



Julie Carey

Julie Carey covered every election in the commonwealth since 1993. Her reporting has taken her all over Virginia with frequent trips to Richmond where she covers the governor and the General Assembly.

Carey has also done extensive reporting on issues of regional interest including sex offenders, child abuse, the rise of methamphetamine abuse, and the integration of women into the Virginia Military Institute. In the late 1990s, she provided daily coverage of the Kenneth Starr grand jury investigations and the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton. In 2005, she was the lead reporter in the trial of sniper suspect Lee Malvo.

Prior to joining News4, Carey reported for KSDK-TV in St. Louis, WTHR-TV in Indianapolis, and KCRG-TV in Cedar Rapids, Iowa where she began her career. She graduated from Indiana University with a journalism degree.

Carey was raised in Iowa in a family of journalists. She and her husband, the political editor for Bloomberg, live in Alexandria with their two kids. Carey is active as a volunteer in the Alexandria Public Schools and in her church.



Robert E. Denton

Robert E. Denton, Jr. holds the W. Thomas Rice Chair and is a Professor in the Department of Communication. He received his undergraduate and master's education at Wake Forest University and his doctorate from Purdue University. Prior to returning to academe, Dr. Denton served on Active Duty in the U.S. Army achieving the rank of Captain. In addition, he worked on the Army's "Be All You Can Be" advertising campaign. He was also the founder of Denton, Kreps, and Weckerly, LTD., a full-service advertising agency.

Professor Denton came to Virginia Tech in the summer of 1988 as Head of the Department of Communication Studies. In 1996, he left the Departmental headship to become Director of the W. Thomas Rice Center for Leader Development and served in that position until July 2007. His areas of study include the presidency, political campaigns, media and politics. He is the author, co-author or editor of 18 books on the presidency and political campaigns. Dr. Denton was host of Blue Ridge Public Television's "At Issue with Bob Denton," a weekly half-hour public affairs program for eleven years and served as host for the public affairs program "Insight," last year on Blue Ridge Public Television. He has also served as political analyst for WLSL and Fox 21/27 since 1992. Since at Virginia Tech, Dr. Denton has participated in more than 1500 interviews in national television, radio and print media.



Tyler Whitley

Tyler Whitley has worked for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the former companion afternoon paper, The Richmond News Leader, for 48 years. He has covered politics since 1980 and has attended 14 national conventions, including this year's Democratic and Republican conventions. He is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College. Whitley is married, with three grown children and three grandchildren.



Jay Warren – debate moderator

Jay Warren is an award-winning journalist who's been with Newschannel 10 since 1998. He serves as the anchor of the station's 5:30 p.m. newscast and senior political correspondent. Over the past 10 years, Warren has covered all the big political and government stories affecting the people of Southwest Virginia, including: the impeachment trial of President Bill Clinton, the 2000 Winston/Salem presidential debate, the inaugurations of President George W. Bush, the 2001 and 2005 statewide elections and every congressional election since 1998. Warren gained state and national recognition for his coverage of the 2002 congressional races. He was awarded the Walter Cronkite Award for Individual Achievement and the Award for Outstanding Effort by an Individual Reporter by the Virginia Associated Press for his "Road to 2002" and "No

Choice" series.

Warren got his start in TV news in Lubbock, Texas, working as a producer and reporter at the ABC and NBC affiliates. He was also the weekend anchor at the CBS affiliate in Greenville, Miss., where he was recognized by the Mississippi Associated Press for spot news coverage. Warren is also an adjunct instructor at Virginia Tech and Hollins University, where he teaches broadcast writing.