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Forward Focus: Cable Center Looks to Make Impact on Industry's Future

The Cable Center is a rich, depository of cable history, to be sure. But the Center has also quietly led an industrywide charge to improve the customer experience for more than a decade through the James M. Cox Endowed Professorship in customer experience, the work of the Center's Senior Fellows and the work of Cable Center Customer Centric Consortium (C5). That Consortium, which includes execs from Comcast, Cox, Mediacom, GCI, Cable ONE, Charter. Rogers, Liberty and other ops, will gather at the Center's HQ next month for a fall meeting that has traditionally flown somewhat under the radar. "But it's growing," said Center pres/CEO Jana Henthorn. "We now have a pretty big international component, including companies from Argentina, Mexico and Brazil." In addition to learning from fellow members' successes and challenges at the gathering, the group will take a deeper look at companies outside the industry with subscription based services that rely heavily on call centers—Charles Schwab and cloud-based payroll and benefits firm Gusto. The longtime head of C5 is Dr. Charles Patti, the James M. Cox Professor of Customer Experience Management and Senior Fellow at The Cable Center and a Professor Emeritus at the University of Denver and Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. "He is a magnificent facilitator... bringing the academic focus on customer experience and the outside the industry focus as well as the inside industry focus." Henthorn said. The Cable Center came to oversee C5 when it took over CTAM's Customer Care committee after Cox made its endowment to the Center in 2006. Diane Christman, the Center's svp. programs & development, said she thinks the Center's affiliation with the University of Denver was a key factor, noting that "one of the things we were able to bring to the table was the academic perspective." In fact, the Center underwrote and established an MBA concentration in customer experience management at the college in 2006. "At the time, it was the only place in the world you could get an MBA with a concentration in customer experience management," said Henthorn. In addition to C5, the Center is upping its year-old Intrapreneurship Academy to three sessions from two next year. Companies in the industry, such as Charter, AMC Networks, Cisco and 605, recommend employees for the professional development program, which touches on all facets of the business. "It's resonating. This last session was oversubscribed, so we bumped up the numbers just a bit," said Henthorn. She wants to make sure the industry knows, however, that even as the Center steps up in new areas, it's still supporting its legacy



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programs. "We are firmly behind the Cable Hall of Fame. We're so thrilled it now has a home in NYC," Henthorn said. "We are still doing our oral histories, and we still have our Barco library. All those things aren't going away. But when I came on as CEO in 2016, I knew we wanted to have some portion of our programs that were forward looking."

Go Your Own Way: Following in California's footsteps, Vermont is the latest state to come under fire for its attempts to restore rules rolled back by the **FCC's** Restoring Internet Freedom Order. **ACA**, **CTIA**, **USTelecom** and **NCTA** filed a joint lawsuit to challenge the state's Internet Bill and Executive Order No 2-18, both of which moved to restore net neutrality rules. "As the FCC has repeatedly recognized, Internet traffic flows freely between states, making it difficult or impossible for a provider to distinguish traffic moving within Vermont from traffic that crosses state borders," the ISPs said in the suit. Said ACA, CTIA, USTelecom and NCTA in a joint statement: "We oppose the actions in Vermont because states cannot use their spending and procurement authority to bypass federal laws they do not like. A 50-state patchwork approach threatens service for customers, hampers innovation and dampens investment in local communities, which is why Congress should adopt a permanent, enforceable, national framework to safeguard an open Internet for all Americans."

The Last Word: AT&T's last brief before its dispute with the DOJ heads to oral arguments made the case that the DOJ manipulated numbers to prove that the AT&T-Time Warner merger would lead to a large drop in competition. "In the crucible of litigation, DOJ's claims were exposed as both narrow and fragile," the brief read. "Relying primarily on a theoretical model that purports to simulate the bargaining dynamics between programmers and pay-TV distributors, DOJ sought to prove that the merger would likely cause two things to happen: (1) AT&T would charge its rival pay-TV distributors higher wholesale prices for certain Time Warner networks, and (2) rival distributors would in turn increase their retail prices by a collective amount greater than the price savings that millions of AT&T customers would enjoy as a result of the merger." After failing to prove its case in the initial trial, AT&T said the DOJ cannot prove that Judge Richard Leon made the wrong decision, pointing to factual findings made by the district court that rejected the assumptions that the DOJ made in its theory of net consumer harm on many levels. Oral arguments are scheduled to begin on Dec 6.

