

## Christopher Saunders



### **Award: Alumni Achievement Awards - Journalism**

**Justification:** beacon of achievement in the field of journalism, deserving of the Alumni Achievement Award. Beyond his professional prowess, Saunders embodies versatility and excellence across various roles in his personal and professional life. Saunders, affectionately known as Chris, transcends conventional labels. He is not only an uncle and friend but also a multifaceted individual who excels as a basketball referee, cook, photographer, teacher, mentor, researcher, social media enthusiast, and Sigma member, proudly representing his Bahamian heritage. Embarking on his journey in journalism more than 15 years ago as a freelance sports photographer, Saunders quickly ascended through the ranks. His path led him through esteemed media houses in The Bahamas, culminating in a pivotal role as a sports anchor and producer at the national broadcaster. Along this trajectory, Saunders garnered numerous accolades for his exceptional contributions to sports journalism and feature reporting. A graduate of Paul Quinn College with a degree in Mass Communication, Saunders honed his skills through internships at NBC-5 (DFW) and The Dallas Weekly. His journalistic endeavors have traversed a wide spectrum, from covering natural disasters to political elections and even extraterrestrial encounters—an anecdote he shares with captivating flair. Saunders's influence extends globally, contributing to esteemed platforms such as CNN World Report, The Associated Press, and BBC's World Service. In his leisure time, he seamlessly transitions into basketball referee and swimming starter roles, embodying his passion for sports. As a proud Bahamian, Saunders has traversed the Caribbean and the United States, delivering compelling sports coverage from prestigious events such as the '96 Atlanta Olympic Games, the 2004 Baltimore Ravens rookie camp, and the 2006 FIBA Americas U18 Championship for Men. In addition to his journalistic endeavors, Saunders has embarked on a distinguished



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