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Young Journalists Development Program Celebrates Successful Year

More than 100 staff from the Newsroom and other departments volunteered their time and expertise to ensure the success of The Post's Young Journalists Development Program (YJDP) during the 2003-2004 school year. The seven-year-old program is run by Director **Athelia Knight**, Director of Recruiting and Training **Lisa Frazier Page** and Administrative Assistant **Cheryl Williams**.

The nationally recognized YJDP encourages and supports local college and high school students interested in pursuing careers in

journalism. The students receive first-hand advice and information from The Post's staff, which include some of the top journalists in the country.

According to Knight, one the highlights of the program is reviving and supporting student newspapers, which this year included 27 area high school papers. Many of the schools wouldn't otherwise have a newspaper because of fiscal and other challenges. Knight provided the example of the District's Ballou High School student newspaper, the *Ballou Charter*.

"The newspaper advisor was diagnosed with breast cancer so she's been out and **Hamil Harris**, one

we try to overcome them."

In addition to providing volunteer support, YJDP provides funding to three schools, representing the District, Maryland and Virginia, to help them defray the costs of having their newspapers printed. Last year, 50 schools applied for the Student Press Printing Partnerships, which are awarded based on financial need and the quality of the newspaper. YJDP also provides computers and scanners to student newspapers in need of equipment.

Twenty high school seniors were selected this year to attend the High School Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program. Held on four consecutive Saturdays in March, the program was co-directed by Metro reporters **Louie Estrada** and **Sylvia Moreno** and co-sponsored by the National Association of Hispanic Journalists and the Asian American Journalists Association. The students learned many facets of journalism from ethics to fact checking. After refining their skills, they wrote stories to compete for two \$10,000 scholarships.

The YJDP's Urban High School Journalism Workshop is an inten-

of our volunteers, has been going over and meeting with the kids. Ballou has had everything this year from shootings to the mercury spill. There's been so much going on there," said Knight. "Yet, despite all that Hamil has been able to help the students put out a newspaper last semester and they will put out another paper this semester. There are challenges at many of the schools, but



The Young Journalists Development Program staff includes (l-r) Administrative Assistant **Cheryl Williams**, Director of Recruiting and Training **Lisa Frazier Page** and Director **Athelia Knight**.

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Eastern 500 Club Honors Seniors

The Eastern High School 500 Club's members and Post mentors gathered on Tuesday, May 18, at the Northwest Building for a lunch to honor the club's 27 graduating seniors. The program was full of emotional speeches and thanks from the Eastern protégés to their Post's mentors. The highlight of the lunch was when Chairman **Don Graham** presented each of the seniors with a gold pin that had a diamond for each semester the senior was a member of the 500 Club.

Fifty-seven Eastern High School students earned all A's and B's during the 2003-2004 school year and qualified to be 500 Club members. The Post provides \$500 in scholarships for each semester a student is a 500 club member.

The Post's 2003-2004 Eastern 500 volunteers included:

Mentors

Janet Alexander
Yawandale Birchette
Tamie Blow
Renate Brevard
Garland Christmas
Barry Coleman
Vonda Coulbourn
Celes Darby
Carla Fielder
Albert Ford
Wendy Friedland
Gayle Giger
Diane Haith
Deborah Howard
Chris Janson
Kenya Johnson
Cameron Jones
Bo Jones
Lisa Kelly
Athelia Knight

Tanya Loving
Ted Lutz
Nekeidra Mason
Kate Myers
Lionel Neptune
Peter Perl
Janice Stewart
Stacey Swain
Adrienne Taylor
Toni Thompson
Pamela Victum
Jamie Ward-Black
Robin Wilkerson
John Wong

Program

Volunteers

Pamela Victum
Aurora Gonzalez
Todd Berman
Arthur Fuller



Tamie Blow, (right) Accounting, and protégé **Brittney Winters**.



Lisa Kelly, Advertising, with her protégé **Megan Cuff** at the lunch.



Eastern teacher **Katharine Gray** (left) with **Carla Fielder**, News (right) and protégé **Brittney Wright**.

Everybody Wins! at The Post



The Post hosted the end-of-the school year lunch for the District's Everybody Wins! program on Monday, May 17 at the Northwest Building. As part of the newspaper's participation in the program, 70 Newsroom staff volunteered their time during lunch hours to read to students at John Ross Elementary School. Reporters **Griff Witte** (left) and **John Maynard** (right) are Everybody Wins! mentors for second grader **Jacqueline Sanchez**.

sive eight-week program that is co-sponsored by the Washington Association of Black Journalists. From late February to early April, 38 area high school students spent their Saturdays learning about newspaper, radio and TV journalism.



