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Candy Altman Retired Vice President, News **HEARST TELEVISION, NY**

Candy Altman is a 40-year veteran of the television news industry, having served as a vice president of news for Hearst Television for 18 years and, prior to that, as news director at WCVB in Boston, Hearst's flagship television station.

Under Altman's direction in coordinating political coverage for the station group, Hearst Television received the prestigious Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Political Coverage nine consecutive times. She also helped create the Producer Academy for Hearst to develop producers and managers within the company.

Since her retirement from Hearst, she became a founding principal in Global News Partners, to help train journalists around the world, and consults with the Economic Hardship Reporting Project.

Altman served as vice president of the Associated Press Broadcast Advisory Board, was a member of the National Advisory Board of the Poynter Institute and is a past president of the ABC News Affiliate Advisory Board. She presently serves on the Executive Committee of the Cortland College Foundation Board and is on the board of Steps to Success in Brookline, Massachusetts . She has served on the boards of the Massachusetts 9/11 Fund, was a founding trustee of the Kirby Perkins A Plus Scholarship Fund at WCVB and served on the Women's Leadership Board at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

She graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Cortland in 1977 and received a master's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in 1978. Altman and her husband, Joe Bergantino, creator of the New England Center for Investigative Reporting and former investigative reporter for WBZ-TV, reside in the Boston suburb of Brookline. They have a daughter, Cara Bergantino.