<u>Saudi Showdown:</u> Fox Business Network is the latest to pull out of next week's Future Investment Initiative in Saudi Arabia, withdrawing its sponsorship as many speculate the country's involvement in the death of the *Washington Post's Jamaj Khashoggi*. The network said in a statement it continued to seek an interview with *Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman*. One player who hasn't taken back its investment in the country thus far is **WWE**, whose Nov 2 "Crown Jewel" event in Riyadh is still on. "We are currently monitoring the situation," WWE told **CFX**. Sen Rich-



ard Blumenthal (D-CT) expressed in a radio interview with WCBS 880 that the Connecticut-based wrestling giant should rethink the event. "I would hope that WWE will recognize on its own a conscience and conviction if there is proof that Saudi officials approved and ordered this kind of killing," Blumenthal said.

Roku Slings: Roku users are getting an upgrade from Sling TV. Current customers will now see shows from services and Extras they don't subscribe to, allowing for easy upgrades directly from shows and sports.

Free Speech: Free Speech Week kicks off Monday and will run through Oct 28. Media orgs, schools, universities and community groups around the country will promote free speech throughout the week, with the goal of celebrating First Amendment rights. The week was created by **The Media Institute** 14 years ago, and the group emphasized that the week is non-partisan and non-political.

Ratings: The second ep of BBC America's "Doctor Who" saw a L+3 10% growth in A18-49 (780K), clocking 1.65mln total viewers. This is the first time the franchise grew from a season premiere since debuting on the net in 2010.

People: CBS named Christina Spade evp and CFO of CBS Corporation, effective immediately. She served as evp and CFO and strategy for **Showtime Networks** since Feb 2013.

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If you're hiring the best person for the job and everyone in the room looks the same...you need to change your definition of the best. #RamonEscobar_ #NAMICNow18 #DiversityWeek #DoingDiversityRight

Up Ahead

October 22-25: Cable-Tec Ecpo 2018; Atlanta, GA

November 2: One Day Immersion in Media, Entertainment and Technology; NYC

November 8: Cablefax Program & Trailer Awards Gala: LA

November 13: 2018 Interactive Case Competition; NYC

November 15: Cablefax Most Powerful Women Luncheon

Research

- Most young men are frustrated that traditional sports are overloaded with marketing messages, choosing to watch highlights (55%) over full games (45%) for this reason.
- ➤ Ads in sports outside of football, basketball, baseball, hockey and soccer have not reached a tipping point. 69% of young men still say brands are welcome in non-traditional sports.
- > 56% of Gen Z males feel that nontraditional sports are more relevant to their generation than traditional sports.

(Source: Whistle Sports)

Quotable

"You learn a lot along the way, but I think you need mentors, and in finding mentors you have to understand that there are actually two kinds of mentors and you need both. You have the supportive ones who pat you on the back and help you get through the day to day. And my dad was one of those. Then you have the challenging mentors, which are the ones that really help you navigate through business and life."

-- **Bonnie Hammer, NBCU Cable Entertainment** chmn, at the 2018
WICT Leadership Conference





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Awards Gala

Congratulations to the TV Hall of Fame Honorees



Sarah Barnett President & GM BBC America



Brad Schwartz President Pop

And the Trailer Category Winners!

2018 Upfront 'Feel It Still" - INSP Top Network Sizzle Reel

Lucha Underground - El Rey Network Top Trailer

Lodge 49 - AMC **Best Directing**

Drama

Bravo Brand Campaign - Couch, Robbery, Treadmill, Store - Bravo

Branded Network

30 for 30 Podcasts: Bikram - ESPN Films Documentary

County Line - INSP Films

Top Chef/Downsizing Integration - Bravo Integrated / Cross-Platform Show/Series

Mary Poppins - The Walt Disney Company

Most Creative / Surprising

Suspiria - Amazon Studios Most Intriguing / Mysterious

Million Dollar Listing New York - Kid Edition - Bravo

Most Viral / Shareable

Genius: Picasso - "Muses" and "Mark of Genius" - National Geographic · Movie / Mini-Series

Castle Rock - Hulu New Show / Series

Below Deck Mediterranean 3: Launch - Captain Sandy - Bravo

Sharkfest - "Lochte" - Nat Geo WILD

Returning Show / Series

Lucha Underground - El Rey Network

Why BEAM? - CTV Beam Technology

ANNOUNCING THE CABLEFAX PROGRAM FINALISTS

PLATINUM CATEGORIES:

