



PBS39 Promotes Amy Burkett to Television Station Manager

Bethlehem, PA -- WLVT-PBS39 announced that Amy Burkett, formerly the Senior Vice President of Production, has been promoted to Television Station Manager.

Burkett joined PBS39 in 1999 to create and host its weekly news magazine show *Tempo*. During her tenure, Burkett and her team received 28 regional Emmy nominations, six Emmys, four national public television awards, six Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters' Awards, and one regional Edward R. Murrow Award.

"I fell in love with PBS39 and the people of this region back in '99 and have loved every minute of sharing the stories that affect our lives through documentaries and our news magazine show *Tempo InDepth*, said Burkett. "Our new Public Media and Educational Center offers so many new opportunities to impact the lives of others."

"Amy is an asset to PBS39, and in the past 12 years she has done so much to further the mission of the station," said Patricia Simon, PBS39 President and CEO.



Burkett is excited to help strengthen PBS39 financially. The new building at SteelStacks lends itself to studio and satellite rentals. Burkett is also leading a team in teaching the station's first college video production classes to students at Lehigh University and Moravian College.

"Thanks to our wonderful viewers, donors and corporate friends PBS39 is embarking on an exciting future, and I'm humbled and honored to have this new opportunity to serve our region," Burkett said.

This is not the first promotion for Burkett at PBS39. In 2002 she was promoted to Vice President of Production, and in 2003 she earned Senior Vice President of Production accolades.

Burkett believes in the importance of community service and works with youth at her church and volunteers for many non-profits throughout the community. She also serves on the board of governors for the Mid-Atlantic chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. She was elected chapter president from 2009 to 2011. Burkett has just been elected as a national trustee to NATAS the organization responsible for the daytime Emmy and other award shows.

Burkett and her husband have lived in the Lehigh Valley for the last 16 years and have a 10-year-old son.

About PBS39 (www.wlvt.org)

PBS39 is a community-owned public television station licensed to Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton, PA, serving eastern Pennsylvania and western New Jersey. PBS39 is owned and operated by the Lehigh Valley Public Telecommunications Corporation. The mission of PBS39 is to educate, inspire, inform, entertain, and stimulate the exchange of ideas for the enrichment of the public. PBS39 recently moved its headquarters to the new Public Media and Education Center at SteelStacks. This highly visible and accessible facility will support all PBS39 activities in the fulfillment of its mission.