



**ALTICE USA PROMOTES NEWS 12'S MANOJ SHAMDASANI, RANDAL STANLEY, AND JIM WHITEMAN TO SENIOR NETWORK POSITIONS**

**NEW YORK – December 20, 2018** – Altice USA (NYSE: ATUS) today announces that the company has promoted several key news staff at its Emmy Award-winning News 12 Networks to senior leadership roles within the networks. The promotions come as News 12 remains a leader in hyperlocal news coverage, delivering strong TV viewership and rising digital growth that underscore the importance of News 12's dedicated local news coverage within the communities it serves across the New York tri-state area.

**Manoj Shamdasani as Vice President, News Development** will guide the programming and editorial coverage of breaking news events, local interest stories, and other content such as investigative reports and lifestyle programming across all seven News 12 Networks. Shamdasani joined News 12 The Bronx and News 12 Brooklyn in 2013 as Assistant News Director before being promoted to News Director for the networks. Prior to News 12, Shamdasani was Assistant News Director at WFMZ-TV in the Philadelphia suburbs where he led a team of more than 70 journalists producing daily newscasts for the Lehigh Valley and Berks County, Pennsylvania.

**Randal Stanley as Vice President, News Operations** will oversee the day-to-day business operations of the news networks, including production for all of News 12 studio broadcasts and special events. Stanley has been with News 12 for more than 11 years, most recently as News Director of News 12 New Jersey, and has over three decades of experience in local news coverage across the country, including as News Director for WUSA-TV serving the Washington D.C. metro area, News Director at WGRZ-TV in Buffalo, New York, and Assistant Director at KUTV News in Salt Lake City, to name a few.

**Jim Whiteman as News Director of News 12 Long Island** will oversee News 12 Long Island's entire news organization, including all station staff and production for the network's linear and digital channels. Whiteman started his career at News 12 in 1986 as a photographer, and has held many roles at the network in various capacities, most recently serving as Assistant News Director for Long Island for the last several years. Whiteman has earned numerous industry awards throughout his News 12 career, including a New York Emmy Award.

Michael Schreiber, President of the Altice USA News group which includes News 12, said "Manoj, Randal, and Jim are vital members of News 12 and have played an important role in the success of the networks for many years, elevating News 12's coverage through their expert reporting skills and storytelling abilities. These promotions are well deserved and will help to further position News 12 as the standard in hyperlocal journalism."

Altice USA continues to invest in News 12, recently announcing plans to build a new multimillion-dollar News 12 broadcast center in Bethpage, New York while undergoing renovations at many of its existing studios across the tri-state area. In addition, under Altice USA's leadership, News 12 remains the most viewed TV network in Optimum households while experiencing growth across its digital properties.

News 12 is in the process of filling the vacated positions resulting from the promotions.

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