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NAMIC ANNOUNCES 2007-2008 CLASS ROSTER FOR EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Increased Industry Demand Results In Record Number Of Participants For Specialized Curriculum Designed To Develop Executives of Color

(NEW YORK, NY – October 23, 2007) - - NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) today announced the class roster for the 2007-2008 term of its **Executive Leadership Development Program (ELDP)**. Now in its seventh year, the NAMIC ELDP is presented in partnership with the **UCLA Anderson Graduate School of Management**. In response to industry demand, the class size for the 2007-2008 program has been expanded from 30 to 40 participants.

Since its inception, the NAMIC ELDP has accrued 178 alumni. Targeting upper middle managers of color (director-level and above), the curriculum was customized for NAMIC by the Anderson School's Office of Executive Education Programs, which is renowned for its Leadership Institutes focused specifically on African-American, Latino and Asian populations. The Anderson School administers the program's academic curriculum, while NAMIC maintains management responsibility for the overall program. Over the course of four sessions, the NAMIC ELDP addresses the unique challenges faced by executives of color in the workplace in addition to the business acumen skills that all executives need to succeed. While emphasizing professional growth, the ELDP structure includes in-depth personal growth assessments and guidance pertaining to career planning and managing diverse teams.

"With our focus on developing a new generation of executive leadership, the NAMIC Executive Leadership Development Program offers a platform for self-discovery, professional growth, empowerment and promise," said Kathy Johnson, president, NAMIC. "We are encouraged by the industry's commitment to our mission of accelerating minority advancement at the executive level, which has led to increased interest and participation amongst professionals of color."

The 2007-2008 NAMIC ELDP class members are:

TINA ALLEN, Director, Web Development, The Weather Channel
NICOLE ANDERSON, Senior Director, Communications & New Product Delivery, Comcast Cable
WILLIE ARRENDONDO, Senior Director, Marketing, MTV TR3S, MTV Networks
ILAN BEN-HANAN, Director, Programming & Acquisitions, ESPN
ERICA BRANCH-RIDLEY, Director/Executive Producer, TV Land Online, MTV Networks
MONICA CANNON, Senior Director, Field Sales, Disney & ESPN Media Networks
EARL COKLEY, VP, Interactive Systems Development, Scripps Networks
SOPHIA CRANSHAW, Senior Director, On Air Promos, MTV
MEERI CUNNIFF, VP, Programming, The N, MTV Networks, Kids and Family
BAKORI DAVIS, Senior Director, National Accounts, Content Distribution, MTV Networks
DENISE DAVIS, Senior Director, Customer Operations, Time Warner Cable
ROSALYN DURANT, VP, Programming & Acquisitions, ESPN
BRUCE EVANS, SVP, Current Series, NBC Universal
TAMARA FRANKLIN, VP, New Business Development, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.
WARREN GARNER, VP, Affiliate Marketing, Disney & ESPN Media Networks
JEFFREY GREEN, VP, CNN Sports Productions, CNN

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NAZ HAIDER, VP, Business Management, ABC Family
RHONDA HOLT, VP, Infrastructure & Operations, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.
TONY HUNG, VP, Business Development, ESPN, Inc.
ARTURO INTERIAN, VP, Original Movies, Lifetime Entertainment
SAKEENA IRISH, VP, Program Planning & Strategy, Nicktoons Networks, MTV Networks
JOSE JIMINEZ, Executive Director, Policy & Industry Relations, Cox Communications, Inc.
CHARMAINE LEARY, Regional Director, Affiliate Sales & Marketing, Comcast Networks
DAPHNE LEROY, Director, Marketing & Communications, NAMIC
KENA LEWIS, Senior Director, Public Affairs & Communications, Bright House Networks, Florida Group
ELMER MARTINEZ, Director, Technical Operations, Time Warner Cable of NYC
LIZA-MARIE MERIDA, Regional Director, Learning & Development/Internal Communications, Comcast
POOJA MIDHA, VP, Business Development, MTV Networks Digital
CHRISTAL MORRIS, Regional Director, Human Resources/Learning & Development, Time Warner Cable
J.D. MYERS, II, VP, Cox Business Services, Cox Communications, Inc.
PETER NEGRETE, Divisional VP, Comcast University, Comcast
BRET PERKINS, VP, Government Affairs, Comcast Cable Communications
RONALD PHILLIPS, Division VP, Human Resources, Comcast
NEDELKA PHILLIPS, Area Director, Marketing, Miami-Dade-Keys, Comcast
TYROME SMITH, VP, Organizational Effectiveness, Home Box Office
STEVEN TAKEUCHI, Senior Director, Sales Planning, ESPN
PRADIP TRIPATHY, Senior Director, Quality Assurance, MTV Networks/Viacom
WOODY VICTOR, Director, On-Air Operations, BET
AMRYL WARD, VP, Human Resources, Time Warner Cable
DAWN WILLIAMSON, VP, Sales Manager, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.
KIM WILLIAMSON, Director, Prime Time Programming, Food Network, Scripps Networks

For more information on the Executive Leadership Development Program or other NAMIC initiatives, visit www.namic.com.

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 nearly 2,000 professionals belonging to a network of 17 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.

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