

Never Far From HOM - Election Coverage

Editorial By: Josh Sidorowicz (12)



Josh Sidorowicz (12) covering the Republican Convention in Cleveland, OH

It was Aug. 12, 2015 and I was in a room among several dozen other reporters from local, national and even international outlets, waiting for Donald Trump to arrive.

There was a certain energy in the air, encompassing not only us reporters but those waiting to see their man. Was it excitement, nervousness or something else?

It is Trump's first stop in the state as a candidate and the first debate I'd ever covered.

"We're gonna build a wall,"

Trump bellowed. "And Mexico's gonna pay for it," the crowd screamed back -- as if they'd rehearsed -- finishing in an eruption of applause. If ever there was a time to try and learn from past precedence, this election was not it. This election is likened more as a circus, complete with awe-inspiring moments, gaffs and countless sideshows.

I've covered six debates, two conventions, attended dozens of rallies and speeches, quoted more polls than I care to remember and have spent way too many hours in a news jeep or in an airport terminal trying to get it all. It's been a whirlwind, but it's all been worth it.

While the experience compares very little to the very first election I covered for HOMTV in 2012, the concept and the work ethic is the same - it's long days, endless nights, lots of preparation and a pride in knowing it's all in an effort to best relay information to people to help them make one of the most consequential decisions we're entitled to help make in this country.

The Final Pieces to the HD Puzzle

By: Lynn Meikle

How do you attempt to put together a big puzzle? So many pieces... where do you start in order to achieve the most success?

First is the set-up; the field cameras, the control room, the fiber and then the video servers. Piece by piece, there's a plan. The ultimate goal is that every piece of equipment will be HD at HOMTV and every piece of the puzzle will be in place. That's the goal!

Each puzzle piece having its unique placement can be tricky. The wondering of how every piece will fit together is a constant in the back of your mind. But you press on, knowing it can happen, knowing it **WILL** happen.

The final pieces are big ones, falling into place faster and faster and you finally see the end in sight.

What a challenge it has been. When you look back at the struggles and the successes, knowing somehow that it all fits and looks beautiful. HOMTV is again leading in the industry.

Thanks **HOMTV** for that puzzle to be solved!



Ciara Page (16) Reporting Intern

Philo Awards

Congratulations to our HOMTV interns & staff!

Non-Professional Seniors Category:

Winner - Senior Living #74 2/5/16: <http://bit.ly/1mrjsoa>

Peggy & Ralph Frisch, Ji Eun Lee (15), Kayla Clarke (15) with assistance from staff members Darkus Beasley (12) and Brandon Wirth (14)

Non-Professional Sports Entertainment/Talk Category:

Winner - All Access Sports #106 6/28/16: <http://bit.ly/29buYc9>

Chris Ryan (14), Molly O'Keeffe (14), Maya Sanches (16), Bri Harvey (16), Jordan McGowen (16) and Amber McDonald (16)



For a complete listing of the 2016 Philo Festival of Media Arts Regional Winners visit: <http://bit.ly/2cbSLAq>

Station Spotlight



We're proud of where our HOMTV alumni have landed and in each edition of the Scoop we will feature a station and the HOMies that work there!

We start off with WLNS Channel 6 in Lansing, MI.

- Alysia Burgio (15), Reporter/Video Journalist
- Alexandra Ilitch (14), Reporter/Anchor
- J Case Lamphere (15), News Assistant
- Blair Nelson (14), Videographer
- Dan Ray (14), Videographer/Editor
- Eric Ripper (14), Videographer
- Connor Wilton (14), Videographer

New Staff Feature



Erin Cornett Social Media Specialist

Erin Cornett joined HOMTV in September of 2016 as the Social Media Specialist for Meridian Township's Communications Department.

She was born and raised in the Lansing area and graduated from Central Michigan University in 2012 with a Bachelor's of Science in Creative Writing.

