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NAMIC ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF THE 2016 NEXT GENERATION LEADERS AWARDS

Media And Entertainment Industry Executives Malek Robert Amirshahi, Sean Cohan, Detavio Samuels And Urvashi Shivdasani To Be Honored At NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast On May 18th In Boston As Part Of INTX: The Internet & Television Expo

NEW YORK, NY - March 23, 2016 -- The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced winners of the **2016 Next Generation Leaders Awards**. Honoring emerging executives for their efforts to foster multiethnic diversity and inclusion and for demonstrating exceptional business acumen, the awards will be presented during the **NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast**. Held as part of *INTX: The Internet & Television Expo* (formerly the Cable Show), the NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast will take place Wednesday, May 18, 2016, from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (EDT) at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

Winners of the **2016 Next Generation Leaders Awards** include **Malek Robert Amirshahi**, vice president, Public Relations, Time Warner Cable; **Sean Cohan**, president, International and Digital Media, A+E Networks; **Detavio Samuels**, president, One Solution & Interactive One; and **Urvashi Shivdasani**, senior vice president, Finance, Discovery Networks International, Discovery Communications. Presented in partnership with *Multichannel News*, the awards are given out in four categories: Cable MSO (Amirshahi), Cable Programmer (Shivdasani), Technology Company or Discipline (Cohan) and Creative Discipline (Samuels). Executives of color age 45 or under were eligible for nomination.

"NAMIC applauds this distinguished group of executives who are making innovative and strategic contributions within their companies while exemplifying NAMIC's mission to educate, advocate and empower for the advancement of diversity and inclusion," said **Egdon E. Simons**, president and CEO, NAMIC. "We appreciate and welcome the industry's continued support as we celebrate diversity and the accomplishments of these emerging business leaders at this year's Annual Awards Breakfast."

In addition to honoring the four Next Generation Leaders, ten emerging executives will be honored as NAMIC Luminaries. Also recognized for their professional achievements and commitment to fostering multiethnic diversity, members of the **2016 NAMIC Luminaries** class include: **Boris Gartner**, senior vice president and chief strategy officer, Fusion Media Network; **Fabienne Clermont**, vice president, Legal Affairs, Discovery Communications; **Meghan Hooper White**, vice president, Program Acquisitions, Lifetime Networks; **Marisol Martinez**, vice president, Marketing Acquisition and CRM, Time Warner Cable; **Valerie Meraz**, vice president, Content Acquisitions, Turner; **Oscar Ramos**, general manager, ESPN Deportes Radio and senior director, ESPN Deportes Content, ESPN; **Jhamal Robinson**, vice president, Production Management, TLC & Discovery Life, Discovery Communications; **Talia Robinson**, vice president, Human Resources, OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network; **Theresa Vargas Wyatt**, chief of staff, El Rey Network; and **Alaka Williams**, senior vice president, Network Human Resources, Scripps Networks Interactive.

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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, Twitter, and Instagram.

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