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1Hood Media to be honored with the Trailblazer Award at Pittsburgh Black Media Federation’s 31st Robert L. Vann Media Awards dinner

Pittsburgh, PA - On May 2, 2019 the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation (PBMF) will be awarding 1Hood Media with the Trailblazer Award at the 31st annual Robert L. Vann Media Awards dinner. The awards ceremony aims to celebrate the best of Pittsburgh’s journalism, specifically excellence in narrative telling of the black diaspora.

The event’s theme, “No Walls”, underscores the importance of access to information as it’s one of the world’s “most vital freedoms.” “Now more than ever, it is incumbent to note journalism that operates without walls — and biased rhetoric — in telling stories of the human condition across the globe. To do so brings journalists closer to providing the truth to all, and this affords humanity and depth to reporting on people of color,” PBMF President Brian Cook Sr. said. Nominated and selected by PRMF members, 1Hood will be honored alongside Vanessa German, Billy Jackson, The Langston Hughes Poetry Society, and Leon Ford.

“We’ve always admired the advocacy and work of the Pittsburgh Black Media Federation,” says Jasiri X co-founder and CEO of 1Hood Media. “Being recognized by professional journalists, media makers, professors, and students for the work we’ve done over the past year is a tremendous honor for our organization.”
The awards ceremony will take place at the University of Pittsburgh’s O’Hara Student Center ballroom in Oakland on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 6 PM. For more information or tickets for the Vann awards dinner, visit www.pbmf.org. Tickets are on sale until April 25.

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