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National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/New England Chapter Honors ABC News' David Muir with the 2019 *Governors' Award*

BOSTON, MA – (May 1, 2019) - [The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences \(NATAS\) Boston/New England Chapter](#) is delighted to announce that David Muir, anchor and managing editor of [ABC World News Tonight with David Muir](#) and co-anchor of ABC's [20/20](#), will receive the 2019 *Governors' Award*. Mr. Muir will be honored at the Boston/New England Emmy® Awards gala on Saturday, June 15 at the Marriott Boston Copley Place.

The prestigious *Governors' Award* is given to individuals, organizations, or companies with ties to the New England region in recognition of achievements which do not fall within the structure of the Chapter's regular awards. Historically, the *Governors' Award* is for truly outstanding and unique accomplishments or for achievements of some duration and durability. For this award, an Emmy® statuette is given.

"It's an honor to return to New England and to my reporting roots in Boston," said Muir. "Some of the most consequential stories of our time unfolded while I was an anchor and reporter at WCVB Channel 5, among them [9/11](#). I will forever be shaped by that time, and by the veteran journalists whose influence guides me to this day."

"David Muir sets the standard for excellence in broadcasting," said Danielle Mannion, NATAS Boston/New England President, when making the announcement. "We, at the Boston/New England Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences are thrilled to add Mr. Muir to the list of distinguished recipients of the *Governors' Award*. David Muir's exceptional reporting in Boston is a source of pride for our city and he continues to be a trusted voice in journalism today."

David Muir is an Emmy-award winning journalist for ABC News. Muir is the anchor and managing editor of *ABC World News Tonight with David Muir* and co-anchor of ABC's *20/20*. For more than a decade, Muir has reported from international hotspots around the world including Afghanistan, Iran, Tahrir Square, Mogadishu, Gaza, Fukushima, Beirut and the Syrian border. Muir's reporting overseas has earned top honors including the Edward R. Murrow award for hard news and the Society of Professional Journalists award for excellence in journalism.

Muir's exclusive interviews generate global headlines. Muir landed the [first interview with President Donald Trump](#) after his inauguration. Muir recently traveled to Afghanistan, where he interviewed the top U.S. commander and gained rare access to the fight against the Taliban. Muir also secured the exclusive interview with President Barack Obama during the former President's historic trip to Cuba, and the exclusive sit-down with Pope Francis inside the Vatican. Muir moderated a historic town hall, *Pope Francis and the People*. Muir earned an Emmy for his work moderating a town hall with President Barack Obama, *The President and the People: A National Conversation*, about race, policing and efforts to bridge the divide.

Muir has reported numerous award-winning primetime specials for ABC News. Most recently, Muir reported *Breaking Point: Heroin in America* and *Flashpoint: Refugees in America*.

Prior to joining ABC News, Muir distinguished himself as an award-winning anchor and correspondent for WCVB Channel 5 in Boston. He spent a month in the Middle East reporting on the war in Iraq, helping to earn the station the prestigious National Headliner Award. He spent several weeks in Florida reporting on the 2000 Presidential election recount, and reported extensively on the sexual abuse scandal within the Boston Archdiocese.

While in Boston, Muir was part of the team that received the regional Edward R. Murrow Award for investigative reporting and Associated Press honors for his work tracing the path of the September 11th hijackers. His anchoring and reporting of breaking news in Boston earned top honors from the Associated Press.

Muir joined WCVB Channel 5 after spending five years as an anchor and reporter at WTVH-TV in his hometown of Syracuse, New York. While in Syracuse, he filed reports from Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Gaza City following the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, earning top honors from the Radio-Television News Directors' Association.

A magna cum laude graduate of Ithaca College, Muir attended the Institute on Political Journalism at Georgetown University and studied at the University of Salamanca in Spain.

The Emmy® Awards gala takes place on Saturday, June 15 at the Marriott Boston Copley Place located at 110 Huntington Avenue. The reception begins at 5:00pm, with dinner and awards presentations at 6:00pm.

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