







#### **Congratulations!**

I am honored to help celebrate your accomplishments and years of service to our city through the 2024 Ovation Awards Ceremony.

Your commitment to our community shines as an example to others, and your work continues to make Memphis better. On behalf of the entire city, I want to express my most sincere gratitude and applaud you for your ongoing dedication to excellent service.

Today, we celebrate employees with 25-50 years of service, as well as those who have shown individual and team excellence. But we know that even more of you deserve praise for the great deeds, good work, and hearts of service that are displayed throughout our organization every minute of every day.

I salute you and recognize the power of the path of service you have chosen. We are better because of you. We are better together.

In partnership and progress,

Mayor Paul A. Young City of Memphis





# Fonda F. Fouché

CHIEF HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER

**Greetings CoM Employees!** 

I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our guests at the 2024 City of Memphis Ovation Awards. This is our moment to express appreciation for our valued City of Memphis employees through our annual recognition and accolades awards program.

First, congratulations to the dedicated employees of the City of Memphis who are being recognized for their years of exemplary service.

The Ovation Awards were introduced as an addition to our years of service ceremony. As we honor employees for their dedicated years of service, we also seize this opportunity to commend those who have gone above and beyond their job descriptions through innovation, accountability, collaboration, diversity, and customer service. These employees consistently did the right thing, even when no one was watching, to MOVE MEMPHIS FORWARD.

On behalf of the citizens of Memphis, we extend our heartfelt THANK YOU for exceeding expectations. You have made our residents your top priority, igniting your passion for exemplary servant leadership.

And the winner is.....

Anda I. Jauch'

Fonda Fouche' Chief HR Officer



OVATION AWARDS RENASANT CONVENTION CENTER BALLROOM A WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2024 4PM-5:30PM

#### BLUE CARPET RECEPTION

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT......JOURNEY HOGAN

#### **OVATION AWARDS CEREMONY**

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT	DJ ALPHA WHISKEY
MISTRESS OF CEREMONIES	JOY REDMOND, WMC-TV CHANNEL 5
REMARKS	HONORABLE MAYOR PAUL A. YOUNG
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#### INTRODUCTION OF YEARS OF SERVICE

#### YEARS OF SERVICE VIDEO PRESENTATION

ROLL CALL.....JOY REDMOND/DJ ALPHA WHISKEY

INTRODUCTION OF OVATION.....JOY REDMOND

#### OVATION VIDEO PRESENTATION

OVATION AWARDS PRESENTATION......HONORABLE MAYOR PAUL A. YOUNG

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT......DJ ALPHA WHISKEY

CLOSING REMARKS





## Joy Redmond WMC-TV Channel 5 MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Joy Redmond is a Detroit native and proud graduate of the University of Michigan, where she majored in television journalism. She began a career in Corporate America that spanned over a decade. During this journey, it was evident that her passion was using her voice to tell the stories of the people. This discovery brought her back to her first love, which is journalism.

Joy has delighted in a 25-year burgeoning career in television journalism, working in markets such as Minnesota, Ohio, and Mississippi. In addition, she also worked weekends as a traffic reporter for Fox 2 in her beloved hometown of Detroit.

Joy began as a morning anchor and today is an award-winning television news anchor at the NBC affiliate Action News 5, in Memphis, Tennessee. She has a natural love for people and an amazing ability to tell their stories. She is delighted to bring joy to the primetime 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, & 10:00 PM newscasts. Her passion for storytelling and love for serving the community with her voice ultimately drew her to anchor the news.

Joy pins celebrity coverage of Aretha Franklin's funeral, interviews with David and Tamela Mann, Dewayne "The Rock" Johnson, Smokey Robinson, and Terrence Howard, among many others, as career highs.

To date, the crowning moment in Joy's journalism career was the infamous night she served as a solo anchor for seven hours of continuous breaking news coverage, of an active shooter who forced a city-wide lockdown. It was this story that earned Joy and her team an Emmy nomination. As an avid traveler, shoe lover, and foodie to her heart, Joy is joyful both off and on the screen.





### Journey Hogan Musical Entertainment VIOLINIST

Journey is a talented musician, visionary artist developer, and innovative DJ, distinguished for her mastery as a multi-genre violinist and her entrepreneurial spirit as a small business owner. Her artistic journey began in the vibrant heart of Memphis, a city steeped in musical heritage, where her passion for music was ignited at the tender age of 7.

