

2020 SILVER CIRCLE CLASS

ROY FLYNN

His friends all say, “His love for TV matches only his love for life. Roy Flynn’s road to the Silver Circle began in 1982. While attending the University of Wisconsin, he learned to juggle class life with life as a weekend sports anchor at WQOW TV. He soon put down his roots in Duluth, MN with WDSE where he hosted and produced programs on maritime life of Lake Superior. In 1994 he warmed to heading south to Ohio. In Dayton, Flynn excelled in management at Think^{TV}, followed by Director of Operations at the Miami Valley Communications Council and ultimately teaching media production at the University of Dayton while managing UD’s student-run TV and radio stations. Flynn has been awarded six regional Emmy[®] Awards.

RICK GREEN

You look at stand-out professionals and wonder what could possibly be next in such a vivacious career. Some may reach a comfort level, but not Rick Green. In 1989 he joined WCMH TV in Columbus, Ohio. His flair for writing news teases, video productions and promotions quickly set the station apart. In 2000 he established his own agency, Greenhouse Media, where his specialty was award-winning videos, motion graphics and business development. Helping organizations find their sweet spot earned him multiple EMMY[®] awards along with a long list of other accolades. Rick is a Director of Business Development at Post House Creative a nationally renowned agency based in Columbus, Ohio.

MIKE LATTA

To be known by any of the job title Mike Latta has held since 1995 would be an honor. What makes him most proud is what Terre Haute and his Wabash Valley call him, “He’s one of us.” Mike began his career at his hometown station WTHI and with the exception of eight years with WTVW in Evansville, he has been there ever since. Behind the camera, with staff and community, he’s a natural. The three-time Emmy[®] award recipient may be best known for his feature “Fork in the Road” which offers viewers a flavor of the mid-west by showcasing hometown eateries across the area. In the newsroom he leads by example as the Chief of Photojournalism and Assignments Manager.

MARY RATHKE

The magic of a great producer is that they can see the completed project before it even starts. Mary didn't follow the traveled trail. She foresaw a new one, a better one. A graduate of The Ohio State University, her broadcast career began in 1986 at CNN, but WOSU public television in Columbus has been her home since 1987. She was the station's first female videographer. Mary is most widely known for her work on the Columbus Neighborhoods series which features the people and places that give central Ohio its unique identity. Her innovative style of shooting and editing introduced a new style of storytelling at WOSU, still followed today. Mary garnered 11 Emmy® awards. Behind the scenes she champions student mentoring and pushes her peers to extraordinary heights. A true fit with WOSU's mission, Mary continues to "engage, inform and inspire" her community and colleagues.

MIKE THOMAS

Long live longevity. Mike Thomas was a mainstay of trust and familiarity at WKEF in Dayton, Ohio, a light in the dark of a challenging industry. He began his career with the station in 1981 as a videographer. He progressed to Newscast Director, Commercial Producer and Production Manager. Along that technical road to Emmy® award-winning newscasts, Mike knew every step. One colleague said, "mike is the standard by which all other directors are measured. His knowledge is second to none." In his 38 years with WKEF, and 41 in broadcasting overall, he taught, trained, crawled trenches and helped both the crew and on-air stars to fully shine. The admiration of his peers across the year is what makes Mike a real winner.