



## **ALLIANCE FOR WOMEN IN MEDIA FOUNDATION ANNOUNCE THE 2016 GRACIE AWARDS WINNERS**

***TINA FEY, JADA PINKETT SMITH, ANGELA BASSETT, CYNTHIA NIXON,  
KATHIE LEE GIFFORD AMONG WINNERS TO BE HONORED AT THE  
41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GRACIE AWARDS ON MAY 24***

*Local Market, Public and Student Award-Winners to be  
Honored at the Gracies Awards Luncheon on June 21*

**Los Angeles, CA, March 21, 2016** – In a milestone year of record-breaking entries, the Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (AWMF) celebrates women by recognizing their outstanding achievements across all sectors in media. This year's 41<sup>st</sup> annual Gracie Awards, in support of the AWMF's educational programs, charitable activities, public service and scholarship campaigns that benefit women in media, will take place on Tuesday, May 24th at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. The spectacular evening event will recognize such esteemed honorees as Tina Fey, Angela Bassett, Cynthia Nixon, Jada Pinkett Smith, Kathie Lee Gifford, along with some of the most talented women behind the camera. Then in June, local market, public and student award winners will be recognized at the [Gracies Awards Luncheon](#) on June 21 at Cipriani in New York, New York.

This year, AWMF is taking a fresh and exciting new approach to the Gracie Awards show programming by naming Vicangelo Bulluck as Executive Producer. Bulluck's extensive portfolio includes opening the Hollywood Bureau office of the national NAACP and was its first executive director. He also served as the Managing Director of Outreach and Special Events for the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. At the Academy, Bulluck managed the production of the Governors Awards, the Sci-Tech Awards, the Student Academy Awards and the first-ever Oscars Concert. Bulluck was recently announced as an Executive Producer for the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

**Kristen Welch, Alliance for Women in Media Foundation Chair**, and SVP, Global Content Operations at Discovery Communications said in making the announcement, "The AWMF, through the Gracie Awards, is honored to recognize the collective, powerful voices of women from across the media landscape. Their influence and inspiration on and off the camera, encourages our future generations to build on the foundation and opportunities created by the great women before them."

The evening will spotlight prolific women in the industry who continue to lay the groundwork, break down barriers and lead by example in creating equal opportunity for future generations. This year's national radio, TV and interactive media Gracie Awards honorees are (please see attached for a full list of local, public and student winners):

## TELEVISION

### **#IAmUnbroken**

News Series  
*NBC News' TODAY Show*

### **A Path Appears**

Director - Documentary  
*Show Of Force*

### **ABC News: Captive: A Journey of Hope and Survival**

Interview Program  
*ABC NEWS*

### **Alice Brennan and Connie Fossi**

Producer- Documentary/Reality/Non-Fiction  
*Fusion Network*

### **Allison Janney**

Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Comedy or Musical  
*CBS*

### **Amanpour**

Talk Show – News  
*CNN International*

### **Angela Bassett**

Director- Lifestyle  
*National Geographic Channel*

### **Arwa Damon**

Reporter/Correspondent  
*CNN International*

### **Aunjanue Ellis**

Female in a Leading Role in a Made for TV Movie or Limited Series  
*BET Networks*

### **Being Mary Jane**

Drama  
*BET Networks*

### **Belief**

Documentary  
*OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network*

### **Black Girls Rock**

Variety  
*BET Networks*

### **Blaming Melissa**

Investigative Program or Feature  
*CBS News*

### **Bravo's "Odd Mom Out"**

Comedy  
*Bravo Media*

### **Countdown to the Special Olympics World Games with Robin Roberts**

Producer- Sports Programming  
*ESPN and Rock'n Robin Productions*

### **Cynthia Nixon**

Female in a Supporting Role in a Made for TV Movie or Limited Series  
*Lifetime*

### **Ellie Kemper**

Female Actor in a Leading Role in Comedy or Musical  
*Universal Television / Netflix*

### **Escape From Terror**

Grand Winner: Hard News Feature  
*PBS Newshour*

### **Flesh and Bone**

Limited Series or Made for Television Movie  
*Starz Entertainment*

### **Good Morning America, ABC News**

Talk Show – News  
*ABC NEWS*

### **Iyanla: Fix My Life**

Non-Fiction or Reality Show  
*OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network*

### **Jada Pinkett Smith**

Female Actor in a Supporting Role in a Drama  
*Tencer & Associates PR, INC*

### **Karen Malach – The Legend of Korra**

Producer- Entertainment  
*Nickelodeon (Global)*

### **Kathie Lee Gifford**

On-Air Talent - Entertainment  
*NBC News' TODAY Show*

### **Kristine Leahy**

On-Air Talent - Sports  
*FOX Sports*

### **Melia Patria ABC News**

Producer- News  
*ABC NEWS*

### **Moms Helping Moms**

Hard News Feature  
*NBC News' TODAY Show*

**Norah O'Donnell**

On-Air Talent - News or News Magazine (Anchor, Host)  
*CBS News*

**Oprah's Master Class**

Portrait / Biography  
*OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network*

