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THANK YOU TO ALL THE ASPIRING ENTRANTS IN THE 2015 SUNCOAST EMMY® AWARDS!

We had another record-breaking year with entries in the 2015 Suncoast EMMY® Awards! We received over 1,400 entries this year — an all-time record! Good luck to all those who entered. Nominations will be announced in mid-October on the chapter website suncoastchapter.org. Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2015 Suncoast Emmy® Awards gala which will be held Saturday, December 5th at the Westin Beach Resort & Spa on Fort Lauderdale beach.

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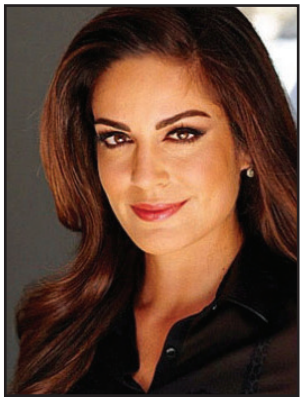
BIG PEOPLE MOVES IN THE SUNCOAST REGION!

RUDABEH SHAHBAZI JOINS CBS4 AS MORNING NEWS ANCHOR


Rudabeh Shahbazi

(CBSMiami) — CBS4 is thrilled to announce the latest addition to their award-winning anchor team. EMMY® award winning journalist Rudabeh Shahbazi joined CBS4 as co-anchor of the station's weekday morning newscasts on Monday, August 3rd.

"Rudabeh is a dedicated and accomplished journalist who is passionate about helping her community," said CBS4 Vice President and General Manger Adam Levy. "She will be a great addition to our team."

Shahbazi was most recently a multi-media journalist and fill-in anchor at KABC-TV in Los Angeles. Prior to that, she was a multi-media journalist at KNXV-TV in Phoenix, where she received a regional EMMY® Award for reporting. She has also worked in Pasco, Washington and Oakland, California. During her tenure in Southern California, Shahbazi has been very involved with the non-profit organization "School on Wheels." Her work has been focused on serving as a tutor to homeless children in the Los Angeles area.

"I am excited to join the CBS4 team, at a station with a record of quality journalism and investigative reporting." Shahbazi said. "I also can't wait to call South Florida home, explore all the beauty and culture it has to offer, and become part of the community."

Shahbazi received her undergraduate degree in journalism at Pepperdine University and earned her master's degree from the University of California, Berkley Graduate School of Journalism.

LOCAL 10 EMMY® AWARD-WINNING INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER JOINS KTVU IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA

Ross Palombo

Ross Palombo has joined the staff of Fox affiliate KTVU in the San Francisco Bay Area as weekend morning anchor. In addition to that role, he will also serve as political and investigative reporter.

Ross was a part of the Local 10 news team since 2010. During the past 20 years he has held investigative reporter and anchor positions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Phoenix, Memphis, San Antonio, Texas and For Wayne, Indiana as well as anchor and correspondent for CBS News in New York.

Ross has received numerous Suncoast EMMY® Awards during his time in the Suncoast region. All the best on your new position Ross!

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FAUSTO MALAVE IS NAMED WSCV TELEMUNDO 51 CO-ANCHOR OF 5:30PM, 6PM AND 11PM NEWSCAST

MIRAMAR, FL – WSCV Telemundo 51 today announced that Fausto Malavé is the Co-Anchor of the 5:30 PM, 6 PM and 11 PM weekday newscasts effective immediately.

Fausto Malavé

"Fausto is a very experienced journalist who every day demonstrates his commitment to the station, to the news team and to the audience," said Jorge Carballo, President and General Manager of Telemundo 51. "Fausto has been co-anchoring our weekday newscasts with Daisy Ballmajó since March of this year, along with Sports anchor Carlos Maxwell and Chief Meteorologist Luis Carrera, and we are very pleased that as of today he will continue to do so on a permanent basis."

Malavé joined Telemundo 51 as a reporter in 2006 and became co-anchor of the station's weekend newscasts three years ago. Before joining Telemundo 51, Malavé worked in Venezuela as anchor of Noticiero Estelar and as host of the political opinion show Sin Reservas on the Venevisión Network. He also worked as host and producer of the political program ¿Quién Tiene la Razón? Venezuela's Televen channel. Upon arriving in Miami he hosted Galavisión's show El Rastro del Crimen and also reported for Univision/WLTV.

