

WJCT's mission is to use our unique assets as a resource for citizens to come together to celebrate human diversity, experience lifelong learning, and actively engage in matters of civic importance, all to improve the quality of our lives and our community.

In 2017 WJCT continued its nearly sixty-year legacy of providing signature programming and relevant information to the citizens of the First Coast via its television, radio, and digital media platforms. Those very resources, along with our in-house partners with whom we share a common mission, serve as valuable tools in affording WJCT the opportunity to fulfill its mission of "bringing citizens together." As technology continues to shape the ever-changing media landscape and the importance of what we do becomes even more critical, WJCT remains committed to using its unique assets as a means for citizens to learn and share so that we, as a community, will grow together.

- Michael Boylan, WJCT President and CEO



#### WJCT utilized its unique assets to maximize the value provided to members of the First Coast community.

- Provided live updates before, during, and after Hurricane Irma as a member of the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network.
- Celebrated 45 years on the radio and added new shows to 89.9
  FM's weekend schedule to better serve First Coast listeners.
- Facilitated several community events and discussions, including free health forums and conversations on matters of public policy such as LGBT rights on the First Coast, city spending, and innovation in education.

#### In 2017, WJCT launched its fifth television channel and new news/talk and music radio programs on 89.9 WJCT-FM.

- Launched the 24/7 PBS Kids channel (WJCT-TV 7.5), a new station allowing First Coast kids and families to watch PBS Kids any time, even nights and weekends.
- Partnered with WLRN Miami for *The Florida Roundup*, a weekly statewide call-in radio news show co-hosted by WJCT's Melissa Ross.
- Brought a piece of music history to the First Coast with the premiere of *Hotsy Totsy*, a summer radio program featuring the most popular songs of the 1920s and 1930s.

WJCT continued its commitment to serving the community with the launch of new series and events that inform, educate, entertain, and empower citizens.

- Honored veterans with The Wall That Heals, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.
- Hosted WJCT's first ever Be My Neighbor Day, a free family event encouraging kids to be good neighbors.
- Went into the community with Beyond the Core, a WJCT News initiative to learn more about the issues that matter most to community members.

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## IN THE COMMUNITY: LOCAL EVENTS

An Evening with Dr. Richard Freund. In June 2016, an international team led by University of Hartford Professor of Jewish History and archaeologist Richard Freund discovered a 100-foot-long underground tunnel made by 80 Lithuanian Jews during the Holocaust. Dr. Freund's team's findings became the subject of *NOVA: Holocause Escape Tunnel*, an hour-long documentary which premiered on WJCT-TV in April 2017. WJCT hosted An Evening with Dr. Richard Freund, a free event at WJCT Studios inviting community members to hear Dr. Freund speak and see a 15-minute preview of the *NOVA* documentary two months in advance of its public television premiere. More than 150 guests attended the event.

**Secrets of Spanish Florida Screening and Discussion.** More than 180 guests attended a preview of Secrets of Spanish Florida: A Secrets of the Dead Special at the Flagler College Ringhaver Student Center in St. Augustine, Florida. *Secrets of Spanish Florida* tells the story of St. Augustine, the first permanent European settlement in the United States. A panel of historians and other experts led a discussion after the screening and took questions from the audience, sharing with guests the city's history and discussing why it is so important for First Coast citizens to know.

**School Inc. Preview Event.** WJCT hosted a free event featuring a preview of the three-part documentary *School Inc.* The three-part documentary, which later aired on WJCT-TV, served as the catalyst for a lively community conversation about the state of education on the First Coast and beyond, including the role and effectiveness of charter schools, collaboration between educators at different schools, best practices, and ways to work together to make education better for future generations.

**Good For You: Girls' Day Out.** In 2017, more than 600 women attended WJCT and Baptist Health's annual day-long women's health conference. Now in its 17th year, Girls' Day Out features informative breakout sessions with health experts, free personal screenings, two healthy meals, and national speakers. This year's keynote speakers were Dr. Jennifer Berman of the Emmy Award-winning talk show "The Doctors" and, in the afternoon, a panel of experts who discussed women's pelvic health. **www.wjct.org/girlsdayout** 

**Generation Listen.** Generation Listen is a national movement started by NPR to engage the next generation of young public radio listeners. WJCT's Generation Listen group hosted three free events in 2017: First was "Underneath the Stars at Timucuan Preserve," a listening party produced in partnership with the National Park Service. Guests gathered around a campfire and listened to outdoor-themed public radio content.