**Project Mc<sup>2</sup>**

Family Programming  
*Netflix*

**Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel (#215)**

Sports Program  
*HBO*

**Shining a Light: Conversations on Race in America**

Special  
*A&E Network*

**Stephanie Laing**

Director- Entertainment  
*HBO*

**SuperSoul Sunday**

Talk Show – Entertainment, Lifestyle, Health  
*OWN: Oprah Winfrey Network*

**Testing Female Marines**

Hard News Feature  
*CBS News*

**The Cosby Accusers Speak**

Interview Feature  
*NBC News*

**The Girl in the Picture**

Soft News Feature  
*CBS News*

**The Mindy Project**

Ensemble Cast  
*Universal Television / Hulu*

**Tina Fey**

Female Actor in a Featured or Guest Role  
*Universal Television / Netflix*

**Vera Farmiga (Bates Motel)**

Female Actor in a Leading Role in a Drama  
*Universal Television*

**Yara Shahidi**

Female in a Breakthrough Role  
*ABC Television*

**RADIO**

**#15Girls**

Public Affairs  
*NPR*

**#15Girls**

Hard News Feature  
*NPR*

**Anna Sale, host of Death, Sex & Money**

Podcast Host  
*WNYC Radio*

**CBS Sports Radio's 'After Hours with Amy Lawrence'**

Host- Sports Program  
*CBS Sports Radio*

**Cheri Preston**

Anchor- News or News Magazine  
*ABC NEWS*

**Elaina D Smith**

Special  
*Cumulus Media*

**espnW Presents: Spain and Prim**

Sports Program  
*espnW and ESPN Radio*

**Executive Producer: Sharon Madison**

Producer  
*SiriusXM Satellite Radio*

**Hoda Kotb**

Host- Entertainment/Information  
*SiriusXM Satellite Radio*

**Jai McVay, Co-Host, "Dawson McAllister Live"  
and "Dawson McAlister Late Nights"**

Co-host

*Dawson McAllister Association*

**Jai McVay, McVay Minute**

Public Service Announcement

*Dawson McAllister Association*

**Jenna Weiss-Berman**

Producer

*BuzzFeed*

**Krissy Clark**

Investigative Program or Feature

*American Public Media - Marketplace*

**Krissy Clark**

Reporter/Correspondent

*American Public Media - Marketplace*

**Lizzie O'Leary - Host - Marketplace Weekend**

Host- News/Non-Fiction

*American Public Media*

**Parenting with Alyssa Milano and Karen Gravano**

Podcast

*Blog Talk Radio*

**Radio**

Crisis Coverage

*ABC NEWS*

**Sheri Lynch – Sheri Feels The Family Drama**

Morning/Afternoon/Weekend Drive Personality

*Greater Media Charlotte*

**SiriusXM Satellite Radio Commercial Imaging  
Collage by Joan Bishop**

Imaging

*SiriusXM Satellite Radio*

**Subway Violinist**

Soft News Feature

*CBS Radio News*

**Village Folk Show with MarySue Twohy**

Interview Program or Feature

*Sirius XM*

**Women and Wheels**

Portrait/Biography

*Sirius XM*

**Women of the Hour**

Grand Winner: Podcast

*BuzzFeed*

**Women@Work**

Talk Show- Entertainment/Information

*SiriusXM Radio*

**INTERACTIVE MEDIA**

**"From the Corner Office"--Fortune.com**

Original Online Programming – Video Series

*Fortune Magazine*

**"Now What?" With Carole Zimmer**

Original Online Programming – Standalone Audio

*"Now What?" With Carole Zimmer*

**100 Women**

Website - News

*BBC News*

**espnW.com**

Website - Information/Entertainment

*espnW*

**Laura Ling – Director of Development &  
Correspondent, Discovery Digital Networks**

Online Video Host or Correspondent

*Discovery Communications*

**Life, Instagrammed**

Original Online Programming – Standalone Video

*espnW*

**Revenge Porn**

Original Online Programming – News/Documentary

*CNNMoney*

**The Re/code Ellen Pao Trial Newswire**

Blog

*Re/code*

**WebMD's Future of Health with Robin Roberts: 3-  
D Printing**

Online Producer

*WebMD/Medscape*

## **ABOUT THE GRACIE AWARDS**

The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation (formerly known as The Foundation of American Women in Radio & Television) supports and promotes educational programs, charitable activities, public service campaigns and scholarships to benefit the public, the electronic media and allied fields. The Alliance for Women in Media Foundation has created partnerships and joint initiatives with the Emma Bowen Foundation, NCTA, NAB and other organizations that are philosophically aligned with the mission of the Foundation. In addition to giving more than \$16,000 a year away in scholarships to deserving female students, the Foundation also produces nationally acclaimed recognition programs, including the Gracie Awards, a gala that honors exemplary programming created by, for and about women. For more information about The Alliance for Women in Media please visit their newly re-designed website at [allwomeninmedia.org](http://allwomeninmedia.org) and follow them on Twitter (@AllWomeninMedia ), (@TheGracies), (#TheGracies) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/allwomeninmedia) .

