



## JACKIE NESPRAL, A.B. '89

Journalist, NBC 6

Emmy Award-winning journalist Jackie Nespral became the first Hispanic ever to anchor a network news program when she was tapped for NBC's *Weekend Today* show in 1992. After commuting between Miami and New York for three years, she chose to continue her career in South Florida with NBC 6. She currently co-anchors *NBC 6 News* and hosts *Impact*, a locally produced, half-hour show dedicated to politics and current events.

Jackie is known for her interviews with prominent figures, ranging from national and international leaders to celebrities. She has extensive experience covering such stories as the first U.S. presidential visit in Havana, papal visits to Cuba, presidential debates and inaugurations, hurricanes, and the World Series and NBA championships. She has been recognized with six Emmy Awards for her work and has won a Silver Circle Award for her contributions to the industry over more than 25 years.

A South Florida native, Jackie gained a unique perspective of the community by serving as Orange Bowl Queen in 1985–1986. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Miami and was tapped for its highest honor, the Iron Arrow. Jackie serves on the Board of Directors of the School of Communication, is a former member of the Board of Trustees, and was the first Hispanic woman to serve as president of the Alumni Association.