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**Meet the Nominees: Fifth Annual Bahamas Press Club Media Awards**

NASSAU, The Bahamas - On February 29, 2020, The Bahamas Press Club will stage its Fifth Annual Media Awards Ceremony themed: “Media in The Digital Age” in Black Tie fashion at the British Colonial Hilton. The awards are being held under the Patronage of The Most Honourable Cornelius A. Smith, ON, Governor-General of The Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

Our initial date was November 16, 2019; but due to financial circumstances in the aftermath of Hurricane Dorian, it was postponed.

A Blue Ribbon Panel of judges spent record-breaking hours reviewing the works submitted by the media in various categories including hard news, sports, features, business, politics, investigative, columns, documentaries and social media. The work must have been printed or aired between November 2018 and August 16, 2019. The deadline for submission was August 17, 2019.

Additionally, we’ll be honouring a “Person of the Year,” a “Media Trailblazer” and “The Etienne Dupuch Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient”.

Subsequently, all nominees will be also be announced on the Press Club facebook page and on its Website: [www.bahamaspressclub.org](http://www.bahamaspressclub.org)

## **AWARDS CATEGORIES AND NOMINEES**

1 - Leon Turnquest Award for Sports Print Journalism

### **Nominees:**

1 - Sheldon Longley – Sports Editor, The Nassau Guardian

2 - Simba French – Sports Reporter, The Nassau Guardian

**2 – The Phil Smith Award for Outstanding Sports Broadcast Journalism**

### **Nominees:**

1 - Charles Fisher – Sports Reporter, ZNS

2 - Randy Smith – Sports Reporter, Eyewitness News

3 - Jay Phillipe – Sports Reporter, ZNS (Northern Station)

**3 – The Kenneth Nathaniel Francis Award for Newspaper Design and Composition**

### **Nominees:**

1 - Travis Sweeting – Business Sub-Editor, The Tribune

2 - Whiteley McKinney, Page Designer, The Tribune

#### **4 – The P. Anthony White Columnist of the Year**

##### **Nominees:**

- 1 - Rogan Smith – Columnist
- 2 - Inigo “Naughty” Zenicazelaya – Columnist, The Tribune
- 3 - Felicity Darville – Freelance Journalist/Columnist
- 4 - Richard Coulson (Posthumously) – Columnist, The Tribune

#### **5 - The Leslie Higgs Feature Writer of the Year**

##### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Hadassah Deleveaux – Public Relations Officer, Bahamas Technical & Vocational Institute.
- 2 – Alesha Cadet – Features Reporter, The Tribune
- 3 – Jeffarah Gibson – Features Writer, The Tribune
- 4 – Denise Maycock – Reporter, The Tribune, Freeport
- 5 – Jimenita Swain – Reporter, ZNS
- 6 – Felicity Darville – Freelance Journalist/Columnist

#### **6 - The Cyril Stevenson Award for Outstanding Political Journalism**

##### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Rogan Smith – Columnist
- 2 – Genea Noel-Ferguson – Editor, Eyewitness News

#### **7 – Best Documentary, Television (Long: 30 minutes to 1 hour)**

##### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Tameka Lundy – Assistant Vice President, University Relations, University of the Bahamas & Prof Winston Mitchell – Assistant Professor of Journalism, Communications and Creative Arts Department, University of the Bahamas
- 2 – Shanea Strachan – Reporter, ZNS (Northern Station)
- 3 – Andrew J Burrows – Public Relations Manager, Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources

4 – Clint Watson – Editor, Producer, Eyewitness News

## **8 - Best Documentary, Television (Short: 5 minutes to 30 minutes)**

### **Nominees:**

1 - Kenton Hepburn - Digital Communications Officer, Office of the Prime Minister.