PHOTO — ATHELIA KNIGHT

Post reporter **Keith Alexander** chats with WTTG Channel 5 weather anchor **Gwen Tolbert** at the reception celebrating the end of the eight-week long Urban High School Journalism Program held at The Post on Saturday, May 15. Alexander is president of the Washington Association of Black Journalists, the cosponsor of the program.

On Saturday, March 6, students from both the Urban High School Journalism Program and the High School Writing Program participated in a mini-press conference with D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams at The Post's Northwest Building.

Another YJDP success this year was the High School Journalism Advising Seminar. It attracted 40 advisors from local schools to hear from Post staff on topics ranging from feature writing to page design.

"It was extremely informative and I walked away with several ideas that can help our budding program... I am so glad I was able to attend," wrote attendee **Caroline Jackson**.

The YJDP also sponsors two Washington Post semesters for college journalism stu-

dents. In the fall, 14 graduate students from the University of Maryland met with Post reporters and editors, including best-selling author **Bob Woodward** and Executive Editor **Len Downie** for an inside look at journalism at The Post. This spring's Washington Post semester hosted 24 undergraduate and graduate students from American, George Washington and Howard universities. In addition, YJDP provides the Howard Simons graduate fellowship and undergraduate scholarship to talented journalism students. Simons was a former managing editor for The Post.

The program wound up the 2003-2004 school year, with a breakfast workshop on



PHOTO — HYOSUB SHIN

Metro reporter **Sylvia Moreno** works with **Jeremiah Arias**, a senior at Paint Branch High School in Montgomery County during the High School Writing Seminar and Scholarship Program in March.

Friday, May 21. Students and advisors from the 27 participating high schools were invited to attend. One of the featured speakers was Managing Editor **Steve Coll**, who talked to the participants about the value of the YJDP. "The world needs good reporters, writers and askers of questions now more than ever," he explained. "It's a great job, and a profession that rewards personal commitment." ■

Company Acquires El Tiempo Latino

The Washington Post Company announced on Monday, May 17 that it has acquired *El Tiempo Latino*, a leading Spanish-language weekly newspaper in the Greater Washington area. The seller was Farragut



PHOTOS — RUBEN RODRIGUEZ

El Tiempo Latino Editor in Chief and Associate Publisher **Alberto Avendaño** with The Post's Assistant Managing Editor **Milton Coleman**.

Media Group, Inc., whose principal owner is **Armando Chapelli**.

El Tiempo Latino is a 13-year-old weekly publication with an ABC-audited free circulation of 34,000. The publication was recently named the Best Hispanic Weekly in the United States by the National Association of Hispanic Publications. For several years, The Post has had an informal content-sharing relationship with *El Tiempo Latino* that has included the publication of relevant Post articles in translation in *El Tiempo Latino*.

Following the acquisition, *El Tiempo Latino* will continue to operate independently under its current manage-

ment and the editorial leadership of its Editor in Chief and Associate Publisher, **Alberto Avendaño**. "We think this acquisition, over time, will help The Post to serve the needs of Spanish-language readers and the advertisers who seek to reach them. **Milton Coleman**, **Chris Ma**, **Gerry Rosberg** and **David Hall** deserve great credit for their patient nurturing of The Post's relationship with *El Tiempo Latino* without which this important day would not have

occurred," noted Publisher **Bo Jones** in the Matter of Fact announcing the acquisition.



Representatives at a gathering at The Post on Monday, May 17 celebrating The Washington Post Company's acquisition of *El Tiempo Latino* included *El Tiempo Latino* staff (front row, l-r) **Zulema Tijero**, advertising director; **Alberto Avendaño**, editor in chief and associate publisher; **Kristen Shepherd**, business manager; (back row, center) **Armando Chapelli, Jr.**, principal owner with Chairman **Don Graham** and Publisher **Bo Jones**.

Brenna Nielsen in Chicago

Brenna Nielsen, administrative assistant in the Human Resources Department, has a starring role as Velma Kelly in the American Music Stage production of the musical *Chicago*. The musical is



PHOTO - COURTESY OF AMERICAN MUSIC STAGE

Brenna Nielsen as Velma Kelly.

appearing at the Ernst Theatre at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale, Va. through May 30. Nielsen has been acting since a young girl in community theater productions in her native state of Minnesota. She was lauded for her performance in a review of the show that appeared in the *Fairfax Extra* on Thursday, May 20. For tickets or information about *Chicago*, call (703) 425-9280, or online at www.americanmusicstage.com.

