



Rich Gardella

Rich is a former investigative producer, off-air reporter and digital journalist with NBC News.

He joined NBC News in 1990 and served in a variety of editorial roles continuously through the end of 2020. From 1999 to 2020 he was based at the NBC News Washington Bureau. From 2003 to 2020 was an investigative producer and off-air reporter for NBC News' investigative units, working most frequently with NBC News senior investigative correspondent Lisa Myers, and later NBC News correspondents Gabe Gutierrez, Courtney Kube, Pete Williams, Tom Costello and Ken Dilanian.

From 1990 to 1999 he was based at NBC's headquarters in New York, primarily as a producer and off-air reporter for NBC Nightly News with Tom Brokaw. During those years he reported, wrote and produced several feature reports with and for Tom Brokaw.

In 2012, 2016, 2018 and 2020, in addition to his regular work, he also served as coordinating editorial producer for NBC News "VoteWatch," a recurring team effort monitoring and reporting on voting issues during presidential elections, and midterm elections (2018 only).

His work has appeared on NBC Nightly News (with Tom Brokaw, Brian Williams and Lester Holt), the TODAY Show, MSNBC, and NBC News.com.

Gardella's work has received recognition through various awards. Reports he has produced or co-produced have received the following:

- News & Documentary Emmy Awards for various categories (3)
- News & Documentary Emmy Award for Business and Financial Reporting, Outstanding Investigative Reporting (3)
- Edward R. Murrow Award for Outstanding Investigative Reporting
- George Polk Award for Network Television Reporting
- Joan S. Barone Award (2)

Gardella's journalism work has also contributed to changes in laws and government policies.

One investigation he reported with Lisa Myers and produced in 2013 about the safety of portable plastic fuel containers prompted the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission to change its policy and support the addition of flame-arresting devices to the containers. Congress cited the findings of the NBC News' investigation in considering new legislation requiring the change. Congress passed the legislation and it became law in December 2020. Another investigation he reported with Courtney Kube and produced in 2019 – about a whistleblower's allegations that U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs productivity targets for counselors at VA "vet centers" were lowering the quality of mental health care offered to combat veterans – contributed to Congressional reviews of those policies and to the sponsoring of new Congressional legislation to address the issue.

Gardella began his NBC Universal career in 1990 as an NBC Page. He is a 1988 graduate of Williams College, and a 1984 graduate of Regis High School in New York City.

Prior to his NBC News career, he was an editorial cartoonist for the Scarsdale (New York) Inquirer. One of his cartoons won a New York Press Association award.

A native of Westchester County, New York, Gardella has lived in Baltimore since 1999. He resides with his partner Julie Ernst in the Wyman Park/Remington area. His son, Richard Gardella, is an undergraduate at the University of Rhode Island.

He is the son of Richard and Barbara Gardella, former local newspaper reporters in Westchester County, New York. His father is a former corporation counsel of the City of Rye, New York and a former village attorney of the Village of Scarsdale, New York.

Below are links to NBC News national stories he reported:

- <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/world/warning-scientists-say-gas-cans-carry-risk-explosion-flna2D11691903>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/congress/new-law-requires-portable-gas-containers-add-devices-protect-against-n1252595>
- <https://www.today.com/news/veterans-reveal-vet-center-spokane-washington-changed-their-lives-t141803>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-care/former-therapist-va-hurting-mental-health-Care-combat-veterans-its-n1075781>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/thousands-foreign-students-u-s-student-visas-may-have-worked-n1109286>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/grassley-cites-nbc-news-reports-asking-dhs-monitor-visa-program-n1212451>
- <https://www.cnn.com/2014/03/14/gm-chose-not-to-implement-fix-for-ignition-problem.html>
- <https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna44699816>