Erin specializes in digital and social media marketing and has worked with a wide range of businesses from Fortune 500 companies to privately owned agencies.

In her professional career she has worked with event planning and promotions, worked with organizations like Travel Michigan, and has been published in the Vermont Business Magazine and the Pure Michigan Blog. In her spare time Erin enjoys traveling, writing and wine tasting. She currently resides in Stockbridge, MI with her husband.



Roy Kellerman Studio TV Production Manager

Roy joins HOMTV after working as a multimedia associate for a community college. He previously worked in logistics in the automotive sector before recently going back to school to study television production.

Roy grew up in Detroit and lived a few blocks away from the historic Redford Theatre. He graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Applied Technology and completed the video production program at Specs Howard School of Media Arts. He also has earned Associate Degrees

in Electronics Technology and Broadcast Communications from Schoolcraft College.

Roy's many hobbies include watching movies and TV, pop culture, technology and sports. He's also traveled extensively across the country and the globe traveling as far away as Switzerland, France, and China. He lives in Northville with his fiancée Janice and their oversized Bengal-mix rescue cat, Toby.

Congratulations!

Two Alumni tie the knot! Phil Knapp (13) and Kelsey Conner (13) were married on October 16, 2016

Dave Barone (05) had a new baby boy. Alexander James was born July 20, 2016. Congratulations Dave and wife Moriyah!

Max Ieuter (12) married Rachel Dobersztyn on October 1, 2016.

Natalie (Poston) Arrington (04) married Nils Arrington on July 4, 2014 at Calamigos Ranch in Malibu, California and recently had a new baby girl, Ava Louise, born June 23, 2016. Ava Louise was born early weighing only 4lbs. 6 oz. but both mommy and baby are doing well.

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Alex Barhost (13) is a Communications Manager at MSU in Lansing, MI.

Katelyn Amalia Coates (12) is a Marketing Specialist at Mid-West Family Broadcasting in WI.

Brandon Craigie (15) is a Production Assistant at for National Geographic Wild, "The Incredible Dr. Pol" in Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Audrey Dahlgren (11) is a Sports Anchor/Reporter at KSDK News Channel 5 in St. Louis, MO.

Morgan Hall (13) is a Media Director for Spotlight Media, Marketing and Productions in Lansing, MI.

Heather Hartmann (13) is an Editor at Box Pro Magazine produced by Peake Media in Louisville, KY.

Chloe Hill (12) is an Executive Producer at KHBS/KHOG News Channel 40/29 in Fort Smith/Fayetteville, AR.

Max Ieuter (12) is an ESPN Account Coordinator at Paragon Marketing Group in Wilmette, IL.

Brett Kast (14) is a Weekend Sports Anchor/Multi-Media Journalist at WPBN 7&4 in Traverse City, MI.

Matthew Law (10) is a Photojournalist at WPEC CBS Channel 12 in West Palm Beach, FL.

Jonathan McEmber (11) is a Reporter at WFIE Channel 14 in Evansville, IN.

Amy (Guild) McGraw (86) is the Vice President of Marketing at Tropical Financial Credit Union in Tampa, FL.

Itinease McMiller (14) is a News Anchor at KOTA Territory News in Rapid City, SD.

Caroline Mizuki (15) is a Social Media Analyst at National Geographic Partners in Washington DC.

Pamela Osborne (09) is a News Reporter at NBC Channel 10 in Philadelphia, PA.

Kelly Reeves (11) is a Marketing Communications Specialist at Alliance Franchise Brands in Plymouth, MI.

Miranda Roberts (13) is a Communications Coordinator at Pender County Schools in Burgaw, NC.

Kelli (Saam) Olenyn (89) is a News Personality at KRCR News Channel 7 in Eureka, CA.

Jazmin (Bailey) Walker (10) is a News Anchor for WESH 2 News on The CW 18 in Orlando, FL.

Allison (Dreiband) Ward (07) is an Account Executive at Walker Sands in Chicago, IL.

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