

## Hampton U. student wins 3 awards at journalism boot camp

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GREENSBORO, North Carolina – A Hampton University student received awards at the the 25th Annual NABJ Short Course program March 15-19.

Aliah Williamson, a senior Journalism major from San Diego, was among 30 students selected to participate in this intensive program. The NABJ Short Course is four days of journalism training that gives students first-hand experience on what it is like to be in the news business. During the hands-on workshop students produce their own newscast, webcast, podcasts and other media materials. The students also attend seminars and are mentored by industry professionals.

The **NABJ Short Course program** celebrated 25 years of being at North Carolina A&T State University here. The program was started by Nagatha Tonkins to help students prepare for the fast paced and cutthroat world of news. To celebrate, the NABJ Short Course program hosted a Celebration Gala and Awards event with prestigious alumni of the program returning to celebrate.

The keynote speaker of the event was American Urban Radio Network White House Correspondent **April Ryan**.

At the Celebration Gala and Awards event, Williamson represented Hampton University well. For her work at the short course, she was awarded the Sidmel Estes Best Producing Award, the Ted Holtzclaw Award for Overall Excellence and a scholarship for excellence from NBC Vice President of News Anzio Williams.

Williamson said, "I attribute all the success and give credit for all of the awards to Scripps Howard School of Journalism. My professors taught me well about what to expect, so I was able to keep up with the fast pace of the program and excel."

Williamson encouraged juniors and seniors interested in broadcast journalism to apply for the 2018 Short Course.

"The Short Course opportunity is one that should not be missed if you are serious about being a news reporter," she said. "The information and networking that you get from it can't be duplicated in the classroom, and it's much better to learn it now than when you're on the job."

You must be an NABJ member who has paid national dues in order to access the application. Visit [nabj.org](http://nabj.org) for more information