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A weekly retrospective of top picks from our journalists



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A healthy republic depends on journalists' courageous pursuit of truth.



The Collegiate Network (CN), a program of the Intercollegiate Studies Institute, supports independent student journalists committed to intellectual freedom, rigorous reporting, and robust debate.

Since 1979, CN has helped students build publications where ideas can be tested rather than taken for granted, institutions can be held accountable, and perspectives too often absent from campus conversations—including conservative perspectives—can receive a fair hearing.

We train students to be journalists, not activists, by grounding them in the serious craft of reporting: pursuing facts, interviewing fairly, verifying claims, engaging opposing viewpoints, and earning readers' trust through accuracy and integrity.

CN supports students who believe campus journalism should be curious rather than conformist, rigorous rather than ideological, and unafraid to scrutinize powerful institutions and popular assumptions.

What CN Offers:

Support for Independent Publications

CN provides direct financial support to help student publications launch, grow, and pursue ambitious journalism. Funding opportunities include:

- \$1,000–\$3,000 startup grants to help launch new independent campus publications.
- Ongoing support for established CN publications.
- Funding for printing, technology, subscriptions, and other essential expenses.
- Resources to recruit and develop the next generation of student journalists.
- Funding to compensate students for serious reporting and writing.
- Support for the creation of original photography, video, podcasts, and other digital journalism.

Journalism Training

CN trains students in the serious craft of journalism, with an emphasis on accuracy, fairness, intellectual curiosity, and professional standards.

JOURNALISM WORKSHOPS

Spend three intensive days workshopping your writing with professional journalists and editors with all expenses paid.

MEET MAJOR MEDIA FIGURES

Hear from leading media personalities and CN alumni about their careers and the state of the industry. Speakers have included Peter Thiel, Ross Douthat, and Matt Taibbi.

ATTEND THE EDITORS CONFERENCE

Build practical skills in reporting, interviewing, editing, commentary, investigating, and multimedia storytelling alongside 100+ student journalists from across the country.

Internships & Fellowships

CN helps talented student journalists turn campus experience into professional careers in journalism and media through paid opportunities at leading publications.

\$75,000 YEARLONG FELLOWSHIPS

Spend a full year working at a professional media organization, gaining intensive, real-world experience. Past fellows have worked with USA Today, The Michael Knowles Show at The Daily Wire, The Daily Caller, The Free Press, Fox News, and more.

\$6,000 SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

Spend the summer building your portfolio by reporting stories, editing, and producing content.

LAUNCH YOUR CAREER

Build professional clips, develop industry relationships, and gain the experience and credibility to make the jump from campus journalism to the professional media world.

FUNDING • TRAINING • RECOGNITION • CAREERS

Annual Student Journalism Awards

CN recognizes the best work produced across our network through our Annual Journalism Awards. Entries are reviewed by a committee of professional journalists and media experts who bring real-world standards to the judging process, and winners receive a grant.

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CollegiateNetwork.com curates exemplary journalism from across our network of student publications, alumni, interns, and fellows, for an audience beyond the campus.

GET DISCOVERED

Editors, media bookers, and other industry professionals follow our work, creating opportunities for interviews, media appearances, internships, and jobs.

JOIN A GROWING NETWORK

See the best work from CN students and alumni all in one place.