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THE CABLE TV PIONEERS

DECADES OF VISION, INNOVATION AND SERVICE

In the mid-1960s, a remarkable group of men and women recognized they were building far more than a new communications business—they were creating an industry that would transform how Americans lived, learned, worked and connected.

In 1966, during the National Cable Television Association Convention in Miami Beach, 21 visionary entrepreneurs, engineers and industry leaders came together to form the Cable TV Pioneers. Led by Stanley Searle, they established an organization dedicated to recognizing the extraordinary individuals whose innovation, perseverance and leadership were driving one of America's fastest-growing industries.

These pioneers brought television service to underserved communities, built the first cable systems and multiple system operators, and laid the foundation for today's advanced broadband, fiber and digital communications networks. Their entrepreneurial spirit and determination created an industry that now powers education, healthcare, commerce, entertainment, public safety and economic growth across the nation.

Over nearly six decades, the organization has grown to almost 700 distinguished members. Induction as a Cable TV Pioneer remains one of the industry's highest honors, recognizing individuals whose careers have made lasting contributions to cable, broadband and telecommunications.

The Cable TV Pioneers' legacy extends well beyond its membership. The organization helped establish The Cable Center to preserve the industry's history and inspire future innovators, and founded the Cable Hall of Fame to honor the visionaries whose leadership shaped the evolution of cable and broadband.

As we celebrate our 60th Annual Banquet, we recognize the title "Cable TV Pioneer" represents far more than professional achievement. It symbolizes a lifetime of innovation, leadership and service—and a shared commitment to advancing an industry that continues to connect communities, strengthen businesses and improve the lives of millions of Americans.

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Mentorship has always been a defining quality of a Cable TV Pioneer. By sharing their experience, knowledge and leadership, Pioneers can help develop the next generation while continuing our industry's legacy of innovation and service. Here are two opportunities to get involved.

TechConnect and NextGen

The SCTE Foundation sponsors two leadership initiatives. TechConnect, in partnership with The WICT Network, pairs experienced technology leaders with rising professionals for one-on-one mentoring. NextGen connects emerging leaders with mentors and leadership development opportunities designed to build confidence, networks and skills. Learn more at sctefoundation.org/initiatives/ or contact Shannon Cassidy at shannon@bridgebetween.com.



Interactive Case Competition

This virtual competition, produced by Interactive TV Works, challenges business-school teams to develop solutions to real-world media, broadband and technology issues. Industry mentors guide each team, while executives judge the presentations and award a \$5,000 grand prize. To volunteer as a mentor, sponsor or judge, contact Craig Leddy at info@interactivetvworks.com.



