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## Another Record Breaking year!

The Suncoast chapter received over 1,840 Emmy® entries this year.



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is only on Facebook!

# SNEAK PEEK

**STARTS OCT. 9TH!**

This is our favorite time of year! The nominations for the 2017 Suncoast Regional EMMY® Awards will be revealed on the chapter's website, [suncoastchapter.org](http://suncoastchapter.org), Monday, October 16th. But some of you won't have to wait that long! Sneak Peek is back! Starting October 9th you can go to the [Suncoast Chapter's Facebook page](#) and for the next 7 days, we will reveal the nominees in a different category each day. The categories are chosen at random, so be sure to check out Facebook each day. Good luck to everyone who entered this year's Suncoast Regional EMMY® Awards!



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

Additional names of qualified entrants may be added to an entry through September 30, 2017, for a flat fee of \$250 per name. Nominations will be announced the 3rd week in October.

**NO NAMES MAY BE ADDED AFTER  
NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED!**



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**AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM  
KARLA MacDONALD, SUNCOAST CHAPTER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Thank You*

On behalf of The National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Suncoast Chapter, we wish to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for your participation in the judging of over 1900 Emmy® Entries from 12 different chapters, on our behalf.

Many of you have judged multiple panels of entries which enabled us to meet our obligations to the Chapters we've judged. Thanks for giving of your time and expertise, and thanks also for recruiting additional qualified judges to participate in the process. It did not go unnoticed. The success of the EMMY® Awards process depends on the willingness of qualified professionals like you to serve as judges.

Again, I THANK YOU WHOLEHEARTEDLY. Your contribution to the success of this process is greatly appreciated.

*Karla MacDonald*



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## 2017 SUNCOAST REGIONAL EMMY® AWARDS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2017



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We're gearing up for the 2017 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards which will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. This Emmy® Award evening is set to be the best ever and the BIGGEST yet!

The Rosen Centre Hotel offers 24 stories with 1,334 luxurious guestrooms and suites. Features include an Olympic-size tropical outdoor swimming pool and The Spa at Rosen Centre, featuring seven treatment suites, a full-service hair salon, health club and state-of-the-art fitness center.

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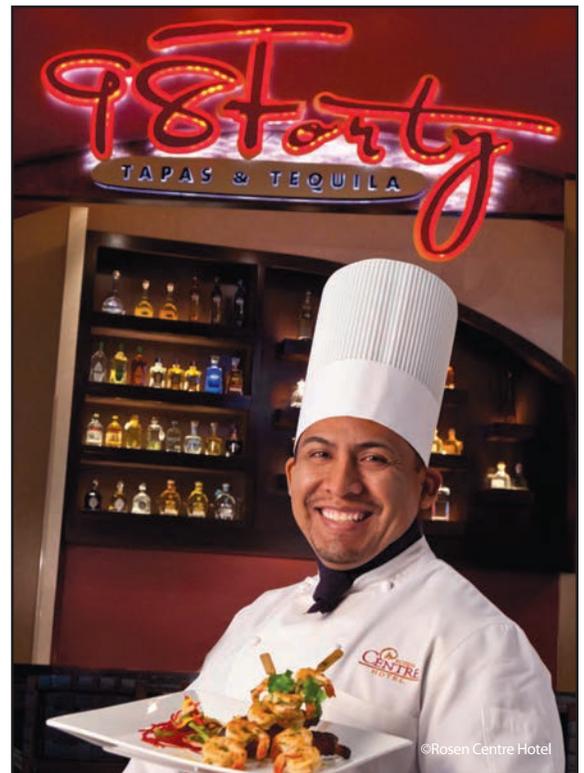
# ROSEN CENTRE FABULOUS ON-SITE RESTAURANTS

Rosen Centre Hotel is home to some of the finest restaurants on Orlando's International Drive. And it is much more than a dining convenience to have such a great variety of restaurants on-site—it's a culinary achievement.

Rosen Centre offers nine restaurants/ lounges offering cuisine from gourmet to deli fare. The **Everglades Restaurant and Bar** offers superb dining in a beautiful themed setting that captures the atmosphere of the Florida Everglades. **Cafe Gauguin** offers extensive buffets, as well as full-service menus for breakfast, lunch and dinner in a casual dining atmosphere.

