Donald K. Boswell will retire as President and CEO of Western New York Public Broadcasting Association on June 30, 2021.

Don has been at the helm of WNED since 1998, following the retirement of J. Michael Collins after 39 years with the organization. Don was recruited from KERA TV and FM in Dallas-Fort Worth, where he was Executive Vice President and Chief Operation Officer.

Don decided, “It is time to pass the baton.” He will be 70 this year and he plans to pursue writing scripts for films and plays in his retirement. He and his wife will remain in Buffalo where he will continue serving on community boards.

Don says he is most proud of building a talented team that understands the great privilege of telling the stories of Western New York and Southern Ontario.

Don began his public broadcasting career as a teen-aged volunteer for “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” produced at WQED at his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. He earned bachelors and master's degrees from Penn State University.

His first job, in 1977 was in the community relations/production at WVIA-TV/FM in Pittston, PA. He was Vice President of Development for KCTS-TV in Seattle before heading to KERA in 1982.

A national search has begun for Don’s replacement.
Upcoming Virtual Events

All Screenings and Events can be found on our website under the Community tab:
Screenings and Events (wned.org)

Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 7 pm
A Panel Discussion for Discovering New York Suffrage Stories - Free Event

Join WNED PBS Executive Producer Lynne Bader as she hosts a sneak peek and panel discussion to explore the intersection of women's voting rights and race.

Discovering New York Suffrage Stories Panel Discussion (wned.org)

Monday, Feb. 8 at 7 pm
For the Love of Chocolate: A Virtual Chocolate Tasting

Join Dan and JoAnne Sundell of Dark Forest Chocolate Makers in Lancaster, NY as they guide us on an exploration of chocolate – from bean to bar!

There are a variety of chocolate packages to choose from, ranging from $25 to $50. Packages are available for pick-up or local delivery.

*Unfortunately we are unable to ship to Canada at this time.

For the Love of Chocolate (wned.org)

Friday, Feb. 26 at 7 pm
Virtual Bob Ross Paint Night

In February paint along with Bob Ross and Lauren Pantos, a Certified Ross Instructor (CRI), as they help you to create your own work of art.

Class with Kit $56.00, Class Only $10.00

*Unfortunately we are unable to ship paint kits to Canada at this time, but the virtual class is viewable in Canada.

Screenings and Events (wned.org)
The latest WNED PBS original production is a 30-minute television documentary that tells the story of the important events and women in New York. To celebrate 100 years of the women's right to vote, WNED PBS embarked on a journey across Central and Western New York to tell the stories of suffragists whose names are not as well-known as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton but who contributed greatly to the cause. This is the story of Matilda Joslyn Gage, Paulina Wright Davis, Hester Jeffrey, and Mary Talbert – women who carried the torch for suffrage throughout its 70 years, and yet whose significant contributions are often overlooked. Along the way, they tirelessly navigated issues of religious intolerance, sexism, politics, and racism, both outside and inside the movement. These are the women of New York who informed the movement, gave it momentum, and contributed to its ultimate success.

Premieres Feb. 1 at 9 pm on WNED PBS.

wned.org/suffrage
Community Connections during the Pandemic

Buffalo Toronto Public Media (BTPM) has been here for you and for our partners in the community. BTPM has continued to work with community partners in bringing you interesting and captivating content.

No Child, a production of WNED PBS Buffalo/Toronto, Chautauqua Theater Company and Detroit Public Theatre, is a breathtaking solo show exploring the New York City public school system. This unique one-act play was written and performed by Nilaja Sun, an actor, playwright, and teaching artist. Sun stars as a 10th grade teacher at Malcolm X High School in the Bronx, where she transforms herself with rapid-fire precision into the teachers, students, parents, janitors, security guards, and administrators of Malcolm X High School in the Bronx, shining light and love onto those who inhabit under-resourced public schools across the United States. Sun demonstrates how one determined woman can change the lives of countless others in this tour de force, crackling with wit and wisdom and showing us the transformative power of art.

No Child (wned.org)

Buffalo Toronto Public Media in collaboration with Buffalo Opera Unlimited produced a series of television programs featuring arias performed in BTPM's own studio. These productions gave the entire community the opportunity to enjoy opera in the form of these unique and intimate concerts.

On Stage with Buffalo Opera Unlimited (wned.org)
In late October Buffalo Toronto Public Media Education and Outreach department presented The Virtual Community Education Series on Race. The series featured three presentations led by distinguished speakers as they shined a light on how racially-charged issues are covered in media, the importance of African American storytelling, and the devaluation of human beings.

Community Education Series (wned.org)

In October WBFO and WNED PBS brought you Tight Knit, a content series from The Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and Lafayette American, about the many ways people are working to build stronger relationships and communities. The program explored the complexity and joy inherent in providing care for an older family member, opening a door into the day-to-day lives of caregivers in Western New York and Southeast Michigan. While the stories provide different experiences, they are universal in recognizing the family caregiver as a vital and selfless part of every community, deserving our unlimited support, attention and advocacy.

Tight Knit (wned.org)

WNED Classical has continued to bring you the music that you have enjoyed. During December, WNED Classical brought a great selection of holiday-themed programming. On Jan. 1, WNED Classical brought New Year’s Day from Vienna 2021. The ever popular annual New Year’s Day Concert was performed by the Wiener Philharmoniker under the baton of Maestro Riccardo Muti. WNED Classcial 94.5
Upcoming Programming

Below are a selection of programs that will be coming to PBS this February and April.

**The Black Church**
This two-part series reveals the broad history and culture of the Black church and explores African American faith communities on the frontlines of hope and change. Featuring interviews with Oprah Winfrey, John Legend, Jennifer Hudson, Bishop Michael Curry, Cornel West, Pastor Shirley Caesar, and Rev. Sharpton.
**Tuesday, February 16 & 23 at 9:00 p.m.**

**My Grandparent’s War**
*My Grandparents' War* is a new four-part series that takes a fascinating journey into the past to understand the extraordinary impact of World War II on the families of four British actors.
**Sundays beginning April 4 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Atlantic Crossing**
A princess steals the heart of the president of the United States in an epic eight part series drama based on the World War II relationship of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Norwegian Crown Princess Martha.
**Sundays beginning April 4 at 9:00 p.m.**

**Hemingway**
*Hemingway* is a three-part, six-hour documentary that examines the visionary work and turbulent life of Ernest Hemingway, one of the greatest and most influential writers of America.
**Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday April 5 – 7 at 8:00 p.m.**
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Vehicle Donation Program (wned.org)

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