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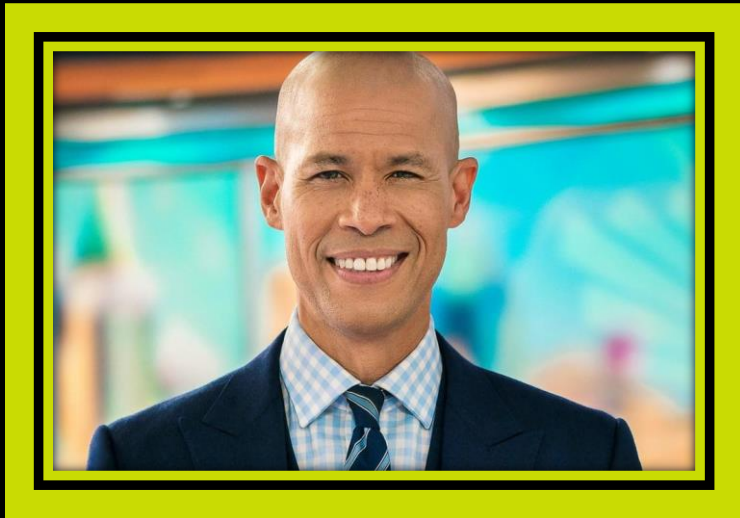


***Gerard A. Alphonse***  
***ELECTRICAL ENGINEER***

Alphonse is a Haitian electrical engineer, physicist and research scientist, was the 2005 president of the United States division of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). He has served on several of IEEE's committees and boards.

Alphonse invented and demonstrated the world's highest performance super luminescent diode in 1986. The device is a broadband semiconductor light source and key component of next-generation fiber optic gyroscopes, low coherence tomography for medical imaging, and external cavity tunable lasers with applications to fiber optic communications. He holds more than 50 U.S. patents, was inducted into the New Jersey Inventors' Hall of Fame in 2005, and in 2016 was honored with the Marcus Garvey Lifetime Achievement Award by the Institute for Caribbean Studies in Washington, D.C.

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## ***Vladimir Duthiers***

**TELEVISION JOURNALIST**

American television journalist who has been a correspondent for CBS News since 2014 following five years at CNN. He was a member of the CNN team that won two Emmy Awards for its coverage of the 2010 Haiti earthquake, and he won a Peabody Award for his coverage from Nigeria of the kidnapping of the schoolgirls by Boko Haram.

Duthiers was born and raised in New York, the son of Haitian immigrants of partial French descent. He is fluent in French and Haitian Creole. He attended the University of Rhode Island, first with a journalism major before switching his focus to political science. He graduated in 1991 and began working on Wall Street in the financial services industry. He joined the asset management firm Alliance Bernstein in 1993 where he was ultimately promoted to Managing Director responsible for business development in Asia, Europe, Latin America and the Middle East, before returning part-time to study broadcast journalism at Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

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