Her musical foundation was laid in the local school system and further enhanced through private studies with Diane Cohen of the Memphis Symphony. Journey's commitment to her craft led her to pursue advanced studies on a full scholarship at the University of Hartford's UHart School of Music.

Journey, a passionate advocate for the arts, established her business, Journeysadventure, as a platform to unite local artists with non-profits and businesses. Through this innovative approach, she orchestrates exceptional musical performances that transcend mere entertainment. Her creative initiatives serve as a catalyst for inspiration, promoting cultural awareness, enriching communities, and sparking transformative change at the nexus of arts and society.





## Ashley Wimbush DJ Alpha Whiskey DISC JOCKEY

Ashley Wimbush is an Air Traffic Controller at Memphis Tower in Memphis, Tennessee and was born and raised in Danville, VA. She is a graduate of Hampton University, where she received her Bachelor's in Science degree in Airport/Air Traffic Control Management. Her career in Air Traffic Control spans over ten years as she currently serves as an Air Traffic Controller and Queen of the airways providing a musical vibe that will take you away to your next vacation destination.

Known by her stage name, DJ Alpha Whiskey, is an experienced entertainment specialist offering a unique and unmatched disc jockey skill set. Alpha Whiskey's mastery of the craft earned her the reputation of being one of Memphis's most highly sought-after female Disc Jockeys. Her robust knowledge of diverse musical genres equips her with the ability to transform any environment, virtual or in-person, into a personal oasis for her clients. DJ Alpha Whiskey entered the professional entertainment scene in 2017. However, her passion for mixing music and making people fall in love with music started at a young age. Self-taught, DJ Alpha Whiskey possesses an uncanny ability to blend and mix tracks in an evocative way transporting listeners to different worlds. Her past clients include, but are not limited to, Memphis Grizzlies, Central Station Hotel, Memphis Tourism, The 1 Hotel, The W Hotel, Soul In The Horn (NYC), Allen Iverson Classic, Memphis Humane Society, Jack Daniels Tennessee Whiskey and FedEx. DJ Alpha Whiskey also received the Top Female DJ of The Year Award for 2022, presented by The Southern Entertainment Awards.

Given her own experiences in two different male-dominated fields, Alpha Whiskey strives to empower youth and women around the world to unrelentingly pursue their dreams and passions. In 2019, she co-founded The SheDJs, a social group of female DJs who are seeking tips and advice on pursuing a DJ career. She also volunteers her time mentoring aspiring young leaders interested in Aerospace or Music Entertainment. Alpha Whiskey believes, "The youth can do anything they set their mind to and have the power to change this world for the better!" In January 2024, Alpha Whiskey started her nonprofit, Enlightened Leaders Initiative Inc. that fosters future leaders through STEAM, Agriculture, Leadership, Music, and Aerospace education, nurturing well-rounded, innovative minds for a dynamic world.

Hear Alpha Whiskey's talents on her show, "Flight Risk" airing 6-8 p.m. Central Time, every Thursday, on WYXR Memphis, 91.7.



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2024 YEARS OF SERVICE

**PUBLIC WORKS** TIMOTHY E. HARRIS

POLICE SERVICES WILLIAM C. PORTER

SOLID WASTE GEORGE L. SAINE JACK H. WALKER

# **45 YEARS OF SERVICE**

FIRE SERVICES MARK ALAN CUPPLES

**PUBLIC WORKS** CURTIS MATTHEWS

SOLID WASTE HOSIE B. MAXWELL



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FINANCE DATHEY THOMPSON

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# **35 YEARS OF SERVICE**

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## **OVATION AWARD NOMINEES**

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## **OVATION AWARD NOMINEES**

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CITY COUNCIL STAFF

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AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEPARTMENT

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FIELD SERVICES

SERVICE DESK

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NON-FATAL SHOOT TEAM/ VIOLENT CRIMES UNIT

DEBT MANAGEMENT

INDUSTRIAL MONITORING AND PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

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LEAD PAINT PROGRAM

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

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MEMPHIS FIRE EMS

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PARAMEDIC INSTRUCTOR GROUP

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