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STEPHANIE LINTON NAMED WESH 2 NEWS DIRECTOR

Veteran TV News Executive Moves North from Hearst Television's Award-Winning West Palm Beach Station



Orlando, FL, November 29, 2021 – Stephanie Linton has been named News Director for WESH-TV, Hearst Television's NBC affiliate serving the Orlando-Daytona-Melbourne TV market. The announcement, effective immediately, was made today by WESH 2 President & General Manager John Soapes.

Since early 2019, Linton has headed the news operation at WPBF-TV, the Hearst-owned ABC affiliate serving the Palm Beaches and Treasure Coast. Under her leadership as news director, WPBF has become the market's news leader. While navigating the challenges of the pandemic, she successfully expanded programming and launched a sports initiative to shine a spotlight on local athletes. Linton also shared her talents by serving on the ABC NewsOne advisory board.

Linton's career has taken her across the country, including an early-career post as a producer at WPBF-TV. With more than 20 years of experience in local broadcast news, she was the Assistant News Director at KGO-TV, the ABC-owned station in San Francisco, and served as the Assistant News Director at WSOC in Charlotte, North Carolina, and as an Executive Producer at WFOR in Miami.

"Stephanie's breadth of experience in various newsrooms and depth of knowledge in Florida make her the ideal news executive to join our award-winning team," Soapes said. "She exemplifies the Hearst Television culture and high standards for journalism and community service."

"I am honored to join the exceptional team of journalists at WESH 2 News and expand my experience within the Hearst Television family," Linton said. "Orlando is a vibrant and dynamic news market. I look forward to leading the news team as we tell Central Florida's stories and continue to make WESH 2 the best choice for local news in Central Florida."

Linton earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Telecommunication News from the University of Florida's College of Journalism and Communications, where she graduated with high honors.

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ABOUT WESH 2

WESH 2 is a digital multi-media company providing news, weather, sports, community service and entertainment on multiple platforms serving Central Florida. WESH 2 produces 53 hours of local news per week in Central Florida, including 18 hours on sister-station CW18. WESH 2 has been honored with numerous prestigious broadcast journalism awards including: a DuPont, Peabody, Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Political Journalism and the RTNDA Edward R. Murrow Award for Overall Excellence. WESH 2 is owned by Hearst Television, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hearst, a leading media company whose global holdings include 30 television stations and two radio stations. Follow WESH 2 on Facebook (wesh2news) and Twitter (@WESH). WESH 2's website is www.wesh.com.

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