A Note from the Director | Athelia Knight

YJDP Takes Cues from the Industry; Expands to a Multimedia Platform

When Will Hirzy, a student at School Without Walls in the District, participated in an online workshop at washingtonpost.com this past summer, he "kind of expected to work with a few people on the staff." He and nine other high school students worked with two editors and two dozen staff volunteers on a project to commemorate the 1963 March on Washington. The students wrote the materials, took photos and recorded video for the project, which was put online at washingtonpost.com on August 28, 2007, the anniversary of the march.

After six days of working on the project at washingtonpost.com, Will said, "It really cemented that I wanted to go into online media." Will, who will be a freshman in the journalism program at Missouri in the fall of 2008, plans to study convergence journalism. "It has some of everything," he said.

Will's experience is part of the expansion of the Young Journalists Development Program into multi-media journalism in 2007. In addition to the online workshop, YJDP and washingtonpost.com teamed up with local high schools to launch a news page for student newspapers at washingtonpost.com. Seven schools—three in the District, two in Maryland and two in Northern Virginia—created their own high school page and put articles, including some from their printed paper, online. Readers can submit comments about the articles that are posted once they are reviewed by the newspaper adviser.

"Our goal is to create a thriving virtual community for high school journalists and their peers, a place where students and other washingtonpost.com readers can see what schools are writing and comment on their work," producer Liz Heron, who coordinated the launch of the site, wrote on post.blog.

I was so pleased that Heron was able to launch the high school news page in 2007. And I was delighted when editors Tanya Ballard and Amanda Zamora contacted me for help in putting together an online summer workshop for high school students. Nine of the ten students selected for the workshop through an application process were from schools involved with YJDP.

As our program continues to develop and train young people who are interested in careers in journalism, it is important that we provide as many opportunities as possible for the students to learn about the different platforms that journalists use to present news and information.

In 1997, The Washington Post started YJDP with three high schools. Ten years later, our program is involved directly with student papers at 65 area high schools. We work with more than 800 high school student journalists annually. Hundreds of students visit our main building during the year for several events that feature speakers, including Mayor Adrian D. Fenty, vice-president Ben Bradlee and sports columnist Mike Wilbon. More than 100 Post staffers from the newsroom and other departments volunteered in 2007.

Since 1997, The Washington Post through YJDP has contributed more than $200,000 to help with the printing costs of school papers and awarded about $420,000 in college scholarships to students who plan to pursue careers in journalism. Dozens of students who have been involved in our program work as summer interns for media organizations throughout the country and/or are now working journalists, including three 2007 graduates—Nicky Corbett, a reporter at the Tallahassee-Democrat; Lindsay Smith, a reporter at the Washington Business Journal; and Charmie Snetter, a copy editor at the Boston Globe.

At a reception to celebrate the 10th birthday of YJDP in 2007, Lolly Bowean, a Chicago Tribune reporter and the first recipient of the Howard Simons Fellowship in 1999, said she was overjoyed when she received the Simons fellowship to pursue a graduate degree in journalism at the University of Maryland. When she graduated, she was hired as a reporter for the New Orleans Times Picayune, where she worked for four years before joining the Chicago Tribune.

She said she stays in touch with mentors and role models who she met through YJDP. "I hesitate to think where I would be without the opportunity that I was given through The Washington Post and the Young Journalists Development Program."

The link to the high school page is http://www.washingtonpost.com/highschoolnews; the link to the online workshop project is http://www.washingtonpost.com/highschoolworkshop.

YJDP Initiatives

Highschool Programs

Advisers Seminar
Supported high school journalism teachers and advisers through a one day seminar on topics ranging from newswriting and photography to libel. Reporters and editors from The Post's news staff and a lawyer taught the seminar. This school year, 28 advisers representing 25 schools attended the seminar.

Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program
This annual writing seminar was held for high school seniors on four consecutive Saturdays in March. Post reporters and editors provided training on writing news and feature stories to the students. The top two students were awarded $2500 college scholarships. This seminar was co-sponsored with the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association. The program is open to all area high school seniors.

Urban Journalism Workshop
This workshop was held for metro area high school students on eight consecutive Saturdays in the spring. During the workshop, students produced a newspaper, a television news show and a radio program. The students were taught by professional journalists and photographers, including several from The Washington Post. The Washington Association of Black Journalists and The Washington Post co-sponsored the workshop, and awarded a $2500 scholarship to a senior in the workshop. It is open to all area high school students.

High School News
(Select papers in the Washington Metro Area on washingtonpost.com.)
A result of a collaboration between area high schools, washingtonpost.com and The Washington Post Young Journalists Development Program, the articles on the site include, but are not limited to, articles published in high school newspapers. Participation is open to public and private high schools in The Post's circulation area. For more information, send an email to highschools@washingtonpost.com.

