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2020 TED YATES AWARD HONOREE ANNOUNCED

Reston, VA, June 12, 2020 --- The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS-NCCB) is pleased to announce the 2020 Ted Yates Award honoree. All honors will be presented at the 62nd Emmy® Awards Gala on Saturday, August 8th.

The **Ted Yates Award** is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding professional and personal qualities in their contribution to television news and public affairs in the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region. Ted Yates was an NBC News producer who traveled the world on assignment. Killed in the practice of his profession, he is remembered for his achievements in journalism. This year, the award will be presented to **Jesse Vaughan** of Virginia State University.

While Jesse Vaughan is known for his numerous accomplishments, including being the director of **In Living Color** and **Juwana Man**, few know about his journey of personal tragedy and sacrifice. When he was fourteen, his father was violently murdered over a card game. Years later, his fiancé would be murdered in a mugging gone wrong. In between those pillars of painful tragedy, Vaughan would continue to direct produce or write memorable works such as **The Jesse Jackson Show**, **VH1 to One Inside Music Show**, and the **1992 Coca-Cola music video project for the Barcelona Olympics**.

Raised in Richmond, he lived in Los Angeles, CA and Flagstaff, AZ until his aging mother asked him to return home. Turning his back on his LA career, he returned to Virginia. Typically, a move like this would cripple one's career, Vaughan found a way to make it work for his family's sake. He became the Director of Virginia State University's Division of Advanced Creative Services Group, directed "The Last Punch", a Muhammad Ali Film, and earned more than 30 Emmys®. He accomplished this while caring for his aging mother, who was diagnosed with dementia and for whom he serves as a caregiver. Vaughan also supports the local arts community, lends his talent to non-profits, and mentor's young filmmakers and enthusiasts.

"The Ted Yates Award is traditionally given to individuals in our profession who have exhibited bravery on and off the job. I can think of no more fitting recipient than Jesse," said Chapter President Jason Gittlen.

The National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences was established in 1958 and is an organization comprised of more than 900 television broadcast professionals dedicated to fostering and recognizing outstanding achievements in television production throughout the National Capital Chesapeake Bay region.

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