The second event, "Speak Freely with Joshua Johnson, Host of 1A," invited guests to participate in a live Skype session with 1A host Joshua Johnson. Guests listened to Joshua talk about his experiences as host of 1A and were invited to personally ask him their questions. The third event, "The Tell-Tale Listening Party," was a Halloween-themed costume party featuring spooky stories and videos from the world of public media. A combined total of 122 guests attended WJCT's Generation Listen events in 2017.



Dr. Richard Freund shares his discoveries with the crowd at WJCT Studios



A full house at the Secrets of Spanish Florida Screening at Flagler College in St. Augustine



Guests enjoy a healthy lunch at Girls' Day Out 2017



Guests at the WJCT Generation Listen event Tell-Tale Halloween Party



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### **ONGOING SERIES, SPECIALS, AND SERVICES**

**WJCT Passport.** WJCT Passport is a member benefit that provides WJCT supporters with extended access to an on-demand library of quality public television programs, including original content from WJCT and PBS favorites such as *Nature*, *NOVA*, and *Masterpiece*. WJCT Passport can be accessed on wjct.org and through the WJCT App. The service now has more than 3,700 active members.

**WJCT Digital News.** WJCTNews.org is an online news source created to complement the news reports and programming on 89.9 WJCT-FM. It's easier than ever for visitors to find top stories, subscribe to podcasts, and discover the best in local, state, and national news.

**First Coast Connect.** WJCT's flagship daily radio program hosted by Melissa Ross, *First Coast Connect* features local newsmakers, civic and community leaders, arts, activities, and more, along with news features and a weekly roundtable of local journalists. Community members join the live conversation via phone, email, and social media. 2017 marked *First Coast Connect*'s eighth year on 89.9 FM. The *First Coast Connect* podcast is available on iTunes and Stitcher.

**WJCT After Hours.** WJCT's lineup of After Hours music programs on 89.9 WJCT-FM offers listeners an eclectic mix of musical genres that can't be heard anywhere else on local radio. The diverse lineup includes *Doo Wop Revival*, *Blues Horizon*, *Indie Endeavor*, *Route 66*, *Jazz Night in America*, *String Theory*, and *Electro Lounge*, hosted by David Luckin, which continues to offer listeners around the world "music without walls" more than ten years after its initial launch.

**Relax Radio.** *Relax Radio* (89.9 HD3) is WJCT's newest radio station, providing listeners with more than 3,500 songs that span the spectrum of time from Bing Crosby to Michael Bublé. WJCT Music Director David Luckin curated the music of *Relax*, selecting the best of light jazz, oldies, and classics from the Great American Songbook. *Relax Radio*'s 24/7 online live stream, launched last year, allows *Relax Radio* fans to listen all day at work and all night at home!

**Hometown.** WJCT's monthly television series *Hometown* tells the stories of the people, places, and events that are unique to the First Coast. Hosted by local actor Daniel Austin, each episode of the original series features at least one local artist, arts organization, or venue. Learn more about the series, or view past episodes on demand at **wjct.org/hometown**.

**The WJCT App.** Updated in 2017 to create a better user experience and provide easy access to new 24/7 PBS Kids content, the WJCT App provides easy access to PBS programs on demand (including PBS Kids programs), WJCT's radio and television schedules, WJCT News and more. Use of the app isn't limited to WJCT's listening and viewing area, which allows First Coast residents to watch their favorite WJCT, NPR and PBS content "anytime, anywhere". Free to download in the Apple App Store and Google Play.

**New 89.9 FM Weekend Programs.** With the input of its Community Advisory Board, WJCT brought exciting new programs to 89.9 FM's weekend schedule to better serve listeners on the First Coast. The new additions: *Freakonomics Radio* and *Planet Money/How I Built This*.

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Melissa Ross hosts WJCT's award-winning call-in radio program *First Coast Connect* 



Jacksonville Magazine's Fashion Project was one of the local stories featured on *Hometown* in 2017



Freakonomics Radio and Planet Money/How I Built This air Sundays from 1-3 p.m. on 89.9 WJCT-FM



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### **EDUCATION / EMPOWERMENT**

**The Florida Roundup.** This new call-in radio news show invites listeners to join a statewide discussion about the issues making an impact on Florida. The program features journalists and newsmakers from across the state and is produced by WJCT in collaboration with WLRN Miami. Co-hosted by WJCT's Melissa Ross and WLRN's Tom Hudson, *The Florida Roundup* is currently broadcast on more than half a dozen public radio stations throughout the state.

