

Capital Region "Bestie" Awards



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Best Evening Anchor | Lydia Kulbida, John Gray



Best Romantic Getaway, Adirondack Inn and B & B | Mirror Lake Inn

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PEOPLE

EVENING ANCHOR (TIE)

Lydia Kulbida and John Gray
www.news10.com

Two experienced newscasters from WTEN tied in our readers' poll—Lydia Kulbida and John Gray. Both have been honored with broadcasting awards. Our readers appreciate them on-air as anchors and for their work on stories impacting and involving the Capital Region. Both are dedicated volunteers with area community organizations. Lydia is described as a working mom, grad school student, dancer and foodie, in addition to her news roles. John is celebrating 25 years of television and is a columnist in area publications also, chosen by our readers as this year's "bestie" in the journalist category.

MORNING ANCHOR

Phil Bayly, Subrina Dhammi and Paul Caiano – WNYT
www.wnyt.com

We're not surprised that WNYT morning anchor team Phil Bayly,

Subrina Dhammi and Paul Caiano repeated their win in this category. In addition to great presentation of the latest news and weather and their combined experience, they have super synergy—and that's a fine way for Capital Region viewers to start the day.

METEOROLOGIST

Steve Caporizzo - WTEN
www.news10.com

Steve Caporizzo, who has been WTEN's Chief Meteorologist since 1989, has seen and analyzed a lot of Capital Region weather. And our readers have confidence in his forecasts. They also appreciate his collaborations with the community, visiting numerous schools to educate young people about meteorology and his work with shelters and his Pet Connections segments to aid homeless animals.

MUSIC RADIO

WGNA 107.7
www.wgna.com

Who isn't into country music nowadays? Just about everywhere you turn you hear it and everywhere

you look you see stars that are as popular as those in pop. WGNA heads the list this year with outstanding radio personalities, contests and, of course, the wildly popular Countryfest held each year with some of the biggest and the best of country music.

NEWS RADIO

WAMC FM 90.3
www.wamc.com

The moniker of WAMC is your news, your radio. How true that is! Northeast broadcast radio serves parts of seven different states in the Northeast. My personal favorite broadcast, and I'm sure one many who voted for WAMC loves as well, is The Roundtable. It airs every weekday between 9 and 11 with great interviews and very insightful information. I have to say I would never read as many interesting titles if not for the Roundtable. Nerdy? No. Intelligent and interesting? Yes.

RADIO PERSONALITY

Paul Vandenburg
Talk 1300 AM

Paul, like many radio personal-

ities popular throughout our country, is often controversial but never ever boring. Paul loves this area and his loyal listeners and it is apparent. He brings the latest troubles to the light and offers opinions that you will either love or not. His interviews are always insightful from wherever you stand on local issues.

PRINT JOURNALIST

John Gray

A perennial favorite of our readers and why not. He writes our "last page" column each month to the delight of many. I love to watch people read *Capital Region Living* magazine. It is often read from back to front. Why? John Gray's column! We love your work, John, both on and off the air.

SPORTSCASTER

Rodger Wyland
NewsChannel 13

Another perennial winner in our readers' poll. His knowledge and genuine enthusiasm are unmatched to date. I propose a

Bold-Denotes Winner

Italic-Denotes Runner-up