



**Summer Leadership Conference
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Lakeland Community College, Kirtland**

The Lakeland Experience—
NEOEA's Summer Leadership Conference

Our Keynote Speaker: Kim Wheeler

Kim Wheeler joined WKYC in 1995. She is currently the weekend morning anchor and education reporter for Channel 3 News. In 2006, she received an Emmy for her anchoring.

Kim came to WKYC from WDBJ in Roanoke, Virginia where she served as reporter and anchor for six years. Prior to that, she was an anchor/reporter in Bluefield, West Virginia. Kim is a native of Smithville, Ohio. She graduated from Ohio University with a bachelor's degree in Journalism.



During Kim's years at WKYC, she received a first place award from the Ohio Society of Professional Journalists in 2000 for her series on Ritalin and children. She was named one of Cleveland Magazine's "most interesting people" in 1999. Kim was also featured in Cleveland Magazine as one of Cleveland's working moms in the media.

Channel 3 News followed Kim and her husband, Tracy on their journey to Thailand to adopt their two sons. They brought Terry Pitak home in February of 2000 and Max Arun in October of 2005.

Kim and Tracy worked with Holt International Children's Services in Eugene, Oregon. For more information on adoption contact Holt at **www.holtinternational.org**

Kim has volunteered in the Cleveland Schools and at her son's school. In addition, through her news stories, she worked with John Carroll University students to build a new playground for Margaret Ireland Elementary students. She also stays involved with education and adoption issues.