**Beyond the Core: A Northeast Florida Listening Tour.** Launched in 2017, Beyond the Core is a new initiative to ensure that WJCT is reaching and meeting the needs of its diverse community. The purpose of Beyond the Core is to travel to the many neighborhoods throughout the First Coast to speak in person to community members and better understand what issues they care about most. These discussions allow WJCT to provide enhanced news coverage on matters of importance to people throughout WJCT's entire listening and viewing area.

In 2017, WJCT News Team hosted their first Beyond the Core listening session at NAS Mayport. 30 active military persons attended the session facilitated by WJCT's Jessica Palombo, Michelle Corum and Lindsey Kilbride. This was the first of six Beyond the Core listening sessions planned, with the remaining sessions to be held in Jacksonville throughout 2018.

**WJCT Radio Reading Service.** WJCT's RRS empowers visually-impaired and print-challenged community members by broadcasting commercial-free readings of local and national newspapers, magazines, and books 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In its 24th year, RRS is powered by its tireless volunteers who provide the only service of its kind in Northeast Florida.

**Policy Matters.** Hosted by Rick Mullaney, director of Jacksonville University's Public Policy Institute, this quarterly program examines current public policy issues such as taxes, healthcare, and downtown redevelopment.

**Mister Rogers Neighborhood Sweater Drive.** WJCT partnered with VyStar Credit Union and the Duval County Public School PTA to present the 15th annual Mister Rogers Neighborhood Sweater Drive, honoring the late Fred Rogers by collecting over 11,000 sweaters, jackets, blankets, and socks. The items contributed by First Coast community members were distributed to Clara White Mission and other First Coast nonprofits serving neighbors.

**Community Thread.** An hour-long television program hosted by Melissa Ross and ongoing series of radio stories by the WJCT News Team, *Community Thread* responded directly to audience-submitted questions about the issues affecting the First Coast community most. Community Thread addressed two topics in 2017: city spending in Jacksonville and LGBT rights on the First Coast.

**Faith Matters.** Hosted by the interfaith OneJax Institute's Nancy Broner and Kyle Reese, WJCT's quarterly series *Faith Matters* explores today's most pressing issues through the lens of faith. Topics in 2017 included medical aid in dying, the relationship between faith and caring for the environment, the history of faith-based healthcare, and mental health treatment.

**WJCT Volunteer Luncheon 2017.** WJCT hosted a luncheon to celebrate and honor each and every one of WJCT's many volunteers. From daily reading for WJCT's Radio Reading Service to answering telephones and stuffing envelopes, our volunteers go above and beyond to help WJCT serve the First Coast community. Thank you, volunteers!



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Melissa Ross co-hosts *The Florida Roundup*, new to WJCT's radio schedule in 2017



WJCT's Michelle Corum, Jessica Palombo, and Lindsey Kilbride at Beyond the Core



Distribution at Clara White Mission during the 2017 sweater drive



WJCT Volunteer Luncheon 2017



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# **BE MY NEIGHBOR DAY 2017**

In honor of Mr. Roger's Neighborhood and the new generation of Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood, WJCT brought together friends and community partners for WJCT's first ever Be My Neighbor Day, a fun-filled Saturday festival sharing with families how to be a great neighbor.

The more than 800 guests who attended the event participated in the following activities: plant a sunflower for a neighbor, decorate a placemat to give to a nursing home, write your note of thanks, meet community helpers and learn how to help others, ride the trolley to EverBank Field for a behind-the-scenes tour, face painting, learn how to play PBS KIDS apps, and see yourself on television and hear yourself on the radio.

The first place winners of our PBS KIDS Writer's Contest also read their stories for visitors. WJCT collected supporters of Protect My Public Media in anticipation of needing support at the national budget level. Every child who visited four activity station received a free book. More than a dozen community partners participated, and Be My Neighbor Day is set to become an annual event on the First Coast.





# WJCT KIDS AND EDUCATION

American Graduate Day 2017. In 2017, WJCT joined in a full-day broadcast and outreach event dedicated to helping young people across the country stay on the path to graduation. In addition to the day-long broadcast, WJCT identified five Northeast Florida education champions for their ongoing commitment to improve local education, serve First Coast kids, and increase high school graduation rates. Those champions will be honored at the TEACH 2018 conference.

