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**MEREDITH VIEIRA TO RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS 2025 GOVERNORS' AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF TELEVISION ARTS AND SCIENCES - BOSTON/NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER**

BOSTON, MA – (Thursday, May 1, 2025) – [The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences \(NATAS\) Boston/New England Chapter](#) is proud to announce that legendary journalist, television host, and executive producer Meredith Vieira will be honored with the esteemed 2025 Governors' Award. This distinguished honor recognizes Vieira's remarkable contributions to journalism and broadcasting, her lasting impact on the media landscape, and her deep New England roots.

Vieira will be celebrated in person at the 2025 Boston/New England Emmy® Awards Gala, taking place on Saturday, June 7, at the Boston Marriott Copley Hotel.

A 15-time Emmy Award-winning journalist, Vieira currently hosts the popular game show, "25 Words or Less," solidifying her reign as the longest-standing female game show host in history. She has trailblazed an extraordinary career, spanning decades, breaking barriers as a reporter, anchor, talk and game show host, and producer. Vieira's work on programs such as *The Today Show*, *The View*, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, *60 Minutes*, and *West 57th* has cemented her legacy as one of the most influential figures in broadcasting. A Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame inductee, she continues to inspire the next generation of journalists and media professionals.

"I am so honored and humbled to be recognized by my peers in the region that shaped my values and vaulted my career," said Vieira. "Thank you New England for the opportunity you gave me to spend a lifetime telling stories that matter."

The Governors' Award is the highest honor bestowed by the NATAS chapters. It is awarded to individuals, organizations, or companies with ties to the region whose achievements extend beyond traditional award categories, recognizing those who have made a profound and lasting impact on the industry. [Past chapter honorees](#) include John King, Leonard Nimoy, Vin Di Bona, Rex Trailer, David Muir, Carroll Spinney, and Julia Child.

"Meredith's contributions to journalism and broadcasting are exemplary," says Kathryn Shehade, President of the NATAS Boston/New England Chapter. "Her ability to connect with audiences, her commitment to journalistic integrity, and her influence on both news and entertainment make her uniquely iconic. We are excited to recognize Meredith as this year's distinguished Governors' Award recipient and celebrate her enduring legacy in the city where it all began."

A native of Providence, Rhode Island, Vieira graduated with a degree in English from the prestigious Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. She began her career in broadcasting in 1975 as a news announcer for WORC radio in Worcester, Massachusetts. She later worked as a

local reporter and anchor at WJAR-TV in Providence before launching into national prominence. In addition to her television career, Vieira is the founder and CEO of Meredith Vieira Productions, developing and producing film, television, and theatre projects.

The 2025 New England Emmy® Awards Gala will bring together hundreds of television industry professionals from across New England. The evening will begin with a cocktail reception at 5 p.m., followed by the award presentations at 6 p.m.

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NATAS New England Chapter is dedicated to the advancement of the arts and sciences of television, fostering creative leadership in the industry, and encouraging excellence in artistic, educational, cultural, and technical progress.

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