RTDNA Canada recognizes Eric Sorensen with a Network Lifetime Achievement Award

Toronto, Ontario - (June 9, 2020) - RTDNA Canada is pleased to honour Eric Sorensen with an RTDNA Canada Lifetime Achievement Award for his outstanding service and continued excellence in his journalism career.

RTDNA Canada President Fiona Conway said, “Eric Sorensen was a competitor of mine years ago and I remember him as a diligent, fair and incredibly hard-working reporter. I am so pleased to see his outstanding contributions as a journalist and storyteller recognized by the RTDNA. Congratulations Eric!”

A special video celebrating Eric’s incredible career contributions is available on the RTDNA Canada website.

Eric became Global National’s Senior National Affairs Correspondent in early 2014. Prior to that he spent eight years as Global National’s Washington Bureau Chief covering the most significant stories in the U.S. and around the world, including the funeral of Nelson Mandela from South Africa, the election of U.S. President Barack Obama, and the Winter and Summer Olympics in Vancouver, London and Sochi.

Often referred to as a “Renaissance Man”, Eric is passionate about an infinite number of subjects - politics, space, sports, technology and history, to name a few. What’s more, his passion for his subject matter is also infinite. Eric is perhaps one of the country’s most talented journalists at breaking down complex concepts into digestible reports. He is especially passionate about storytelling with the talented virtual graphics team at Global News. Using this innovative tool, Eric can take viewers anywhere. He brought viewers to outer space to show them what it means to have the first glimpse of a Black Hole. He walked viewers through the details of the Toronto Van attack, including how one police officer subdued the suspect. He inserted himself into the House of Commons to break down the strange moment when the prime
minister lost his cool. When the Oscars announced the wrong winner for Best Picture, Eric brilliantly used the virtual set to walk viewers through the disaster.

Before joining Global, Eric spent 18 years with CBC covering breaking news from the death of Princess Diana in Paris, to the Swissair crash off Nova Scotia. As a Parliamentary Reporter, Eric was aboard several national election campaigns, covered international summits and travelled across five continents with three Prime Ministers. He was also a CBC National reporter based in Yellowknife and Saskatoon.

Eric launched his broadcasting career at CHOW Radio in Welland, Ontario. He worked in Wingham and Peterborough, was news director at ATV Moncton, anchored the news at CFPL TV in London, and reported for CTV (CFTO TV) Toronto. Eric earned his Bachelor’s Degree from Toronto’s Ryerson University in 1976, and the same year was named MVP of Ryerson’s Varsity basketball team. Eric was the first Canadian to receive the Benton Fellowship in Broadcast Journalism from the University of Chicago in 1984. Due to his command of news and history, Eric is sometimes referred to as “the professor” of Global News. But he’s so much more than that. A mentor, a gentleman, a friend, and someone Canadians have come to recognize as a trusted voice to help us understand the currents shaping our world.

About RTDNA Canada

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