Best Program

- · Better Call Saul AMC
- Dear White People Netflix
- · Get Shorty Epix
- Outlander Starz
- Ozark Netflix
- · The Handmaid's Tale Hulu

Best New Program

- · Counterpart Starz
- · Killing Eve BBC America
- One Strange Rock National Geographic
- · The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel Amazon
- · Vida Starz

Best Mini-Series

- · Manhunt: UNABOMBER Discovery Channel
- · The Girlfriend Experience Starz

- · The Long Road Home National Geographic
- Will & Grace: Inside Stage 22 with Max & David - Squadron

Best Actor

- Antonio Banderas Genius: Picasso -National Geographic
- Jason Bateman Ozark Netflix
- Benedict Cumberbatch Patrick Melrose -Showtime
- Neil Patrick Harris A Series of Unfortunate Events - Netflix
- Bob Odenkirk Better Call Saul AMC
- · J.K. Simmons Counterpart Starz

Best Actress

- · Shiri Appleby Unreal Lifetime/Hulu
- Rachel Brosnahan The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel - Amazon

- · Elisabeth Moss The Handmaid's Tale Hulu
- · Thandi Newton Westworld HBO
- · Sandra Oh Killing Eve BBC America

Best Showrunner

- · Mikko Alanne The Long Road Home -National Geographic
- Ken Biller Genius: Picasso National Geographic
- Rachel Bloom & Aline Brosh McKenna -Crazy Ex Girlfriend - The CW
- Stephen Hillenburg, Vincent Waller, Marc Ceccarelli, Jennie Monica - SpongeBob SquarePants - Nickelodeon
- Amy Sherman-Palladino The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel - Amazon
- Phoebe Waller-Bridge Killing Eve BBC America



BEST SHOW OR SERIES BY GENRE:

Best Actor - Animated

- · H. John Benjamin Archer FX
- · Judy Greer Archer FX
- Tom Kenny SpongeBob SquarePants -Nickelodeon
- · Scott Menville Teen Titans Go Cartoon Network

Best Actor - Comedy

- · Kristin Bell The Good Place NBC
- · Rachel Bloom Crazy Ex-Girlfriend The CW
- · Alison Brie GLOW Netflix
- · Bill Hader Barry HBO
- Rob McElhenney It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia - FXX
- · Catherine O'Hara Schitt's Creek Pop TV

Best Actor - Drama

- · Caitiriona Balfe Outlander Starz
- · Jodie Comer Killing Eve BBC America
- · Michael McKean Better Call Saul AMC
- Brendan Gleeson Mr. Mercedes Audience Network
- · Jeffrey Wright Westworld HBO

Best Actor/Performer - Music

- Sara Barielles Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert - NBCUniversal
- Chris Diamantopoulos A Christmas Story Live - Fox
- · Brandon Victor Dixon Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert - NBCUniversal
- John Legend Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert · NBCUniversal
- · Bruno Mars: 24K Magic Live at Apollo CBS

Best Host - Animals/Nature

- * Sir David Attenborough Blue Planet II BBC America
- Will Smith One Strange Rock National Geographic
- Jeremy Wade River Monsters Animal Planet

Best Host - Children's

- · Liza Koshy Double Dare Nickelodeon
- Mo Rocca The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation - Litton Entertainment

Best Host - Documentary

- Katie Couric America Inside Out with Katie Couric - National Geographic
- Victoria Cruz The Death and Life of Marsha P. Johnson - Netflix
- · Nick Denton Nobody Speak: Trials of the Free Press Netflix
- · Dr. Derek Muller Vitamania Curiosity Stream

Best Host - Family Friendly

- Guy Fieri Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives -Food Network
- · Chip & Joanna Gaines Fixer Upper HGTV
- Dr. Susan Kelleher Dr. K's Exotic Animal ER - Nat Geo WILD
- Dr. Jan Pol The Incredible Dr. Pol Nat Geo WILD

Best Host - Reality

- · Marcus Lemonis The Profit CNBC
- · Jay Leno Jay Leno's Garage CNBC
- Martha Stewart and Snoop Dog Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party - MTV, VH1, LOGO

Best Host - Reality Competition / Game Show

- · Alec Baldwin The Match Game ABC
- Anne Burrell Worst Cooks in America -Food Network
- Cat Deeley So You Think You Can Dance?
 Fox
- RuPaul Charles RuPaul's Drag Race -MTV, VH1, LOGO

