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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

PRESS CLUB RECOGNIZES 16 STUDENTS AT SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

St. Louis, MO – The St. Louis Press Club with the St. Louis Journalism Foundation held its annual scholarship luncheon on Tuesday, July 11 at the International Photography Hall of Fame and Museum. The event was catered by Urban Canvas.

Kameel Stanley and Tim Lloyd, St. Louis Public Radio reporters and podcasters, were the featured speakers at the event, introduced by Outreach Specialist Linda Lockhart. They spoke about the nature of podcasting and how pivotal moments are central to the survival of media.



From left to right:

Front Row: Candice Murdock, Dara Bingham, Erica Spies, Sarah Hicks, Alyssa Potter, Abigail Scanio

Back Row: Benjamin Collinger, Asia Myles, Joseph Schneider, Tashan Reed, Bill Loellke, Kat Riddler

Not Pictured: Gabrielle Hays, Jacob Lintner, Sierra Thompson, Alex Zivic

The scholarships were presented by Press Club Vice President of Scholarships Claudia Burris and Press Club President William Greenblatt, as well as representatives from contributing organizations. Sixteen students were recognized at this year's event for the following awards:

Press Club's Media Scholarship (\$1,000):

Alex Zivic from St. Louis, MO. *Webster University*

Zivic majors in Public Relations and Professional Writing. He is the President-Elect of Webster's Public Relations Student Society of America. He has served as a Public Relations and Marketing Coordinator for Hungry Media.

Press Club's Neiman Marcus Media Scholarship (\$2,000):

Sarah Hicks from Wentzville, MO. *Truman State University*

Hicks majors in Communications with an emphasis in Journalism. The positions she has held include President of Alpha Phi Omega, Multimedia Flow Editor of Truman Media Network, producer of the TV show Segments, and the Scholarship Chair in Lambda Pi Eta, the Communication Honors Fraternity.

Press Club and St. Louis Post-Dispatch David Lipman Journalism Scholarship (\$5,000):

Tashan Reed from Ferguson, MO. *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Reed is pursuing a Print Journalism degree with an emphasis in Sports Writing. He is a sports beat reporter at the Columbia Missourian and has interned at the St. Louis American. The scholarship was presented by St. Louis Post-Dispatch Director of News Administration Mike Meiners.

Press Club and St. Louis Post-Dispatch Ronald W. Wade Journalism Scholarship (\$2,500):

Gabrielle Hays from St. Louis, MO. *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Hays is majoring in Radio and Television where she has reported and anchored for KOMU 8 and is the president of the university's National Association of Black Journalists. She has also interned at Nine Network of Public Media and is currently interning with NBC in Los Angeles. Her mother, Shontae Fluelen, accepted the scholarship on her behalf. The scholarship was presented by St. Louis Post-Dispatch Director of News Administration Mike Meiners.

Press Club's Multiple Internship Scholarships (\$1,000 each):

Bill Loellke from Jerseyville, IL. *Webster University graduate*

Loellke received his Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with a minor in Web Design and Film Studies. He served as the Lifestyle Editor for the student newspaper, The Journal, and has interned at the Riverfront Times and Vital VOICE Magazine. He is currently interning at the St. Louis Press Club.

Erica Spies from Affton, MO. *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Spies majors in Communications with minors in Human Development and Family Science and Psychology. She is a member of the Intercollegiate Communication Organization of Mizzou.

Sierra Thompson from Hillsboro, MO. *Missouri Baptist University graduate*

Thompson majored in Communications and minored in Business Administration. She wrote for the school news website MBU Timeline and was a four-season starter for the Missouri Baptist Spartan Softball team.

Abigail Scanio from Ballwin, MO. *Missouri Baptist University*

Scanio majors in Communication Studies with minors in Journalism and Public Relations. She contributes to the student news website MBU Timeline and has served as Junior Marshal at the MBU commencement. She currently interns at the International Photography Hall of Fame.

Press Club's "Sky's the Limit" Scholarship (\$1,000):

Dara Bingham from Overland, MO. *Pattonville High School graduate, attending Columbia College in Chicago in fall.*

While at Pattonville High School, Bingham wrote for Pattonville Today and participated in the University of Missouri-St. Louis Bridge Program. Bingham is an aspiring film producer.

Press Club's Missouri Journalism Educators High School Student Journalist of the Year (\$1,000): Jacob Lintner from St. Charles, MO. *Francis Howell North High School, attending Boston University in the fall.*

While at Francis Howell North High School, Lintner was published upwards of 130 times by FHN Media. He also took control of FHNgameday.com, the program's sports website, and created FHNtodayLive. Lintner is an aspiring broadcast journalist.

Fleishman Hillard Journalism Foundation Scholarship (\$1,500):

Joseph Schneider from Bridgeton, MO. *University of Missouri-Columbia*

Schneider majors in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Business. Schneider has worked in the news department of Mid-Missouri's NBC affiliate KOMU as a reporter. He also works in radio. He is the sports director for KCOU 88.1 FM and works on-air for KBIA 91.3 FM. He interned for the St. Louis Press Club last summer. The scholarship was presented by Fleishman Hillard's Elin Nozewski.

Missouri Professional Communicators Journalism Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000):

Kat Riddler from St. Charles, MO. *University of Missouri-St. Louis*

Riddler majors in Marketing with an emphasis in Social Media. She has worked for the student newspaper, The Current, in the roles of Managing Editor, News Editor, and Editor-in-Chief. She received the Student Advocate Award from the university and was recently elected to the Student Senate. She serves on the Chancellor's Cultural Diversity Council and has served on Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honors Society. The scholarship was presented by American Association of University Women Missouri Board President Jan Scott.

Webster-Kirkwood Times/Webster University Journalism Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000): Alyssa Potter from Maryland Heights, MO. *Webster University*

Potter majors in Public Relations with a minor in Spanish. While at Webster, she has served as a member of the Public Relations Student Society of America and the Association for African American Collegians. She has interned with Captiva Marketing as the PR/Social Media Intern. The scholarship was presented by Webster Kirkwood-Times Editor-in-Chief Don Corrigan.

West End Word/Webster University Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000): Asia Myles from Florissant, MO. *Webster University*

Myles is pursuing her Masters in New Media Production. She has served as a Graduate Assistant with the Global Marketing and Communication Department assisting the Director of Communications with publishing stories for the online blog Webster Today during the school year. She also interned with the Press Club last summer and created its Media Guide for the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The scholarship was presented by Webster Kirkwood-Times Editor-in-Chief Don Corrigan.

Baseball Writers Association – St. Louis Chapter Journalism Foundation Scholarship (\$1,500): Benjamin Collinger from Olivette, MO. *Trinity University*

Collinger majors in International Studies. Collinger founded The Contemporary, a public affairs website and publication. He has also worked in the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and serves as the Vice President of Trinity Diversity Connection.

United Media Guild Journalism Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000): Candice Murdock from St. Louis, MO. *University of Missouri-St. Louis*

Murdock majors in Media Studies. Murdock has served as a peer mentor for the university's Multicultural Organization. She has written articles for the student newspaper, The Current, and has worked in the multimedia production department. The scholarship was presented by St. Louis Review Staff Writer Joseph Kenney and United Media Guild President Jeff Gordon.

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