Throughout his radio and television career, Bruce DuMont has sought excellence in both broadcasting's past and present, and also in himself. Thankfully for the industry, he keeps finding it.

Dumont is an Emmy award-winning producer, a respected political analyst, and the founder, President, and CEO of The Museum of Broadcast Communications in Chicago. He has been a member of the George Foster Peabody Awards Board at the University of Georgia, serving as its Peabody Chair in 1997.

Starting as a production assistant on The Morning Show with Jim Conway on WBKB (now WLS) in 1966, DuMont found himself 2 years later at WGN Radio producing anything about ideas: talk, entertainment, sports - but especially politics on such shows as Extension 720, The Howard Miller Show and WGN Sport Sunday. In 1973, he began his on-air radio career at WLTD, a 1000-watt station in Evanston. By 1978, he had moved to WBBM-TV to produce Noonbreak with Lee Phillip.

Since 1983, he has anchored Illinois Lawmakers for public television in Illinois. In 1984, WTTW premiered Chicago Tonight with John Callaway, with DuMont as producer. For his work on the program, he received 2 Chicago Emmys and brought his own political style to the show while covering the 1984 political conventions.

But that wasn’t really Bruce’s first television appearance. While at Channel 7, he volunteered to be maced by the Cook County Sheriff and wrestled a 900-pound bear. In 1968, he was a contestant on the game show Password. Although that was one prize he couldn’t claim, DuMont did win lovely parting gifts.

The Chicago Sun-Times, in 1989, recognized DuMont as one of Chicago’s most influential television leaders. And in 1994, his alma mater, Columbia College honored his career with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Beyond the Beltway, DuMont’s program on political talk, ideas and personalities currently airs on WLS Radio, Media One cable systems and on cable’s Total Living Network. To complement his homage to broadcasting’s past, he demonstrates his openness to its future by webcasting his program live on the Internet each week at www.beyondthebeltway.com.