Best Host - Sports

- Lee Corso, Rece Davis, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard, David Pollack and Maria Taylor - College Game Day - ESPN
- · Mark DeRosa MLB Network
- Mike Greenberg and Mike Golic Mike & Mike - ESPN
- Ernie Johnson, Charles Barkley, Shaquille O'Neal and Kenny Smith - Inside the NBA -TNT

Best Host - Talk Shows

- Samantha Bee Full Frontal with Samantha Bee - TBS
- Stephen Colbert The Late Show with Stephen Colbert - CBS
- Jimmy Kimmel Watch Jimmy Kimmel Live! - ABC
- John Oliver Last Week Tonight with John Oliver - HBO
- Neil deGrasse Tyson StarTalk with Neil deGrasse Tyson - National Geographic

BEST SHOW OR SERIES BY GENRE:

Best Show or Series - Animals/Nature

- 72 Dangerous Animals Latin America -Netflix
- · Mosquito Discovery Channel
- · One Strange Rock National Geographic
- · Savage Kingdom Nat Geo WILD
- · The Zoo Animal Planet

Best Show or Series - Animated

- · DuckTales Disney Channel
- · Teen Titans Go! Cartoon Network
- The Wild Adventures of Blinky Bill Kids Central
- · Vic the Viking Kids Central
- · We Bare Bears Cartoon Network

Best Show or Series - Children's (Over 12)

- · Double Dare Nickelodeon
- · MasterChef Junior Fox
- · Play Ball MLB Network
- · Rock the Park Litton Entertainment

Best Show or Series - Children's (Under 12)

- · Nature Cat PBS Kids
- SpongeBob SquarePants "The Legend of Boo-kini Bottom" - Nickelodeon
- The Wild Adventures of Blinky Bill Kids
 Control

- · Vampirina Disney Junior
- YoYo Kids Central

Best Show or Series - Comedy

- · American Vandal Netflix
- · Schitt's Creek- Pop TV
- · Search Party TBS
- Thrillist's "Please Understand Me" on Facebook Watch - Group Nine Media

Best Show or Series - Comedy (Premium)

- · Barry HBO
- · Get Shorty EPIX
- · Shameless Showtime
- · Smilf Showtime
- · Survivor's Remorse Starz
- · Vida Starz

Best Show or Series - Documentary

- America Inside Out with Katie Couric -National Geographic
- Jane National Geographic
- Rancher, Farmer, Fisherman Discovery Channel
- · Speilberg HBO

Best Show or Series - Documentary (Sports)

- · 30 for 30 Podcasts: Bikram ESPN Films
- · MLB Network Presents: Billy MLB Network

Mr Basketball 2017: Mark Smith - Comcast
 - CN100

Best Show or Series - Drama

- · Animal Kingdom TNT
- Better Call Saul AMC
- Chicago Med Wolf Entertainment & Universal Television
- · Claws TNT
- Killing Eve BBC America

Best Show or Series - Drama (Premium)

- · Billions Showtime
- · Counterpart Starz
- · Outlander Starz
- · Westworld HBO

Best Show or Series - Education / Instructional

- MythBusters Science Channel
- The Henry Ford's Innovation Nation -Litton Entertainment
- Under the Sea with Key on Kids Central -Kids Central

Best Show or Series - Faith Based / Religious

- · The Encounter Pureflix
- · Thou Shall Not TV One
- When Calls the Heart Crown Media Family Networks



Best Show or Series - Family Friendly

- · A Series of Unfortunate Events Netflix
- Finding Fido Z Living
- · Street Science Science Channel
- · The Cowboy Way INSP
- · The Incredible Dr. Pol Nat Geo WILD
- Under the Sea with Key on Kids Central -Kids Central

Best Show or Series - Food

- · Beat Bobby Flay Food Network
- · Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives Food Network
- Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party -MTV, VH1, LOGO
- · Ugly Delicious Netflix
- Untapped VA Cox Communications

Best Show or Series - Music

- · A Christmas Story Live Fox
- Jesus Christ Superstar Live in Concert -NBCUniversal
- · Lip Sync Battle Paramount Network
- · Nashville CMT
- · Symphony for Our World Nat Geo WILD

Best Show or Series - Public Affairs

- In Focus with Cheryl Wills Spectrum News NY1
- · Landmark Cases: Season 2 C-SPAN
- · PA Books Pennsylvania Cable Network