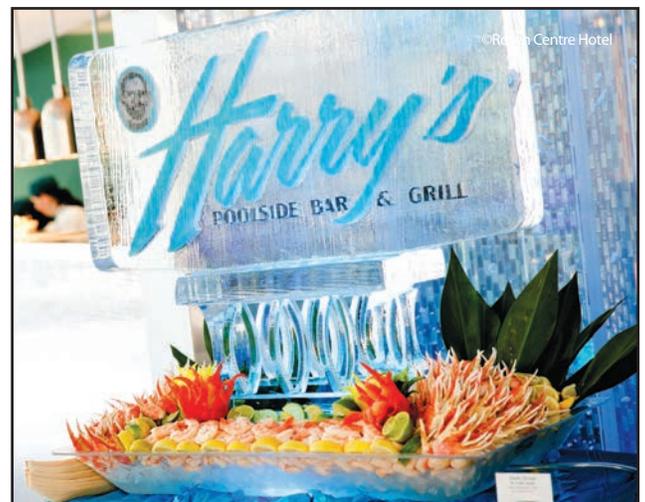


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**98 Forty Tapas & Tequila** offers sophisticated tapas-style dishes and an extensive selection of 40 premium tequilas. **Banshoo Sushi** with bar seating for six and a communal table for 12, features a creative selection of specialty sushi rolls, fresh sashimi and inventive signature seafood dishes as well as distinct cocktails, wines and sake in a casual atmosphere. **Red's Deli** serves New York flavor, snacks, baked goods, and convenience items 24 hours a day. **Sam & Bubbe's™** is a great lounge for a laid-back night of relishing traditional Jewish noshes, savoring your favorite drink, and enjoying conversations with friends. **Smooth Java** proudly serves gourmet coffees along with a variety of fresh muffins, pastries and desserts. Escape into a tropical oasis where you can kick back, relax, and enjoy the flavors of Floribbean cuisine at **Harry's Poolside Bar & Grill**. From mojito-glazed salmon and conch fritters to mango crab cakes and grapefruit and habanero NY sirloin, Harry's is the place to be!



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REGIONAL NEWS

**SCRIPPS REGIONAL GENERAL MANAGER RETIRES AFTER 45 YEARS IN THE BUSINESS**

By Stephanie Tsoflias Siegel TVSPY

Steve Wasserman, Scripps vice president and divisional general manager, is retiring after nine years with the company.



Steve Wasserman

Wasserman oversaw a division of Scripps stations along with Journal Communications stations following their 2015 merger. "We will miss Steve's insight, his connections in the business and his gracious leadership style. We thank him for his years of service, and we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement," said Debbie Turner, vice president of TV station operations for Scripps.

Wasserman started with Scripps in 2008 at WPTV its station in West Palm Beach. There, he led the station to number one and entered a news partnership with the market's Raycom-owned Fox station. In 2012, his responsibility shifted to serve as divisional general manager.

Prior to joining Scripps, he spent 33 years with Post-Newsweek stations. Early in his career he served as news director at WCBS in New York.

Wasserman has won multiple regional Emmy® awards and a Silver Circle Award for Career Achievement.



**TAMPA ANCHOR OPENS UP ABOUT EATING DISORDERS**

By Stephanie Tsoflias Siegel TVSPY

Good Day Tampa anchor opened up about her struggle with an eating disorder that forced her into depression for years. Jennifer Epstein got into detail about her story on Facebook.

"I suffered in silence for over a decade. For as long as I can remember I had an unhealthy relationship with food. The older I got, the worse it became," she said. Epstein explained how her eating disorder took over her life. "I was either restricting, overexercising, or bingeing and purging. I wanted to stop, but I just couldn't. I hated myself for what I thought was my lack of willpower. I started using alcohol and other substances to numb my pain. The more I acted out, the more I felt empty and depressed; my life was unmanageable."



Jennifer Epstein

The post marker seven years since her recovery. "I learned to love myself again, to live one day at a time, and to see life through grateful eyes and a loving heart."

Epstein started at WTVT in 2006 as a traffic reporter.



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FORMER FLORIDA REPORTER RETURNS TO THE SUNSHINE STATE

By Stephanie Tsoflias Siegel TVSPY

Former WBBH reporter, Julian Johnson, has moved back to Florida.

