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**BAYLOR LONG NAMED NEWS DIRECTOR AT WTAE CHANNEL 4**

**Succeeds Jim Parsons, Who is Retiring**

***Move Marks Return for Long to WTAE and Pennsylvania Roots***

(Pittsburgh, PA. February 5, 2024) – Baylor Long has been named news director at Hearst Television’s WTAE Channel 4 in Pittsburgh, the ABC affiliate in the nation’s 26<sup>th</sup> largest television market.

Long, currently the news director at Hearst Television’s WVTM in Birmingham, Alabama, will oversee the news operation of *Pittsburgh’s Action News 4*, WTAE.com, and WTAE mobile applications. His appointment, announced today by WTAE President and General Manager Charles W. Wolfertz III, is effective March 4th.

Long succeeds Jim Parsons who is retiring at the end of this month after 28 years with WTAE Channel 4.

“We are happy to welcome Baylor back to the WTAE Channel 4 family. His strong news instincts, passion for innovation, and knowledge of Pittsburgh make him uniquely prepared to excel in this important role,” Wolfertz said. “He understands what it takes to deliver the quality news coverage our viewers deserve.”

Prior to his time at WVTM, Long was the assistant news director at WTAE for more than four years. Among other projects, he oversaw major Pittsburgh events such as the *Project CommUNITY Town Hall: From Parkland to Pittsburgh*, which brought together survivors of the Tree of Life shooting along with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. During his tenure the *Pittsburgh’s Action News 4* team was honored with multiple awards including the regional RTDNA Edward R. Murrow for Overall Excellence.

“Pittsburgh is a special city, so is WTAE and the Pittsburgh’s Action News 4 newsroom,” said Long. “It’s an honor to return to Pittsburgh and lead this team of journalists as we continue the mission to connect viewers across Western Pennsylvania with content that matters to them.”

Long, whose first television news position was as a producer at Altoona’s WTAJ-TV, holds a bachelor’s degree in broadcast journalism from Penn State University.

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## **ABOUT WTAE CHANNEL 4**

WTAE is a digital multi-media company providing news, weather, sports, information and entertainment content on WTAE Channel 4, [WTAE.com](http://WTAE.com), and Cozi TV. Pittsburgh’s Action News 4 is honored with prestigious broadcast journalism awards including the Peabody and Edward R. Murrow Award. Pittsburgh’s Action Weather 4 is western Pennsylvania’s most recognized weather forecast provider and is available on air, online, and on smart phones. WTAE Channel 4, the ABC station in Pittsburgh, the nation’s 26<sup>th</sup> largest media market, is owned by Hearst Television.

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