Society of Professional Journalists honoring Diana Lewis with Lifetime Achievement Award

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(WXYZ) - The Detroit Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists announced Wednesday they are honoring former WXYZ-TV anchor Diana Lewis with a lifetime achievement award.

The award will be presented to Diana at SPJ's Excellence in Journalism awards on April 15 at the San Marino Club in Troy. The event is open to the public and tickets are on sale now at spjdetroit.org. (http://www.spjdetroit.org/)

Diana retired from WXYZ after more than 35 years in 2012. She has been honored with numerous awards, including the Silver Circle Award from the Michigan Chapter of the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences. The organization also recognized her outstanding work with two Emmy Awards and the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2008, she was inducted into the Michigan Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame. In 2012, Diana was also inducted into the Michigan State Journalism Hall of Fame, joining the likes of Maya Angelou and Alice Walker.

The society will also honor longtime Detroit News and current Fox Sports Detroit sportswriter Tom Gage. After covering the Detroit Tigers for 36 years, he was honored with the J.G. Taylor Spink Award by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He will receive the award during the National Baseball Hall of Fame's induction weekend in July.

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