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From the Chief Executive Officer

As you can see from the cover, we’ve hired a new Vice President of News. I’m extremely excited to welcome Maurice Jones to WHRO Public Media. Maurice is the former president and publisher of Pilot Media, the parent company of The Virginian-Pilot. He served as deputy secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Obama administration and as Secretary of Commerce and Trade under the McAuliffe administration.

Maurice is a Virginia native and is passionate about journalism’s important role in the community. Adding him to our staff is another step forward in our mission to deliver high-quality and impactful local journalism, and I’m very excited to welcome him aboard. Read more about him on page 7.

Speaking of news, I hope that by now you have had the opportunity to hear WHRO Weekly Edition, our recently launched local news program on WHRV FM. This exciting new show features the latest local and regional news to keep you informed about the stories that matter most to our community. You can find it on the air on Fridays at noon and on-demand anytime at whro.org/weeklyedition

In other updates, 2024 has already been a very busy year. We’ve just wrapped up Paul Shugrue’s annual Emerging Artist Concert Series at the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach. This year marks the 20th anniversary of Paul’s incredibly popular program Out of the Box, and 10 years of his concert series. As an ardent supporter of local arts, WHRO offers these free weekly concerts as just one way we strive to provide our community with avenues to enjoy work by local artists.

We are also in the midst of competition season at WHRO. Each year our education team facilitates several events, such as our annual WHRO Spelling Bee, Great Computer Challenge, and the Young Storytellers writing competition, where local students compete for prizes and to enhance their skills. These competitions are one of the many ways that our educators serve local schools and families. You can read about these competitions, as well as highlights of other educational initiatives we’ve worked on this year, on page 9.

All of these exciting programs and events would not be possible without your generous support. Whether it is our arts, music and news programming, our educational services, or our local journalism, your faithful contributions are crucial to all we do. Thank you for helping keep public media strong in Eastern Virginia!

Bert Schmidt
President & Chief Executive Officer
Radio Schedules

WEEKDAYS

5-9am  Morning Edition from NPR
9-10am  BBC Newshour
10-Noon  1A
Noon-1pm  Mon: On the Media
           Tue: Reveal
           Wed: Bullseye with Jesse Thorn
           Thurs: Another View with Barbara Hamm Lee
           Fri: WHRO Weekly Edition
1-2pm  Mon: The TED Radio Hour
       Tue: Listening to America
       Wed: The Moth Hour
       Thurs: Selected Shorts
       Fri: Radiolab
2-3pm  Here & Now (M-Th)
2-3pm  Science Fri (Fri)
3-4pm  Fresh Air with Terry Gross
4-6:30pm  All Things Considered
6:30-7pm  Marketplace
7-9am  Out of the Box with Paul Shugrue (M-Th)
7-8pm  R&B Chronicles (Fri)
8-10pm  A Shot of the Blues (Fri)
9pm-1am  Sinnett in Session (M-Th)
10pm-11pm  Lost in the Shuffle (Fri)
11pm-1am  Mountain Stage (Fri)
1-5am  BBC World Service

SUNDAYS

Mid.-1am  Mountain Stage
1-5am  Sinnett Overnight
5-7am  BBC News
7-8am  Left Right & Center
8-10am  Weekend Edition Saturday
10-11am  A Way with Words
11am-Noon  Wait, Wait! Don’t Tell Me!
Noon-1pm  This American Life
1-5pm  Out of the Box with Paul Shugrue
5-6pm  All Things Considered
6-7pm  Snap Judgment
7-8pm  The Arts Hour
8-9pm  Vocal Sound of Jazz
9-11pm  Rhythm Lab Radio
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WHRO.ORG/RADIO
Classical Music Public Radio on three great stations: WHRO 90.3 FM, serving Hampton Roads; WHRJ 89.9, serving the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck; and WHRF 98.3, serving the Eastern Shore.

