

Black College Wire Presents 2008 Interns

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Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars Program in partnership with Black College Wire and Schurz Communications (With Audio) New layer...

For the second year, the Freedom Forum Diversity Institute in partnership with Black College Wire and Schurz Communications, sponsored a dynamic 10-week program to train 12 college students in multimedia journalism and to dispatch them to paid summer internships. The program was designed to increase newsroom diversity and to provide intensive education and training in new media. The participants spent two weeks in May at the Diversity Institute in Nashville, Tenn. After the training, the students were sent to Schurz newspapers for eight-week internships at daily newspapers.

GEOFFREY COOPER is a senior mass communications major at North Carolina Central University in Durham, N.C., where he serves as the editor-in-chief of the Campus Echo student newspaper.

He interned last summer at the Rocky Mount Telegram in Rocky Mount, N.C. He will intern this summer at the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

ACQUANETTA DONNELL is a senior English and journalism major at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn., where she also serves as the news editor for The Meter student newspaper.

Donnell is a member of the National Association of Black Journalists and the Society of Black Journalists. She will intern this summer at the Winchester Sun in Winchester, Ky.

SHIVONNE FOSTER is a senior broadcast journalism major at Howard University in Washington, D.C., where she also serves as campus editor of The Hilltop student newspaper.

She is currently enrolled in the Walter H. Annenberg honors program, where she served as the corresponding secretary. She will intern this summer at the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

AZIZA JACKSON is a senior mass communications major at Bennett College in Greensboro, N.C., where she serves as the editor in chief of the Bennett Banner student newspaper.

She spent four weeks in Cagli, Italy in 2007 as an intern for the Institute for Education in International Media. She will intern this summer at the Daily American in Somerset, Pa.

ALEXANDER KNIGHT is a senior mass communications major at Grambling University in Grambling, La, where he serves as a staff writer for the Gramblinite student newspaper.

Knight has served as the lead writer for the Grambling Sports Radio Network and a media relations assistant for the Bell Helicopter Armed Forces Bowl. He will intern this summer at the Herald-Times in Bloomington, Ind.

WHITNEY MADDOX is a senior print journalism major at Alabama State University in Montgomery, Ala., where she serves as the editor-in-chief of The Hornet Tribune student newspaper.

She is the recording secretary of the university's chapter of NABJ. She plans to one day own a magazine dedicated toward young African American interests. She will intern this summer at the Sun, in Winchester, Ky.

FRED MCGHEE II is a May 2008 honors graduate of the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss., where he received his master of arts degree in journalism and mass communication.

He has also served as the editor of M-Magazine South African edition as well as program director for KLPI-Louisiana Tech University. He will intern this summer at the Herald-Times in Bloomington, Ind.

ERICA MORRISON is a senior broadcast journalism major at Howard University in Washington, DC. She has interned with VH1 as a production assistant as well as WRC-TV as a news assistant.

She has volunteered with Howard University's Alternative Spring Break program in New Orleans, LA. She will intern this summer at the South Bend (Ind.) Tribune.

ANGELICA ROBERTS is a sophomore magazine productions major at FAMU University in Tallahassee, Fla., where she serves as deputy editor of the Lifestyles section of the Famuan and vice president of the sophomore class.

She was awarded the Florida A&M University School of Journalism and Graphic Communication Scholarship. She will intern this summer at the Herald-Mail in Hagerstown, Md.

ASHLEY SLAYTON is a May 2008 honors graduate of Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View TX, where she majored in mass communication and minored in English.

She is a member of Lambda Pi Eta, national communications honor society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Sigma Tau Theta Mass Communications Fraternity Inc. She served as the news editor for The Panther student newspaper. She will intern this summer at the Daily American in Somerset, Pa.

THAISI VELASQUEZ is a junior print journalism major from Hampton University in Hampton, Va., where she serves as a copy editor for the Hampton Script student newspaper.

She has served as an editorial intern for the AZ Business Magazine in Phoenix, Ariz. She speaks conversational Spanish and Portuguese. She will intern this summer at the Herald-Mail in Hagerstown, Md.

RICHARD WHITE is a senior radio and television major at Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, TX, where he serves as the editor in-chief of The Panther student newspaper.

White formerly served as the sports editor for the paper as well as an assistant for the university's radio-a-thon. He will intern this summer at the Advocate-Messenger in Danville, Ky.