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MISSISSIPPI'S MOST AWARD-WINNING  
RADIO JOURNALIST  
AND  
MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS



*Randy Bell*

WINNER OF 23 EDWARD R. MURROW AWARDS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020  
2:00 P.M.

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**Welcome..... Frances Coleman**  
Dean of Libraries  
Mississippi State University

**University Welcome .....Dr. Mark E. Keenum**  
President  
Mississippi State University

**Special Remarks.....Dr. David R. Shaw**  
Provost, Executive Vice President  
Mississippi State University

**Introduction .....Checky Herrington**  
Brand Manager, Office of Public Affairs  
Mississippi State University

**Guest Speaker..... Randy Bell**  
Award-Winning Mississippi Radio Journalist

**Conclusion ..... Sid Salter**  
Chief Communications Officer/  
Director, Office of Public Affairs  
Mississippi State University

*Reception to follow*

# ABOUT THE SPEAKER

## RANDY BELL

Randy Bell was born in Fayette, Alabama and grew up in the nearby town of Vernon. Educated at Lamar County High School, he served as president of both his junior and senior classes. He received a bachelor's degree in communications from Mississippi State University in 1974.



His radio career began in Vernon in 1968. Bell's news career started while he was working at Starkville MS station WKOR during college. He moved to Jackson in 1975 to take a news reporter's job at WJDX-AM and WZZQ-FM and eventually became Mississippi's longest-serving and most awarded radio newsman. He was promoted to news director of the Jackson stations in 1978 and has worked for eight different companies including Clear Channel Radio and iHeart media who've owned those stations and others.

He's the recipient of 23 national Edward R. Murrow Awards and has been named Radio Newsperson of the Year in Mississippi ten times. Bell's career has included covering state politics dating back to the Bill Waller administration and disasters including Hurricane Katrina and the Easter Flood in Jackson. He has witnessed six executions.

He has served as president of the Mississippi Associated Press Broadcasters Association and as a member of the Radio-Television Digital News Association's board of directors.

Bell serves as state chair of the Emergency Alert System in Mississippi and helped to create the state's AMBER Alert system.

He and his wife Pat have been married since 1972 and have two children and five grandchildren.



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