

2013 Special Honors

#35

AWARD *	Student Chapter of the Year
First Name (Nominator) *	Rod
Last Name (Nominator) *	Hicks
Company/Organization (Nominator)	Associated Press
Phone Number (Nominator) *	(248) 388-7085
Email (Nominator) *	nabj@rodhicks.com
Address (Nominator) *	 31 Scenic Point Circle Sicklerville, NJ 08081 United States
NABJ Member (Nominator)	• Yes
First Name (Nominee) *	Temple Association of Black Journalists
Last Name (Nominee) *	Temple Association of Black Journalists
Company/Organization (Nominee) *	Temple Association of Black Journalists
Phone Number (Nominee)	(215) 204-8386
Email (Nominee)	TempleTABJ@gmail.com
Address (Nominee)	 Temple University School of Media and Communication 2020 N. 13th Street Philadelphia, PA 19122 United States

Nomination Statement *

I am writing to support the nomination of The Temple Association of Black Journalists for NABJ Student Chapter of the Year. TABJ is one of the most active NABJ student chapters I've encountered in more than two decades as an NABJ member. Each month in 2012, TABJ sponsored significant programming for its members in addition numerous community service events throughout the year.

It was a pleasure for me to participate again in the chapter's annual networking conference, which brought three panels of media professionals to campus to talk with students about what they can do to prepare for the job market and what to expect once they're there. It was well-attended and also served as a great networking opportunity for TABJ members.

TABJ last year also recognized National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day with its own annual awareness program. The chapter hosted a screening of "25 To Life," a documentary about 32-year-old Philadelphia native William Brawner, who kept his HIV status a secret for more than 25 years and now spends his time educating young people in particular about the virus. Rapid HIV testing, which generates results in minutes, was offered after the program.

One reason that TABJ has thrived is because of its tradition of strong, dedicated leaders, such as Antonio Boone, president during the first half of 2012, and current president Haniyyah Sharpe-Brown. I met Haniyyah about three

years ago through her work for the local professional chapter, the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists. TABJ and PABJ frequently collaborate on programming, and Haniyyah works equally as hard for both.

I strongly urge you to give close consideration to TABJ's nomination because you will see that this chapter is more than worthy of this honor.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Rod Hicks

Support Materials (Web Links)

<http://tabj.weebly.com/programs.html>

Regional Director Letter (Required for Student Chapter and Chapter of the Year.)

Created 9 Jan 2013 4:04:30 PM	98.110.34.126 IP Address
PUBLIC	