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Margie Nichols

Professional experience

September 2008 – Present University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

Interim Vice Chancellor for Communications

- Direct day to day operations of Communications department
- Work with chancellor on strategic mission
- Work with vice chancellors as part of management team

November 2007 – September 2008 University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN

Chief of Staff to the President

- Member of president's management team
- Work with all campuses on behalf of president

January 2004 – November 2007 City of Knoxville Knoxville, TN

Senior Director Communications and Government Relations

- Responsible for internal and external communication for the City of Knoxville
- Responsible for crafting the city's message
- Work closely with other government officials, including City Council, the Governor's staff, state legislators, county government and the University of Tennessee staff
- Assist Mayor with Board Appointments to community boards
- Responsible for special events and 3-1-1 staff
- Advise Mayor, Directors and Senior Directors on controversial issues

March 1996 – January 2004 WBIR-TV Knoxville, TN

News Director

- Responsible for news operation which includes editorial decisions, budgets and personnel
- Member of management team for television station

October 1994 – March 1996 Knox County Knoxville, TN

Chief Administrative Officer

- Responsible for communications and chief of staff duties for County Executive

September 1988 – October 1994 WBIR-TV Knoxville, TN

Assistant News Director

- Assist News Director in all newsroom operations

- Work with reporters on story development and scripts
- Primary responsibility for editorial content
- Manage schedules

June 1986 – June 1988 WSMV-TV

Nashville, TN

Investigative Producer

- Report, write and produce investigative stories
- Also assisted with political coverage

February 1978 – June 1986 WREG-TV

Memphis, TN

Investigative Producer, Newsroom Assignment Desk

- Report, write and produce news stories and investigative stories
- Work on Assignment Desk
- Various other responsibilities in the newsroom

Professional activities

- Radio and Television News Directors Association
- Investigative Reporters and Editors, Board Member 1988-1992

Community activities

- Executive Women’s Association, President 2006-2007
Vice president, Programs & Membership
- Knoxville Chamber Partnership, Board Member 2007-Present
- Young-Williams Animal Center, Board Member 2008-Present
- University of Tennessee National Alumni Association
Board of Governors, Executive Committee 2006-08
- Chancellor’s Associates, Chairman 2003-2004
- Leadership Knoxville, Class of 1991

Awards received

- George Polk Award for Local Television Reporting, 1987
- Peabody Award, 1987
- Emmy for Investigative Reporting, 1986
- Iris Award for Sports Reporting, 1988
- Various local and regional awards

Education

1971 – 1975

University of Tennessee Martin

Bachelor of Arts, English

- Graduated Magna Cum Laude
- Outstanding Junior Female Scholarship Award
- Vanguard Theatre
- UTM Gooch Scholarship – 4 years