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**NAMIC ANNOUNCES ROSTER FOR CLASS XVI OF ITS  
EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**New York, NY - October 13, 2016 -- NAMIC (National Association of Multi-ethnicity in Communications)** today announced the roster for Class XVI of its **Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP)**. ELDP Class XVI is the fifth cadre being presented in partnership with the University of Virginia Darden School of Business in Charlottesville, Virginia. Held on the Darden grounds, the program's fundamental goal is to prepare mid to senior level executives of color for roles within the top leadership ranks of the media and entertainment industry. ELDP Class XVI comprises four sessions, with the first beginning October 17, 2016. Subsequent sessions will be held in December 2016, February 2017, and May 2017.

"Each class has its own identity and we are delighted to welcome this impressive cohort of executives who comprise class XVI," said **James C. Jones**, NAMIC's SVP of Education and Diversity Solutions. "NAMIC applauds those companies that demonstrate a resolute commitment to fostering a robust pipeline of diverse professionals by supporting this flagship education program."

Having graduated more than 600 executives of color since the program's inception in 2001, ELDP was designed to address the unique challenges faced by executives of color, while strengthening the business competencies that all executives must have in order to be successful. The ELDP curriculum explores a range of topics, including corporate strategy, financial and business acumen, customer orientation and innovation, and change leadership that fosters and sustains a high-performing, high-engagement corporate culture.

The members of ELDP Class XVI are as follows: **Vonya Alleyne**, VP, Human Resources, Cox Communications; **Brenda Antonio**, director, Studio Relations & Celebrity Talent, Viacom; **Brenda Curry**, director, Human Resources, Charter; **Luis Defrank**, director, Corporate Communications, BET Networks; **Johnita Due**, assistant general counsel, CNN/Turner; **Sergio Escobedo**, senior director, Sourcing Management & Governance Outsourcing, Comcast; **Sahil Gambhir**, director, Platform Strategy & Ad Solutions, Charter; **Deepti Gupta**, senior director, Financial Planning and Analysis, Viacom; **Belinda Harris-Ramnarace**, VP, Retail Design & Operations, Charter; **Matthew Harrison**, senior director, Talent Management, Comcast; **Kelli Hill**, regional senior director, Customer Service Strategy & Operations, Comcast; **Keith Holmes**, SVP, Field Sales, Cox Communications; **Heather Hutchinson**, VP, Business and Legal Affairs, Scripps Networks Interactive; **Crystal James-Goodwin**, director, International Brand Development, Viacom International Media Networks; **Ramcess Jean-Louis**, director, D&I, Comcast; **Mark Kang**, SVP, Worldwide Distribution, INSP; **LaShondia Kendrick**, senior director, Customer Care, Comcast; **Rahman Khan**, VP, Corporate Social Responsibility, Charter; **Keith Ladson**, senior director, Customer Operations, Comcast; **Peter Lav**, senior director, Operations Compliance, Comcast; **Rahsan-Rahsan Lindsay**, EVP, Advertising Sales & Marketing, TV One; **Ken Maxey**, director, External Affairs, Comcast; **Diane Martinez**, senior director, Affinity Home, Comcast; **Waldo McMillan**, VP, Legislative Affairs, Charter; **Tracye Mingo**, senior director, Customer Care, Comcast; **Sandy Nunez**, coordinating producer, ESPN;

**Prakash (Kash) Patel**, VP, Head of International Technology, Strategy & Operations, A+E Networks; **Anish Patel**, VP, Implementation-Next Generation Access Networks, Comcast; **Teresa Perera**, senior director, Product Design, ESPN; **J. Rajin Persaud**, VP, Mobile & TV Apps, CNN/Turner; **Julie Regalado**, director, Program Management Office, Comcast; **James Rollins**, VP, Affiliate Partnership Development & Operations, Disney + ESPN Media Networks; **Kevin Sawchuk**, director, Conditional Access, Comcast; **Mikel Slater**, VP, HR-Heartland Region, Comcast; **Stan Soong**, VP, Sales, Scripps Networks Interactive; **Sheila Stallings**, executive director, People Strategies, Cox Communications; **Christie-Lee Tanaka**, strategic sales director, Charter; **Robert Thompson**, VP, Field Sales - West Division, Comcast; **Guillermo (Gil) Torres**, senior director, Legal & Business Affairs, A+E Networks; **Emory Walton III**, VP, Distribution, A+E Networks; **Dan Wang**, VP, Business Strategy, Comcast; **Alaka Williams**, SVP, Human Resources, Scripps Networks Interactive.

For more information on the Executive Leadership Development Program and other NAMIC programs and initiatives, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.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 2,800 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. Charter Communications, Comcast | NBCUniversal, and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. are NAMIC's Platinum Annual Corporate Sponsors. For more information, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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