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Dr. Alberto Campos

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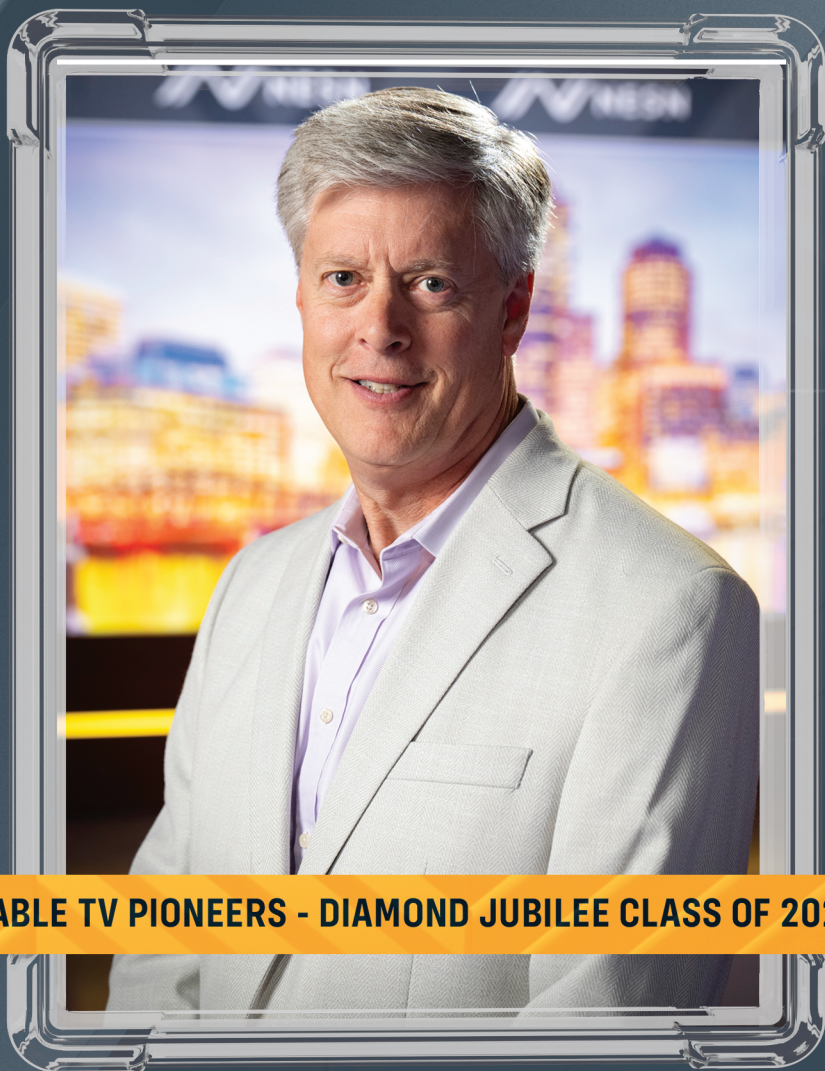


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DR. ALEX ADAMS

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Dr. Alex Adams is a communications engineering professional and academic with extensive international experience in broadband cable technologies and HFC network architectures. Born in Wittmund, Germany, Alex received two years of military training in the Federal German Air Force and then studied Electrical Engineering at the University of Hawaii, earning Bachelor's and Master's degrees before completing his PhD at the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany.

Over the past two decades, he has served as project engineer, managing director and CEO of Adams Consult, Adams Network Engineering and AXP Systems Engineering, specializing in the design, modernization, and operation of broadband HFC infrastructures.

Since 2015, Alex has worked globally with SCTE as an Instructor and DOCSIS subject matter expert, and has represented SCTE in Europe and internationally. He is currently a tenured professor of Information and Communication Systems Engineering at the University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg-Stendal in Germany.



NIMROD BEN-NATAN

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Nimrod Ben-Natan is one of the most recognized voices in broadband virtualization and next-generation connectivity. As president and CEO of Harmonic, he leads the company's mission to redefine how broadband service providers deliver richer internet experiences to communities around the world.

Nimrod's journey at Harmonic began more than 25 years ago when he helped develop the company's foundational software platform. Over the years, he held leadership roles spanning product development, solutions engineering and corporate strategy — each leaving a measurable mark on Harmonic's growth. What sets Nimrod apart is his unique approach to innovation rooted in deep customer partnership, elegant problem-solving and the rare ability to envision the industry demands of tomorrow.

Prior to his appointment as president and CEO in 2024, Nimrod was SVP and General Manager of Harmonic's broadband division, where he led the development of the market-leading cOST™ virtualized broadband platform. He holds a B.A. in computer science from Tel Aviv University.





HERNAN BENAVIDES

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Hernan Benavides has more than 32 years of experience in the cable telecommunications industry. He joined Technetix in June, 2023 as CTO for the Americas. Originally from Santiago, Chile, he holds a degree in Electronic Engineering from Universidad Santa María and a postgraduate diploma in Networking Technologies from UCLA.

A member of the SCTE since 1995, Hernan played a key role in transforming MSOs across the Americas into fully converged telecommunications operators. His contributions include pioneering Fixed Telephony over Cable services, deploying DOCSIS networks throughout Latin America, and leading the evolution from analog broadcast platforms to IPTV services.

