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Fox Carolina's Vann Honored by Illinois State University

Normal, Ill. – Les Vann, vice-president and general manager for Fox Carolina is the 2018 Outstanding Journalism Alum of Illinois State University's School of Communication (SoC). He will be honored during the SoC's annual Awards and Scholarship Luncheon at noon, April 16, in the Circus Room of the Bone Student Center on campus.

A 1977 ISU graduate, Vann has more than 40 years of newsroom and station management experience, as well as a track record of successful profit and loss management. Before becoming VP/ GM for Fox Carolina in Greenville, S.C., Vann managed stations in Champaign, Ill.; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Asheville, N.C.; Binghamton, N.Y.; Syracuse, N.Y.; Ft. Myers, Fl.; Cincinnati, Savannah, Ga. and Indianapolis.

Vann was nominated for ISU's SoC Outstanding Journalism Alum Award by Laura Trendle Polus, TV-10 news director and veteran broadcast journalism educator. She recognized Vann's career commitment to leadership, especially in today's challenging times for local TV.

"Les is clearly well-respected in journalism circles," said Trendle Polus. "I have friends, colleagues and former students who have worked for him and with him, and who regard him highly.

"At a time when station management styles and philosophies are under scrutiny, I am happy that we get to celebrate someone who is doing the job well, and keeps both the journalism profession and the audience in mind when making tough decisions," she said.

After receiving his award, Vann will participate in other COM Week 2018 events. Vann will be back in the TV-10 studio April 16 at 2:30 p.m. to talk about his career and will later join the “Good Journalism or ‘Fake News’” panel at 5:30 p.m.

These presentations are part of Communication Week, an annual professional development event presented by the School of Communication at ISU. COM Week will take place April 16-19, 2018 and all events are open to the public with free admission.

More information can be found on the 2018 COM Week website at <https://casit.illinoisstate.edu/sites/comweek/>

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