Equipment Donation
Donated software, computers, printers and photographic equipment to support high school newspapers. This school year, software and books were awarded to Ballou, Bell, Cardozo, Coolidge, Duke Ellington, Eastern, McKinley Tech, School Without Walls, Wilson, and H.D. Woodson high schools in the District.

Technical Assistance
Provided technical assistance to high school newspapers through volunteers from various departments of the newspaper. Volunteers visited select schools to help the students publish their newspapers.

Printing Services
Provided printing services to select high school newspapers. This school year, The Washington Post paid for the printing costs of the newspapers and a student magazine at five high schools in the District (Cardoza, Duke Ellington, Eastern, McKinley Tech, and School Without Walls); and five high schools in Maryland (DuVal, Montgomery Blair Northwood, Springbrook, and Watkins Mill). Three high schools—Theodore Roosevelt in the District, West Potomac in Virginia and Suitland in Maryland—were awarded $2,500 for one year to cover printing costs of their papers. In addition, The Washington Post's Springfield plant prints about 12 issues of the Annandale High School award winning paper, the A-Blast, annually.

Futures in Journalism Workshop
Provided scholarships for 19 high school journalism students to attend an intensive, residential training program for a week at the University of Maryland.

The Washington Post's Newspaper in Education Program
Sent copies of The Post daily to journalism classes at 34 area high schools that partnered with YJDP and participated in its workshops and seminars.

American Society of Newspaper Editors Partnership Grants
Awarded two grants of $2500 each from the American Society of Newspaper Editors to partner with two high schools—Cardozo in the District and Wakefield in Arlington, Va. The grant allowed Wakefield to buy much needed equipment and software, including a digital camera, a dozen flash drives, six copies of InDesign layout software, and other supplies. The grant also helped with the printing costs of the school paper. Cardoza used the grant money to buy a computer, software, memory drives, books, and supplies.

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College Programs

The Washington Post Semester
Offered this one credit course for upper level and graduate students at the University of Maryland and American, George Washington and Howard universities. The course is designed to bring reality and immediacy to the journalism classroom experience. The course, which met weekly at The Washington Post, was team taught by professionals from The Post's news and business staffs. Among the lecturers were Bo Jones, publisher of The Washington Post, Leonard Downie, executive editor of The Post, and Ben Bradlee, vice president.

Howard Simons Graduate Fellowship to University of Maryland
A joint fellowship with the University of Maryland to an outstanding minority student whose tuition and expenses to Maryland's graduate journalism program will be covered. The award is named after the late managing editor of The Washington Post who was a mentor to many young journalists.

Our Partners in Journalism Education

YJDP is a partner with several media organizations that provide grants to select high schools to purchase equipment, supplies and print their newspapers. YJDP also works with several area universities. The partnerships include:

American Society of Newspaper Editors
Newspaper Association of America
Washington Association of Black Journalists
National Association of Hispanic Journalists
Asian American Journalists Association
University of Maryland
American University
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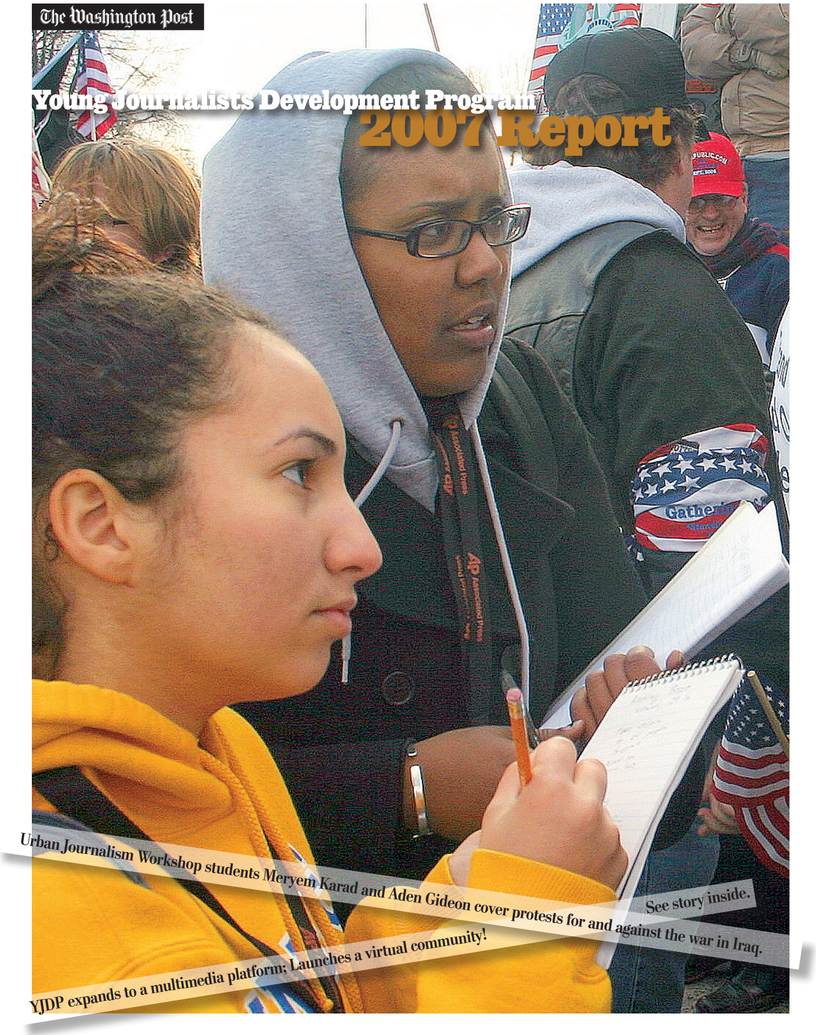

