



2026 CALENDAR OF LISTS

(EFFECTIVE 1/13/26)



Issue Date	List	Entries Open	Entry Deadline	Est. List Release Date	Space
5-Jan	Top 20 Digital Sellers/Managers	10/10/25	10/31/25	11/14/25	12/12/25
9-Feb	Radio's African American Future Leaders	11/7/25	11/26/25	12/12/25	1/26/26
9-Mar	Christian Radio's Champions	12/22/25	1/7/26	1/12/26	2/20/26
13-Apr	Radio's Top 20 Leaders	1/16/26	2/6/26	2/20/26	3/20/26
11-May	Medallas de Cortez	2/13/26	3/13/26	3/27/26**	4/24/26
15-Jun	Most Influential Women in Radio	3/27/26	4/17/26	5/1/26	5/29/26
20-Jul	The 40 Most Powerful People in Radio	*	*	6/1/26	7/2/26
17-Aug	The Best Program Directors in America	6/1/26	6/22/26	7/6/26	7/31/26
14-Sep	The Best Managers in Radio	6/26/26	7/17/26	7/31/26	8/28/26
5-Oct	Radio Wayne	7/17/26	8/7/26	8/21/26**	9/18/26
7-Dec	Radio's Best Syndicated Shows	9/11/26	10/9/26	10/23/26	11/20/26

*No outside nomination process

**Finalists' list release date. Winners are announced at award presentations.



Every year, Radio Ink spotlights and celebrates the best of the best in the radio industry.

In addition to the instructive and idea-rich content packed into every issue, Radio Ink is known for recognizing those who continue to practice and encourage professionalism and excellence in all aspects of the radio business.

From familiar faces to future leaders – those whose feet hit the street to those who rise the corporate ladder – and those who represent the diverse and exciting promise of an industry that is constantly evolving and never static – Radio Ink lists are not only significant points of pride to those honored but have also become “gold standards” in the industry. To appear on a Radio Ink list is to have “arrived.” Just ask an honoree!



Join the party! If you know someone who deserves recognition, nominate them. And consider congratulating associates or clients who garner recognition in Radio Ink. Let them – and the world – know you appreciate them and their accomplishments.

Let's celebrate today's role models and tomorrow's bright promise. Radio – it takes people!



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