

Rick Dayton

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Professional Summary:

Rick Dayton is an experienced and polished news anchor who is equally at ease in the studio, in the field, and covering breaking news and sports — with or without a teleprompter. After nearly two decades in TV News, he took the Afternoon Drive host position at the legendary KDKA Radio in Pittsburgh. Daily he demonstrates a thorough understanding of how social media platforms play a critical role in the dissemination of information; however, his skills go beyond the realm of television and radio news and journalism. He owns a still photography company and regularly is asked to put on a headset as a sports play-by-play man.

Work Experience:

KDKA Radio (Audacy Pittsburgh)

Pittsburgh, PA

December 2020 – Present

- On-air host from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday on the world's first radio station
- Write, Produce and Anchor *The Drive at 5*, a daily summary of the top news stories
- Creator of *Rick's Reading List*, a weekly review of a book I just read after making a promise to listeners to read at least one book per week and summarize it on the air
- Interview top newsmakers on their role in what is going on around the region
- Named #11 in Barrett Media national ranking of News Talk PM Drive Shows
- *Countdown to Tipoff* Host for KDKA High School Basketball Game of the Week
- Member of Audacy Pittsburgh Employee Engagement Team

KDKA-TV (CBS O&O)

Pittsburgh, PA

September 2009 – May 2020

- Anchor 4:30 - 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday newscasts on KDKA-TV
- Anchor 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday newscasts on Pittsburgh's CW
- Host of *Hometown HighQ*, the station's long-running academic high school game show
- Host of *Driving Skills for Life Assemblies* to teach critical driving skills to high school students
- Anchor, produce, and edit daily audio updates for Amazon, Apple, and Google virtual assistants
- General Assignment Reporter for afternoon newscasts
- Long-time co-chair of *KDKA-TV Turkey Fund* to help feed local families at Thanksgiving
- Live Field Anchor for *KDKA Free Care Fund Telethon* for Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
- Fill-in Host of *KD/PG Sunday Edition* public affairs news program

Pittsburgh Community Involvement:

- Host of *American Cancer Society Rick Dayton Pro-Am Golf Classic* and raise approximately \$100,000 per year for cancer research and programs through annual tournament
- Host & Participant of *#Hero100 Golf Marathon* to raise money for Folds of Honor scholarships for children of military members and first responders killed or disabled in the line of duty
- Host of *Feed the Need*, an annual fundraiser for Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank
- Allegheny Health Network: Host of *Fashion for the Fight* celebrating breast cancer survivors
- Allegheny County Medical Society: *Annual Black Tie Gala* Emcee
- Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania
 - Emcee annual *Spirit of Enterprise Black Tie Gala*

- Emcee *Lifetime Achievement Golf Tournament & Banquet*
- Hair Peace Charities Celebrity Chef
- March of Dimes: *Transportation, Building & Construction Awards Fundraiser* Emcee
- Plum High School *Make-A-Wish Telethon*
- Woodlands Charity Golf Classic Host & Dinner Emcee
- Guest lecturer on Television, News and Journalism:
 - Carnegie-Mellon University/Osher Lifetime Learning Institute
 - Grove City College
 - Robert Morris University
 - Point Park University
 - Hampton School District
 - North Allegheny School District
 - Pine-Richland School District
 - Pittsburgh Public School District
 - Shady Side Academy

WOWK-TV

Charleston/Huntington, WV

September 2002 - August 2009

- Promoted three times in first four years by the CBS affiliate
- Anchored evening Monday through Friday newscasts at 5, 6, 7 and 11 p.m.
- Launched the station's 7:00 p.m. newscast in 2003
- Regularly worked as a field reporter for special projects critical to Tri-State viewers
- Travelled extensively to cover West Virginia University for men's basketball and football
- Anchored statewide network coverage of the Hollywood premiere of *We Are Marshall*
- Anchored national coverage of Bridge Day base jumping for Outdoor Network

Elfinwild Presbyterian Church

Glenshaw, PA

April 2010 - Present

- Ordained Elder & Session Member
- Adult Sunday School teacher
- Communications/Social Media Steering Committee, founding member
- Church Photographer who established LiveStreaming video during COVID-19 outbreak

Notable Skills:

- ENPS News Production System
- Sports Play-by-Play — notably football, baseball, basketball and golf
- Sony Vegas video editing
- Adobe Premiere video editing
- CoolEdit, Audacity and NewsBoss audio editing
- Adobe Photoshop
- Adobe Lightroom
- Digital photography
- Video photography
- Business owner (Rick Dayton Photography)

Education:

The College of Wooster

Wooster, OH

Bachelor of Arts -- Speech Communication and Rhetoric