(Former Student, University of the Bahamas School of Communications and Creative Arts)

2 – Ameisha Jones – Social Media Executive, SLS Baha Mar

(Former Student -University of the Bahama Media Journalism School)

3 – Gerrino Saunders, Donovan Brown & Edward Lowe – JCN TV

4 – Shasheena Rolle-Farquharson – Reporter, ZNS (Northern Bahamas)

5 - Andrew J Burrows – Public Relations Manager, Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources

## **9 – Best News Story, Broadcast**

### **Nominees:**

1 – Italia Hall – Reporter, ZNS (Northern Station)

2 - Shasheena Rolle-Farquharson – Reporter, ZNS (Northern Bahamas)

3 – Ladaunne Davis –Reporter, ZNS

4 – Sancheska Brown – Reporter, Eyewitness News

5 – Apryl Sands – Reporter, Eyewitness News

6 – Darren Meadows – Deputy General Manager, ZNS (Northern Station)

## **10 – Best News Story, Print**

### **Nominees:**

1 – Denise Maycock – Reporter, The Tribune

2 – Deandre Williamson – Reporter/Editor, Jones Communications

3 – Nico P Scavella – Reporter, The Tribune

### **11 – Best Business Story, Print or Broadcast**

#### **Nominees:**

- 1 - Shanea Strachan – ZNS (Northern Station)
- 2 – Deandre Williamson – Reporter/Editor, Jones Communications Network (JCN)

### **12 – Best Editing for Television News Story or Documentary**

#### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Italia Hall – Reporter, ZNS (Northern Station)
- 2 – Shamiko Gilbert - Eyewitness News
- 3 - P. Giovanni Armbrister – Eyewitness News
- 4 – Quinton Gordon – ZNS (Northern Station)

### **13 – Best Producer Award, Studio Live**

#### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Beverly Curry – Deputy General Manager, ZNS
- 2 – Genea Noel –Ferguson – Editor, Eyewitness News
- 3 – Tanya Smith-Cartwright – Producer, ZNS

### **14 – Best Producer Award, Live to Tape**

#### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Shanaye Smith – Communications Officer, Office of the Prime Minister
- 2 - Tameka Lundy & Prof Winston Mitchell – University of the Bahamas
- 3 – Beverly Curry – ZNS
- 4 – Clint Watson – Editor/Producer, Eyewitness News
- 5 – Keesha Bethel - ZNS

## **15 – Website of the Year**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Eyewitness News – Eyewitness News
- 2 – Gina Bethel – ZNS

## **16 – Social Media Award**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 - Eyewitness News – Eyewitness News Facebook Page
- 2 - Inigo “Naughty” Zenicazelaya – Inigo “Naughty” Zenicazelaya – Facebook Page
- 3 - Andrew J Burrows – Public Relations Manager, Ministry of Agriculture & Marine Resources
- 4 – Gina Bethel – ZNS Facebook Page

## **17 - Best Cinematography (Documentary)**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Kenton Hepburn – Digital Communications Officer, Office of the Prime Minister  
(Former student, University of the Bahamas School of Communication and Creative Arts)
- 2 – Professor Winston Mitchell – University of the Bahamas
- 3 – Eyewitness News – Eyewitness News

## **18 – Best Video Editing**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Professor Winston Mitchell – University of the Bahamas
- 2 – Ilka Rodgers – ZNS
- 3 – Jimenita Swain – Reporter, ZNS
- 4 – Quinton Gordon – ZNS (Northern Station)
- 5 – Keesha Bethel – ZNS

## **19 – Best Newscast**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Eyewitness News
- 2 – Tanya Smith-Cartwright – ZNS
- 3 – Darren Meadows – Deputy General Manager, ZNS (Northern Station)

## **20 – The Bahamas Press Club Student Media Award**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 – Anneisha Jones – University of the Bahamas Media Journalism School
- 2 – Catherine Gomez – ZNS
- 3 – Matthew Moxey – Eyewitness News

## **21 – PAHO-WHO Excellence in Health Promotion Award**

### **Nominees:**

- 1 - Tosheena Robinson-Blair – Publicist & Freelance News Anchor
- 2 – Alesha Cadet – Features Writer, The Tribune
- 3 – Jeffarah Gibson – Features Writer, The Tribune
- 4 – Robert Carron – The Tribune
- 5 – Ginelle Longley – Eyewitness News
- 6 – Ledaunne Davis – Reporter, ZNS

**Please note, that the judges will give a report at the awards ceremony**

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