Today, Hernan focuses on supporting North American operators in technology and business decisions related to network evolution, innovation, and ROI optimization.

Outside of work, Hernan enjoys spending time with his wife Paula and sons Javier and Cristóbal. Together they enjoy hiking, skiing, and board games.



ALBERTO CAMPOS

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Dr. Alberto Campos, CableLabs' first Fellow, is one of the industry's leading innovators in broadband access, wireless and optical communications. During his more than 30-year career in this industry, he has helped shape technologies that improved broadband network reliability, performance and scalability.

He led PHY specifications for DOCSIS 3.0 and DOCSIS 3.1 and pioneered Proactive Network Maintenance (PNM), which evolved into a globally adopted operational practice delivering measurable reliability improvements, proactive fault identification and major reductions in network trouble calls for operators worldwide. He has driven innovation in coherent optics and advanced broadband access technologies, building an intellectual property portfolio that includes more than 300 granted patents worldwide.

His contributions have earned broad industry recognition, including several CableLabs Inventor of the Year honors. In addition to his technical achievements, he is widely respected for mentoring engineers, fostering industry collaboration and helping solve complex technical challenges across organizations.





WAYNE H. DAVIS

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Wayne Davis began his career in the late 1970s in cable construction and operations. In 1984, he joined Jones Intercable where he spent 16 years rising to group Vice President of Engineering in Denver, CO.

After Jones was acquired by Comcast in 1999, he joined Comcast as vice president of engineering.

In 2001, Wayne joined Charter Communications eventually advancing to the role of EVP and CTO of Charter.

In 2007, Wayne joined Vyvy/Javelin Innovations as CEO.

He returned to Charter Communications in 2011 as corporate Vice President of Field Operations, a role he held for more than four years through May 2015 when he retired from cable operations.

Mr. Davis was co-founder, board member and CEO of a fiber-optic engineering and construction company until 2024.

Today he serves as an independent consultant, sharing more than four decades of hard-won expertise and experience with the next generation of cable and broadband companies.



JEFFREY GLAHN

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Jeff Glahn leads the strategic direction of Harmonic's global sales, driving growth across key markets. His leadership has been pivotal in expanding Harmonic's broadband market share and accelerating the growth of the company's fiber and cloud services offerings.

A seasoned executive with more than 20 years of experience in the broadband and telecommunications industries, Jeff's career spans product development and management roles at Comcast, Motorola, Google and TE Connectivity.

Prior to joining Harmonic, he led sales at Xperi/TiVo. Jeff has a B.S. degree in information systems from Penn State University and has completed the executive management program at Harvard Business School.





RICH JENNINGS

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Rich Jennings is a seasoned telecommunications executive with more than 35 years of leadership experience driving growth and operational excellence in large-scale organizations. Currently an Executive Advisor to Comcast, he most recently served as Comcast's West Division President leading a \$20 billion, multi-state business with a workforce of more than 20,000 employees, delivering significant revenue, EBITDA, and customer growth while improving network performance and reliability.

Rich holds a BBA in Marketing from the University of Notre Dame and completed executive programs at Harvard, UCLA, and the University of Denver. An active supporter of both industry and community organizations throughout his career, Rich was repeatedly recognized by CableFax Magazine as one of the most influential minorities in Cable and top 100 overall leaders in the industry. A Chicago native, Rich now lives in Colorado with Lesley, his wife of 35 years. They have 3 adult daughters, Micah, Aureon, and Jaelyn.



PETER KIRIACOULACOS

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Peter Kiriacoulacos is EVP and Chief Procurement Officer at Comcast, leading the procurement strategy across Comcast, NBCUniversal, and Sky. During his more than 30-year career, he also held senior global procurement roles at Liberty Global in the Netherlands and Denver, building expertise in strategic sourcing and supplier partnerships. He was also a strategy consultant for Nolan Norton & Co. in Australia and the Netherlands.

