

Diversity Institute

"I learned so much in those six days, and I couldn't wait to get started on showing my newsroom my new skills."

— Nancy Yang, reporter, *St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer Press*, on participating in a multimedia seminar for Freedom Forum program alumni.



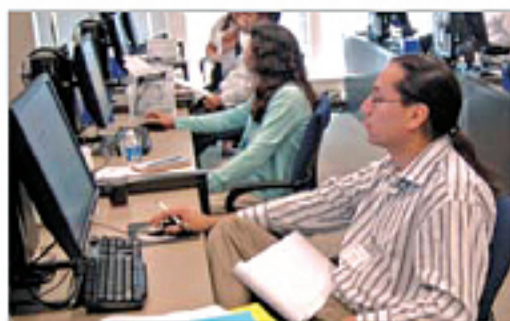
Top: Nancy Yang, a 2003 Chips Quinn Scholar, and Kendra Johnson, ASNE/APME Fellow, assistant metro editor, *The Ledger*, Lakeland, Fla.

Middle: Kevin Abourezk, 1999 Scholar, education editor, *Lincoln (Neb.) Journal Star*.

Bottom: Erica Pippins, 1999 Scholar and ASNE/APME Fellow, team leader, *Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser*.

"Opportunities abound and the future is bright for energetic, ethical and professional journalists who adapt to new technology and who are proficient in telling stories in different formats and on different media platforms."

— Jack Marsh, vice president/diversity programs for the Freedom Forum and Diversity Institute



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- Thirty-six high school students received instruction in audio gathering and editing, photojournalism and audio slideshow production. Students produced audio slideshows for the Web and photographs to accompany stories in print. All slideshows can be seen at freedomforumdiversity.org.
 - Eight high school students also participated in the radio-reporting group, learning interviewing skills and recording skills to produce their own audio story. South Dakota Public Radio played the story on one of its broadcasts.
 - Four college students from Oglala Lakota College learned to shoot and edit video. They produced a video profile of Ruth Ziolkowski, president/CEO of the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation. The video can be seen at freedomforumdiversity.org.
- "The career conference at Crazy Horse is an entry point in the journalism pipeline," Marsh said. "Other Freedom Forum programs provide the essential follow-through — the academic training, internships, mentoring and practical experience that transform dreams into reality for Native journalists."

Multimedia Scholars

The Diversity Institute Multimedia Scholars program, run during the summer in partnership with Black College Wire and Schurz Communications, offered college scholarships and a free college-level course in multimedia journalism and placed 12 successful graduates

in paid multimedia internships at Schurz newspapers in Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky and Maryland.

Admission to the program is competitive and all expenses are paid. Applicants are recruited nationwide, with a special attention to historically black colleges and universities. First consideration

is given to active and promising journalism students who contribute to Black College Wire, a national student news service. Students receive instruction at the Diversity Institute's facility in Nashville and can earn three hours of college credit from Belmont University.

Diversity Institute 2007 Multimedia Scholars:

First row (left to right): Faith Hannah, Michelle Anderson, Traver Riggins, Shannon Epps, Natalie Wilson, Calvin Davis. Second row (left to right): Drew Daniels, Jackie McCorvey Jr., Catherine Sudue, Keisha Raliford, Jerome Hubbard, Siraj Sabree, Marshall Latimore.



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