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(Right) Press Club President Bill Greenblatt with honorees (from left) Ronald Elz, Dan Farrell, Spencer Koch, Carol Daniel and (seated) Sarah Bryan Miller at “Media Persons of the Year” Gala Kickoff Cocktail Reception at Saks Fifth Ave. on May 23. Photo by Julia Peschel.

## WHAT’S INSIDE:

**2019 “Media Persons of the Year” Gala Kick-off cocktail reception introduces the individuals who will be honored Nov. 21.**

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Media Persons of the Year Honorary Chairpersons (from left) Mark Stacey, Debra Hollingsworth, Marylen Mann and Frank Jacobs. Photo by Bill Greenblatt.



Media Persons of the Year Honorary Chairpersons (from left) Miran Halen, Tom Voss and Carol Voss. Photo by Bill Greenblatt.



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## IN MEMORIAM

**Raymond William Brodzinski** passed away on April 29 at the age of 65. A KTVI/Fox 2 news photographer from 1976 through 2014.

**Dennis “D.J.” Wilson**, communications coordinator for the East-West Gateway Council of Government, passed away on April 20 at the age of 67. A native St. Louisan, he was well-known as a reporter and radio show host.

**Art Phillips** passed away on April 11, 2019 at the age of 76. Phillips was chief photographer at United Press International (U.P.I.) for many years, traveling the world taking photographs for newspapers.

**Jack Galmiche**, president and CEO of Nine Network of Public Media, passed away on April 16, 2019 at the age of 71. Galmiche spent more than two decades transforming public TV from “classroom in a box” into a digital resource that engages the entire community.

## GET TO KNOW US

### MEET OUR SUMMER INTERN



**STACY ROHAN** is entering her senior year at Missouri Baptist University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in journalism with a psychology minor. Rohan is editor-in-chief of MBU Timeline, the university’s student-run news network, since fall 2018, and works as a student-fellow for the journalism department adviser. Rohan held editorships for her high school newspaper and radio station, winning several writing awards, including Story of the Year in 2015. With passions for writing, editing, art, photography and design, Rohan’s long-term goals include becoming a published author and editor-in-chief of a major news publication.

### MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER



**BETSY TAYLOR** is a media professional who currently works as the managing editor for Catholic Health Association of the United States. Taylor has worked as a senior writer and editor at Maryville University, a contract writer for St. Louis-area publications and a reporter for the Associated Press. She also served as a copy editor, news reporter, fashion writer and book reviewer for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and a news staff reporter for the Salem Evening News. At the Post-Dispatch, Taylor won “Best of the Post,” an in-house competition, for organizing 1,500 political candidate profiles for the Voters Guide; When reporting for the Salem Evening News, she won the “Media of the Year” award from a community organization.

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# “MEDIA PERSONS OF THE YEAR”

2019 GALA KICKOFF



1. Alice Handelman, Jessica Brown, Joan Berkman and Brian Cherrick at the “Media Persons of the Year” Gala Kickoff Cocktail Reception hosted at Saks Fifth Avenue on May 23.

Photo by Stacy Rohan.

2. Joan Berkman, reception chair and St. Louis Press Club president-elect, thanking reception host Collier Maxwell, general manager at Saks Fifth Avenue, and Ruth's Chris Steakhouse sales manager Stephanie DiDonato and Jeff Daniels, general manager (not pictured) for providing hors d'oeuvres.

Photo by Julia Peschel.

## SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON



1. Press Club and Journalism Foundation members, scholarship sponsors and guests gather to recognize 2019 scholarship winners at Missouri Athletic Club-West on May 31.

2. Ayesha Khan, Fox 2 Anchor/Reporter, was keynote speaker at Scholarship Luncheon.

Photos by Laura Schnarr.

## FRIDAY FORUMS



### “DONNYBROOK”

“Donnybrook” panelists for the Nine Network of Public Media Program at the May 24 Forum. (From right) Wendy Wiese, Charles Brennan, Alvin Reid and Joe Holleman. Photo by Stacy Rohan.



### BOARD OF ALDERMAN

Charles Jaco, second from left, moderator of forum featuring St. Louis City Board of Aldermen Presidential Candidates (from right) Jamilah Nasheed, Megan Ellyia Green and Lewis Reed on Feb. 22.

Photo by Bill Greenblatt.



### “BETTER TOGETHER”

Marius Johnson-Malone and Nancy Rice of “Better Together” at the March 22 Friday Forum. Photo by Julia Peschel.





# PRESS CLUB HONORS FIFTEEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**\$4,000 St. Louis Post-Dispatch and St. Louis Press Club David Lipman Journalism Scholarship:**  
**Bennett Durando** of Webster Groves, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Durando is majoring in journalism, with an emphasis in sports print and digital reporting, and minoring in Spanish. Durando is spending his summer in Barcelona, where will be taking two Spanish classes and working as a reporting intern in either news or sports.

## **\$2,500 Ronald W. Wade Journalism Scholarship:**

**Kayla Drake** of Fenton, attending Lindenwood University. Drake studies journalism with a double-minor in cinema arts and digital content strategy. In the 2018-19 school year, Drake was the multimedia producer for “Lindenlink,” LU’s onlines student-run newspaper, and she’s now the broadcast intern at KMOV. In her senior year, she plans to apply for Riverfront Times and St. Louis Public Radio internships.



