

BIOGRAPHY



WENDY GRANATO

General Manager, ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles

Wendy Granato is the general manager of ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles — the No.1 station in Southern California. She has overall management responsibility for the station, shaping its editorial vision and managing the strategies and teams that drive audience and growth across platforms.

Granato hails from Houston, where she was the general manager of ABC13/KTRK-TV, also No. 1 in the market on both broadcast and digital platforms. She spearheaded the launch of the station's 24/7 news stream, delivering the most live, local coverage in the Houston market and cementing the station's status as Houston's leading source for local news and information across broadcast, digital and social platforms.

Under her leadership, ABC13 produced 13 hours of live news daily, including "ABC13 Weather Now," a first-of-its-kind weather show. In addition to newscasts, the station produces 175-plus hours of premium content each year, including community specials, station drives and live events. Granato also led the station's introduction of two advocacy journalism documentary series, "Unsolved" and "Texas True Crime," that are so popular they're now available on Hulu.

Prior to becoming general manager at ABC13, Granato served as vice president of News for ABC13 for five years. In charge of all editorial decisions and operations, she was responsible for the successful merger of broadcast and digital departments and helped the station become the No. 1 local news station in the market. Before that, she was executive producer of special projects and the daily talk show "Debra Duncan."

During her tenure, the station has won 99 Emmys® and 13 Edward R. Murrow Awards. Most notably, as vice president of News, she was instrumental in leading the station's Emmy Award-winning coverage of Hurricane Harvey in 2017, during which KTRK was on the air nonstop for eight consecutive days. Most recently, the station won both a regional and national Edward R. Murrow Award in Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for its piece "Taking Back Gulfton." She has been named to Radio+Television Business Report's Top Local Leaders list twice, was named among the Top 30 Influential Women of Houston in 2022 and was named 2024's TV Market Manager of the Year by Media Alliance of Houston.

As a leader who is passionate about innovation and investing in skills of the future, Granato is a founding director of OTV University, an educational program for all eight ABC Owned Television Stations.

Granato is also passionate about the station's community outreach efforts, working closely with partners such as Black Heritage Society, Crimestoppers, Goodwill Houston, the Houston Marathon Foundation, the Houston Texans, Latino Learning Center, League of United Latin American Citizens and VOICE of Asia News. Notably, the station supports Share Your Holidays, an annual food drive benefiting the Houston Food Bank, and hosts an E-cycle Drive, a collection/recycling effort for outdated electronic equipment in conjunction with Earth Day. The station also broadcasts the city's major events, including The Chevron Marathon, the annual July 4th Freedom Over Texas Celebration and numerous parades, such as Art Car, Cinco de Mayo, Día de los Muertos, Galveston Mardi Gras, MLK, Pride and more.

Before joining ABC13, Granato was the news director for KNWS Houston. Earlier in her career, she was a news reporter and morning news anchor for KATC in Lafayette, Louisiana.

She studied at the Manship School of Mass Communication, where she earned a degree in broadcast journalism from Louisiana State University.

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