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Call the Midwife Season 13

Sunday, March 17, 2024, 8:00 p.m.
Nonnatus House kicks off a new pupil midwife training. Dr. Turner supervises the delivery of a baby whose mother has cerebral palsy. The “Raise the Roof Campaign” for better pay and conditions creates a divide of opinion among the nurses.

NOVA: A.I. Revolution

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 9:00 p.m.
Explore the promise, perils, and possible future of new A.I. technologies taking the world by storm.

Antiques Roadshow: North Carolina Museum of Art

Monday, April 1, 2024, 8:00 p.m.
See what treasures producers found when they stopped in North Carolina.

Mr. Bates vs The Post Office

Sunday, April 7, 9:00 p.m.
When money started to seemingly disappear from its local branches, the government-owned Post Office wrongly blamed their own managers for its apparent loss. Revealing a shocking David vs. Goliath fight for justice, this is the story of one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in British legal history.

Nature: Raptors: A Fistful of Daggers

Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 8:00 p.m.
The planet’s most successful large predators are a group of birds known as raptors. United by a hooked beak, a taste for flesh and a set of razor-sharp talons, these birds of prey have conquered the globe.
In exploring the rich lives of those who live on the Eastern Shore, it is evident the water’s contradictions are faced by residents every day.

**Great Performances: Hamlet**

**Friday, May 10, 2024, 9:00 p.m.**  
From The Public Theater’s Free Shakespeare in the Park at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park, experience this Shakespearean classic directed by Tony Award winner Kenny Leon, featuring Tony Award nominee Ato Blankson-Wood (*Slave Play*) in the title role.

**National Memorial Day Concert 2024**

**Sunday, May 26, 2024, 8:00 p.m.**  
The *National Memorial Day Concert* honors our country’s veterans, servicemen and women and military families.

**Great Performances: Rodgers & Hammerstein 80th Anniversary Celebration**

**Friday, May 31, 2024, 9:00 p.m.**  
Beginning with their first collaboration on the groundbreaking musical *Oklahoma!* in 1943, Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II revolutionized Broadway by integrating music and dance with well-crafted storylines to create a cohesive new form that became the gold standard for midcentury musical theater.
WHRO Public Media is pleased to welcome Maurice Jones as the Vice President of News. Maurice brings a wealth of experience in both the public and private sectors as well as in the news industry. He is the former president and publisher of Pilot Media, the parent company of The Virginian-Pilot. He has also served as deputy secretary of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Obama administration and as Secretary of Commerce and Trade under the McAuliffe administration.

Maurice grew up on a tobacco farm in Kenbridge, Virginia, a small rural town where he was raised by his grandparents. He credits this upbringing as the genesis of his strong work ethic and his desire to help people.

It’s this desire to help people and their communities that attracted him to the new position at WHRO. He has seen how journalism can help individuals as well as society as a whole. He recounted one story from his days at The Virginian-Pilot. The newspaper ran a series of articles about suicides among Navy personnel. He received an email from a reader who shared what the series meant to her.

“She said, ‘I want to thank you for the series that you wrote; it saved my life,’” he recalled. “She said, ‘I was contemplating taking my life. I felt pretty hopeless. Your series is what gave me the strength to seek help.’”

He also feels high-quality journalism is essential to maintain the nation’s status as a high-functioning democracy.

“The prerequisite of us having a successful democracy is having an enlightened citizenry and holding our leaders, both in
the public and private sectors, accountable for their decisions and behaviors,” he explained. “Journalism and a free press do that, and have been doing that, better than almost anything else I know.”

Though many of his previous positions took place on a national stage, he said he is very excited to be working at the local level once again.

“The most impactful decisions on people’s opportunities are those that happen locally,” he explained. “Healthy journalism not only holds local leaders accountable, but also helps leaders make good decisions about issues that affect citizens, such as schools, transportation, childcare, jobs and healthcare.”