Shakespeare Free For All

Mark your calendar to attend this year's Shakespeare Free For All running May 27 through June 6 at the Carter Barron Amphitheater. This year's performance by the Shakespeare Theatre is the comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*. The Post's Family Night is scheduled for the final show on Sunday, June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Free advance tickets for only the Family Night performance are available to employees through the Public Relations Department located on the 3rd floor of the Northwest Building, L Street side. Please see **Gayle Giger** or **Tito Tolentino**.

Up to four free tickets for all weekday performances will be available at the Northwest Building's front counter beginning at 8:30 a.m., the day of the performance only. Tickets will also be available on the day of the performance beginning at noon Tuesdays through Sundays at the Carter Barron box office or at the Shakespeare Theatre at 450 7th Street, NW. A limited number of online tickets are available on day of performance only beginning at 8:30 a.m. for performances

from May 27 through June 3 at www.shakespearedc.org/fatixpend.html. Online tickets will not be available the final weekend, June 4 - 6. Please note that the June 2 and 5 performances will be sign-interpreted and audio described. If you have any questions, contact **Lisa Bolton** at x4-7970.

Book Signing On June 10

The Post is hosting a book signing on Thursday, June 10, 1-2 p.m. for

Virginia

Rodriguez,

author of the new Washington Post Book *Celebrate!*

Rodriguez is

the former

director of

public rela-

tions for the newspaper.

Rodriguez will be signing

copies of *Celebrate!* in the

lobby area of the 2nd floor

multipurpose room of the

Northwest Building, which is

off the outer lobby of the main

entrance. Employees will

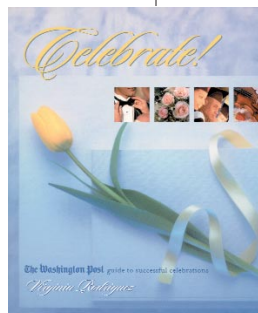
receive a 20 percent discount

off the \$15.95 retail price of

books purchased during the

event.

Celebrate! includes contri-



No ShopTalk Next Week

ShopTalk will not be published next Thursday, June 3. The next issue will be published Thursday, June 10. The deadline for Marketplace ads for the June 10 issue is Friday, June 4 at noon. Have a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend!

butions from some of Washington's top professionals

with their advice on corporate and private entertaining. You will also find a directory full of Washington area service providers, contact information by category and location for

everything from venues, florists, bakeries, caterers and rental firms to musicians, and transportation.

Correction

Karen Yourish was inadvertently omitted from the list of graphics editors in the News Art Department story in the May 20 issue. She is the graphics editor for the Business Section.

Marketplace

ISO: A set of weights and weight bench in good cond. Have some in your basement you're not using? Will purchase for reasonable price. Call Jacqui at (703) 352-5112.

FOR SALE: Vacation time at The Villas of Boardwalk Resort in Virginia Beach. Oceanfront, indoor pool, kitchen, 1 bedroom, 2 sofa beds. For the week of September 4 (Labor Day week), \$700. Call Trinh at x4-44021 or (703) 658-2120.

RENTAL HOUSING: Furnished room for rent in Columbia, Md., \$575 includes utilities/cable; full bath share w/one other; W/D; use of kitchen and common areas. Seek responsible, mature, dog-loving individual, 25-minute drive to Silver Spring Metro stop, 40-minute drive to Northwest Post building. Contact Liz Visser, x4-6081 or (410) 884-3856.

FOR SALE: Sony RDR-GX7 component DVD recorder for sale. Barely used, works perfectly, \$400. Contact Jeff at x4-9246 or (703) 407-8644.

FOR SALE: Computer stand for \$60, like new. Call Priscilla at (301) 669-7822.

FOR SALE: Excellent prices for Post employees on custom made draperies and brand name blinds, shades, and shutters. Call Danny Castillo at (301) 248-5100.

FOR SALE: 2001 Buell Blast. Only 750 miles. Brand new condition. Must see. This is a great commuter bike. Save gas on your commute and ride in! \$2,800. Call Ann at x4-5278.

RIDE WANTED: Between N.W. and S. Arlington, M-F, @ 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. (flex.), or when possible for next 5 weeks, on crutches and can't drive. Willing to share gas, parking. Call Gary at x4-7964 or (703) 920-4331.

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