

Denise Nakano - Biography

Denise Nakano is the midday anchor for KYW Newsradio, 103.9 FM and 1060 AM.

Her career has spanned the country, taking her to newsrooms in Sacramento and Chico, California; Syracuse, New York; and Seattle, Washington.

She joined KYW Newsradio in the summer of 2020 from NBC10, where she anchored and reported for 17 years. Nakano has covered some of the region's biggest stories, including the deadly Market Street building collapse, the Amtrak train derailment and Superstorm Sandy.

The Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters honored Nakano as Broadcaster of the Year in 2024. She has also received City & State PA's 2023 Above and Beyond Award, recognizing distinguished women in Pennsylvania; the 2023 Impact Award from the Pan Asian Association of Greater Philadelphia; and the 2023 PA Power 100 Award. She was also named one of the Top 10 Midday Anchors in the United States by Barrett News Media.

Nakano is the recipient of a national Edward R. Murrow Award for Best Documentary and has been recognized with eight national and regional Emmy Awards for breaking news, investigative reporting and her coverage of the local heroin epidemic. She was also honored by the City of Philadelphia with a proclamation recognizing her reporting on the heroin crisis in Philadelphia.

Nakano can be seen as a newscaster in the film Knock at the Cabin. She serves on the board of directors of the Police Athletic League and is an active member and former National Board Representative of the Asian American Journalists Association.