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Eight New Bedford Cable Network Programs Receive Awards for Excellence

New Bedford, Massachusetts- The Northeast Chapter of the Alliance for Community Media recently recognized three outstanding original programs produced and filmed by New Bedford Cable Network (NBCN) in 2016 at the ACM Northeast Region 2017 Video Festival. NBCN received awards in the historical documentary category, the educational program category and the event coverage category. NBCN also won a national Alliance for Community Media award.

“I’m glad to see the talented team at New Bedford Cable Network recognized with a number of awards, including national recognition, for the outstanding programming they provide the City,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

“Dennison Dribble,” won the ACM National Award for Public Service Announcement by Independent Producer, produced by Charlene Rocha Arruda.

In the North East Region, first place for Single Camera Event Coverage went to “10th Annual Taste of SouthCoast,” with videographer Steve Richard, editor Suzanne Richard, and host Barry Richard.

“Wild About the Zoo,” produced by Dana DeBarros, won first place in Municipal Programming. “Schvitz’n with Norm,” a fitness program hosted by Norm Meltzer and produced by Suzanne Richard, won first place in the Sports Programming category.

In the Historical Documentary category, “Heroes Among Us: Alfred Sylvia,” a profile hosted by Joe Langlois and produced by Suzanne Richard, won second place. In the same category, Cape Verdeans in New Bedford, produced by Ann Marie Lopes, won third place.

Coverage of the 2016 New Bedford Half Marathon placed second in Multi-Camera Event Coverage, with videographers Suzanne Richard, Steve Richard, Dana DeBarros, Augusto Freitas and Ethan Lopez; editor Dana DeBarros; and commentary provided by Ed Pereira, Lawrence Finnerty, Joe Cabral, Mike Giberti, Barry Richard, and Jim Dandenau.

About New Bedford Cable Network

The New Bedford Cable Network (NBCN) operates the City of New Bedford's Public, Educational and Government Access television channels. For New Bedford residents, Government Access is Channel 18, Educational Access is Channel 9, and Public Access is Channel 95. Professional staff have been filming and producing original programming at NBCN for twenty years. The network has received national awards for several of its productions.

About the Alliance for Community Media National and North East Regional Awards

Each year, the Hometown Media Awards honors and promotes community media, and local cable programs that are distributed on Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) access cable television channels. Awards are presented to creative programs that address community needs, develop diverse community involvement, challenge conventional commercial television formats and move viewers to experience television in a different way. The mission of the Alliance for Community Media is to promote civic engagement through community media.

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