**PBS Kids Writers Contest.** WJCT participated in the 16th annual PBS Kids Writers Contest, a national initiative designed to promote the advancement of children's reading skills through hands-on, active learning. WJCT encourages K-3 students across the First Coast to discover their inner author by writing and illustrating original stories. Local winners have their stories featured online. 110 students entered the contest in 2017.

**Odd Squad Summer Camp.** WJCT's 'Odd Squad: Be the Agent' summer camp allowed 30 children from the Police Athletic League to step into the shoes of *Odd Squad* agents. The young "agents" engaged in interactive content, games, and crafts that challenged them to apply specific math skills from the *Odd Squad* series to solve a series of odd cases. Take-home activities reinforced what the kids learned each day.

**Explore the Outdoors: International Migratory Bird Day.** This free family event at Fort Caroline in Florida's Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve invited guests to join WJCT, Florida Park Services, and National Park Service to learn how to "Explore the Outdoors" together. The event connected visitors with the idea that habitat is important for all organisms on Earth, including birds. The ultimate goal of the day was to emphasize the importance of preserving existing habitats. The event highlighted birds that are common to urban areas.

**PBS LearningMedia.** WJCT promoted PBS LearningMedia, America's #1 educational media brand, throughout 2017. Various events gave WJCT a platform to demonstrate to parents, educators, and stakeholders across the First Coast the many innovative, standards-aligned digital resources, compelling student experiences, and professional development opportunities available at **florida.pbslearningmedia.org**.

**WJCT Kids Club.** The WJCT Kids Club is where fun begins for First Coast kids up to the age of 11. The club's 900 members receive information about special events, have their birthday recognized on-air, and are entered into drawings for special prizes.



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# "THE VIETNAM WAR" AND THE WALL THAT HEALS

In keeping with WJCT's commitment to celebrate and serve veterans on the First Coast, and in anticipation of the long-awaited Ken Burns documentary "The Vietnam War," WJCT aired veterans programs and hosted a variety of engagement opportunities throughout the community in 2017.

WJCT partnered with The City of Jacksonville Office of Military Affairs and Veterans Services to bring to Jacksonville The Wall That Heals, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., designed to travel to communities throughout the United States. The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The Wall That Heals' stay in Jacksonville began with an opening ceremony on the morning of April 13 attended by veterans and current military, local dignitaries, district directors, legislative assistants, and civilians. WJCT staffers and other volunteers worked around the clock to keep the wall open for visitors 24/7, allowing guests who preferred to visit in private to do so.

A mobile education center which travels with the wall featured, among othe resources, information about Ken Burns' 10-part documentary "The Vietnam War," including local tune-in info in advance of the documentary's premiere on WJCT-TV.

The Wall That Heals was in Jacksonville Thursday, April 13 through Sunday, April 16. 100 guests attended the opening ceremony and 1,500 total guests attended the exhibit during its run.



Presenting the colors at The Wall That Heals opening ceremony in Metropolitan Park, Jacksonville



The Wall That Heals is roughly 250 feet long and bears the names of more than 58,000 people who gave their lives

**Stories of Service.** For the sixth year in a row, WJCT invited First Coast residents to submit veterans' names, then recognized the veterans for their service during on-air and online appreciation spots throughout November. The spots provide a moving tribute to local military.

**The Vietnam War and the Many Meanings of Patriotism.** On September 6, 2017, WJCT, the Florida Humanities Council, Flagler College's Dr. Michael Butler and a panel of experts discussed Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's new documentary *The Vietnam War*. History professor Dr. Michael Butler and students enrolled in Flagler College's summer study abroad course "The American War: The Struggle for Independence in Vietnam" visited Vietnam and spoke in person to Vietnamese citizens about the war.

**The Vietnam War and Stories of Service.** On October 3, 2018, WJCT & the Specials Forces Association - Chapter 88 hosted a preview and discussion of The Vietnam War documentary from Ken Burns and Lynn Novick.

**History in Context — The Vietnam War.** In partnership with WJCT, the Jacksonville Public Library hosted an event tying in with the premiere of the new documentary *The Vietnam War*. The event, "History in Context: The Vietnam War" featured excerpts from the new documentary and a post-screening discussion featuring a panel of experts.

