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RIBA Announces 2026 Scholarship Recipients

On July 29th, RIBA awarded \$2,000 scholarships to aspiring broadcasters and the children of RIBA members. Congrats to: (clockwise from top left) Ali Abdur-Razzak, Ava Milukas, Jack Perry, Malina Dooley and Eliza White. [Read more about their accomplishments here.](#)



Broadcast Industry News

FCC Lifts National Cap on TV Ownership

At its open meeting on August 6th, the FCC voted 2-1 to eliminate the rule that prevented a single broadcaster from reaching more than 39% of American households. The move is intended to help broadcasters better compete with digital platforms, which have no restrictions on reach.

President Trump Nominates Fourth FCC Commissioner

President Donald Trump has nominated Danielle Thumann Severs, a senior counsel to FCC Chairman Brendan Carr, to serve as a commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission. She now faces confirmation vote in the Senate.

New Audacy/SiriusXM Distribution Deal

On September 1st, satcaster SiriusXM will begin distributing 42 Audacy sports, talk and news stations, including Boston's WEEI.

AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act Update

The AM4EVA legislation would require all auto manufacturers to install AM radios in



Paul & Al Retiring from 94HJY

After 36 years waking up Southern New England on iHeartMedia's 94HJY, Paul Fuller and Al Matthews are hanging up their headphones. The duo's last show

will be on Thursday, August 27th, and a celebratory bash will be held at Track 15 in Providence on Friday, August 21st. Congrats, guys! Thanks for 36 years of laughs.

any vehicle sold in the U.S. The bill now has 380 sponsors in the Senate and House combined, but faces a final hurdle of gaining a floor vote in both chambers.

In July, RIBA Chairman Dave Richards and President Bill George visited the offices of Rhode Island's Congressional delegation in Washinton to ask them to urge their leadership to bring AM4EVA to a vote. Senators Reed and Whitehouse, along with Congressmen Amo and Magaziner have been champions of the bill and continue to advocate for its passage. (Pictured: Dave Richards, Sen. Whitehouse, Bill George)



Heather & Matty Finalists for Marconi Radio Award

Lite 105's "Heather & Matty" show has been named as a finalist for a Marconi Award in the Large Market Personality of the Year Category. The awards ceremony will be held at the NAB Show-New York on October 20th. We wish good luck to Heather Gersten and Matty Blake!



RI Radio and TV's Biggest Night is Almost Here!

The Rhode Island Radio and TV Hall of Fame's induction ceremony and dinner will be held on September 16th at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick. Congratulations to this year's inductees: Les Breault, Heather Gersten, Will Gilbert, Jim Hummel, Art (Spencer) Soares, Sara Wye and the late Bill Rappleye. Lite 105 and the Poder 1110 morning show will also be honored.

[Click here for tickets and info](#)

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Annual RIBA Party - Always a Fun Time!

Broadcasters from all over Rhode Island gathered for RIBA's Annual Member Appreciation Party at Track 15 in Providence on June 10th. [Check out the photo gallery, courtesy of photographer Bob Emerson](#)



Get Ready for Golf! RIBA's Annual Golf Tournament will return to Warwick Country Club on Monday, October 5th! For details, check with your Market Manager or email billgeorge@ribroadcasters.com



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