

## 2018 Alumni Hall of Fame Inductee

## DAVID SPUNT

GRADUATED: 2003

RESIDES: PHILADELPHIA, PA

After graduating from Gahanna Lincoln High School in 2003, David Spunt attended Miami University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Political Science. He began his professional career as a reporter in Columbus, Georgia. He stayed in Georgia for two years and then moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to work at a local CBS affiliate. While in Baton Rouge, Spunt was the evening news reporter and received the Edward R. Murrow Award for breaking news coverage. He worked in Baton Rouge for 2 years and then moved to Charlotte, North Carolina. Spunt was the lead reporter for the 11:00 pm weekday newscast. He left Charlotte in 2014 for his present job in Philadelphia.



Spunt currently is a reporter for KYW-TV (CBS Affiliate) where he consistently works sources and breaking news. He produces at least 3 or 4 unique story ideas per day along with investigative reporting to expose

wrongdoing. While in Philadelphia, Spunt has covered major stories including Pope Francis' 2015 visit and the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

Jonathan Franz, Director of Thinkwell Group, "Mr. Spunt's character, conviction and unyielding commitment to the field of broadcast journalism, an interest he developed while a student at GLHS, make him an obvious choice for recognition. It's one thing for a student to know what he wants

to do with his life when he's in high school, but to actually accomplish it takes someone special".

"The moment I first shook hands with David, I knew this "kid" was going places in television news. He has all the hallmarks of a great reporter; he's naturally curious, intelligent, articulate, cultivated and sincere." stated news anchor Paul Cameron, WBTV, Charlotte.

"I am most proud I was able to work in the trenches in local news and work my way up to where I am today in Philadelphia. My ultimate goal is to work in Network News," said Spunt.

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David Spunt has fond memories of his time at Gahanna Lincoln High School. During his senior year he helped produce a documentary on the history of Gahanna Lincoln High School. This documentary, along with other projects led by students, helped WGLH-TV to win a National Award from the History Channel for preserving our local history. He also produced two news stories that were picked up and shown nationally by CNN.

Tom Gregory, Speech/TV Instructor (WGLH-TV Adviser) said, "David consistently watches our weekly show on-line and offers constructive feedback. He has been a contact person and mentor for many students who want a career in film or broadcast journalism. Not only is he a leader in the field of broadcast journalism, but he continues to give back to the students at Gahanna Lincoln High School and the WGLH-TV program."