



Cathy Hughes School of Communication *eblasts*

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

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First Place Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences – The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences ([NATAS](#)) announced on Nov. 2nd that several current and former students from the Cathy Hughes School of Communications won NATAS Student Production Awards. The students were recognized for exemplary work in the following categories: Newscast, News Report – Serious News, and Fiction – Short Form (Film). The Student Production Awards are annually given to students from colleges, universities and high schools from the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia for excellence in the production of news and programs. This is the third consecutive year Howard students received the first-place honor.



Community Support – Each semester students from the **Howard University Speech and Hearing Clinic** bring services to adult daycare. The students end the semester with a presentation and a fun activity. This program bridges our students with the community. The daycare also gives the students certificates of gratitude. They are all master's students in the Communication, Sciences and Disorders department.



USA Today's Beyonce Reporter – Alumna, **Cache McClay**, was named the first ever Beyonce reporter for *The Tennessean* and *USA Today*. Cache was in the 2016 NewsVision capstone. Her newscast was sponsored by NBC and broadcast on WHUT TV.

ASHA Convention – Through support from the RCMI Investigator Development Core Grant Award, Dr. **Valencia Perry** and faculty-mentors in the Sociolinguistics of Language and Literacy Lab in the Communication Science and Disorders

department sent three research doctoral students and one graduate student to the 2023 ASHA Convention in Boston, Nov. 16-18th along with other related professional events held that week. The doctoral students presented topics relevant to their areas of research interest. .

CapCom – Students in Dr. **Brandale Mills Cox** senior capcom class celebrated a successful end to the semester. The students partnered with guest lecturers from The Zeno Group throughout the semester on their projects.



MFA Emmy Win – **Diva Muanza**, currently a 2nd year MFA film student at Howard University, won an Emmy for her film *Addis, My Father*. Diva's film is a narrative short film that explores the relationship of a father and daughter within the context of one of life's stark realities: Aging. *Addis, My Father* was made as joint-final project for the Film Directing class and the Cinematography III class. During the spring semester, first year MFA students take the above-mentioned courses and go through all stages of production to create their own original short films. All significant crew positions are filled by students from the first year MFA cohort, while undergraduate students and other MFAs often volunteer to work on different sets as well.

Film Project: *Addis, My Father*
Director/Writer/Producer/Editor: Diva Muanza
Director of Photography: Anne Laprevote
1st Assistant Director: Jose Potillo
1st Assistant Camerawoman: Jolene Carter
Gaffer/Lighting: Joseph Macharia
Grip and Electric: Sydney Rhone and Kidist Habte
Sound Recordist/Mixer: Kaleb Davis
Boom Operator: Donald Mitchel
Production Designer: Shane Williamson
Script Supervisor: Yasin Abdul Musawwir

Congratulations to Diva and her team for successfully navigating a complex production and bringing *Addis, My Father*, to life with such quality.

Fall 2023 Capstone News Lab – Seniors **Madison Pina, Alecia Taylor, Ayana Fewell, Alanis Baluyot McNeal, Essence Wiley, Asha Taylor and Ebenezer Nkunda** presented their senior capstone projects in **Dr. Yanick Rice Lamb's** News Lab class. The students presented their e-portfolios and displayed different journalism stories they covered throughout the semester. The students also shared their plans post-graduation and answered questions from the audience.



Fire on the Cuyahoga – Dr. **Yanick Rice Lamb** was interviewed by Ryan Schnurr, her former editor at *Belt Magazine*, for a podcast on pollution pegged to the Cuyahoga River fires in Cleveland. *Fire!: An American Burning* is a five-episode podcast series that delves into the stories of 20th and 21st Century industrial fires in American cities and their profound connection to contemporary climate crisis, produced by *Belt Magazine* and hosted by Ryan Schnurr. Episode One is “Fire on the Cuyahoga (Cleveland, OH),” which covers the Cuyahoga River fire, Carl Stokes, and the interrelated struggles of a mid-century industrial city.

NewsVision – Seniors in Professor **Jennifer Thomas**'s News Vision class presented their senior capstone projects. The students presented their e-portfolios and displayed different media stories showcasing the work they've done this semester and during their tenure at Howard, as they prepare to take The Long Walk. You can find more of their stories and a few features forthcoming [here](#).

US Supreme Court – Professor **Nicole Dillard**'s Intro to Legal Research students, along with Professor Jay Steward's Criminology students, toured and heard a lecture at the US Supreme Court. Students also met with Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson and her law clerk for an hour-long Q&A session.



HealthStream Training Completion – The HU Speech and Hearing Clinic in the Communication Sciences and Disorders department is proud to announce that the graduate clinicians completed their HealthStream Training at 100% for Fall of 2023. They reviewed and tested 23 modules of compliance including HIPAA and Privacy for healthcare workers. The completion of these modules ensures that our students know how to interact with protected health information (PHI), and to understand the policies as well as procedures regarding patient's private information. The training also covered how information can be used and disclosed, how that information is kept private and our client's rights to their own information.

Democracy Summit – The Center for Journalism & Democracy, led by Professor **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, hosted its annual Democracy Summit Nov. 14th in the Blackburn Center. The event featured student journalists, professional journalists, historians, educators, technology and democracy experts from across the country. They engaged in discussions on the current threats to American democracy and the role of journalists to cover them fully and accurately.



*Greetings,
Wishing you Happy Holidays and a Joyful New Year from the faculty, staff, and students of the
Cathy Hughes School of Communications.
Dean Gracie Lawson-Borders*



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