



WAPA Televisión Honored with 5 Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences

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Miami, FL – December 3, 2023 – WAPA Televisión, the leading broadcast network in Puerto Rico for 14 consecutive years, is proud to announce that it has been honored with five Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (N.A.T.A.S.). The station's exceptional work was recognized in various categories, including Health/Medical, Crime/Justice, Politics/Government, and Director. The winners were announced last night at the 47th Annual Suncoast Regional Emmy Awards, which took place at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida.

Among the winners, the NotiCentro news team received two prestigious awards, while news analysis primetime favorites *Ahí está la verdad con Normando Valentín* won two awards and Jay Fonseca's *Cuarto Poder* received one award.

"We are proud that our news and investigative teams have been once again recognized for their outstanding work. We would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the winners and express our gratitude to the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for this prestigious honor. The station remains committed to delivering high-quality content and serving its viewers with excellence," said Jorge Hidalgo, President, and CEO of WAPA Media. "This recognition reinforces WAPA Televisión's position as the leading TV station in Puerto Rico and the preeminent news source for Puerto Ricans everywhere," he added.

The winning entries include:

Health/Medical – News (no production time limit)

- *Asesinos de la Belleza (NotiCentro)* – Three-part special report featuring shocking testimonies of people who had cosmetic surgeries that went wrong, as well as relatives of those who died from complications.
 - Ruddy Matta, Luz Nereida Vélez, Orlando Rodríguez, Adnam Julián Escalera García

Crime/Justice – News (no production time limit)

- *Después de la Muerte: La Isla de los Cuerpos Encontrados (NotiCentro)* – More and more bodies are found in Puerto Rico, including charred remains that must be identified by a forensic scientist. However, the shortage of forensic scientists meant that the wait for many families to identify the bodies of their loved ones extended for months and even years.
 - Alanis Quiñones, Yanmarie Soan, Alec Rivera Cardec

Politics/Government - Long Form Content

- *El Presidente Pobre (Ahí está la verdad)*
 - Normando Valentín, Morella Giordana, Omar Rivera, Omar Rivera Díaz, Juan Vargas

Director - Long Form Content

- *El Presidente Pobre (Ahí está la verdad)* – Exclusive interview with the former revolutionary, political prisoner and 40th president of Uruguay, José “Pepe” Mujica, also known as “the humblest head of state in the world”.
 - Omar Rivera

Crime/Justice - Long Form Content

- *Entre el Limbo y el Luto - El Caso de Shannel Colón (Cuarto poder)* – Journalistic investigation into the case of Shannel Colón, a young woman who died in prison and whose family wants confirmation on whether it was a murder or suicide.
 - Hermes Ayala, Maria J Ramos

The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is a nonprofit Florida corporation dedicated to excellence in television. They present annually Regional EMMY® Awards called The Suncoast Regional EMMY® Awards to television markets in the entire State of Florida, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, Thomasville, Georgia, and Puerto Rico. For the past few years, WAPA TV has received multiple nominations for its outstanding investigative work, winning numerous Suncoast Emmy Awards.

About WAPA-TV:

WAPA TV is the No. 1 broadcast television network and preeminent local content producer in Puerto Rico. It's owned and operated by Hemisphere Media Group, Inc., the leading U.S. multi—platform media company targeting the high-growth U.S. Hispanic and Latin American markets with industry-leading television and radio networks and digital offerings. Headquartered in Miami, Florida, Hemisphere owns and operates WAPA Media, a conglomerate that includes WAPA TV, WKAQ 580AM and KQ105 FM, the leading AM and FM radio stations in Puerto Rico, sports network WAPA Deportes, and WAPA Digital. Additionally, Hemisphere has five leading U.S. Hispanic cable networks (Cinelatino, Pasiones, WAPA América, CentroAméricaTV, and Televisión Dominicana), two Latin American cable networks (Cinelatino and Pasiones), rising FAST channels in the U.S. (WAPA+, TODOCINE, TODO DRAMA, and ES24), and an international content distribution company.

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