He will join WTVT, the Fox owned station in Tampa, as a general assignment reporter. "Julian's wealth of experience and knowledge of his home state will be a great asset to our team," said John Hoffman, the vice president of news.

Johnson was most recently a reporter-anchor for WGCL in Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to that, he was at KMOV in St. Louis, Missouri, WBBH in Fort Myers and KLFY in Lafayette, Louisiana.

He is a graduate of the University of Florida. Johnson will begin September 11.



Julian Johnson

ADAM KUPERSTEIN JOINS WNBC NEW YORK

By Stephanie Tsoflias Siegel TVSPY

WNBC anchor, Jummy Olanbaji, is getting a new co-anchor.

Miami reporter, Adam Kuperstein, will join the NBC flagship in New York this month on the weekend 6 and 11pm newscasts. He will also report during the week.

"Adam is a seasoned anchor and an accomplished reporter who has built a strong relationship with his viewers. He is well-regarded for being approachable, knowledgeable and always professional. Adam will make a great team with Jummy and I am thrilled to welcome Adam to the WNBC family," said Susan Sullivan, NBC 4 New York's vice president of news.



Adam Kuperstein

Kuperstein has worked at WTVJ, the NBC-owned station in Miami, for more than a decade. During his time at NBC 6, the Emmy award-winning journalist has covered various major news stories impacting South Florida including multiple Presidential elections and the 2012 Presidential Debate at Lynn University. He has also delivered extensive breaking news coverage during periods of severe weather that have impacted South Florida. In sports, Kuperstein has led NBC 6's sports coverage and has reported from the 2016 Rio Olympics, has covered the Miami Heat's three NBA championships and Kuperstein led WTVJ's coverage of the 2017 Major League Baseball All-Star Game at Marlins Park.

Kuperstein is a graduate of Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications and earned a dual bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism and Finance.

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Saturday, December 2, 2017
Rosen Centre Hotel, Orlando, FL

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# *In Memoriam*

## **SU JACKSON-ROSS**

This summer, on June 15, 2017, the television industry and the animal rescue world lost a talented professional and an amazing advocate. Cancer took Su Jackson-Ross from this world way too soon, but her legacy continues even after her passing. Su devoted 16 years of her life to the news business at WPBF 25 (the ABC affiliate in West Palm Beach, FL) working in production, master control, promotions and ultimately, at the assignment desk. “[Su] took time to listen to people, get to know their story without making a snap judgement.” remembers Peter Dobens, former Assignment Manager. “That ability brought WPBF human interest stories, not just headline news, but real stories.” Watching Su orchestrate news gathering was like watching a conductor lead a symphony. She kept her eyes on the big picture, while still maintaining control of every detail. “She loved news. It showed when something was breaking and she was in her element,” recalls Chief Photographer, Randy Bray. “Su Jackson-Ross was a force to be reckoned with in the newsroom. She was unapologetically opinionated. And fiercely protective of her photographers...she will always be one of us.”

In 2006 Su left the TV business to pursue her passion for animal rescue. At Peggy Adams Animal Rescue League she was a tireless animal advocate. Here she put her information gathering and multi-tasking skills to work reuniting lost pets with their families, and finding forever homes for animals who were more difficult to place. Her relentless dedication to the animals earned her the nickname “The Pet Detective”

Susan leaves behind the love of her life, her husband, Rick Ross; a house filled with rescue pets, and many, MANY friends & family members who will miss her presence every day. Although she left us much too young, her smile, laughter & passion for everything she did, will live on in the memory of those whose lives were touched by her ... both two-legged, and four!





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## PEOPLE MOVES

**Sharon Lawson** moves from WTVJ, the NBC owned station in Miami, to WAGA, the Fox-owned station in Atlanta where she will be the Good Day Atlanta anchor. Lawson replaces **Constance Jones**, who left the Atlanta station this past spring to move back to Miami. Lawson was a reporter for WTVJ since 2003.

**Angela Taylor** has left WESH, the NBC affiliate in Orlando. Taylor joined the station in 2015. She anchored the 5 pm newscast on WESH and the 10 pm show on sister station WKCF-Channel 18.