At Comcast, Peter elevated procurement into a strategic driver of value, leading enterprise-wide negotiations across technology, software, cloud and professional services, advancing process efficiencies and supplier engagement initiatives that shape the cable industry. By forging advanced partnerships, he has transformed how the cable industry innovates and brings new technologies to market.

He served a decade on the national board of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, evolving their procurement strategy and capital fundraising for the Ralph Roberts Club in Philadelphia. He also served years on the board of the Philadelphia Photo Arts Center.





LINO GARCIA

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Lino Garcia, Founder and President of Unanimo Sports Media, is an international media executive with more than 35 years of cable television experience, including serving as the founding General Manager of ESPN Deportes where he managed all aspects of the Spanish language network and won three Sports Emmys. Prior to ESPN, he led HBO en Español and managed Sony Entertainment Television throughout Latin America.

Lino has been recognized by CTAM, NAMIC, Hispanic Business Magazine, and CableFax's Most Influential Minorities. Sports Illustrated named Lino one of the most influential diverse managers in sports, and The Imagen Foundation named him one of the most Powerful and Influential Latinos in the Entertainment Industry.

Lino served on the boards of the Hispanic Federation, the NYC Mayor's Latino Media and Entertainment Commission, NAMIC and Lighthouse International. He is currently a Commissioner with the New York State Athletic Commission.



JASON LIVINGOOD

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Jason Livingood serves as Vice President of Technology Policy, Product & Standards at Comcast. He leads the company's efforts in developing & deploying new open standards, supporting applied R&D via collaboration with the research community, engaging with governments, regulators, and other external stakeholders on Technology Policy issues, and providing leadership on end-user product technology roadmaps.

Jason joined Comcast in 1996 to help a small team transition from field trials to launching the high-speed Internet service business. He later co-founded Comcast's business class Internet services and was instrumental in the creation of Xfinity Voice, Xfinity Home and Xfinity WiFi. He has held a wide range of roles at the company, including in architecture, engineering, operations, software development, DevOps, and product management.

A current member of the Internet Architecture Board, Jason supports a wide range of community boards and industry technical groups. He currently holds 18 patents (and counting).





STEPHANIE MITCHKO

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Stephanie Mitchko is a technology and media operations executive known for pioneering innovations that shaped modern television and streaming. Her patented, Emmy winning work includes leading the creation of the first cloud-based DVR.

Stephanie is CTO and head of media operations at AMC Global Media. Under her leadership, scalable, emerging technologies, including the responsible use of AI, have become foundational to powering creative teams, modern media operations and advancing streaming products.

Prior to AMC, Stephanie was CTO of Charter Communications, CTO and COO of CadentTV and she also held leadership roles at Cablevision. Throughout her career, she delivered transformative results and evolutionary products across cable, entertainment and advanced advertising.

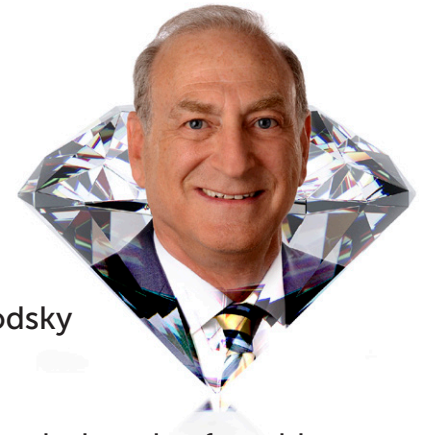
Stephanie continues to shape the industry through her commitment to innovation with purpose. She co-authored the leadership book *Mind Skills*, served on industry boards including the SCTE Foundation, and was a guest lecturer at NYU Stern for more than a decade.



THOMAS NATHAN

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Tom's career in cable began during the franchise wars in New York City in the late 1970s, where he served as counsel for the city in the complex negotiations to bring cable to the boroughs beyond Manhattan. He subsequently served as the first general counsel of New York's Office of Telecommunications until 1984, when he left to join Comcast.

