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National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Boston/New England Chapter Honors WCVB Channel 5's Chief Meteorologist Harvey Leonard

***One of Boston's Top Meteorologists to Receive Prestigious
Governors' Award at the Boston/New England Emmy Awards***

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) Boston/New England Chapter is delighted to announce that WCVB Channel 5's chief meteorologist, Harvey Leonard, will receive the Governors' Award. Mr. Leonard will be honored at the Boston/New England Emmy Awards gala on Saturday, June 4 at the Westin Copley Hotel.

Harvey Leonard is WCVB Channel 5's chief meteorologist. He joined the station in 2002 as Storm Team 5's co-chief meteorologist with his longtime friend Dick Albert, who retired in 2009. Leonard forecasts for NewsCenter 5's early evening and late newscasts, as well as the station's website, www.WCVB.com.

Leonard has worked as a meteorologist in New England for more than 40 years. Prior to joining WCVB, Leonard served as chief meteorologist for WHDH-TV from May 1977 to April 2002. He also served as chief meteorologist at WPRI-TV in Providence, RI. Leonard began his forecasting career as a meteorologist for Universal Weather Services, Inc, preparing forecasts for aviation and industry.

Widely regarded as one of Boston's top meteorologists, Leonard was recently voted "Best Weatherperson" for 2015 by Boston Magazine in the People's Choice category, making this the fifth time he received this honor. He and Albert were honored by the Associated Press in 2005 for Best Weathercast in New England. In 2003, Leonard was recognized with the Silver Circle Award from NATAS Boston/New England (National Academy of Arts and Sciences New England Chapter) for more than twenty-five years of broadcast excellence. He was the 1999 winner of the prestigious "Award for Outstanding Service by a Broadcast Meteorologist" from the American Meteorological Society. In addition, Leonard earned four New England Emmy Awards for outstanding achievement in television weathercasting, and he has been dubbed the Hub's "favorite forecaster" by the Improper Bostonian. Leonard is a Fellow of the American Meteorologist Society and is credited as the first meteorologist to correctly predict the impact and intensity of the Blizzard of '78.

An active member of the community, Leonard is involved in numerous local organizations including the Huntington's Disease Society of America, for which he participates in annual fundraisers to help find a cure while providing support and services for those living with the disease and their families. For several years, he has lent his time and talent to the Walk to End Alzheimer's event as co-master of ceremonies, and he has served as master of ceremonies for Boston Prostate Cancer Walk. Leonard has also lent his support to Boston Medical Center, the primary teaching affiliate for the Boston University School of Medicine. Additionally, he has been a speaker at educational seminars held by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Association and an avid supporter of the Blue Hill Weather Observatory. Leonard has also served as an honored guest speaker at Harvard Business School and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Over the years, Leonard has visited and spoken to hundreds of school and adult groups. He has been a mentor to numerous aspiring meteorologists and today well more than a dozen of his protégé serve as on-air meteorologists in markets across the country.

Leonard received a Bachelor of Science degree in meteorology from City College of New York and earned a Master of Science degree in meteorology from New York University, where he also served as an instructor in meteorology.

Leonard is an avid tennis player and enjoys hiking trails, particularly around Walden Pond and Woods Hole. He currently resides in Natick, MA, with his wife. They are the proud parents of two daughters and are grandparents to four beautiful grandchildren.

The Governors' Award is given in recognition of achievements by individuals, organizations, or companies, which do not fall within the structure of the Chapter's regular area awards. Historically, the Board of 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.

Again this year, **Ernie Boch, Jr.** and **Subaru of New England** are the **Gold Sponsors** of the Emmy Awards. The Boston/New England Chapter of NATAS is very grateful to Ernie Boch, Jr., who has generously supported both the Gold & Silver Circle Awards and the Emmy Awards for many years.

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