**Adam Kuperstein**, formerly from WTVJ Miami, joins WNBC New York as co-anchor on the weekend 6 and 11 pm newscasts. The Emmy® award winning Kuperstein spent more than a decade with WTVJ NBC6.

Former WSVN-Channel 7 personality **Louis Aguirre**, co-anchor of *The Insider*, returns to South Florida. He joins WPLG as co-anchor of the 4:30 pm and 5:30 pm newscasts and as a reporter for the 11 pm newscast.



**September 30th** Deadline to add a name to a nomination for a flat fee of \$250.  
*No names can be added after the nominations are announced!*

**October 9th** Sneak Peek starts - only on Facebook

**October 16th** Nominations in the 2017 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards will be announced on the chapter's website: [suncoastchapter.org](http://suncoastchapter.org)

**December 2nd** 2017 Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards - Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando



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## SUNCOAST JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### **WFOX/WJAX Jacksonville, Florida**

#### **Part-time Studio Technical**

Job #1713561 WFOX/WJAX has a great opportunity for an entry-level, part-time Studio Tech. When the news is happening, we are at work, so you'll need to be prepared to work contributing to our broadcast and digital platforms. This position requires flexibility to work overnights, early mornings, late nights, holidays and weekends. If you have an eye for editing, an ear for audio, or the hands for writing the news, this job can be your foot in the door! Essential Duties and Responsibilities: Operate the prompter for live and recorded programming, manage the studio floor for live and recorded programming, contribute to digital platforms and miscellaneous duties, including maintenance and preparation.

<https://jobs.coxmediagroup.com/job/jacksonville/part-time-studio-technician/1646/5499871>

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### **COX Media Group Jacksonville, Florida**

#### **Meteorologist**

Job #175794 COX Media Group's Jacksonville stations are looking for a smart, dedicated, creative, meteorologist to join our area's most accurate forecasters; the First Alert Weather team. The successful candidate will be a Certified Broadcast Meteorologist and is expected to have a firm grasp on our fickle and often severe Florida weather, have the ability to forecast accurately, to live storm track, create and develop detailed and easy to understand graphics and to ad lib flawlessly on TV and across social media and radio. Responsibilities: Degreed Meteorologist must create and deliver the Action News Jax First Alert weather forecast following our formats and action plans. Must have the ability not only to forecast local conditions, but live storm track, using your skills to communicate not just data, but a forecast and its impact, in a way viewers and listeners will understand. Qualified candidates will be proficient in creating digital videos, social media engagement, ad-libbing live on TV, radio, live streams and Facebook Live. Prepare newscast graphics using WSI Max system; ability to analyze weather data from a variety of sources to prepare and deliver accurate forecasts on TV, on radio and in digital. Work with a team of meteorologists to deliver life-saving weather information to our audiences 24/7. Must be willing to work any shift as needed, any newscast, work extended hours during impactful, severe weather events.

<https://jobs.coxmediagroup.com/job/jacksonville/meteorologist/1646/4521354> WINK-TV Fort Myers Broadcasting Fort Myers, Florida

The advertisement shows a perspective view of a line of grey, stylized human figures. One figure in the foreground is highlighted in orange and is walking towards the right. The background is black.

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### **WFTV/WRDQ Orlando, Florida**

#### **Associate Producer**

*Please note: this opening is not for a specific newscast, and the daypart will be determined, in part, by the candidate's skill-set.*

Job #1713354 This position is ideal for competitive individuals looking for a foot in the door in a top 20 market. These people are serious about growing a news producing career. Having prior experience producing in a small market is a plus. Candidates must be able to think for themselves and excel in a team environment. They are mindful of peers, and are comfortable working with digital and social news-gathering and news-distributing platforms. This position also requires people to embrace constant change in a fast-paced environment, demonstrate a positive attitude no matter what challenges come up, and make adjustments to their workflows and thought processes, based on the coaching they receive from news managers. Responsibilities: Writing TV newscast scripts while incorporating specific station research and branding consistently. Competent completion of scripts and other newsroom duties that support the line producers and their newscasts. This can include tasks that support special event coverage like breaking news, elections, storms/hurricanes, etc. Identify what facts may be missing in local stories and make calls to get those answers. Participate in newsroom meetings and training seminars when asked to. Cover changing dayparts as necessary; nights, overnights, and weekends should all be expected.

