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STEPHANIE SIMONI

WFSB News Anchor

Stephanie Simoni has been working as a journalist in Connecticut for more than a decade and proudly joined Channel 3 Eyewitness News in May of 2022. She is an award winning journalist who has covered many major news events in our state including Sandy Hook, Hurricane Sandy, and the Connecticut's response to the pandemic.

Before moving to Connecticut, Stephanie spent time in newsrooms in Little Rock and Savannah. She traveled to China with the Savannah mayoral delegation, rode alongside search teams when flash floods wiped out an Arkansas campground, and covered the murder trial of Curtis Vance.

Stephanie is from the Boston area but lives in Connecticut with her husband, Roger Susanin, who is a fantastic reporter for WFSB, and their two children. When she's not on television, she's searching out the state's best playgrounds, scoping out vintage furniture, and spending as much time as she can on beautiful Connecticut beaches.



KELLY CYR

Maloney High School English Department Leader & Public Speaking Teacher

A graduate of James H. Sheehan High School in Wallingford (Class of 2002), Kelly Cyr continued her education at the NEAG School of Education, earning her degree in 2006. She went on to complete a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction in 2007 and later earned her Sixth-Year degree from Southern Connecticut State University in 2014. In 2021, she became ECE certified through Quinnipiac University.

Now in her ninth year at Maloney High School in Meriden, she serves as English Department Leader, a role she has held since 2015. A dedicated Public Speaking teacher, she was honored as Teacher of the Year for 2024–2025. She also leads the School-Wide Active Team for High Stakes Testing (since 2022) and has collaborated with the RISE Network to design and implement innovative pilot initiatives aimed at improving student outcomes.