

## Introduction (Greater Cincinnati Area)

Our speaker today is accustomed to large audiences—but usually, she can't see them. That's because they're watching her on television!

As many of you know, Cammy Dierking is the evening news anchor at Local 12. Born and raised in Cincinnati, Cammy is 'living her dream', anchoring the news in her hometown! You can watch her deliver the news every weeknight at 5p, 6p, and 11p on Local 12.

Cammy began her career in Sports, after being inspired by her father, Connie Dierking. He played college basketball at U.C., and then spent 11 years in the NBA, most of that time with the Cincinnati Royals. When Cammy started in TV in the early-1980's, there weren't many women sportscasters. In fact, Cammy was one of the first female TV Sports Anchors in the country, and THE first in the state of Ohio.

As some of you might remember, Cammy eventually became Co-Host of ***Good Morning Cincinnati***, with her pals, John Lomax and Steve Horstmeyer. That newscast dominated its time slot in the ratings during her 13 years there. She describes those years on the morning show as the 'time of her life', but these days, Cammy is really enjoying sleeping past 3am, and anchoring the evening news.

Cammy volunteers for many non-profit organizations. If you've ever been to a fundraiser here in town, you've probably seen her in person. She serves as Honorary Chair and Spokesperson for numerous charity running, walking, bicycle and golf events, including: Race for the Cure, Arthritis Walk, MS Bike Ride, Heart Mini-Marathon, JDRF Walk for a Cure, Hike for Hospice, and Ride Cincinnati for Breast Cancer.

A former collegiate swimmer, Cammy is still very active and athletic. She goes on 'century' - or 100 mile - bike rides around the country to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes. She's done 12 marathons and dozens of triathlons. Among her biggest accomplishments, Cammy completed *IRONMAN Louisville* in 2007, and *IRONMAN Coeur d'Alene* in 2010.

Cammy is founder and Co-Chair of the Women's Sports Association, a group that recognizes the achievements of female athletes in the tri-state. She often speaks to young girls and sports teams about the importance of self-esteem, fitness, and good sportsmanship. Cammy is also a very popular motivational speaker, and we feel lucky to have her here today.

In her 'spare time', Cammy is involved in community theater. She performs with Children's Theatre of Cincinnati. In fact, she insists that in her next life, she WILL come back as a Broadway star!!

Cammy has been married for 22 years. She and her husband live in Mason, and they have three teenage daughters she calls 'the air in her lungs'.

Please welcome Cammy Dierking.