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Former Station Manager, Ben Stark, and current Station Manager, Lynn Meikle smiled through the night as Lynn announced the station winning 10 1st place Philo awards, continuing the tradition of excellence.



25th Open House Celebration! October 21, 2005



Three peas in a pod. Or should be say three cameramen who train others to use a tripod?! Brian Dumont, Rob Gingerich (02) and John Pompeo (86) show their best 'on camera'.

Wonderful!

"What a wonderful party! Thank you for including me." **Betsy LeGoff**, a former Cable Commissioner, summed up the night in her thank you note. "HOM-TV's intern program has evolved according to Erling Jorgensen's vision. Your "Behind the Silver Lining of Success" presentation was inspiring. The dessert reception was delicious — éclairs, pecan, pumpkin and, of course, the chocolate fountain. The gift bags contained energizing goodies. Best of luck during the next twenty-five years!"

"1st class — top notch" is the way **Jerry Richards**, Township Manager, described the festivities.

Celebrating 25 years of excellence at HOM-TV's 25th Anniversary Celebration ceremony proved to be a big success, with over one hundred alumni members, dignitaries, and media professionals turning out for the event. HOM-TV made some big announcements during the ceremony, including winning 10 first place awards and 9 second place awards in the Philo T. Farnsworth video competition. The HOM-TV staff drove to Kentucky to receive the awards, as supporters and alums at the ceremony looked on.

The 25th Celebration program highlighted the importance of access television, how much viewer and political support means to the staff and access channels, and the importance of keeping the tradition of excellence alive. This tradition signifies, as do the awards, how HOM-TV represents its viewers, and the importance of residents being able to access information about their government and their community.

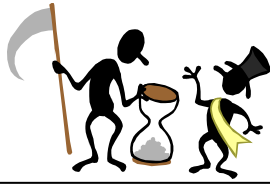
A key component of the celebration was to honor the 20 year internship program that continues to grow and thrive at HOM-TV. Several attendees were impressed by the number of interns who have gone through the internship program, and the number of current intern staff. They commented that they did not realize what an integral part the internship program played in HOM-TV's programming.



Lauren Parrott (05), Katie Reid (05), & Lisa Johnson (05) have a grand 'ol time reminiscing about their HOM-TV days and catching up!

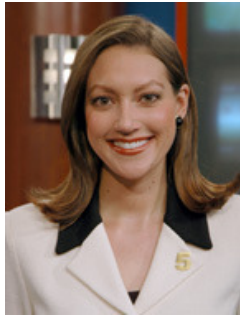


Steve York (86) & Karl Rausch (87), two of the original interns, are wowed by how HOM-TV has grown out of a closet into its own space.



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ALUMNI In the Field



Cara Jasiolek (04), a former **HOM-TV** anchor and reporter was recently offered a position at Newschannel 5 in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Cara, know as Cara Jacobs, now produces, reports, and anchors the 5 p.m. newscast for the CBS affiliate. She is extremely excited to have finally fulfilled her life-long dream, and by the enormous opportunities that she is presented with out West. Cara says that she wouldn't be where she is today without the guidance of **HOM-TV**, and the experience she attained working for the station. Congratulations Cara, and good luck on your new anchor position. Cara's bio can be read by visiting KGWN's website at www.kgwn.tv/station/bios. ♦

Mia Bain (05) has been in Rome Italy for four months, teaching English, and says "one of my favorite parts is learning the language." But she is "itching to find something in journalism too" and recently met with people from ABC and CBS, continuing to make contacts in the field.

Sean Bertolino (04) is working on a movie. He says: "I'm having lots of fun! I don't do exactly what I was trained for at **HOM-TV**, but many things are the same. I don't think I could be here without the experience I got at **HOM-TV**. The line producer told me they looked at a lot of resumes and saw mine had a lot of experience. The movie is called "Offshore", so look for it at your local film festivals."

Demond Betts (94), live sports and entertainment director for ESPN in Bristol CN, won his first Emmy Award — for Outstanding Live Turnaround Event!

Ideene Dehdashti (04) is working as a Production Assistant at WKAR. She's also in the MSU program "Sideshow" as a cast member, which she says is funny, like a sketch comedy.

Matt Schuster (94), Station Manager of Louisville KY MetroTV, reports they won nine national awards for community government programming.

Shannon Shelton (97) is the MSU Reporter for the Detroit Free Press.

Melissa Steinhofner (02) writes: "Its was so great to see you and everyone from **HOM-TV** at the Celebration. It helped me realize just how much fun working there was, and how I wish I could do it all over again."

Elizabeth Wooley (96) In our last Scoop, we said that Elizabeth was named "Best Reporter" for her work at WICD in Champaign IL. Actually, she won the award for her work as evening anchor at WICS in Springfield. Sorry Wooley!

ALUMNI IN THE BIZ ...

Alumni Reunion and Tailgate Party 2005



Jason Carr (89) and Taryn Asher (94) grace us with their presence at Damon's. Fashionably dressed and fashionably on time.



Current interns and alumni members Shanna Crummel (03) and Derek Johnson (05) are bosom jello shot buddies. Thanks Derek! They were great!



Jeff Manders (96), always the kid, plays football with Mark Gerald's (96) son.



Brian Town (95) and Tania (McLaughlin) Benggston (93) show why they'll be friends for life.

HOM to Stay has officially become the **HOM-TV** internship theme song. Pictured with me is Matt Butner (02), the singer/songwriter for *HOM to Stay*. He drove up from his new job in Virginia to join us for the celebration. We aired his song during our ceremony presentation, and it brought many alums to tears, reminiscing of their days at **HOM TV**. Matt received praise for such an accurately written song about the HOM TV experience that our interns go through. I thought the song was right on, and it gets me almost everyone time. Thanks Matt! I'm sure alums across the nation appreciate and extend their gratitude as well.
Until next time, *Happy Holidays everyone!* Deborah Guthrie, Intern Coordinator/Senior Producer