**Special Editions of Route 66 and Blues Horizon.** To coincide with the premiere of Ken Burns and Lynn Novick's documentary *The Vietnam War*, WJCT Music Director David Luckin (host of *Route 66*) and WJCT's Andrew Wiechman (host of *Blues Horizon*) broadcast radio shows featuring the music of the era and its history.



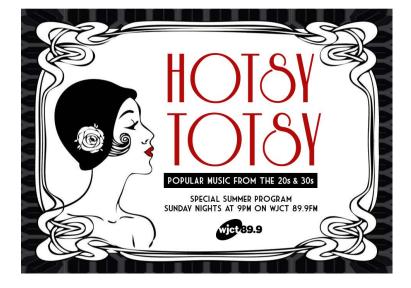
## 2017 LOCAL CONTENT AND SERVICE REPORT STORIES OF IMPACT

### PRESERVING AMERICA'S MUSICAL PAST

In summer of 2017, WJCT launched Hotsy Totsy, a new radio program featuring music from the 1920s and 1930s. WJCT Music Director David Luckin hosted the program, which featured classic songs from the earliest days of recorded American music, played from original 78 rpm records. Luckin knew he wanted to play all of these songs on original 78 rpm records to preserve the music's oldtime sound. In addition to hundreds of records from his own collection, Luckin put out a call for donations. Max Royle, a resident of St. Augustine, Florida, responded to the call — he donated 800 78s in mint condition. Also instrumental to the process was WJCT Engineer Alan Rhodes, who cleaned each record by handwashing both sides with soap and water, and then gave the records to Luckin to digitize. "We're preserving American music history and sharing it with the community," Luckin said, "one 78 at a time."

### LAUNCHING THE 24/7 PBS KIDS CHANNEL

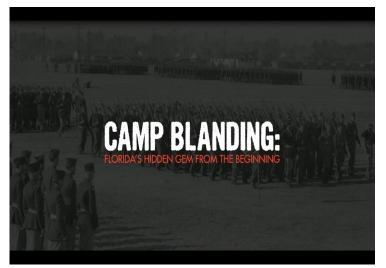
To better serve the First Coast community, WJCT launched its fifth television channel in 2017: the 24/7 PBS Kids Channel (WJCT-TV 7.5). The new channel broadcasts PBS KIDS shows 24 hours a day and offers a live stream, making it easy for First Coast children to watch their favorite series during primetime and other after-school hours when viewing among families is high. The new channel supports WJCT's mission to reach all First Coast-area children with high-quality educational content. The localized live stream at **wjct.org/247kids** also features games which align with the learning goals of each TV series, deepening children's involvement and supporting learning. The new channel is one of WJCT's latest initiatives to support early learning in the community.





### TELLING THE STORY OF CAMP BLANDING

2017 marked the premiere of the half-hour documentary *Camp Blanding: Florida's Hidden Gem from the Beginning.* Co-produced by WJCT Producer Carlos Bouvier for WJCT Public Television, the short film gives viewers a modern day view of the current training and capabilities of this little-known post. It also provides a historical telling of how the post came into being, its ties to Naval Air Station Jacksonville, the Empire State Building, and German POWs. The documentary aired several times on WJCT-TV throughout 2017 and a free screening event was held at WJCT Studios in March. WJCT's Carlos Bouvier, was awarded the Florida Commendation Medal for help in bringing the important historical story of Camp Blanding to light.





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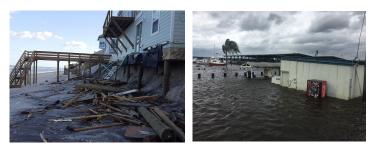
### SPOTLIGHT: WEATHERING HURRICANE IRMA

One of the most significant challenges faced by the First Coast in 2017 was Hurricane Irma. As a member of the Florida Public Radio Emergency Network, WJCT News began coverage of the storm via digital assets on August 30, when Irma first formed. The storm rapidly intensified and peaked on September 6 as a Florida-bound Category 5 storm with 185 mile-per-hour winds.



A Florida Public Radio Emergency Network advisory tracks Hurricane Irma's trajectory through the Atlantic

WJCT shared instructions on social media and sent out an e-blast in advance of the storm urging members of the First Coast community to prepare disaster supply kits, have evacuation plans in place if needed, and download the free Florida Storms app for up-to-the-minute information.



Facebook and Twitter became key tools in WJCT's mission to share vital information before, during, and immediately following Hurricane Irma. These platforms allowed WJCT to share more than 75 Facebook posts and 200 tweets from WJCT News reporters, local and state government agencies and officials, law enforcement, utilities, public media partners, and other news outlets. Information distributed included messages from local and state government organizations and officials, including evacuation orders, shelter locations, curfew instructions, tornado and flooding warnings, school, road and bridge closures, missing person alerts, and important notifications from local utilities and businesses relating to service issues (i.e. power outages). Providing this vital coverage of Hurricane Irma required a resilient team effort from WJCT News and WJCT's Tech and Ops staff. Knowing that Jacksonville's bridges were going to be shut down, Melissa Ross, WJCT Chief Operations Officer Karen Feagins, IT Administrator Denise Cox, *Morning Edition* host Michelle Corum and producers Kevin Meerschart and Carlos Bouvier showed up early Sunday morning ready to ride out the storm in WJCT's building while Cyd Hoskinson and Ryan Benk were at the emergency operations center. The team worked 24/7 taking live calls and vital questions were answered on-air and online.

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Major flooding occurred in downtown Jacksonville's stadium district, home of WJCT and Everbank Field

A special program called *After Hurricane Irma*, produced by WLRN Public Media, Miami with WJCT and other Florida public radio partner stations, aired on 89.9 FM the week after Hurricane Irma hit Florida. The collaborative effort pulled in reports from newsrooms around the state and featured conversations with newsmakers, analysts and others to provide insight into what transpired, track continuing recovery efforts throughout the state and allow Florida citizens to share lessons learned from the storm.

WJCT received several emails from grateful listeners, including Gwen from San Marco: "Just wanted to thank all of you at WJCT for the great job you did all through the storm - late into the nights and early mornings. Thanks to you we heard the evacuation news for San Marco!! Thanks to Melissa Ross and her Monday morning crew who fielded phone calls and kept us aware of what was happening throughout the community. Bravo!! Great local public radio!!"



# 2017 LOCAL CONTENT AND SERVICE REPORT **MEASURING IMPACT 2017**

# WJCT measures its impact by the number of community members engaged, the recognition of peers and colleagues, and the words of those impacted by WJCT's service to the community.

### The Numbers\* ...

224 hours of educational children's programming per week

8,760 hours of Radio Reading Service broadcasts for visually impaired and print challenged community members

5,608 guests attendeed WJCT events

622,500 people viewed WJCT Public Television

1,072,459 people reached by WJCT via online media per quarter

\* Data from Cultural Service Grant Program Reports

#### The Word on the Street ...

A small sample of the many comments WJCT received in 2017.

"Thank you, thank you WJCT for being a force in our community providing meaningful programs and other content. You are a treasure!!"

—Email received from Stevie S., WJCT Listener and Viewer

*"Hotsy Totsy* is great!!! We are big time listeners to WJCT over here in Gainesville and you have nothing else like this in your lineup. What a great period of music that was and an absolutely huge legacy to our American musical heritage. It continues to need to be heard and enjoyed."

—Email received from Thomas H., WJCT Listener

"This entire community is indebted to the entire WJCT staff for your tireless reporting during Irma. The coverage you all provided undoubtedly saved lives and brought calm to listeners at the height of the storm. Thank you!!!!!!

—Facebook comment from Michelle T., WJCT Listener

"I served 1968-69 I CORPS and have learned more about the history of the Vietnam War by watching Ken Burns' new documentary. Semper fi!" —Email received from Hallie W., WJCT Viewer

### WJCT Awards ...

Society of Professional Journalists Sunshine State Awards: Best Newscast (given by *Morning Edition* host Michelle Corum).

National PRND Awards for Best Call-In Show (*First Coast Connect: The Morning After Hurricane Matthew*) and Best Arts Feature (Lindsey Kilbride's piece "Folklife Council Calls on Jacksonville Artist to Teach Younger Generation").

Florida AP Broadcasters: Best Continuing Coverage (awarded for Ryan Benk's coverage of JEA employees' racial discrimination complaint).

The Florida-Times Union and Jacksonville.com's Bold City Best awards named First Coast Connect host Melissa Ross "Best Radio Personality" for the third consecutive year.

WJCT received three awards in Folio Weekly's Best of Jax 2016 readers' poll - Best Local Radio Station, Best Local Radio Personality (Melissa Ross) and Best Local Radio Show (*First Coast Connect*).

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The award-winning WJCT News team



WJCT's Carlos Bouvier receives the Florida Commendation Medal