

ESPN's CHUCK PAGANO, BROADCAST HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE, 2012



"I initially started working on the concept effort for **ESPN** with **Bill Rasmussen** (our Founder) in 1978 (Spring). I was working at WFSB TV (Channel 3) in Hartford and Bill's team offered some recreational employment with shooting some UCONN sporting events. His initial version was for a network to be the UCONN Alumni Channel (All UCONN, All the Time). I officially joined the ESPN organization in **August 1979**, a month before we went on the air (9-7-79)."

- Chuck Pagano

Number of countries Pagano has been to because of work:

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| 1. Canada | 16. India |
| 2. Japan | 17. Vietnam |
| 3. Hong Kong | 18. Argentina |
| 4. Singapore | 19. Brazil |
| 5. Indonesia | 20. Uruguay |
| 6. Malaysia | 21. Mexico |
| 7. Brunei | 22. Paraguay |
| 8. Philippines | 23. Chile |
| 9. Papua New Guinea | 24. UK |
| 10. South Korea | 25. Ireland |
| 11. Australia | 26. Germany |
| 12. New Zealand | 27. Sweden |
| 13. China | 28. Norway |
| 14. Taiwan | 29. Belgium |
| 15. Thailand | 30. France |



In his many years with the company, Chuck has moved work stations about **12** times within the walls of ESPN.

Hobbies and Other Interests:

Family and learning.

- Currently studying for a Master's in Liberal Studies at Wesleyan in Middletown, CT, focusing on Astronomy studies for a science major program.
- Hobbies include the areas of Astronomy, Reading and enjoying an occasional cold beverage.



- When Pagano started working at ESPN, the entire company was comprised of about **40** employees.
- Today, his current team in the ESPN Technology department is made up of approximately **900** employees.

Chuck has held **11** different titles in his **33 years** with ESPN. He began in 1979 as *Supervisor, Electronic News Gathering*, and has since moved up the ranks to become ESPN's *EVP, Technology and Chief Technology Officer*.