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## NAMIC REVEALS 2017 NEXT GENERATION LEADERS

*Diversity Organization to Honor Emerging Media Executives of Color  
During Awards Luncheon at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual NAMIC Conference on Sept. 27*

**NEW YORK – JULY 25, 2017** – The **National Association for Multi-Ethnicity in Communications** announced today the winners of its **2017 Next Generation Leaders Awards**, recognizing emerging business leaders of color in the media and entertainment industry for their career successes and commitment to fostering diversity in the workplace. In partnership with **Multichannel News**, the **2017 Next Generation Leaders** will be honored at the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual NAMIC Conference** during the **NAMIC Awards Luncheon** on **Wednesday, Sept. 27, 11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. ET** at the **New York Marriott Marquis**.

The **2017 Next Generation Leaders Awards** will be presented in four categories to the following honorees:

- *Cable MSO:* **Ebonne Ruffins**, VP, Local Media Development, Comcast Cable
- *Cable Programmer:* **Daniel Eilemberg**, President & Chief Content Officer, FUSION TV
- *Tech Company/Discipline:* **Linda Pan**, SVP, New Digital Business, AMC Networks
- *Creative Discipline:* **Romina Rosado**, SVP & Editor-in-Chief, E! News & Online, NBCUniversal

“Cultural diversity is an imperative in the communications industry and this year’s class of **Next Generation Leaders** are steadfast advocates for inclusion in the workplace,” **said NAMIC President and CEO Eglon E. Simons**. “They personify excellence, empower and educate others, and most important, serve as beacons for those who will follow in their footsteps. We are grateful for the industry’s ongoing support and look forward to celebrating the honorees at this year’s awards luncheon.”

In addition to honoring the four **Next Generation Leaders**, **NAMIC** will also honor 10 emerging executives of color in its **2017 Luminaries Class**:

- **Charlotte Castillo**, SVP, International Brand Management & Creative, Viacom International Media Networks
- **Twyla Huang-DiSimone**, VP, News Content Partnerships, Turner Ignite
- **P. Sean Gupta**, VP, Strategy and Operations, BET Networks
- **Navin Kamath**, VP, Account Management, Global Distribution, HBO
- **Stephanie Jackson**, VP, Ad Sales, Western Region, Food Network & Cooking Channel, Scripps Networks Interactive
- **Sameel Osuri**, SVP, Global Content Operations, Discovery Communications
- **Miguel Santos**, General Manager, Myx TV
- **Tony Song**, VP, Ad Sales, AMC Networks
- **Holly Tang**, Chief Financial Officer, Bravo and Oxygen Media, NBCUniversal
- **Janet Han Vissering**, SVP, Development & Production, Nat Geo WILD

Inquiries pertaining to day pass packages or table packages for the **NAMIC Annual Awards Luncheon** should be directed to **Sandra Girado** at 212-594-5985 or [sandra.girado@namic.com](mailto:sandra.girado@namic.com).

For more information on **NAMIC**, the **31<sup>st</sup> Annual NAMIC Conference** and the **NAMIC Annual Awards Luncheon**, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com). To stay connected, join the conversation on [LinkedIn](#), follow us [@NAMICNational](#) on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

## **ABOUT NAMIC**

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-cultural diversity, equity and inclusion in the communications industry. More than 3,000 professionals belong to a network of 18 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that target leadership development, advocacy and empowerment, **NAMIC** collaborates with industry partners to grow and nurture a workforce that reflects the cultural richness of the populations served.

## **NAMIC EXECUTIVES, NEXT GENERATION LEADERS & LUMINARIES INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

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