government Regulation Correspondent for CNN based in Washington, D.C.

During her free time, Michelle enjoys traveling, attending sporting events, and the arts. Her love for musical theater stems from her years of training in ballet, jazz, tap, and modern dance.

Michelle grew up in Queens and Long Island. She is of Jamaican descent.

You can follow her work on Facebook, Twitter, @ABC7MichelleM and Instagram, Tvmichellemarsh.

Alberto Pimienta, Telemundo 44 / NBC - Washington, DC



Alberto Pimienta is a reporter for *Noticiero Telemundo 44*, our sister station Telemundo 44/WZDC, serving the Spanish-speaking community in the Washington, D.C. area. Pimienta reports the latest and most important news for viewers and contributes to NBC4 News.

Prior to joining Telemundo 44 in November 2017, Pimienta worked as a political reporter for NY1, NY1 News and the 24-hour local Spectrum News stations from 2016 to 2017 as a political reporter in Washington, D.C., covering Congress and the White House. Also covered the legislative shooting in Alexandria, the Republican and Democratic National Convention in 2016 in Cleveland and Philadelphia, President Donald Trump's campaign closing event in New York, the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando and the violent protests in Charlotte.



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Pimienta also worked as a reporter at Voice of America (VOA) in Washington, D.C., from 2012 to 2016. He covered the protests in Ferguson, the riots in Baltimore and Chicago, the third Nuclear Security Summit in The Hague, the Netherlands, the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and the Washington Navy Yard massacre.

Pimienta holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana.