

WGAL 8 Staff,

I couldn't be more excited or pleased to let you know that just moments ago we introduced **Michelle Chism** as our new news director!

Many of you met Michelle during her visit here earlier this month. For those of you who didn't, she is currently the assistant news director at our Hearst property in Baltimore, WBAL-TV.

During her time in Baltimore, Michelle has been busy both in the newsroom and in the community. At WBAL, Michelle has overseen their award-winning investigative unit, helped to lead special projects like the anniversary of the Baltimore riots, and she has been an integral part of their continued ratings growth. Away from the television station, Michelle volunteers with the Maryland SPCA, The Maryland Zoo and The Brigrance Brigade Foundation.

After getting to know Michele, I am confident she is the right person at the right time to lead our team as we write this next critical chapter of our history.

Prior to her time at WBAL, Michelle has served in news management roles in Austin, TX and Little Rock, AR.

As I said at the outset of this transition, interim periods are when newsrooms can really show their strength. I am very proud of the work you all did, and continue to do. Also, please join me in a special thank you to Eric and the management team for all they've done to continue advancing our efforts during this time.

Michelle's first official day on the job is next Wednesday, September 6.

Again, please join me in welcoming Michelle to the WGAL 8 family!

Kyle