

# *2103 Top Ten Photos*

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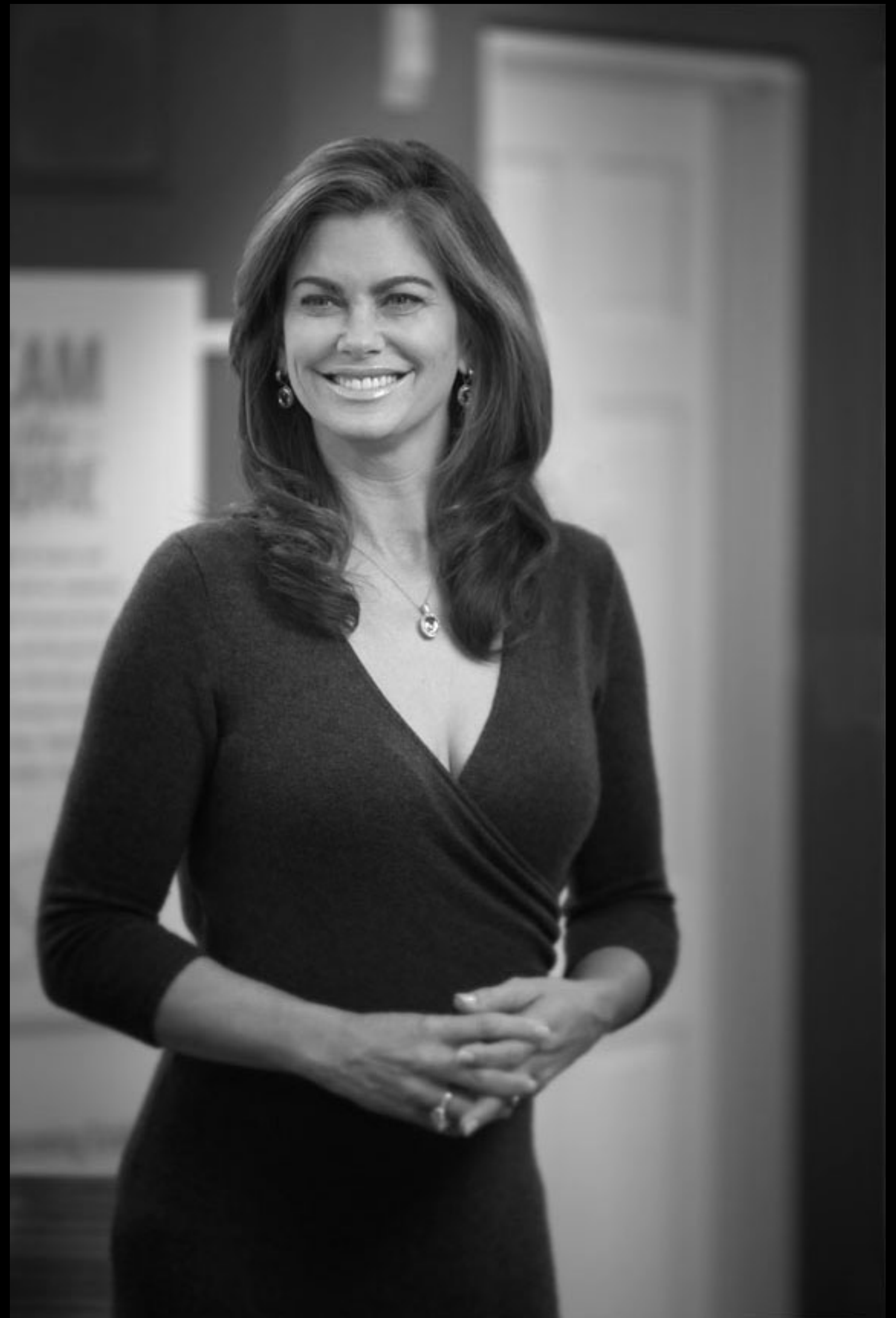


*This shot at the Peoria Zoo was two years in the making. The Peoria Park District was wanting some photos of the different zoo animals in the snow and it took us a couple of years for us to get a big enough snow fall to make for some good photos. Getting this photo was pure luck in the sense that Lizzy the lioness had been walking around and at some point she laid down on the rocks and “posed” for me for about 10 seconds and then got back up! I watched her for awhile after this and she never did lay down again while I was there!*





*I've been very fortunate to be able to work with some celebrities in my career and working with 80's supermodel and entrepreneur Kathy Ireland will rank right up there! I was shooting stills on a three day video shoot with Kathy and she is one of the nicest and kindest people you will ever meet! She could have had a diva attitude with her fame, but she is the complete opposite!!! She reminds me of my buddy Mike Rowe who also has a lot of the same characteristics as Kathy. Both are very humble, warm and approachable! I saw Kathy make time for photos and autographs during the three days and couldn't have been nicer!*







*This is one of those shots that technically I was able to pull off with one of my special camera toys. I have a special camera head that is designed to take photos like this 360 degree photo of the "Big Room" at the Caterpillar Visitors Center here in Peoria! This one photo is made from 72 individual photographs of the room and assembled in the computer!*



*I love shooting  
photos of and  
working with our  
farmers! These  
men and women  
make the food that  
we enjoy everyday  
and without them,  
we'd be in serious  
trouble!!!!*

*There are two  
seasons in farming,  
planting and  
harvesting. For this  
shot planting isn't  
nearly as sexy as  
harvesting, so we  
did a shot with the  
setting sun and our  
farmer getting  
ready to plant his  
crops!*







*I was able to shoot the 'Women of Faith' event at the Peoria Civic Center and it was a very challenging shoot! To try and get some good crowd shots really was a matter of getting lucky because there were so many women that getting a clear view wasn't always the easiest! This is one of my favorite shots from that day and I can see joy and hope in this woman's face!*





*In June I was down  
in Canton, Illinois  
to shoot the 22nd  
annual "Cruise In"!  
I always love going  
and shooting at  
these cars shows  
especially with the  
vintage cars from  
the 50's and 60's!  
The turquoise color  
of the Cadillac was  
the perfect contrast  
for the red tails  
lights on this  
beautiful 1959  
Coupe de Ville!*





*There's just something about taps being played by a solo trumpet that always grabs me. At this years "Tee it up for the troops" event at the Country Club of Peoria, this Air Force sergeant cranked out taps with the American and Marine flags in the background and the crowd was so silent, you could have heard a pin drop!*





*Senior Illinois US  
Senator Dick  
Durbin paid a visit  
to Case IH's  
Goodfield, Illinois  
factory to take a  
tour of the plant and  
also talk with some  
of the workers. It  
can be very difficult  
to be in the right  
place at the right  
time on a gig like  
this and there's a lot  
of luck involved to  
be able to get a great  
snap like this!*





*Sometimes you have to do shoots in conditions that aren't always the most desirable. This shoot in West Texas in July was one of those shoots! It was 105 degrees and humid at this oil rig that we were shooting at. The sweat is getting in your eyes and burning and it makes it tough to even see at times! Despite the heat, we were still able to come away with a lot of get photos and that's what being a professional is all about!*



*I always love it when you have some creative freedom to try different things during a shoot! On this shot, when I saw Robert dressed with this football gear for Schutt Sports, I had the feeling that he looked like an astronaut or a fighter pilot, so I wanted to play up that look. By putting the lights at the side, I was able to get a great reflection in the clear face shield and it helped accentuate that look!*







*I had a great time in 2013,  
more fun to be had in 2014!*

