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Nine Win Collegiate Reporting Prize Trip to Japan

CINCINNATI (April 1, 2013) – The Scripps Howard Foundation today awarded a nine-day journalism study trip to Japan to the nine winners of its annual Roy W. Howard National Collegiate Reporting Competition.

The competition, established in 1984 in cooperation with the Indiana University School of Journalism, honors the memory of the journalist who led Scripps Howard Newspapers from 1922-1953 and United Press International from 1912-1920.

The prize responds to the need for today’s student journalists to better understand international affairs, said Mike Philipps, president and CEO of the Scripps Howard Foundation.

“We were pleased to see an increase in the number of applicants this year and especially heartened by the quality of the journalism entered,” said Philipps.

The expenses-paid trip will be led by IU School of Journalism Roy W. Howard Professor of Practice Joseph Coleman, who has been teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at IU since 2009. He is the former Associated Press bureau chief in Tokyo and leads IU journalism students on a reporting trip to Tokyo and Hiroshima, Japan, every spring.

Travel begins May 23 and includes excursions primarily in the Kansai region cities of Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe. Included in the trip is a visit to Hiroshima, the first city in world history to be devastated by an atomic bomb, and the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Park, as well as Tokyo.

“Today’s world is so interconnected that journalists these days need a profound understanding of foreign cultures even to report domestically, never mind overseas” said Coleman. “Japan, home to a culture and history so vastly different from the United States, is the perfect destination to challenge these students’ ideas about ‘the East’ and about their own country—a goal that is well in keeping with the legacy of Roy Howard.”

The nine winners, whose entries represent print, broadcast and online media, were chosen for the high quality of their work, an essay about their interest in international affairs and letters of recommendation. They are:
Jacob Betzner is a junior journalism and economics double major pursuing a certificate in East Asian studies at Ohio University. After returning from Japan, he will intern at News Radio 1020 KDKA in Pittsburgh. He has completed internships with the Observer-Reporter Newspaper and WJPA 95.3 FM/1450 AM in his hometown of Washington, Pa.

Julia Carpenter is a senior English and journalism student at the University of Georgia in Athens, where she has held multiple positions at The Red & Black, an independent student newspaper. She has interned with South Magazine, the New York Daily News, Esquire.com and ELLE magazine. She is from Savannah, Ga.

Ana Ceballos is a junior at San Diego State University, where she majors in journalism with a minor in international studies. She works as the assistant news editor for The Daily Aztec, SDSU’s independent newspaper, and will be the publication’s managing editor next year. She also works as a freelance reporter for North Coast Current and AOL’s Patch.com. She is from San Diego, Calif.

Jessica Contrera is a junior journalism major at Indiana University, where she is an Ernie Pyle Scholar and a reporter for the Indiana Daily Student. She will intern this summer at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and intern this fall at the Indianapolis Business Journal. Contrera has also interned for the Journal and Courier in Lafayette, Ind., the English-language Gazette in London and AOL’s Patch.com in her hometown, Akron, Ohio.

Kevin Thibodeaux is a senior journalism major at Louisiana State University. He has interned with The (New Orleans) Times-Picayune. He is the managing editor for LEGACY magazine, LSU’s student publication, and associate production editor for The Daily Reveille, the student-run newspaper. Thibodeaux is from Lafayette, La.

Casey Tolan is a sophomore urban studies major at Columbia University in New York. He is the city news editor at the campus newspaper, the Columbia Daily Spectator, and is an executive director of design at another student publication, the Journal of Global Health. He will intern this summer at the New York Daily News. Tolan is from Shorewood, Wis.

Kori Tuitt is a sophomore journalism major and women and gender studies minor at Stony Brook University in New York. She is the news editor of the Stony Brook Independent, an online-only, student-run publication. She also co-hosts the Independent’s radio show “Indie Air.” Tuitt has held internships at the TimesLedger Newspapers in Queens, New York, and the Queens Chronicle, covering hyperlocal news. This summer she will be an online intern at the New York Amsterdam News, one of the oldest Black newspapers in the nation.

Emily Wilkins is a journalism and political science senior at Michigan State University, where she is managing editor of The State News. She has previously interned with the Colorado Springs Gazette, the Houston Chronicle Washington Bureau, the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch and the Scripps Howard Foundation Wire, and has participated in the New York Times Student Journalism Institute. This summer she will intern at the Dallas Morning News Washington Bureau. Wilkins is from Farmington Hills, Mich.

Madeline Will is a junior journalism and political science major at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has been writing for the Daily Tar Heel the past three years,
including a year as assistant state and national editor. She has interned for the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and the Charlotte Observer, and will be an intern for Reuters in New York this summer. Will is from Huntersville, N.C.

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