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NAMIC ANNOUNCES ROSTER FOR CLASS XV OF ITS EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Flagship Executive Education Program Designed To Advance Diversity In The Media And Entertainment Industry's Executive Suites Celebrates 15th Anniversary

NEW YORK, NY – October 7, 2015 -- NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications), today announced the roster for **Class XV** of its **Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP)**, marking a milestone 15th anniversary for the flagship program. Created in response to some of the media and entertainment industry's most persistent challenges surrounding diversity at the executive level, ELDP has become one of NAMIC's most important and impactful education initiatives. Presented in partnership with the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, ELDP Class XV will take place over the course of four sessions scheduled for: October 13-16, 2015; December 9-11, 2015; February 17-19, 2016; and May 3-6, 2016.

Since its inception in 2000, NAMIC's ELDP has graduated over 500 professionals of color. The program's central goal is to prepare leaders to be successful at the top echelons of the industry. ELDP's curriculum was designed to achieve the following: deepen participants' understanding of the changing media and entertainment industry's strategic and market context in an increasingly global and competitive landscape; develop an enterprise-wide perspective anchored in the overall business and the inter-connections of functional areas such as financial management, marketing, and optimizing human capital; enhance participants' capacities to convert strategy into action; cultivate a learning mindset that drives innovation; introduce the competencies needed to grow and sustain high-performing diverse teams that span organizational, cultural, and ideological spectra; and nurture visionary and transformational leaders.

NAMIC's ELDP is offered in partnership with the University of Virginia Darden School of Business, a globally celebrated program with a proven track record in the executive education space and expertise in leveraging a world-class, diverse faculty to deliver a robust, research-anchored curriculum. NAMIC has overall stewardship of the program, including the selection of each class from a talented pool of upper-mid level executives of color whose performance and potential point them toward increasingly broad and influential senior executive roles. Professionals selected to participate in the program are as diverse in world view as they are in culture, and possess a broad spectrum of skill sets and expertise ranging from global marketing and operations, to human resources, to business affairs and digital strategy.

"As we reflect upon the legacy of ELDP in this milestone fifteenth year, NAMIC extends sincere thanks to all of the participating companies," said **James C. Jones**, NAMIC's VP of Education and Diversity Solutions. "NAMIC is honored to have the industry's continued support as we deepen our collaboration with Darden to provide this transformational executive development experience."

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The 42 members of ELDP Class XV are as follows: **Monica Alexander**, director, Care Tools Adoption, Time Warner Cable; **Robin Alston**, senior director, Legal and Business Affairs, A+E Television Networks; **Tiffanie Baker**, senior counsel, Content Acquisition, Comcast; **Leon Barnes**, VP, Human Resources, Comcast; **Alix Baudin**, SVP/GM, Digital Products & Operations, Scripps Networks Interactive; **Pipier Bewlay**, VP HR Business Partners, Cox Communications; **Tamara Bowens**, senior director, Customer Lifecycle Marketing, Time Warner Cable; **Elianna Carlton**, senior director, Human Resources, Comcast; **Lorelei Davis**, executive director, Payment Processing, Comcast; **Carlos DeCastro**, director, Sport and VOD Marketing, Time Warner Cable; **Inga Dyer**, SVP, Business and Legal Affairs, Revolt Media & TV, LLC; **Clifford Ejikeme**, VP, Finance & Treasurer, A+E Television Networks; **Khanspasha Feaster**, senior director, Leadership Development, Time Warner Cable; **Mar'ee Gboleweefaa**, director, Project Management & Communications, Time Warner Cable; **Glenn Marc**, VP, Engineering, A+E Television Networks; **Galen Gordon**, coordinating producer, ESPN; **Jae-Min Han**, senior counsel, Time Warner Cable; **Jamal Houghton**, SVP, associate general counsel & assistant secretary, Cablevision Systems Corp.; **Lorelie Johnson**, director, Corporate Communications, Bright House Networks; **Pankaj Kumar**, executive director, Media Sciences, Comcast; **Francis Legros**, senior director, Production Operations, ESPN; **Jose Leon**, senior director, IP Services, Time Warner Cable; **Cheryl Middleton-Jones**, VP, Human Resources, Scripps Networks Interactive; **Jen Miller**, senior director, Financial Planning & Analysis, Comcast; **Jorge Nieves**, senior director, Security Operations, Comcast; **Emeka Ofofile**, senior director, Marketing, ESPN; **Andre Quadra Pereira Da Silva**, senior director, International Marketing, ESPN; **Kristine Perillo**, director, Client Planning, Viacom Media Networks, **Joiava Philpott**, VP, Regulatory Affairs, Cox Communications; **Thomas Piggee II**, director, Technical Operations, Comcast; **Bundit Piticavong**, director, Technical Operations, Comcast; **Punita Ramchandani**, senior director, HR Compensation, ESPN; **Caralene Robinson**, EVP, Brand Marketing & Creative, VH1; **Shuvankar Roy**, senior director, Business Operations, XFINITY HOME, Comcast; **Quentin Sa'lay**, senior director, Human Resources, Comcast; **Ariel Tan**, senior director, Strategy, Viacom; **Loi To**, director, Strategy and Business Development, Comcast; **Vijay Velusamy**, director, Software Development and Engineering, Comcast; **Nyle Washington**, director, Corporate Communications, VH1; **Madura Wijewardena**, executive director, Global Public Policy, Comcast; **Barry Williams**, executive director, Indirect Channel Sales, Comcast; **Antonio Williams**, senior director, Government Affairs, Comcast.

For more information on the Executive Leadership Development Program or other NAMIC programs and initiatives, visit <http://namic.com>.

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ABOUT NAMIC

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC comprises 2,700 professionals belonging to a network of 16 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve. Comcast | NBCUniversal, Time Warner Cable and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. are NAMIC's Platinum Annual Corporate Sponsors. For more information, please visit www.namic.com and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

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