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2021 TED YATES AWARD HONOREE ANNOUNCED

Reston, VA, June 14, 2021 --- The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS-NCCB) is pleased to announce the 2021 Ted Yates Award honoree. All honors will be presented at the 63rd Emmy® Awards on Saturday, June 26th.

The **Ted Yates Award** is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding professional and personal qualities in their contribution to television news and public affairs in the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region. Ted Yates was an NBC News producer who traveled the world on assignment. Killed in the practice of his profession, he is remembered for his achievements in journalism. This year, the award will be presented to **Deborah Weiner** of WBAL-TV11 News in Baltimore Maryland.

Deborah Weiner has worked as a journalist for more than three decades. She has spent nearly two decades at WBAL-TV covering everything from Maryland Holocaust survivors to teen victims of Baltimore crime. Last year she produced the documentary “NO MINOR CRIME” which chronicled the tragedies of the young people killed in the streets of Baltimore during 2019. She then served as an indelible piece of continuing COVID-19 coverage for the rest of the year while suffering from the deadly virus.

“Deborah Weiner is the embodiment of a person any news organization would want on the frontlines of journalism. Her greatest professional asset is that she is an upstanding newsroom citizen. Deborah Weiner cultivates her craft as a storyteller as she communicates her care about the characters about whom she writes in her stories,” said Chapter President Jason Gittlen.

“The Ted Yates Award is traditionally given to individuals in our profession who have exhibited bravery on and off the job. I can think of no more fitting recipient than Deb,” 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 1500 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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