## **\$2,000 Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship:**

**Emma Bright** of Maplewood, attending Webster University. Pursuing a major in film production, Bright visited Havana, Cuba in March 2018 for a documentary filmmaking trip with her school; this summer, July 2019, Bright plans to return to collaborate with filmmakers, one of whom has agreed to produce her upcoming documentary, “San Miguel de los Baños.”

## **\$1,500 Karl Heinz & Doris Finzel Photojournalism Scholarship:**

**Aly Camacho** of St. Louis, attending Webster University. Camacho is majoring in photography and plans to intern with Jay Fram, commercial and editorial photographer, next Spring. After college, Camacho yearns to create images for magazines and fashion brands, or to seek an editorship for a publication.



## **\$1,000 Summer Media Internship Scholarship:**

**Kasey Baiter** of Pevely, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Baiter is studying print and digital news with an emphasis in investigative journalism and a minor in psychology. This summer, Baiter is interning in Brussels, Belgium with University of Missouri Study Abroad, where she is working for The Bulletin magazine. Baiter hopes, post-graduation, to work as a public health reporter for a news outlet.

## **\$1,000 St. Louis Press Club Internship Scholarship:**

**Julia Peschel** of House Springs, attending Webster University. Peschel is studying Media Communications with a journalism emphasis. With passions for writing, photography, travel, music, environmental activism and animal rights, Peschel has worked for Webster’s student publications, The Journal and The Ampersand Magazine, and written freelance for both Coachella Magazine and Joshua Tree Gateway Communities in Southern California.



## **\$1,000 St. Louis Press Club Internship Scholarship:**

**Stacy Rohan** of Fenton, attending Missouri Baptist University. Entering her senior year, Rohan is pursuing a journalism major and psychology minor. She is editor-in-chief of MBU Timeline, the university’s student-run news network, student-fellow for her journalism professor/adviser, and interning with St. Louis Press Club this summer. Rohan’s long-term goals include writing and publishing novels, working as a photographer and becoming editor-in-chief of a major news publication.

## **\$1,000 Joan Foster Dames Women’s Journalism and Media Studies Scholarship:**

**Alyssa Shikles** of Ballwin, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Double majoring in journalism and English, Shikles has adapted a passion for writing in her two years in the Missouri School of Journalism. She’s involved in various campus organizations, as vice president of communication for the campus chapter of International Justice Mission and a member of the campus ministry leadership team. Shikles, who is studying abroad this summer, plans to pursue a future career in journalism.



**\$1,000 Joe Bonwich Media Scholarship, \$200 Nancy Miller Scholarship:**  
**Liad Lerner** of Chesterfield, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Lerner is studying sports journalism with an emphasis on print and digital news. On track to graduate early, he's considering taking a semester to study abroad with internship programs in either London or Barcelona. Long term, Lerner hopes to be a soccer reporter for a major sports media company and have his own podcast, TV or radio show.



**\$1,000 St. Louis Press Club Media Scholarship:**

**Meghan Gunn** of Chesterfield, attending NYU School of Journalism. Gunn graduated from Washington University in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and Psychology and a concentration in English writing, and she is now enrolled in the NYU graduate program. Former editorial assistant for local newspaper Town & Style, Gunn has written for several publications and worked as a research assistant for a current St. Louis Art Museum exhibition. Gunn is in Alaska for the summer, interning as a mental health counsellor for indigenous teens.

**\$1,000 Webster-Kirkwood Times Scholarship:**

**McKenzie Magnus** of Carlyle, Illinois, attending Webster University. Magnus is in the New Media Production master's program at Webster. She works as an assistant in the communications department at Lindbergh schools, and she volunteers on the communications committee for Lindbergh Schools and as a United Way of Southeast Missouri. Post-graduation, Magnus plans to find a full-time job in St. Louis and offer freelance work for small businesses and nonprofits.



**\$1,500 FleishmanHillard Scholarship:**

**Elyse Luecke** of St. Louis, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Majoring in journalism with minors in political science and business, Luecke is exploring the field of journalism through various courses. In summer 2017, she attended the Washington University in St. Louis Communications Institute and the Princeton Summer Journalism program, and she currently writes for The Maneater, the University of Missouri's student newspaper. Regarding future career plans, Luecke is open to working in multimedia, advertisement or print journalism.

**\$1,000 Missouri Professional Communicators Scholarship:**

**Sarah Haselhorst** of Frontenac, attending University of Missouri-Columbia. Haselhorst is studying journalism and sociology. In her first semester, she wrote for the university's art and culture magazine. This spring she worked as a reporter for the Columbia Missourian, researching, interviewing and writing. Haselhorst aspires to work for a publication after graduating in 2021, and then return for graduate school.



**\$1,000 United Media Guild Scholarship:**

**Bethany Spitzmiller** of Cadet, attending Truman State University. Double majoring in communication and English with a journalism emphasis, Spitzmiller is editor-in-chief of the university's travel magazine, Detours, and previously worked for the newspaper, The Index, as well. She's involved in multiple student-led organizations, is the president of National Communication Association Student Club and works at the University Writing Center. After graduating, Spitzmiller hopes to become an editor as she enjoys coaching writers.

