



# KAREN ADAMS

## Eyewitness News Anchor

*Recipient of the*  
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Karen Adams is an award-winning anchor at Eyewitness News, now celebrating over twenty years with WPRI-TV and Fox Providence.

Her broadcast career began in radio news, but she quickly moved into television news. Her extensive background in television includes reporting, anchoring and management as a news director at television stations in Missouri, Maryland and North Carolina.

During her years in broadcasting, Karen has won many awards for her work. She has won an Emmy as part of an Overall Team Effort on coverage of a Breaking News Story. She's had numerous Emmy nominations and is the recipient of many Associated Press awards for outstanding reporting and feature stories. While working in Maryland, she received the "Gavel Award" from the Maryland Bar Association for her documentary on the state's judicial system and was recognized for this work in the Maryland State Senate.

As News Director, news operations under her leadership have won many Associated Press Awards, including "Best Newscast." In 2005, Karen was inducted into the "Silver Circle" of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. This most prestigious honor goes to broadcasters who have worked at least twenty-five years in television and who have made a significant contribution to the industry through their work and service.

Karen's reporting has taken her from coverage of hurricanes along the East Coast to political reporting in Washington, D.C. She has traveled on a Far East Trade Mission with two United States Governors – sending reports back to the states from Tokyo and Kyoto, Japan; Seoul, South Korea and Hong Kong. Other highlights of her live reporting include several trips to the Super Bowl to report on the New England Patriots.

The big stories in Rhode Island will find Karen live from the scene or leading the coverage from the anchor desk. She's also moderated many political debates over the years. On Thursdays at 10 and 11 pm, her "Best Bets" feature local entertainment, theatre and the arts and local community festivals.

For several years, she co-hosted "Today's Rhode Island National Guard," which was a half hour monthly program on the local PBS station which provided information about the National Guard including deployments as well as "welcome home" events for the men and women in uniform and their families. For this work, she received the "President's Award" in 2005 from the RI National Guard.

Karen's community involvement is far-reaching and extensive. She is currently on the Board of Trustees for Meeting Street and the Board of Trustees for Community Preparatory School. Her past board involvements include serving seven years as a Bank Director for BankRI; a board member for Trinity Repertory Company, Friends of the Sophia Academy; an "honorary" Big Sister with Big Sisters of Rhode Island; former Board Member with the Providence Animal Rescue League, Diabetes Foundation and Eastman House. Her other charities are numerous including: Aids Care Ocean State; Ronald McDonald House Providence; MADD; Wolf School; RI State Commission on Women; American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer; Good Samaritans; Providence Center; Groden Center; Amos House; Crossroads; San Miguel School; VIPs; Harmony Hill School; Cranston ARC; Fogarty Center; Special Olympics; March of Dimes; Hasbro Children's Hospital and Butler Hospital.

In October 2009, Karen received the John H. Chafee Community Service Award from the United Way - presented to an outstanding Rhode Islander whose career accomplishments include years of consistent dedication and action on behalf of underprivileged people.

In November of 2009, Karen will be presented the "Outstanding Service Award" during the National Philanthropy Day luncheon at the RI Convention Center for her commitment to non-profit organizations.

Other awards she has received include: "Community Champion" from CCRI; Life Long Learning Award from Providence Volunteers in Public Schools; "Unsung Hero" award from Meeting Street; named to the "Circle of Stars" with the Providence Center; Lifetime Achievement Award from Advent House; "Woman of Distinction" from the Miss America/ Miss Rhode Island Scholarship Pageant; named "Outstanding Career Woman" by the Providence Business and Professional Women; The Rhode Island Civic Chorale honored her for "outstanding contributions to the arts; she received the "Francis Lanctot Award" from the Stadium Theatre in Woonsocket for contribution to the theatre, and Special Olympics Rhode Island presented her with an award. She has been recognized in the Rhode Island General Assembly and received numerous citations from state and city government agencies.

Karen co-chaired a fifteen million dollar capital campaign for the new Meeting Street facility located on Eddy Street in Providence. She annually co-hosts the Meeting Street telethon which raises funds for programs for children with disabilities.

She is an avid tennis player and golfer. She's a member of the Rhode Island Women's Golf Association and the Ocean State Women's Golf Association and has a golf club championship to her name. One of her biggest thrills every year is the invitation to play in the CVS Charity Classic Pro-Am, where she has had the opportunity to meet the best players in the world including Arnold Palmer, Freddy Couples, Nick Price and of course her local favorites - The Quigleys; Brad Faxon and Billy Andrade.

Karen was born on the 4th of July. She graduated from Missouri State University with a degree in Speech and Theatre and a minor in Journalism.





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