In a culture where some perceive bias in media—accusing media outlets of leaning either too far left or too far right politically—Maurice said he understands the responsibility that falls on news leaders to maintain objectivity and accuracy in their organization’s reporting. “I know that the most important currency for an enterprise that is aspiring to deliver journalism is trust,” he said. “We have to get up every day and earn and re-earn trust.”

It is a mission that he takes seriously and is looking forward to.

“I think some folks will look at my professional journey and say, well, he must be biased in favor of some cause that Democrats pursue or what have you, so I need to be sensitive to that. I need to make sure that I am doing everything I can to follow the truth, to hold us to that standard, and that’s what I’ll do,” he said.

WHRO President & CEO Bert Schmidt cited Maurice’s extensive background and his passion for both the community and journalism as a powerful combination for the organization. “I am thrilled to have Maurice join WHRO,” Bert said. “As we continue to uphold our commitment to delivering high-quality and impactful local journalism, we are confident that he will play a pivotal role in leading our newsroom to new heights.”

Maurice’s most immediate goal is to work on ways to grow and sustain the award-winning journalism that WHRO is already known for.

“We want a journalistic endeavor that can cover southeast Virginia, and do so comprehensively, and do so in a way that’s financially sustainable,” he said. “In the next six months, I want to build on the incredible progress already made with a particular focus on scaling and growing.”

It’s a challenging undertaking, and one that he is eager to begin.

“We want to be the preeminent local journalistic enterprise in this region. When people think of where they should go for great journalism in this area, we want to be at the top of that list.”

By Belinda Elliott
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Education Spotlight: Empowering Virginia Teachers

There is never a dull moment for the WHRO Education team. Our educators have been busy designing courses, teaching webinars, facilitating student competitions and developing new ways to bring educational resources to families in the community. Below are recent highlights of their work.

WHRO Library Corners

WHRO Public Media recently launched six new WHRO Kids Library Corners throughout Hampton Roads. Each Library Corner is equipped with a PBS Kids Playtime Pad loaded with learning apps and a bookshelf that will be stocked regularly with books for children to enjoy. Each Library Corner also has assorted bookmarks, fun books, and stickers. This dedicated reading area for children and families will regularly provide learning resources for parents.

The Library Corners are made possible in part through support from the Blocker Foundation.

Winter Webinar Series for Educators

In the month of January, teachers enjoyed three new webinars for professional development. The webinars included Exploring AI in Education, a “Steal This Idea” Workshop, and Maximizing New eMediaVA Resources with Innovative Tech Tools. If you missed any of these helpful presentations, you can find the recorded versions at whro.org/webinar

eMediaVA Blog

Our eMediaVA Blog is a popular destination for educators as teachers write blogs to help other teachers. You'll find teaching tips along with local teachers' favorite resources and collections from eMediaVa, Virginia's premier digital media content library for educators. Popular recent posts have explored the science of snow, beating the winter blues, and more. Check it out at blog.emediava.org

Student Competitions

Once again, WHRO Public Media sponsored the regional spelling bee competition for the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This year's Bee will air on WHRO TV 15 on April 6 at 2 p.m. See page 10 for more details.

The annual Great Computer Challenge is happening soon at Old Dominion University. The competition allows students in K-12th grade to demonstrate their knowledge of computer applications and programming skills. This is the largest competition WHRO holds each year.

The annual PBS Kids Writers Contest is now open for entries. Kindergarten through 5th grade students are invited to create a great story and illustrate it. Stories can be fact or fiction, poetry or prose. The deadline for entries is March 22. Learn more at whro.org/writerscontest

By Belinda Elliott
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Each year, middle school students from across the region compete in the WHRO Public Media studio for the opportunity to represent our area in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. This year, the regional spelling bee took place on February 10.

The competition helps students improve their spelling, increase their vocabulary, learn concepts and develop correct English usage that will help them all their lives. In addition to the academic benefits, students also develop important life skills – like goal setting, time management and public speaking – that will help them as they advance in school and eventually to successful careers.

