

JOHN T. CUNNINGHAM AWARD



Verizon is a valued community partner whose commitment to innovation, connectivity, and local empowerment extends well beyond technology. Through its resources and dedication to social responsibility, Verizon helps strengthen neighborhoods, support the arts, and create opportunities for communities to thrive.

Since 2015, Verizon has been an invaluable community partner to Mayo Performing Arts Center, helping address one of our greatest ongoing challenges: patron parking. Through access to Verizon's lot, MPAC has been able to offer thousands of theatergoers a convenient and accessible parking option, enhancing their experience from the moment they arrive. Their tremendous partnership also allows MPAC to generate parking revenue which is reinvested into our mission-based programs and operations.

MPAC is proud to honor Verizon with the 2026 John T. Cunningham Award in recognition of its longstanding partnership, generosity, and commitment to the cultural vitality of our community. We are deeply grateful for Verizon's continued support and for the role it plays in helping MPAC bring people together through the arts.

Accepting the Award on Verizon's behalf is Matt Coakley, Senior Vice President of Mobility Growth & Content at Verizon. Having previously served as Market President of Atlantic North and Vice President of Growth Marketing & Demand Generation, Mr. Coakley brings a depth of strategic vision and community commitment to his work having served the communities of Northern New Jersey in various ways. MPAC is grateful for the commitment that he continues to provide to our organization.