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**2021 BOARD OF GOVERNORS 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 Board of Governors Award honoree. All honors will be presented at the 63<sup>rd</sup> Emmy® Awards on Saturday, June 26<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 **Sue Kopen Katcef** who is recently retired from teaching at the University of Maryland as well as the former Capital News Service Bureau Director of the Merrill College of Journalism.

Sue Kopen Katcef is also an award-winning veteran broadcast journalist. Prior to coming to the Merrill College of Journalism, Ms. Kopen Katcef (who is a Merrill alum) was a reporter and anchor for WBAL Radio in Baltimore and has also worked as a television reporter at Baltimore's WJZ and Maryland Public Television.

"Sue has numerous awards throughout her career and service to the many students she has mentored including the Chapter's induction into Silver Circle which honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the broadcast or cable industry for 25 years or more," said Chapter President Jason Gittlen. "Sue has also been the heart and soul of the Chapter's educational mentoring program *Face Time with the Pros* held each year for students and journalists in the beginning stages of their careers. Her impact on student journalists throughout the years has been immeasurable," 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 1,500 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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