###

### **Press Contacts:**

Sunshine Sachs

Michael Samonte | [Samonte@SunshineSachs.com](mailto:Samonte@SunshineSachs.com)

Alyssa Furnari | [Furnari@SunshineSachs.com](mailto:Furnari@SunshineSachs.com)

Charli Wood | [Wood@SunshineSachs.com](mailto:Wood@SunshineSachs.com)

(323) 822-9300



## TELEVISION

### **"BP MS 150"**

Sports Program - Local  
*KTRK-TV*

### **Aubrey McKay**

On-Air Talent - News or News Magazine (Anchor, Host, Reporter, Correspondent) - Student  
*Brigham Young University*

### **Banking on Cord Blood**

Investigative Program or Feature - Local  
*KNTV NBC Bay Area*

### **Building a Path to Literacy**

Soft News Feature - Student  
*Michelle Chavez*

### **Candice Price / Wayne Hubbard**

Family Programming - Local  
*Urban American Productions*

### **CBS 13 News Live at Five**

Producer- News - Local  
*WGME*

### **Decision 2015 Salt Lake City Mayoral Debate**

Interview Program or Feature - Local  
*KSL Television*

### **Dying To Be Thin: Real Women. Real Stories.**

Documentary - Local  
*WOTV 4 Women*

### **ElevenNEWS at Noon 10-29-15**

Director- Entertainment, News, Documentary, Lifestyle, Sports - Student  
*Brigham Young University*

### **Exclusive interview President Ghani in Afghanistan**

On-Air Talent – News/News Magazine (Anchor, Host, Reporter, Correspondent) - Local  
*Cheryl Jennings*

### **Government Transparency**

Hard News Feature - Student  
*Brigham Young University*

### **Jule Gilfillan**

Producer- Documentary/Reality/Non-Fiction - Local  
*Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)*

### **Lakia Holmes**

On-Air Talent - Sports - Local  
*KCWY*

### **Lauren Hill- A Life Well Lived**

Soft News Feature - Local  
*WKRC-TV*

### **Lily Checketts**

On-Air Talent - Sports - Student  
*Brigham Young University*

### **Madeline Hassell**

Producer- Entertainment, News, Documentary, Non-Fiction, Sports - Student  
*Maddi Hassell*

### **Moms Everyday**

Talk Show – Entertainment, Lifestyle, Health - Local  
*Gray Television, Inc.*

### **PLUS!**

Documentary - Student  
*Sandra Chuma & Kalisha Whitman*

### **Rachel Manek, host of the Better Half**

On-Air Talent - Entertainment - Local  
*Sinclair Broadcast Group*

### **The Survivors**

Hard News Feature - Local  
*WTHR*

## RADIO

### **Anna King**

Reporter/Correspondent - Public  
*Northwest News Network*

### **Anna Maria Tremonti**

Host- News/Non-Fiction - Public  
*Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*

### **Ask Me**

Producer - Public  
*KCRW*

### **Being a Woman Online**

Series - Public  
*WNYC*

### **Being Jacqueline**

Grand Winner: Documentary - Public  
*Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC)*

### **Breast cancer...how Komen can help**

Public Affairs - Local  
*i Heart Media*

### **Bruce Jenner Roundtable with Colleen and Bradley**

Talk Show- Entertainment/Information - Local  
*KTMY-FM*

### **Chery Glaser**

Anchor- News or News Magazine - Public  
*KCRW*

### **Chicago Cubs Baseball**

Imaging - Local  
*CBS Radio Chicago-WBBM Newsradio*

### **Claire Drake**

Producer - Student  
*WFUV / Fordham University*

### **CO-HOSTS TINA GAO & SUE TABB: WHAT IS BRAVE?**

Co-host - Local  
*Greater Media Boston*

### **Dames of Radio: Evelyn Erives 99.1 KGGI**

Podcast - Student  
*Nudia Hernandez*

### **Dana Perino at the FOX Studios NYC on Media and Women with Pavlina**

Host/Morning, Afternoon or Weekend Personality-  
Entertainment/Information - Student  
*Pavlina Osta*

### **Dana Perino talks "And the Good News Is..."**

Talk Show-  
Entertainment/Information/News/Lifestyle -  
Student  
*Pavlina Osta*

