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Three 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 2015 at the ACM Northeast Region 2016 Video Festival. NBCN received awards in the historical documentary category, the educational program category and the event coverage category.

“I am pleased that the talented team at New Bedford Cable Network has received these awards in recognition of their outstanding, original programming,” said Mayor Jon Mitchell.

“Heroes Among Us,” an ongoing series about local veterans produced by Chief Videographer Sue Richard and Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum President Joe Langlois won second place in the “Historical Documentary” category for an episode in the ongoing series “Heroes Among Us” featuring a profile of the late Matthew Goulet; a Sergeant in the United States Marines who served in World War II. In the episode, Sergeant Goulet describes his decision to enter the service after the attack on Pearl Harbor and harrowing experiences fighting the Japanese in the Pacific including at the Battle of Iwo Jima—one of the fiercest battles of World War II. Heroes Among Us is produced by the City and the Military to preserve the memories and document the experiences of New Bedford area military veterans so that viewers may learn from their bravery and sacrifices in serving the United States of America. [Heroes Among Us- Matthew Goulet Episode](#)

NBCN’s coverage of the 2015 New Bedford Half Marathon won 2nd place in the category of “Event Coverage-Multiple Cameras.” The 2015 race was the first time NBCN handled all aspects of the televised coverage of the race. Videographers Dan Cabral, Ann Marie Lopes, Suzanne Richard, Ethan Lopez, Dana DeBarros, Kevin Vidinha and Steven Richard covered the race from start to finish. Commentary was provided by Joe Cabral, Chris Santos, and Pete Braley. Race analysis was provided by Mike Giberti, Jim Dandeneau and Eric Narcisi. [2015 New Bedford Half Marathon](#)

Finally, “Homework Helpers,” a program aimed at helping New Bedford school children with their homework, took 3rd place in the category of “School/Educational Program.” Hosts for the program were George Goodfellow and Marcia Guy.

Entries were submitted from community access centers all across New England and New York, including the five boroughs of New York City. Awards were presented at the ACM-Northeast Video Festival held in Portland, Maine last month.

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 Hometown Media 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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