



WCM Hall of Fame Inductees

2008	Wade Britzius, Trempealeau County Community Television
2009	Judi Kneeece, 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

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Vel Wiley
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Dear Vel,

It was so good to talk with you today!

I have the great pleasure to inform you that you have been chosen by the WCM Board of Directors to be the 2022 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.*

You have shown that leadership and devotion to community media in your work in the Milwaukee area, but also on the state level, where you worked in opposition to a telecommunications bill in the 1990's, against state franchising in 2007, and served on the WCM Board of Directors from 2012-2014. You also gave your time and expertise on the national level, where you served on the Alliance for Community Media Board of Directors. Your career in PEG Media began in 1984. By 1991, you had been named executive director of MATA Community Media, then one of the largest public access media centers in the country. You shepherded MATA during its hay day and through its later years and closure after a state law ended dedicated PEG fees, cutting off MATA's primary source of revenue. Throughout, WCM has known you as a tireless advocate for community television.

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 12 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, May 6 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
Executive Director