During a 33-year career with the company, Tom served at various times as Comcast Cable's Chief Litigation Counsel, its Chief Regulatory Council and, for 10 years, as its general counsel.

Tom reflects proudly on his success in increasing the company's use of minority and women-owned law firms. Tom worked closely with NCTA's legal staff as an advocate for the industry in Washington, D.C. and represented the industry's interests externally as co-chair of the American Bar Association's sub-committee on Cable TV.

He retired in 2017.





SANDY PADULA

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For more than three decades, Sandy Padula has been instrumental in shaping television's most beloved brands, bringing the power of audience insight, fandom and storytelling to culture-defining networks. Sandy is Vice President of Enterprise Research and Consumer Insight at E.W. Scripps, where she is a trusted voice of the consumer.

Long before "data-driven" became a buzzword, Sandy was an early champion of integrating consumer sentiment and data insight into bold content, brand and platform decisions for prominent networks, including iconic WBD. A true pioneer in digital engagement, Sandy helped create one of television's first live-streamed audience chats. Today, she's breaking new ground by embedding AI into insights to amplify the customer voice across Scripps' local television stations and premium national sports and entertainment networks.

A passionate mentor and advocate for women leaders, Sandy is dedicated to helping others build meaningful media careers. She lives in Atlanta with her husband and three children.



PETER PLAEHN

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Peter Plaehn is Senior Vice President of Affiliate Distribution for NESN and SportsNet Pittsburgh, the regional sports networks of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Bruins, and the Pittsburgh Pirates and Pittsburgh Penguins, respectively.

Since joining NESN in 1986, his career has grown alongside the network. Since 2007, he has led affiliate distribution across New England, overseeing contract administration, affiliate negotiations, revenue management, budget forecasting, system launches, and promotional initiatives. He also manages distribution and revenue for SportsNet Pittsburgh.

Peter oversees affiliate relationships with cable, direct broadcast satellite (DBS), and virtual multichannel video programming distributors (vMVPDs) for both networks.

He also serves as Vice Chair of the New England Connectivity and Telecommunications Association (NECTA) Board of Directors. A graduate of Penn State University, Peter and his wife are the proud parents of three adult daughters.





STEVE RIEDL

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Steve Riedl is Principal Product Architect at Paramount Streaming and has spent more than three decades advancing cable and television advertising technology.

Steve has played a central role in the industry's move from analog to digital ad insertion, architecting DEC's first MPEG-2 based ad insertion platform and later leading development of the first Digital-into-Digital Program Insertion system at SkyConnect/nCUBE, which was demonstrated at the Western Show and deployed at MediaOne.

He has also held senior architecture and technology roles at MystroTV, Time Warner Cable, Canoe Ventures, and WarnerMedia, helping drive VOD advertising, addressable TV, TV Everywhere, and live signaling.

Steve has contributed extensively to cable and media standards through SCTE, SMPTE, SVTA, and the IETF. His work has been recognized with Technical Emmy Awards, and he currently serves on the NATAS Technology and Engineering Emmy Awards Committee. He continues to help shape the future of television advertising and distribution.



JOSH SEIDEN

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Josh Seiden has spent 30 years at the leading edge of cable and broadband, not only witnessing the industry's transformation from analog to AI, but also actively driving it.

At TCI, he led the engineering integration of the world's first digital cable system, the TCI "Headend in the Sky," bringing digital services to North America for the first time. At Comcast, as vice president of Comcast Labs and Emerging Products and Technology, he advanced set-top architecture, conditional access, interactive TV, computer vision, and generative AI, and founded the cable industry's first startup accelerators in Boulder, CO, and Atlanta, GA.

A holder of 15 U.S. patents, Josh now serves as CTO of Allt. tv, a next-generation interactive TV and advertising platform redefining how audiences engage with content, and as founder of Ten Mile Ventures, where he advises emerging technology companies reshaping the future of media and broadband.





