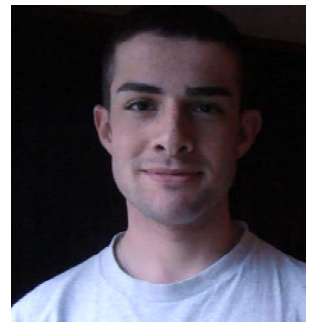




2010 NAA FOUNDATION NEWS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

Christopher Azar is a rising junior at Syracuse University, majoring in graphic design and policy studies. He is also an instructor in Web design at Syracuse University and a freelance Web designer for clients along the East Coast. In summer 2009, he was a graphics intern at Eident Sports Marketing.



Carla Kerstens Canino recently graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor's degree in media management and economics. She recently finished a six-month internship with Universal Music Latino's new business development and strategic marketing department. She also was a news and digital production intern for TCPalm.com, the website for Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers. She is a member of the National Association of Hispanic Journalists.

Kendra Desrosiers recently graduated from Howard University, where she majored in journalism and minored in Spanish. She has served as editor-in-chief of 25 Magazine, an online student publication, and has been an intern at several magazines (InStyle, Cosmopolitan, VIBE) and The Washington Post's Express newspaper. She is a special correspondent for the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Wire. Kendra also was a fellow in the 2010 New York Times Student Journalism Institute.





Alejandro Gañem is a rising senior at the University of Texas at El Paso, where he is majoring in communication with a concentration in electronic media. He has served as senate majority leader of UTEP's Student Government Association. He also studied abroad in fall 2009 at the Université Catholique de Lille in France.

Chrystall Kanyuck recently received a master's degree in journalism from Arizona State University. While at ASU, she was a reporter for the Cronkite News Service and a fellow at News 21. Chrystall earned a bachelor's degree in communication from California State University San Marcos in 2008. Her time in California included a stint as a staff writer for The Coast News Group.



Daniel Johnson-Kim recently graduated from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism, where he majored in digital media. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Abilene Christian University in 2009. Daniel attended the Institute for Political Journalism at Georgetown University in August 2007. He has freelanced for the Abilene (Texas) Reporter-News, served as editor-in-chief of the JMC (Journalism and Mass Communication) Network at ACU and been an intern for Street Sense, a nonprofit newspaper covering homeless

issues in Washington, D.C.

Julian Wilson Kemper is a rising junior at Florida A&M University, where he is majoring in broadcast journalism. He has served as both assistant news editor and deputy news editor of The Famuan, the campus paper. In summer 2008, he attended The Civil Leadership Academy, a two-week program that gives students a look at the interplay among the three branches of government in Florida and the United States. He is a member of Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity.





Justin Michael Lee McCraw is a graduate student at Kent State University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, where he is studying magazine reporting and editing. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 2009 with a bachelor's degree in computer information science with a focus on software development. A graduate assistant at KSU, he is managing editor of the university's Fusion Magazine. He spent the summer of 2008 studying at Tokyo's Senshu University.

Katie McInerney is a rising junior at Syracuse University, where she is majoring in advertising. McInerney became editor-in-chief of The Daily Orange, Syracuse's student newspaper, in May. She also has served as the paper's presentation director and design editor. In addition, Katie has worked for WERW, the university's student radio station.



Andrew Medici is a graduate student in journalism and public policy at American University. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh in 2007, he worked as associate editor of Pittsburgh Professional and then as managing editor of the Northside Chronicle, a community newspaper in Pittsburgh. Andrew helped to develop the paper's website, which later won "Best Application of Social Networking Tools" from the Pennsylvania Newspaper Association. He works part-time for the Bureau of National Affairs, where he covers health, legal and tax issues.



Asia Nettles recently graduated from St. John's University. An advertising major, she worked as a social media intern for a New York real estate company in summer 2009. Her duties included creating and maintaining social networking sites for the company in addition to aiding in design and development of other marketing strategies and materials. Asia also has served as a public relations intern for the Department of Defense's Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity. She was a member of St. John's track team and ran the women's 200 and 400 meters.

Jessica Sabbah is a rising senior at Northern Illinois University, where she is majoring in journalism and media studies communications. She will serve as online editor of the Northern Star, the university's student newspaper, this fall. Jessica was a major contributor to the paper's coverage of a campus shooting on Feb. 14, 2008. The Star's work during that week earned it a national Pacemaker Award, the collegiate equivalent of the Pulitzer Prize. Jessica's multimedia work also helped her and her colleagues win a first-place award for the multimedia package of the year in 2009 from the Associated Collegiate Press. She has served internships at The Daily Herald in Lisle, Ill., and Suburban Life Publications in Downers Grove, Ill. She recently participated in the 2010 Poynter College Fellowship, a two-week intensive multimedia journalism workshop.



Chad Troutman recently finished the first year of the MBA program at the University of Alabama's College of Commerce and Business Administration, where he is studying community journalism. He graduated from Alabama in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in public relations and then worked for several years, including a stint as a district executive for Boy Scouts of America. He served an internship in summer 2009 at The Anniston (Ala.) Star. In addition, he was a member of a team of students who won first place at the university's FedEx Case Competition.

Luisa Fernanda Trujillo recently graduated from the University of Kentucky, where she majored in communications and minored in industrial design. She has served as an intern for the audience development division at the Lexington (Ky.) Herald-Leader. While there, her projects included managing the paper's social networking improvement efforts. She also worked on many design projects for the paper. Luisa is a native of Colombia.



Andrea Wilson is a rising senior at Arizona State University, where she is majoring in digital and online media. She has had internships at ABC15.com and DRAFT magazine, and served as a staff reporter for ASU's Cronkite News Service.