The champion of our local competition will represent our region in the 2024 Scripps National Spelling Bee. Prizes for our area’s top speller include an expenses-paid trip to the national competition.

The spelling bee is a highlight for staff and local families every year. It is a day full of nervous energy, tense moments, and thrilling rivalries, which makes the event a must-watch program when it airs.

This year’s broadcast of the competition is scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at 2 p.m. We hope you will “bee” joining us to watch it!
He has also enjoyed some very exhilarating opportunities while on the job. “I had the thrill of hosting a couple of morning show broadcasts from Abbey Road Studios in London back in the ‘80s, and I also did radio reports from Live Aid in Philadelphia in 1985,” he recalled. He has also enjoyed interviewing local and national artists.

But hosting *Out of the Box* has been his overarching achievement to date.

“It’s a unique show that fills a void of music that had been missing from the radio, and I get to do it in the style of those oh-so-cool progressive rock jocks,” he said.

The program promises to keep listeners up to date on all the great new music that’s being released but rarely played on the radio anywhere else.

“I’ve been really encouraged by the consistent support the show has gotten in terms of membership donations,” Paul said. “People seem to like hearing something new on the radio!”

Fans also enjoy live performances. Ten years ago, Paul began the ‘Out of the Box Emerging Artists Concert Series’ in partnership with the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in Virginia Beach. Each winter, he hosts free weekly concerts with new artists, and they have become quite popular.

Congratulations, Paul, on an incredible 20 years of *Out of the Box* and 10 years of bringing great concerts to our community. We look forward to many more!

Find *Out of the Box* at [whro.org/outofthebox](http://whro.org/outofthebox)

By Belinda Elliott
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WHRO Weekly Edition: New Program Delivers Local News

For a couple of months now, our audience has been enjoying *WHRO Weekly Edition*, a new program on WHRV FM that provides local and regional news, perspectives, and community stories.

*WHRO Weekly Edition*, hosted by Doug Boynton, airs on Fridays at noon. Doug brings experience, creativity, and passion for connecting our community with local and regional news. Working closely with our newsroom and local experts, Dr. Barry Graham and Connor Worley produce the weekly news program. We are confident the program will resonate with you and serve our community by adding an exciting new dimension to your weekly listening routine. The program is available on broadcast, through iTunes, and on-demand at [whro.org](http://whro.org).

With the addition of *WHRO Weekly Edition*, we said farewell to the beloved show *Watching America* after a truly remarkable and successful run. We want to express our deepest gratitude to host and creator Dr. Alan Campbell, producer Belinda Elliott, audio engineer Jordan Christie, and each and every guest who has been a part of this incredible program.

“Alan’s remarkable ability to engage with and extract profound insights from a diverse range of guests sets him apart as an exceptional interviewer,” said Bert Schmidt, President and CEO of WHRO Public Media. “His unique approach to asking questions others dare not ask has left an indelible mark, and for that, we thank him for a job extraordinarily well done.”

While change can be bittersweet, we genuinely believe these adjustments will usher in a dynamic era for WHRV, prioritizing local and regional news and delivering on our promise to inform the community.

If you haven’t checked out *WHRO Weekly Edition* yet, you can find it online at [whro.org/weeklyedition](http://whro.org/weeklyedition)
To honor a person or special occasion with a tribute or memorial gift to WHRO Public Media, please call Ed Joyce at 757.889.9360 or email ed.joyce@whro.org

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Sandy Spratley Bond and Frank D Bond
Many of our members feel so strongly about the future of WHRO that they’ve included the station in their will, trust, life insurance, retirement, or other estate plan. We’re honored to include these generous members in the WHRO Public Media Legacy Society.

Consider joining the community of people who want public television and radio to span generations by including WHRO in your will. For more information, call Kate Pringle at 757.889.9370 or email kate.pringle@whro.org
Thanks for leading the way! Hunter B. Andrews Society members share WHRO’s vision of excellence. They understand the importance of leadership giving in making the very best educational, broadcast, and digital services available to everyone.

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