DR. YASSER SYED

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Yasser is a video and streaming expert with more than 25 years of experience shaping next-generation media workflows. At the TypeReelStream (TRS) Group, he focuses on maturing and automating business-to-business and AI interfaces across end-to-end media workflows. Previously, he served as a Comcast Distinguished Architect developing and implementing advanced video systems.

His career includes leadership roles at ATEME, Hewlett-Packard, CableLabs, Cisco/Motorola, and Texas Instruments. A long-time standards contributor, he chaired SCTE's working group on adaptive streaming and led advanced coding technologies work spanning HDR guidance and codec constraints. He recently authored SCTE 301 for WG5 (Advertising). He also participates in MPEG, CTA, DASH-IF, and CMAF.

Yasser served as president of the UltraHD Forum from 2023–2025 and led its merger into SVTA in December 2025. He is the current co-chair of SVTA's UltraHD Services group. His work earned the SCTE Award for Excellence in Standards in 2021 and a Technical Emmy Award in 2025.



SUSIE TOMENCHOK

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Susie Tomenchok's career began where many great stories do, as an intern at 9News in Denver. The career she built tracked the industry's evolution: local origination at Jones Intercable, traffic at TCI's National Digital Television Center, content at Discovery, and more than a decade negotiating major distribution deals at Comcast with clients including NBC, ESPN/Disney, AETN, and Boeing.

What she learned in those rooms - about power, influence, and who gets heard - became the foundation of her next chapter. Today Susie is a negotiation expert, TEDx speaker, and author of *The Art of Everyday Negotiation Without Manipulation*. Through her own practice and in partnership with the Syndeo Institute, she continues to develop leaders and empower the Negotiator's Mindset™ across the industry that shaped her.

A graduate of the Betsy Magness Leadership Institute, Susie counts among her greatest accomplishments her three grown daughters, each of whom knows the power of negotiation.





JR WALDEN

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JR Walden has served as Mediacom's Chief Technology Officer for 18 years, leading the company's technology and engineering organizations across video, internet, and enterprise services. He oversees product development, security, technical operations, software development, and engineering laboratories.

A recognized industry leader, JR was named Cablefax's Top CTO in 2023, selected as a Multichannel News 40 Under 40 honoree in 2010, and received the NCTA Vanguard Award for Science and Technology in 2016. Throughout his career, he has served on technical boards for AMT, Xperi, Cisco, CommScope, Harmonic, CableLabs, and SCTE.

With 29 years of experience in the cable industry and 38 years in internet technologies, JR has led numerous broadband innovation initiatives. Under his leadership, Mediacom recently launched 5 Gig DOCSIS internet services in numerous markets.

He has been married to his wife, Laurie, for 25 years. Together, they are proud parents of three exceptional children.



ADRIANA WATERSTON

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Adriana Waterston is a cable-industry visionary. With deep understanding of evolving demand across content, services, and technology, she has pioneered innovative strategies that help brands connect with Hispanic/Latinx, Black, Asian, Gen Z, LGBTQIA+, and global communities.

For more than 20 years, Adriana has stood out as a leader, advocate, and expert driving the industry forward with insight and impact. She has elevated the conversation around inclusive growth, shaping the industry through powerful thought leadership and high-profile speaking engagements at conferences worldwide.

She led the groundbreaking Cultural Insights Forum for 19 years, transforming how organizations approach and understand diverse audiences. Widely regarded as a leading authority, Adriana's influence is reflected in numerous prestigious honors, including the 2024 Wonder Woman NYC Award, two CTAM TAMIs, recognition as one of Cablefax Magazine's "Most Influential Minorities in Cable," and a host of accolades celebrating her transformative contributions to the industry.





ROBERT WIEAND

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Bob Wieand is a retired cable telecommunications executive and former Chief Financial Officer of Service Electric Cablevision, Inc. A 1980 graduate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, he began his career as a Certified Public Accountant before joining Service Electric Cablevision as controller in 1991. He was named CFO in 2015 and helped guide the company's financial strategy, operational effectiveness, and long-term planning for more than three decades.

