



WCM Hall of Fame Inductees

2008	Wade Britzius, Trempealeau County Community Television
2009	Judi Kneece, Janesville JATV
2010	Jon Urben, Oshkosh Community Media
2011	Pam Steitz, Sun Prairie Kids-4
2012	John Jordan, Wausau Area Access Channels
2013	Mary Shanahan-Spanic, West Allis Community Media Center
2014	Connie Darling, Fitchburg FACTv
2015	Mick Givens, Rice Lake Television
2016	Dan Kummer, Marshfield Community Television
2017	Bonnie Lundy, Fitchburg FACTv
2018	Liz Harlow, Oregon Cable Access Media
2019	Dawn Wills, River Falls Community Television
2020	Jim Walsh, River Cities Community Access (now WRCM)
2021	Mike Ryan, West Bend Community Television
2022	Vel Wiley, MATA Community Media, Milwaukee
2023	Dennis Geraghty, Milwaukee City Channel

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Dear Dennis,

I have the great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by the WCM Board of Directors to be the 2023 Inductee into the WCM Hall of Fame!

Each year, WCM recognizes and inducts one community media professional who has shown great leadership and devotion to the mission of public, education, and government access television -- *empowering people to create media for human purposes.*

Hired in 1985 to establish a government access channel video production facility for the City of Milwaukee, you were at the helm of Milwaukee City Channel for 32 years! You worked with video engineers and Time Warner technicians to design the facility and install the first origination points in city buildings, and you worked with the City Clerk's Office to develop a program policy that would serve the city well. Thirty years later, you managed the redesign of City Channel 25 into a high-definition facility without missing a beat -- your staff continued to cover about 20 committees, councils, and commissions as well as other city events during the changeover. Upon your retirement, the Milwaukee City Council rose and gave you a spontaneous standing ovation in recognition of your legacy.

Dennis, you also contributed to the field of PEG access television by being active in the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) and by serving on the Wisconsin Community Media Board of Directors.

We will be inducting you into the WCM Hall of Fame at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show on Thursday, May 4 at the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square in Madison. We invite you and a guest to attend the reception at 5 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm followed by the Fest program, which will include your induction into the Hall of Fame. We hope you will share a few thoughts with us at that time.

Please contact me by Friday, April 28 to let me know whether you plan to come.

Again, a most hearty congratulations! I'm looking forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Cardona".

Mary Cardona
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