Best Show or Series - Reality

- · Born This Way A&E
- · Gold Rush Discovery Channel
- Jeremy Wade's Mighty Rivers Animal Planet
- · Life Below Zero National Geographic
- Martha & Snoop's Potluck Dinner Party -MTV, VH1, LOGO
- · UP TV Expecting UP Tv & Aspire

Best Show or Series - Reality Competition / Game Show

- · American Ninja Warrior NBC
- · Chopped Food Network
- Face Off SyFy
- · Nailed It! Netflix
- · RuPaul's Drag Race MTV, VH1, LOGO
- The Challenge: Vendettas MTV, VH1, LOGO

Best Show or Series - Regional Program

- Backstage Chicago: Blue Man Group -Comcast - CN100
- Backstage Chicago: Spamilton Comcast
 CN100
- Destination Virginia Cox Communications
- · Untapped VA Cox Communications

Best Show or Series - Sports

- · Breaking2 National Geographic
- Inside Game of the Week 4A Super-Sectionals - Comcast - CN100
- · Lucha Underground El Rey Network
- MLB Central MLB Network

Best Show or Series - Talk Shows

- · Couch Surfing PeopleTV
- Full Frontal with Samantha Bee TBS
- Home & Family Crown Media Family Networks
- StarTalk with Neil deGrasse Tyson -National Geographic

Best Show or Series - Other

- · Destination Virginia Cox Communications
- Dian Fossey: Secrets in the Mist National Geographic
- Diana: In Her Own Words National Geographic
- First In Human Discovery Channel

Best Branded Content

- · Breaking2 National Geographic
- Nerdist's The Impact of Black Panther -Beck Media
- Nerdist's Because Science: Could You Swing A Real Monster Hunter Sword? -Beck Media
- Spellslingers: Day[9] vs. Ari Stidham -Beck Media

Best Opening Sequence

- · Copa Combate Combate Americas
- · Genius: Picasso National Geographic
- Welcome to the Wayne Opening Sequence Nickelodeon

Mobile/Online & Short Form

WINNER Mobile/Online & Short Form - Comedy

• Odd Mom Out - Happy F'ing Mother's Day - Bravo

WINNER Mobile/Online & Short Form - News / Information

• The Rundown - E! Entertainment

WINNER Mobile/Online & Short Form - Podcast / Videocast

 30 for 30 Podcasts: Bikram -ESPN Films

WINNER Best Video on Demand Program or Special

Spotlight on the Finals - 3A
 4A Championships - Comcast
 CN100

Best Online-Only/Mobile-Only Show

- · Goo Ru Style WE tv
- · The Knit Show series The Knit Show
- Thrillist's United States of Awesome, Season 1 - Thrillist

Mobile/Online & Short Form -Branded/Marketing Campaign/ Advertising

- #SmartGirlsAsk With The Cast of Disney's A Wrinkle In Time - Smart Girls
- Bravo Upfront Fandom Reel 2018 Bravo
- · Comic-Con 2017: An FX Networks Experience - FX Networks
- What Makes YOU Like Moana? And #SmartGirlsAsk With Auli'i Cravalho -Smart Girls
- Xfinity Chicago Cubs Announcement -Comcast - CN100

Mobile/Online & Short Form - Children's / Family Friendly

- · Disney Channel Tsum Tsum
- Do You Even Food? Food Network
- Naturally, Danny Seo Litton Entertainment

Mobile/Online & Short Form - Educational / Instructional

- Face Forward E! Entertainment
- · Tastemade Recipes Tastemade
- You're Doing It Wrong Thrillist

Mobile/Online & Short Form - Online / Mobile Extras for a Linear Show

- · Snowfall: How Crack Began FX
- The Assassination of Gianni Versace:
- American Crime Story: America's Obsessions - FX
- The Cowboy Way Season 3: Fireside Chats - INSP

Mobile/Online & Short Form -Preview / Sneak Peek

- · Bravo Spring Break Preview RHNYC Bravo
- · FX Networks Presents FX Networks

Mobile/Online & Short Form - Social / Viral

- Below Deck 5: Launch U Can't Touch This - Bravo
- Million Dollar Listing New York Kid Edition - Bravo
- One Strange Rock Will Smith / ISS
- · Instagram Chat National Geographic
- The Cowboy Way Season 2: Booger & Jaclyn's Wedding - INSP

Mobile/Online & Short Form - VR / AR

- One Strange Rock ISS National Geographic
- The Long Road Home VR: Memories of War - National Geographic