2007 Moments

Area high school students interview D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty as part of the many activities sponsored by the Young Journalists Development Program during the 10th anniversary year of the program.

YJDP Schools for 2006-2007 (Includes schools that were partners and additional schools that the program provided special training for newspaper advisers: Albert Einstein ■ Anacostia ■ Annandale ■ Annapolis ■ Arundel ■ Ballou ■ Banneker ■ Bell Multicultural ■ Bethesda-Chevy Chase ■ Bishop McNamara ■ Montgomery Blair ■ Broadneck ■ Cardozo ■ Charles Herbert Flowers ■ Colonial Forge ■ Coolidge ■ Crossland ■ Damascus ■ Duke Ellington ■ Duval ■ Eastern ■ Falls Church ■ Flint Hill ■ Charles Herbert Flowers ■ Gaithersburg ■ Garfield Senior ■ Hayfield ■ C.D. Hylton ■ Walter Johnson ■ Lackey ■ Linganore ■ McDonough ■ Mckinley Tech ■ Mount de Sales Academy ■ National Cathedral ■ Northwood ■ Oakland Mills ■ Oxon Hill ■ Paint Branch ■ Potomac ■ Rockville ■ Eleanor Roosevelt ■ Theodore Roosevelt ■ Sandy Spring Friends ■ School Without Walls ■ South County Secondary ■ Spingarn ■ Springbrook ■ Stafford ■ J.E.B. Stuart ■ Suitland ■ Urbana ■ T.C. Williams ■ Wakefield ■ Watkins Mill ■ West Potomac ■ Wilson ■ Woodson

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Alan Weintraut, newspaper adviser at Annandale High School: "Young people are active in journalism and they are involved and do care about their community....The Washington Post, as a business partnership, has had more of a profound impact than any other business partner we have been associated with in the 54 years of our high school."

Maurice Butler, newspaper adviser at Theodore Roosevelt High School: "Seeing these young people work hard on the newspaper has restored my faith in education."

Fulvio Catvio, who started in the program as a high schooler at Montgomery Blair and was hired as an education writer for the Hartford Courant in March, 2006: "I certainly wouldn't be here if it weren't for this program. I certainly wouldn't be at the Hartford Courant."

Noelle Lindsay, 2007 graduate of Bethesda Chevy Chase and freshman at the University of Missouri: "I wouldn't be where I am now if it wasn't for...the opportunities I had through The Washington Post."

YJDP Scholarship Winners: University of Maryland High School Journalism Workshop Scholarship Winners: **Arima Peters,** of Arundel Senior High School; **Rolyndria Anderson, Glen Charlton** *(Gwen Ifill Scholar)*, **Chenica Hartwell, Tiffany McKenzie, Baja Poawui** *(Gwen Ifill Scholar)*, and **Larae Trimble,** all of DuVal High School, **Lauren Kendrick** of Elizabeth Seaton High School, **Melissa Belk** of Forest Park High School, **Demonte Blackwell** *(Gwen Ifill Scholar)* of Gwynn Park High School, **Jayson Harmon** of Largo High School, **Ra'Neta Oliver** of Laurel High School, **Jessica Harold** of Mt. Hebron High School, **Anna Philyaw** of Parkdale High School, **Miguel Perez** of Robinson Secondary, **Hannah Lee** of South County Secondary School, **Ashley Brown** and **Sonovia Pryor**, both of Theodore Roosevelt High School and **Jasmine Stokes** of Western High School

2007 High School Seminar and Scholarship Winners: **Benjamin Blumberg** of Calvert High School, University of Maryland and **Ashley Lau**, of Montgomery Blair High School, Northwestern University

University of Missouri Urban Journalism Workshop: **Abubakarr Bangura** of DuVal High School

University of North Carolina Summer Journalism Program: **Ashley McBride** of McKinley Tech High School and **Tiffany Thornton** of Theodore Roosevelt High School

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