

EARLE HELLEN SPORTS MEDIA AWARD

This award honors an outstanding individual in the field of journalism for exemplary contributions to the Section with regard to the promotion of golf, promotion of the MAPGA and PGA Professionals, scope and distribution, quality and content of media coverage and recognition as an outstanding journalist by his/her peers.

Mike Hydeck

WUSA9 News Anchor

Earl Helen Sports Media Award

A proud husband and father of two, Mike Hydeck is also an award winning Morning News Anchor and Reporter for WUSA9 in Washington DC. He joined the station in 2010 after working at TV stations in Hartford, Conn., Boston, Mass., Asheville, N.C. and Bristol, Va., just to name a few. Mike graduated from University of Connecticut with a BA in Communications, studying journalism and marketing. He says former NBC Nightly News Anchor Tom Brokaw and CBS Sunday Morning Host Charles Kuralt were his inspiration for choosing his career path. During his nearly 25 years in journalism, Mike has interviewed presidents, politicians, world famous athletes and entertainers. He's covered everything from natural disasters to inaugurations to super bowls.

Mike has also hosted many special broadcasts for PGA Tour stops including the Quicken Loans National at Congressional Country Club and The Travelers Championship at TPC River Highlands. A professional highlight for Mike continues to be his one on one interviews with Tiger Woods over the years.

In addition to his time on the anchor desk, Mike is passionate about reporting on education in his weekly series called "STEM is Cool in School" where he highlights innovative teaching techniques in Maryland, DC and Virginia. He was honored with a local Emmy nomination for his prime time special "Cool Schools: The Future is Now".

Mike and his lovely wife Maggie enjoy living in the Maryland suburbs with their two kids. The Hydeck's are both volunteer scout leaders and Mike is also a basketball coach and frustrated golfer in his spare time.