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Affiliate: **Associated Press**

Accredited Individual: Steve Karnowski

Education: B.A., Journalism and Political Science, University of Minnesota, 1982.

Experience: Associated Press reporter since 1994; Conus Communications All News Channel, associate producer, 1994; Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich, Germany, senior news editor, 1985 - 1994; United Press International in Washington, national desk editor, 1985, Minneapolis Bureau reporter, 1983 - 1985; Minnesota Daily, political reporter, 1979 - 1983.



Affiliate: **Axios**

Accredited Individual: Kyle Stokes

Education: B.A., Journalism and Political Science, University of Missouri, 2007.

Experience: Reporter Axios Media, Inc. since Dec. 2023; Reporter, MinnPost, Jan. 2023 - Dec. 2023; Sr. Reporter, Southern California Public Radio, Feb. 2016 - Jan. 2023; Reporter, KNKX Public Radio (Seattle/Tacoma), Mar 2014 - Jan. 2016; Indiana Public Media (Bloomington, Ind.), Jun. 2011 - Feb. 2014.



Affiliate: **Axios**

Accredited Individual: Torey Van Oot

Education: B.A. Print Journalism and Political Science, University of South California, 2009.

Experience: Axios Twin Cities, 2020 - present; Star Tribune Capitol Bureau, 2018 - 2020; Refinery29, 2015 - 2018; NBC-owned TV stations national digital desk, 2013 - 2015; The Sacramento Bee Capitol Bureau, 2009 - 2013.



Affiliate: **Forum News Service**

Accredited Individual: Mary Murphy

Education: B.A., Journalism/Public Interest Communication/Political Science, 2024.

Experience: Minnesota Statehouse reporter for Forum News Service since October 2024; Freelance for Seattle Times; Cascade PBS Intern with Washington State Journal covering Washington Legislative Session; Managing Editor at The Daily University of Washington Intern for The Everett Herald; International.



Affiliate: **Freelance - St. Paul**

Accredited Individual: Sheila Ann Regan

Education: B.A. Macalester College, M.F.A., Indiana University

Experience: Freelance Journalist since 2007 with focus on arts and culture reporting.

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Affiliate: **Freelance Photographer**

Accredited Individual: Glen Stubbe

Education: B.S. Photojournalism, Syracuse University, 1981.

Experience: Star Tribune, 1998 – present; Washington Times, DC, 1986-1998; Tampa Tribune, FL, 1983 - 1986; Wilkes-Barre, PA, Times Leader, 1981-1983.



Affiliate: **Gray TV**

Accredited Individual: Quinn Gorham

Education: B.A., Broadcast Journalism, Biola University

Experience: Reporter, MMJ for KBJR/Northern News Now



Affiliate: **KAAL-TV - Rochester**

Accredited Individual: Chandler Jackson

Education: B.J., University of Texas, Arlington, 2021, M.A., Journalism, University of North Texas, 2024.

Experience: ABC 6 News multimedia journalist since Jan 2024; North Texas Daily video editor, 2023-2024; Hatch Visuals manager, 2023-2024



Affiliate: **KAAL-TV - Rochester**

Accredited Individual: Brian Wise

Education: B.A., Mass Communications, Colorado Mesa University, 2016.

Experience: Photographer/Editor with KAAL since Sept. 2016; Horizon Magazine, 2013-2016



Affiliate: **KARE-TV 11**

Accredited Individual: Daniel Spewak

Education: B.A., Broadcast Journalism/Political Science, University of Mississippi, 2013.

Experience: KARE-TV since 2018; WARZ-TV, Buffalo MN, 2013-2018

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Affiliate: **KMSP-TV 9**

Accredited Individual: Corin Hoggard

Education: B.S., Biology, University of Houston, Honors College, 1994.

Experience: KMSP-TV in the Twin Cities; KFSN-TV in Fresno, CA; KTRK-TV in Houston; Pasadena Citizen newspaper.



Affiliate: **KMSP-TV 9**

Accredited Individual: Tom Hauser

Education: B.A., Journalism and Political Science, University of St. Thomas; M.A., Journalism and Mass Communications, Drake University.

Experience: KSTP-TV, Mpls-St. Paul; WHO-TV, Des Moines; WINK-TV, Fort Myers, FL; KAAL-TV, Austin, MN



Affiliate: **Minnesota Daily**

Accredited Individual: Alexandra DeYoe

Education: B.A., Journalism, University of Minnesota, 2026 (Anticipated).

Experience: Ongoing BA in Journalism, currently a third-year student at the University of Minnesota. Expected graduation date May 2026.



Affiliate: **Minnesota Daily**

Accredited Individual: Jack O'Connor

Education: University of Minnesota.

Experience: Minnesota Daily, City Desk Editor



Affiliate: **Minnesota News Network**

Accredited Individual: John Anderson

Education: B.A., Journalism, University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, 1987.

Experience: 35 years of TV. news experience.

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Affiliate: **Minnesota News Network**

Accredited Individual: Ashley Walker

Education: A.A. Rochester Technical College, B.C. Minnesota State University, Moorehead.

Experience: Editor-in-Chief at RCTC; Social Media Manager at NXCT; Communications Manager at MSUM; Content Creator at MSUM, Radio Director at MSUM; News Director at MSUM; Producer/Reporter at KTTC; Reporter/Anchor at MNN



Affiliate: **Minnesota Public Radio**

Accredited Individual: Dana Ferguson

Education: B.A., Communication/Spanish, DePauw University 2014. Member: Media Fellows program.

Experience: Joined MPR News since 2022; Forum News Service as Minnesota Capitol correspondent, 2018-2022; Worked as a state government and politics reporter for the Argus Leader in Sioux Falls, S.D.; The Associated Press in Madison, Wis.