### **Felicia Middlebrooks Morning Co-Ancor WBBM Newsradio**

Anchor- News or News Magazine - Local  
*WBBM Newsradio*

### **Jamie Lynn Megargee**

Producer - Local  
*iHeart Media*

### **Jane Tillman Irving**

Hard News Feature - Local  
*WCBS Newsradio 880*

### **Jennifer O'Donnell**

Investigative Program or Feature - Student  
*Rowan Radio 89.7 WGLS-FM*

### **Kathleen Kennedy: From Standing In Line For 'Star Wars' To Producing It Herself**

Portrait/Biography - Public  
*NPR News*

### **Katie Meyer - Evening Drive Anchor**

Anchor- News or News Magazine - Student  
*WFUV / Fordham University*

### **Katie Meyer WFUV's Issues Tank: Episode 3: Got Faith**

Interview Program or Feature - Student  
*WFUV / Fordham University*

### **Katie Meyer WFUV's Issues Tank: Episode 4 - Food for Thought**

Co-host - Student  
*WFUV / Fordham University*

**Katie Meyer, WFUV News - "Roommates" Feature**

Soft News Feature - Student

*WFUV / Fordham University*

**Kim Masters**

Host- Entertainment/Information - Public

*KCRW*

**Locked up since 14, a chance at freedom?**

Hard News Feature - Public

*Freelance Reporter*

**Loren Raye, Co-host, The TJ Show 103.3 AMP**

**Radio Boston**

Morning Drive Personality - Local

*CBS RADIO*

**Marla Diamond**

Reporter/Correspondent - Local

*WCBS Newsradio 880*

**Never Again War: The Sacrifice Of Käthe Kollwitz**

Special - Public

*SueMedia Productions & Midsummer Sound Company*

**Nina Hajian**

Host- Entertainment/Information - Local

*CBS RADIO*

**Project Down and Dirty - The Restaurant**

Public Service Announcement - Local

*KTMJ-FM*

**Quebec artist Corno, in her New York City studio**

Portrait/Biography - Local

*CBC RADIO ONE*

**Rita Cosby**

Host- News/Non-Fiction - Local

*WABC Radio*

**Shila Afternoon Drive Host US99.5 Chicago**

Afternoon Drive Personality - Local

*WUSN US99.5 Country Chicago CBS Radio*

**State of Wonder: The Haunting of Sunshine Girl**

Soft News Feature - Public

*Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)*

**Taylor Nulk - Cityscape Producer**

Producer - Student

*WFUV / Fordham University*

**The Joan Hamburg Show**

Soft News Feature - Local

*WABC Radio*

**The Pieces that Remain: Remembering the  
Wichita State University Plane Crash**

Special - Student

*Abigail Wilson*

**The Rita Cosby Show**

Talk Show- News - Local

*WABC Radio*

**Understanding Islamic Feminism, from America  
Abroad**

Documentary - Public

*America Abroad Media*

**WFAN's Suzyn Waldman**

Sports Program - Local

*WFAN-CBS Radio*

**WHAT IS BRAVE?**

Interview Program or Feature - Local

*Greater Media Boston*

**Why These Seattle Writers Launched  
#ShoutYourAbortion**

Interview Program or Feature - Public

*KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio*

**Why This Teen Stopped Hiding Her Dad's Abuse**

Grand Winner: Portrait/Biography - Public

*KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio*

**Wildfire In The West**

Crisis Coverage - Public

*Northwest News Network*

**Workers Alerted Company To Problems With  
Prineville Mill Roof Before Collapse**

Investigative Program or Feature - Public

*Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB)*

**WRHU FM Newline "Winter Storm Juno"**

Crisis Coverage - Student

*Radio Hofstra University WRHU FM / WRHU.org*

2016 Gracies Luncheon Honorees (Local, Public and Student)



**WRHU FM "Bully Beware, There's An App For That!" by Justine Re**

Hard News Feature - Student

*Radio Hofstra University WRHU FM / WRHU.org*

**WRHU FM "Plight of the Female Chef" by Gary Duff**

Public Affairs - Student

*Radio Hofstra University WRHU FM / WRHU.org*

**WRHU FM "Tiffany Vellis Play By Play Hofstra Softball vs. JMU"**

Sports Program - Student

*Radio Hofstra University WRHU FM / WRHU.org*

**Yusor Abu-Salha In Her Own Words**

Talk Show- News - Public

*North Carolina Public Radio WUNC*

**INTERACTIVE MEDIA**

**Facebook Fastcast**

Online Producer - Student

*Murugi Thande*

**Her Hands**

Original Online Programming – News/Documentary - Student

*Zinhle Essamuah*

**Teen Celebrity Journalist Cassandra Hsiao**

Online Video Host or Correspondent - Student

*Cassandra Hsiao*