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Celebrating over 30 years of legendary journalism

Norfolk, VA- WVEC, Hampton Roads' local ABC affiliate announced Joe Flanagan's retirement from WVEC after 31 years with the station.

Flanagan began his career in 1974 after graduating from Ohio University. Throughout his tenure in the broadcast industry he has served as a weathercaster, salesman, reporter, and anchor. Flanagan is an Emmy Award winning journalist and in 2014 was awarded the George A. Bowles, Jr award from the Virginia Association of Broadcasters for longevity in Virginia broadcasting, enthusiasm for community, and respect from peers.

"As everyone knows, there's no job that's not 'Joe's Job'". He is one of the most recognized and beloved TV personalities that has ever spent time in Hampton Roads. It's not just his ability to connect with viewers on a personal level that makes Joe memorable. Joe is an amazing reporter and a dedicated journalist who always puts the story first." News Director Doug Wieder said.

When asked about his long career in broadcast Flanagan reflected most on his feeling of fulfillment, saying "I had an old high school football coach who used to say give it your all and don't leave a thing on the field. That's how I feel about winding down on Woodis. From fun features and serious reporting to anchoring and hosting our annual Holiday Salute, my bucket list is empty."

Next week Joe will be looking back at some of his most memorable moments on the air for a series of stories on 13News Now.

"Joe has put so much of himself into his stories, into this station and into the community. After over 31 years of excellent journalism at WVEC ABC13, we know he has truly earned this "Joe's Job." Joe's life's work has made a difference to so many of us. We will miss him greatly." General Manager Kari Jacobs said.

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