While holding his positions as weekend and weekday news anchor at Telemundo 51, Malavé has continued to report from the field about local, national and international stories, and has continued to travel for the station to cover stories such as the recent Summit of the Americas in Panamá. Malavé graduated from the Universidad Central in Venezuela with a journalism degree. He has received six EMMY® awards for his special news reports on various topics of social interest.

"Without a doubt, this is one of the most important and wonderful challenges of my professional life and I'm honored that it is at Telemundo 51 where the excellent news team proves on a daily basis a sincere commitment to the South Florida news audience," said Fausto Malavé.

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Thank you again to everyone in the Suncoast Chapter area who has given their time and expertise to judge other NATAS Chapter's entries. The success of the EMMY® Awards process depends on the willingness of qualified professionals to serve as judges.

Kudos to everyone who stepped up!

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MARTHA SUGALSKI JOINS CHANNEL 9 EYEWITNESS NEWS

Martha Sugalski

ORLANDO, FL – WFTV announced that Martha Sugalski has joined Channel 9 Eyewitness News, and will co-anchor its weeknight newscasts starting Monday, August 24.

Sugalski has more than two decades experience covering Florida news, most recently at WESH-TV in Orlando. Over the course of her broadcasting career, she has reported on or anchored the coverage of some of the state's most memorable stories, including the disputed 2000 Presidential election, the Elian Gonzalez affair, and the trial of Casey Anthony.

Station Vice President and General Manager Paul Curran recognized her unique experience, both as a journalist and in the world of social media.

"We're very pleased to welcome Martha to our Eyewitness News team. She will be a valuable addition to our on-air and digital news operations here at Channel 9 and TV 27. She also understands the unique opportunity that new media presents to our viewers in central Florida. As such, Martha will also be a strong proponent of our Eyewitness News brand as we expand our news gathering efforts across the social media ecosystem," Curran said.

News Director Matt Parcell added: "She's going to do great because she understands our culture and our brand. At Eyewitness News our anchors are leaders, both on the air and in the newsroom. They work very hard. I know Martha is going to fit right in to that environment."

Martha Sugalski said that the station's news reputation was one of first things that attracted her to WFTV.

"I'm thrilled to be joining the team at Channel 9. It's really a dream job because of the station's reputation for news. As a former competitor, and a viewer, I've long been impressed. Now, I'm looking forward to seeing it from inside, and to being part of it," Sugalski stated.

Martha was born in Philadelphia and raised in Florida. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University before starting her broadcast career as a reporter in West Palm Beach. She is married and the mother of four sons and two daughters. She gave birth to triplets in June 2013.

Martha Sugalski will anchor Channel 9 Eyewitness News at 6:00 with Bob Opsahl. On WRDQ TV-27, she will anchor Eyewitness News at 10:00 with Jorge Estevez. And she will anchor Channel 9 Eyewitness News at 11:00 with Greg Warmoth.

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ABC ACTION NEWS/WFTS-TV AWARDED NATIONAL SIGMA DELTA CHI AWARD

TAMPA, FL – In a recent ceremony in Washington D.C., ABC Action News was honored with a prestigious, national award from The Society of Professional Journalists.

The breaking news coverage led by Jacqueline Ingles, Carson Chambers and Ashley Yore of the shooting at Florida State University was recognized with the highly respected Sigma Delta Chi Award for Excellence in Journalism.

ABC Action News was the only large-market TV news organization in the United States to receive this award this year for breaking news reporting.

This comes just after the same breaking news coverage was named first place in the National Headliner Awards, one of the oldest and largest annual contests recognizing journalistic merit in the communications industry.

The SPJ judges' comments reinforce the commitment ABC Action News puts on quality journalism and breaking news coverage to keep our audience informed.

"Reporters at WFTS-TV comprehensively covered the harrowing event, turning up background information on the shooter that raised questions about his mental state and interviewing a neighbor who knew him well. They also took viewers inside the library with pictures and interviews, giving reviewers a real sense of the scary situation. Writing was solid. Great team coverage and sense of urgency in a story where you saw progression as it was unfolding. No rumors were reported and exclusive w/ the shooter's uncle was a solid get. Overall, the WFTS-TV news team should be proud of their coverage."

The Sigma Delta Chi Awards date back to 1932. The awards recognize the best in professional journalism in categories covering print, radio, television, newsletters, art/graphics, online and research. Founded in 1909 as Sigma Delta Chi, SPJ promotes the free flow of information vital to a well-informed citizenry; works to inspire and educate the next generation of journalists; and protects First Amendment guarantees of freedom of speech and press.

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