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2014 ACM Awards Recipients and the 2014 Brian Wilson Scholarship Winner

The Buske Leadership Award:

The Buske Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated commitment to the mission and goals of the Alliance for Community Media, leadership within the organization within the last three years, a high degree of involvement in the organization nationally, regionally and at the chapter level, and continuing service to the ACM.

Antoine Haywood is Philadelphia Community Access Media's (PhillyCAM) Membership and Outreach Director. His career in the nonprofit sector began in Atlanta, GA where he worked for the Atlanta History Center, the Mayor's Office of Community Technology and People TV—Atlanta's public access television station. Antoine's professional work has entailed the development of education programs for youth and adults, facilitating community-driven documentary projects, producing a variety of local TV series and grant writing. Throughout the years, he has played an active role in building the field of community media through the Alliance for Community Media, National Alliance for Media Arts and Culture, Allied Media Project, Rockwood Leadership Institute, Media Action Grassroots Network, and the Youth Media Reporter. Beyond his extensive work in the community media field, Antoine is also a musician with 20+ years of recording and performance experience. He holds a B.A. in English from Morehouse College and a M.A. in Media Studies from the New School University. Antoine is a native of West Palm Beach, Florida.

The Dirk Koning-George Stoney Award:

The Dirk Koning - George Stoney Award is given annually to an organization or individual who has made an outstanding contribution to championing the growth and experience of humanistic community communications.

Suzanne St. John-Crane has worked in community media for the past twenty-two years as a producer, CEO and CMC advocate. Over the past ten years, she successfully launched two community media operations in California: CMAP and CreaTV San Jose. Suzanne has taught thousands of community media makers the ropes and has become a mentor to CMC professionals around the country.

In 2006, Suzanne submitted testimony for Senate congressional hearings on behalf of the Alliance and helped get CMCs to the negotiating table when California state franchising was proposed. She worked with The Buske Group and a core team of CMC directors to successfully fight for PEG friendly amendments in DIVCA, paving the way for centers like CreaTV San Jose to open.

Suzanne has served multiple terms on the Western Region and National Boards. Although she is the recipient of over a dozen regional and national

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awards for programs she has produced, her greatest joy is enabling others to have a voice through CMCs.

The Jewell Ryan-White Cultural Diversity Award:

The Jewell Ryan-White Award for Cultural Diversity is given annually to those persons who show an outstanding contribution to a process that encourages, facilitates, or creates culturally diverse and/or non-mainstream community involvement in the field of community media.

Chag Lowry is of Yurok, Maidu, and Achumawi Native American ancestry from northern California. He is the Program Manager for the Native Cultures Fund, part of the Humboldt Area Foundation, which supports Indigenous artists, elders, culture bearers, and Native language speakers as they create meaningful work in their communities.

An author and filmmaker, Chag incorporates the best practices and values from his Native cultures into his work. He has a BA in Journalism and an MA in Education from Humboldt State University, and supports the Live Your Language Alliance.

Thanks to Chag, we hear many Native languages spoken through community media.

The Brian Wilson Scholarship:

The Brian Wilson Scholarship of \$1,000 is offered annually by the Alliance for Community Media to promote the values of former Board of Directors Chair Brian Wilson by providing financial support to an individual currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree granting program in media arts, broadcast journalism, community & public service, government administration, public education administration or teaching.

Emily Alexandra Rouleau is a 22 year old senior at Western Michigan University, working towards a degree in Film Video and Media. She is currently the Sports Editor and reporter for the university's newspaper, The Western Herald, and a member of the student ran television channel, WE-TV. Emily also contributes her time to the campus organization, Young Broadcasters of Tomorrow. Her current position at Public Media Network as Master Control Operator has helped guide her to achieve her future career goals. One day Emily aspires to become a sports reporter or develop a career in film production.

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