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**NAMIC ANNOUNCES BRIGHT HOUSE, COX AND UNIVISION EXECUTIVES AS WINNERS OF THE 2009 NEXT GENERATION LEADERS AWARDS**

**Cesar Conde, Kashif Haq And Toni Stubbs To Receive Honors At NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast Set For April 3<sup>rd</sup> As Part Of Cable Connection - Spring**

**NEW YORK, NY – March 9, 2009** – The **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)** today announced the recipients of its **Next Generation Leaders Awards**. **Cesar Conde**, chief strategy officer & EVP, Univision Communications, Inc.; **Kashif Haq**, strategic execution officer; Bright House Networks; and **Toni Stubbs**, vice president, Field Information Technology, Cox Communications are the latest recipients of this prestigious honor. The awards will be presented at the **NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast** scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2009 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Held as part of Cable Connection – Spring, the event will take place at the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington DC.

Selected by NAMIC and editors of *Multichannel News*, the Next Generation Leaders Awards honor executives who embody the professionalism that reflects NAMIC's mission to educate, advocate and empower for multi-ethnicity in the communications industry. Since its inception in 2006, the Next Generation Leaders Awards have emerged as a premier platform for recognizing exceptional business achievements. Awards are presented in three categories: Cable MSO, Cable Programmer and Technology Company or Discipline. Executives of color age 45 and under were eligible for nomination. Conde (Programmer), Haq (MSO) and Stubbs (Technology) comprise the fourth consecutive trio of business leaders selected from a distinguished group of nominees for demonstrating exceptional business practices within the scope of their managerial capacities.

"NAMIC has made a steadfast commitment to ensuring that our industry achieves multi-ethnicity in the executive ranks through our education and mentoring initiatives," said **Kathy Johnson**, president, NAMIC. "We are pleased to recognize this group of future leaders for all that they have achieved at this juncture in their careers and for their commitment to diversity and inclusion."

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In addition to the trio selected as Next Generation Leaders, an auxiliary group of executives are being recognized as **NAMIC Luminaries**. Acknowledged for their commitment to advancing the NAMIC mission by promoting multi-ethnic diversity within their companies and giving back to the communities in which they work and live, the 2009 NAMIC Luminaries are:

- Bernadette Aulestia, senior vice president, Affiliate Marketing & Product Strategy, Home Box Office, Inc.
- Wally Bakare, vice president & general manager, Time Warner Cable
- Brenda Freeman, chief marketing officer, Turner Broadcasting
- Glenn Goldsmith, vice president, Programming, Mediacom Communications Corporation
- Naz Haider, vice president, Business Management, ABC Family
- Juan Herrera, vice president, Office of Global Inclusion, MTV Networks
- Susan Jin-Davis, vice president, Corporate Development & Voice Services, Comcast
- Flavio Morales, vice president, Programming, mun2
- Michael Parker, area vice president, Connecticut and New York, Comcast
- Michael Smith, senior vice president, Marketing, Creative & Brand Strategy, The Food Network

T.J. Holmes, anchor of the weekend edition of *CNN Newsroom* will serve as host of the 2009 NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast. Event sponsors include NCTA; Bright House Networks; Suddenlink Communications; The Sportsman Channel; A&E Television Networks; Ensequence; Bloomberg; Retirement Living TV; and The Food Network.

For more information on the 2009 NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast and Next Generation Leaders Awards or inquiries pertaining to sponsorship, table/ticket purchases contact Sandra Girado, manager of Meeting and Events at the NAMIC national headquarters, 212-594-5985. Online registration for the NAMIC Annual Awards Breakfast can be accessed via [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 is comprised of 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of 18 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. For more information, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com).

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