<https://jobs.coxmediagroup.com/job/orlando/associate-producer/1646/5396173>

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### **Univision Miami, Florida**

#### **Information Security Engineer**

#3217 Full-time. The ideal candidate for this position possesses the skills to plan, maintain, and continuously improve Univision's Information Security Operations. This position is based in Miami, FL and will report directly to the Director of Information Security. The candidate will be required to interface with internal management, customers, employees and consultants, across multiple clients and industries, to perform the required technical monitoring activities. Responsibilities will include analyzing, resolving or escalating security events, identifying apparent attacks, breaches, or other pertinent data points that indicate atypical network traffic flow or user behavior, as well as correlating event data to produce baselines and generate alerts. Maintenance of security threat feeds received from industry sources and peers. Ability to understand computer forensic basics, as well as virus/malware etymology is a requirement. The candidate may on occasion be asked to analyze and document complex 0-day security threats that pose a risk to the organization.

<https://univision.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?site=2&id=1869>

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### **WSVN 7 Miami, Florida**

#### **Photographer (2017-007)**

Full-time. We are looking for a very aggressive photographer with good story telling abilities. Must have a good "news eye" for our fast paced news shows, be able to work under pressure, meet deadlines, as well as work well with others. Knowledge of Sony HD cameras and non-linear editing is a must. A minimum of 2-3 years experience and a valid class "D" drivers license is required.

<http://wsvn.com/employment-application/?position=7>

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### **WSVN 7 Miami, Florida**

#### **Traffic Reporter (2017-035)**

Full-time. Looking for a traffic reporter for weekday morning newscast. Knowledge of south Florida roadways helpful. Submit tape with application/resume.

<http://wsvn.com/employment-application/?position=34>



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### **WDSU-TV New Orleans, Louisiana**

#### **Weekend Anchor/Reporter**

Job #2031 Full-time. WDSU has an opening for a Weekend Anchor/Reporter. The Weekend Anchor/Reporter is someone who can bring the energy of live reporting to our anchor desk. In addition to credibility, poise, and personality; we're looking for an anchor who isn't afraid to head out into the field and break the big stories. Our next anchor/reporter will enterprise exclusives, tell compelling stories, and execute energetic live shots. We are looking this market's next leader who isn't afraid to ask the tough questions, and will hold those in power accountable. Our anchors are newsroom leaders who help mentor and grow producers and reporters. Our anchors write and edit scripts with conversational communication in mind. We are looking for a versatile, enterprising self-starter who is fast, efficient, works well under tight deadlines, can develop sources, and has excellent live reporting skills. Required Experience: Past anchor experience (2-5 years) required. Past reporting experience (2-5 years) required. Demonstrated ability to enterprise and uncover. Your demo reel should be indicative of your everyday work.

<http://careers.hearsttelevision.com/ShowJob/Id/1143573/Weekend-Anchor-Reporter/>

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### **WDSU-TV New Orleans, Louisiana**

#### **Reporter**

Job #2303 Full-time. WDSU is looking for a Reporter that has the ability to generate story ideas, write to video, and do compelling live shots. We are looking for a strong, take-charge reporter who hits the ground running every day. The successful candidate loves breaking news and is highly competitive. We value strong enterprise reporting and we're looking for someone who finds the stories that lead newscasts. The Reporter is someone who can bring the energy of live reporting to our anchor desk. In addition to credibility, poise, and personality; we're looking for a reporter who isn't afraid to head out into the field and break the big stories. We are looking for this market's next leader who isn't afraid to ask the tough questions, and will hold those in power accountable. We are looking for a versatile, enterprising self-starter who is fast, efficient, works well under tight deadlines, can develop sources, and has excellent live reporting skills. Qualifications Requirements: Strong writing and storytelling skills.

Ability to operate mobile transmission devices and use latest technology. Can work in all weather conditions and carry up to 50 pounds. Has a valid driver's license, can drive large vehicles over long distances, and a clear driving record. Ability to work varied shifts, including overnights and weekends. Can deal with the stresses and pressures of time-sensitive newscast production. Education: Bachelor's degree preferred or equivalent proven work experience

<http://careers.hearsttelevision.com/ShowJob/Id/1299948/Reporter/>



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