**\$1,000 High School Journalism Student of the Year Scholarship:**

**Anya Tullman** of Frontenac, attending the University of Pennsylvania. Tullman graduated from Ladue High School this spring, where she served as editor-in-chief of Ladue Panorama, the student newspaper, after years as a staff writer. Last summer, Tullman attended the Medill-Northwestern Journalism Institute, and this spring she was awarded the Missouri Journalism Educator's Association's high school journalism student of the Year. Tullman starts at the University of Pennsylvania this fall.





# BEAUTY BUZZ KICKOFF



1. (Left to right) Committee members Miran Halen and Ellen Soule, Beauty Buzz Prize Chair Phyllis Langsdorf and co-chair Aisha Sultan.

*Photo by Bill Greenblatt.*

2. (Left to right) Alice Handelman, event founder, Cheryl DiMauro, general manager at Plaza Frontenac Neiman Marcus, Ameena Sultan and Aisha Sultan, 2019 Beauty Buzz mother-daughter co-chairs, Bill Greenblatt, Press Club president.

*Photo by Laura Schnarr.*

3. (Back left) Tom Eschen, Debbie Monterrey, Erika Ebsworth-Gould, Phyllis Langsdorf, Ellen Soule, Miran Halen, Deborah Johnson, Allison Hawk, Nadia Zia, Uzma Zia Bilal and Angela Mitchell. (Middle row) Noor Rahman, Amal Mansuri, Nanci Bobrow, Lubna Agha, Lynnae Tanner Ruff, Irum Kapadia, Maliha Aziz, Samatha Menezes and Abida Jafari Farooqui. (Front row) Alice Handelman, Ameena Sultan, Aisha Sultan and Bill Greenblatt.

*Photo by Laura Schnarr.*



## SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 7

BEAUTY BUZZ 2019

St. Louis Press Club and Neiman Marcus St. Louis present Beauty Buzz, benefitting scholarships for local journalism students, on Saturday, Sept. 7. Join us for our beauty mix, mingle and runway event to raise a little “fun” and “funds” for media scholarships while learning cosmetic and skincare tricks of the trade from Neiman Marcus experts. Enjoy brunch lite bites, coffee and mimosas, and a chance to win prizes. Plus, a great lineup of cosmetic demonstrations and fall fashions modeled on the runway. Jasmine

Huda, anchor/reporter for KTVI Fox 2, is the celebrity emcee for Beauty Buzz, which will take place from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ticket donation is \$60.

Reservations can be made via email at [info@stlpresclub.org](mailto:info@stlpresclub.org), 314-449-8029 or online at [stlpresclub.org](http://stlpresclub.org).

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# ST. LOUIS PRESS CLUB'S MEDIA PERSONS OF THE YEAR AWARDS GALA

5:30 PM, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019  
Edward Jones South Headquarters Theater and Atrium  
12555 Manchester Rd., St. Louis, MO 63131



## 2019 MEDIA PERSONS OF THE YEAR AWARDEES



**LIFETIME  
ACHIEVEMENT**  
Barry Petersen  
CBS



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

### *"IN CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESS CLUB," AUTHOR SERIES*

*St. Louis County Library Headquarters - 7 p.m.  
For front row reserved seating, Press Club  
members contact [info@stlpressclub.org](mailto:info@stlpressclub.org)*

**June 17** – Monte Reel, "A Brotherhood of Spies:  
The U-2 and the CIA's Secret War"

**June 18** – Elliot Ackerman, "Places and Names:  
on War, Revolution, and Returning"

**June 24** – William J. Burns, "The Back Channel: A  
Memoir of American Diplomacy and the Case  
for it's Renewal"

**July 9** – Charles Fishman, "One Giant Leap:  
The Impossible Mission that Flew Us to the Moon"

**July 30** – John C. McManus, "Fire and Fortitude:  
The US Army in the Pacific War, 1941-1943"

### *FRIDAY FORUM WITH SYLVESTER BROWN, JR.*

**July 26** – Sylvester Brown, Jr. is the  
founder of "Take Five Magazine,"  
former St. Louis Post-Dispatch Metro columnist,  
founder and executive director of The Sweet Potato  
Project and freelance journalist and contributing  
writer. **5:30 p.m.** at Missouri Athletic Club Downtown  
in the Rendezvous Room.



**Aug. 13** – "Ending the City-County Divide:  
Pros and Cons." **5:45 p.m.** at St. Louis Central Public  
Library Auditorium. Co-sponsored by Greater St. Louis  
Association of Black Journalists.

**Sept. 7** – Beauty Buzz 2019. **10:30 a.m.** at  
Neiman Marcus.

**Nov. 21** – "Media Persons of the Year" Gala. **5:30  
p.m.** at Edward Jones South Headquarters Theater  
and Atrium.

**Dec. 18** – Annual meeting with Peter Maer from  
CBS. **6 p.m.** at Missouri Athletic Club downtown.