Bob served on the board of the Broadband Communications Association of Pennsylvania (BCAP) beginning in 1997 and was chairman from 2009 to 2014. He also served on the board of directors of the America's Communications Association (ACA) from 2016 to 2025 and held the position of treasurer.

Known for his financial expertise and leadership, Bob played an important role in the growth and stability of the cable and broadband industry. He is married to Lindy, and they have five children and four grandchildren.



MISSY WOOD

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Missy Wood is an operational transformation executive recognized for broad leadership across the cable broadband industry. With 25+ years spanning strategy, software development, network engineering, frontline operations, and customer experience, her career bridges executive leadership with hands-on operational expertise, translating complex technology initiatives into practical, scalable solutions that improve both employee and customer experiences.

Missy currently serves as a Senior Consultant at Sand Cherry Associates, leading enterprise transformation, operating model modernization, and strategic program delivery initiatives. She spent more than two decades with Comcast in senior leadership roles across strategic program management, reliability engineering, service assurance, and service delivery. She also led large frontline organizations responsible for network maintenance, fulfillment, construction, dispatch, and advanced troubleshooting operations, driving improvements in network health, operational performance, and customer experience.

A passionate advocate for leadership development and industry connection, Missy serves as President of WICT Network Rocky Mountain and was honored as WICT Network's 2026 Chapter President of the Year.





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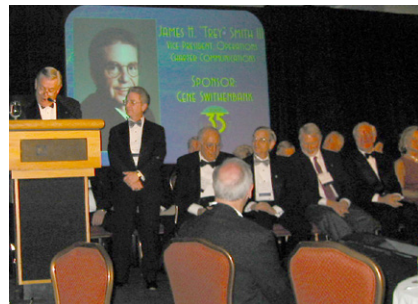
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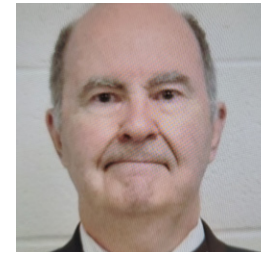
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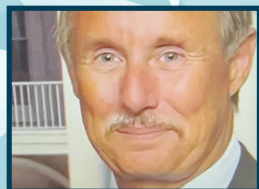
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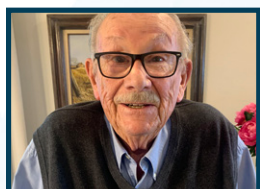
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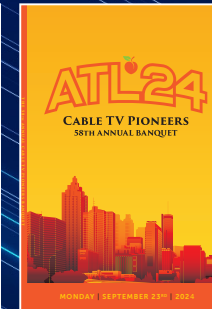
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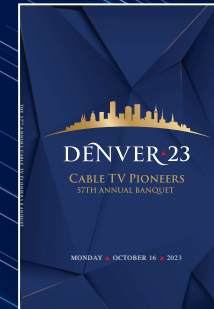
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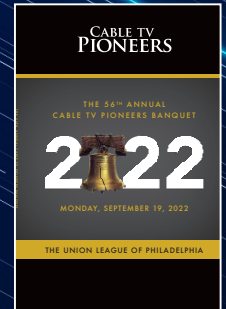
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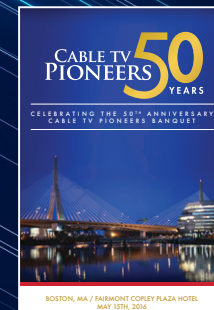
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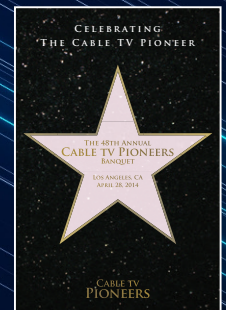
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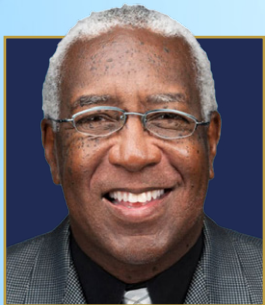
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