

Amanda Seales, Robert A. Katzmann, and Other Alumni in the News

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Amanda Seales (photo courtesy The Real)

Comedian and actress **Amanda Seales '05GSAS** joined *The Real*, a nationally syndicated daytime television talk show, as the fifth permanent cohost. Seales is also a star of the HBO series *Insecure*.

Ashley James '09CC was named an [associate curator of contemporary art](#) at New York's Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, making her the first full-time Black curator in the museum's sixty-year history. James previously worked as a curator at the Brooklyn Museum.

Robert A. Katzmann '73CC won the [Vilcek Prize for Excellence](#), an award that honors "champions of immigrant causes." Katzmann, the chief judge of the United

States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, was recognized for his work broadening access to legal representation for immigrants in need.

Morgan Parker '10CC won the [National Book Critics Circle Award in poetry](#) for her collection *Magical Negro*. Parker is the author of two other poetry collections and a young-adult novel.

The *Financial Times* named **Roula Khalaf '89SIPA** as its [editor in chief](#), making her the first woman to lead the 131-year-old newspaper. Khalaf has been with the paper for twenty-four years, most recently as its deputy editor.

Princess Francois '11CC won the [Milken Educator Award](#), a \$25,000 prize given to top mid-career education professionals. Francois is the assistant principal at Brooklyn's Math, Engineering, and Science Academy, a charter high school.



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