



# Cathy Hughes School of Communications *eblasts*

**\*\*Good news on the recent accomplishments of our CHSOC faculty, staff, students, and alumni \*\***

## January 2023

Penn's Next Provost ! -- Congratulations to alumnus **John L. Jackson Jr.** on being named the next **Provost of The University of Pennsylvania!** He currently serves as the Walter H. Annenberg Dean of the Annenberg School for Communication and Richard Perry University Professor. He will begin his appointment on June 1, 2023. John, we are so proud of you!



MLK Day Recap -- Alumnus **Virgil Parker** was appointed as the new chair of the [Greater Rochester Martin Luther King Jr. Commission](#). This year, he was able to help coordinate and lead an event themed, "The Dream is Not Dead: Democracy is Alive!" It is a response to the challenges that have been impacting the democratic process in recent years. The event was hosted by Ambassador Suzan Johnson Cook, the goddaughter of the late Coretta Scott King. She delivered a powerful message that resonated with the audience.



Award Winning Stories -- **Professor Yanick Rice Lamb** won the **Upton Sinclair award** for her story, "It was the Rubber Capital of the World. The health consequences linger." It is being recognized as the **American Industrial Hygiene Association's** outstanding occupational safety and health news story of the year. She also won **Best Investigative Reporting** from the **Society of Professional Journalist Awards** for her story "Belt Magazine Center for Public Integrity."

Reporting While Black -- The **Department of Media, Journalism and Film** hosted Reporting While Black: The January 6<sup>th</sup> Attack On Democracy. The event featured journalists who shared their experience while reporting on the January 6<sup>th</sup> attack. The panel of journalists was moderated by **Professor Stacey Patton**.

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PRESENTS

# REPORTING WHILE BLACK: THE JANUARY 6TH ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. ET | School of Social Work  
601 Howard Place, NW, Washington, DC 20059

Hear rare perspectives from journalists who covered this historic event



Sportswriter of the Year -- Alumnus **D. Orlando Ledbetter** was named the 2022 Georgia Sportswriter of the Year by National Sports Media Association this week. He carries on a long tradition of AJC sportswriters who have been honored as the best in the state. **Ledbetter** will be honored along with national and other state winners in a ceremony in June in Winston-Salem, N.C.

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