

PROFILE

Yolanda Maria Vazquez

News Anchor, *MotorWeek*
Correspondent, *Your Money & Business*
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Yolanda Vazquez is a multiple award-winning journalist with more than two decades' experience in the television industry in both on-camera and behind-the-scenes roles.

The Puerto Rican-born reporter has worked for Maryland Public Television for nearly 20 years, serving as a correspondent, fill-in anchor, or producer for a variety of MPT's public affairs programs and its nationally distributed program *MotorWeek*.

Prior to joining MPT, Ms. Vazquez was a general assignment reporter for WOFL, a Fox network station in Orlando, and a senior account executive for CBR Public Relations. Earlier she was a reporter for Baltimore's WJZ-TV; an entertainment reporter for WHAS in Louisville, Kentucky; and a general assignment reporter for KWES in Midland, Texas. She began her broadcasting career as a morning show associate producer at WTVJ-TV in Miami.

During her career, Ms. Vazquez has interviewed influential business leaders, state politicians and celebrities such as Jada Pinkett Smith and Oprah Winfrey. She has also covered national news stories including immigration reform, gun-safety legislation, and the #MeToo movement.

Ms. Vazquez has earned numerous awards, ranging from two Emmy® Awards and a pair of Associated Press awards to several silver and bronze Telly Awards, a national program that salutes outstanding local, regional, and cable television programs and commercials. She has been recognized by the Detroit Press Club Foundation with International Wheel Awards for her work on *MotorWeek*, and received a number of other honors – including five separate gold awards – from the peer-judged International Automotive Media Competition sponsored by the International Society for Vehicle Preservation.

An alumna of Boston University, Ms. Vazquez earned a bachelor degree in broadcasting and film production.

She is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists, the Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences – National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter. She is also a former board member of the Irvine Nature Center and Maryland Humanities.