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The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Celebrates 50 Years of Excellence at Golden Anniversary Emmy® Awards Gala

Pembroke Pines, FL - The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) will celebrate 50 years of honoring excellence in television and media during its Golden Anniversary Suncoast Emmy® Awards Gala on December 5, 2026, at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Florida.

Founded on June 14, 1976, as the Miami Chapter of NATAS, the organization has grown into one of the Academy's largest regional chapters, serving the entire State of Florida, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, Thomasville, Georgia and Puerto Rico. Today, the Chapter continues its mission through the prestigious Suncoast Regional Emmy® Awards, while supporting the next generation of creative minds through its Student Production Awards and scholarship programs. Since 1996, the Chapter has awarded more than \$1 million in scholarships, helping aspiring media professionals pursue their careers.

The Suncoast Emmy® Awards Gala has become one of the region's premier events, bringing together more than 900 professionals from across our creative community each year to celebrate excellence in broadcasting, journalism, production, and emerging media. As the Chapter celebrates this milestone anniversary, it honors the storytellers whose creativity, innovation, and dedication have informed, inspired, and connected audiences for the past 50 years while looking ahead to the next generation of industry trailblazers.

Then & Now

THEN (1976)

The Miami Chapter of NATAS was established, serving South Florida, including Miami, West Palm Beach, and Fort Myers.

NOW

The Suncoast Chapter serves the entire state of Florida, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles, and New Orleans, Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; Thomasville, Georgia; and Puerto Rico.

THEN (1978)

Fewer than 300 Emmy® entries were submitted.

NOW

More than 1,800 Emmy® entries are received annually.

THEN

A small regional chapter dedicated to recognizing excellence in television.

NOW

More than 1,730 members and a thriving organization that continues to celebrate excellence while supporting the future of the television and media industry.

About the Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences

The Suncoast Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences is a nonprofit Florida corporation dedicated to excellence in television. We offer annual EMMY® Awards called The Suncoast Regional EMMY® Awards to television markets in the entire State of Florida, Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Lake Charles and New Orleans, Louisiana, Mobile, Alabama, Thomasville, Georgia and Puerto Rico. The Chapter is composed of professional people who work in television or students who are studying television in colleges or universities and aspire to become professionals. We support future television industry professionals by recognizing the talent and efforts of college and high school students in our region with Student Production Awards. We provide financial support for college and high school seniors by granting scholarships annually. If you would like to become a member, please visit our [Membership](https://www.suncoastemmys.org) page.