

PAUL E. WELSH AWARD

Established in 2017, this award honors the memory, achievements, and entrepreneurial spirit of public relations professional and Baltimore native, Paul E. Welsh. The award is presented annually by PRSA Maryland to a practitioner with at least 10 years in the profession whose work embraces and exemplifies Paul Welsh's talent for developing and implementing creative and effective solutions to the most challenging issues in public relations.

Paul Welsh was an innovator in what was still a very new field. In 1939, when he was just 26 years old, he created the slogan, "[Maryland – America in Miniature.](#)" In his extensive, eclectic, and distinguished career, Paul Welsh covered aviation for *The Baltimore Sun*, worked in military intelligence during WWII, and managed public affairs for many years at the McCormick Company. Throughout his life, Paul Welsh remained active in civic and community affairs, and he ardently pursued his personal passion for great cooking and good wine. He was a former president of the Wine and Food Society of Baltimore as well as the North American Committee and London Council of the International Wine and Food Society. In 1979, he was named Gourmet USA by the Society of Bacchus.

Once, on an Atlantic crossing on the Queen Elizabeth II, Mr. Welsh prepared his award-winning Crab Avalynne recipe for travelers; and, to resolve a good-natured, but ardent argument among his newspaper colleagues about where one could get the best oysters on the half-shell in Baltimore, he took them to both Pratt Street Pier and Miller Brothers in a single night – the "judges" declared it a tie.

Paul E. Welsh was born in Cumberland, Maryland, and grew up in Baltimore, where he graduated from Calvert Hall College; the University of Maryland, College Park; and, the University of Maryland School of Law.