Affiliate: **Minnesota Public Radio**

Accredited Individual: Clay Masters

Education: Bachelors of Journalism, University of Nebraska - Lincoln.

Experience: Minnesota Public Radio since 2024; Iowa Public Radio, 2012-2024; Nebraska Public Media, 2006-2012.



Affiliate: **Minnesota Public Radio**

Accredited Individual: Michelle Griffith

Education: B.A., Journalism, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities.

Experience: The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Report for America



Affiliate: **Minnesota Reformer**

Accredited Individual: Madison McVan

Education: Bachelor of Journalism, University of Missouri, 2020.

Experience: The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead, Report for America

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Affiliate: **Minnesota Reformer**

Accredited Individual: Max Nesterak

Education: B.A., Swarthmore College.

Experience: MPR News, NPR.



Affiliate: **MinnPost**

Accredited Individual: Peter J. Callaghan

Education: B.A., Communications, University of Washington.

Experience: MinnPost; Associated Press in Olympia and Seattle; Everett Herald; Tacoma News Tribune.



Affiliate: **North News**

Accredited Individual: David Pierini

Education: B.A. Journalism, Michigan State University 1991; B.A. Photojournalism, Western Kentucky University, 1991.

Experience: North News since 2016-present (Editor 2022-present); Wednesday Journal (Oak Park, IL), 2012-2014; ABC7 Chicago, 2011-2012; Chicago Tribune, 2008-2011; The Herald (Jasper, IN), 1998-2008.



Affiliate: **Public Record Media**

Accredited Individual: Martin D. Owings

Education: B.A. History/Political Science, Metropolitan State University, 2012.

Experience: Reporter/editor/online host; Board President at Public Record Media.



Affiliate: **St. Cloud Times**

Accredited Individual: Corey Schmidt

Education: B.M., DePaul University, M.M., Yale University.

Experience: Former freelance suburbs reporter for the Chicago Tribune.

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Affiliate: **St. Paul Pioneer Press**

Accredited Individual: Alex Derosier

Education: University of Wisconsin - Superior, University of Missouri.

Experience: Superior Bureau of Wisconsin Public Radio, WNAX, MissouriNet Radio, Southern California Public Radio, CBS News Washington Bureau, Associated Press Raleigh North Carolina Bureau, The Forum of Fargo-Moorhead.



Affiliate: **St. Paul Pioneer Press**

Accredited Individual: Mara Gottfried

Education: B.A., University of Maryland.

Experience: St. Paul Pioneer Press since 2001.



Affiliate: **St. Paul Pioneer Press**

Accredited Individual: Bill Salisbury

Education: B.A., History, University of Minnesota - Morris.

Experience: Reporter at St. Paul Pioneer Press since 1977; Reporter at Rochester Post-Bulletin, 1972-1977; Fairmont Sentinel, 1971-1972.



Affiliate: **Star Tribune**

Accredited Individual: Brianna Bierschbach

Education: B.A., Journalism, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities, 2009.

Experience: Star Tribune since 2020; Previous experience at the Capitol for The Associated Press, Politics in Minnesota, MinnPost and Minnesota Public Radio.



Affiliate: **Star Tribune**

Accredited Individual: Leila Navidi

Education: B.A., Applied Photography, Rochester Institute of Technology, 2003.

Experience: Star Tribune since Sept. 2014; Las Vegas Sun, 2007-2013.

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Affiliate: **Star Tribune**

Accredited Individual: Rochelle Anne Olson

Education: B.A., French, Hamline University University, 1988; M.S., Journalism, University of Kansas, 1992.

Experience: Star Tribune since 2000. Associated Press in Kansas City, Topeka, KS, Charleston, WV, and St. Paul from 1992-2000.



Affiliate: **Star Tribune**

Accredited Individual: Lori Sturdevant

Education: B.A., Coe Colleg.

Experience: Retired from the Star Tribune Editorial Board in December 2018 and continues as an occasional columnist; Star Tribune editorial writer and columnist, 1992-2018; Star Tribune Assignment editor 1986-1992; Star Tribune reporter, 1976-1986; Author and/or editor of 12 books, including “Her Honor: Rosalie Wahl and the Minnesota Women’s Movement” and “The Pillsburys of Minnesota.”



Affiliate: **The Uptake**

Accredited Individual: Michael McIntee

Education: B.A., Journalism, University of Minnesota, 1981.

Experience: Cofounder and executive producer, The UpTake, since 2006; Conus Communication, 1989-2002; KWTV TV producer, 1987-88; KETV-TV producer 1984-87; KGBT-TV producer, 1982-84; WCCO-TV producer, 1979-1982; WMMR-AM news director, 1977-81.



Affiliate: **Twin Cities P.B.S.**

Accredited Individual: Mary Lahammer

Education: Journalism/Mass Communication, University of Minnesota.

Experience: Capitol correspondent since 1998 for Almanac and creator of Almanac at the Capitol. 12-time regional Emmy Award Winner.



Affiliate: **Twin Cities P.B.S.**

Accredited Individual: Scott Trotman

Education: B.A., Mass Communications, Broadcasting and Speech Comminations, Winona State University, 1989.

Experience: Over 20 years of video production experience; 16 years with TPT; Worked four legislative sessions with Senate Media in 1990’s.

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Affiliate: **WCCO-Radio**

Accredited Individual: Blois R. Olson

Education: B.A. Political Science/Journalism, University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh

Experience: WCCO Radio since 1998; Morning Take since 2010; MinnPost, 2008-2010; Politics in Minnesota, 1998-2007.