

## 2017 NAJA Native American Journalism Fellows

### AJ Earl

Portland State University, Comanche Nation

### Jaida Grey Eagle

Institute of American Indian Arts, Oglala Lakota Nation

### Jorge Martínez

Brown University, Jñatro/Ñuu Sau

### Kaitlin Boysel

University of Central Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation

### Kathleen Flynn

CUNY, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

### Priestess Bearstops

Minneapolis, Oglala Lakota Nation

### Sarah Liese

University of Mississippi, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

### Shea Smith

University of Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation

### Tyler Jones

University of Kansas, Choctaw Nation

### Jarrette Werk

University of Nevada-Reno, Gros Ventre

Learn more about the 2017 NAJF class and view their coverage: <https://naja2017.wordpress.com>



Shea Smith (Cherokee) takes notes during a classroom session on mobile reporting and multi-platform storytelling skills by NAJF digital media trainer and owner of Val Hoepfner Media and Consulting.

## About NAJA

The Native American Journalists Association empowers more than 500 members representing tribal, nonprofit, freelance and mainstream media professionals in promoting accurate coverage of Indian Country, supporting newsroom diversity and defending challenges to free press, speech and expression.

NAJA addresses these challenges by fostering the development of new talent and mobilizing a powerful membership network towards critical and relevant issues facing Indian Country. NAJA is a registered 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization.

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Priestess Bearstops (Oglala Lakota) learns camera-operating skills for broadcast during EIJ17 in Anaheim, Calif.

*“You represent a people who, for centuries, had no voice. Now, you are their voice and it is up to you to not only report the news, but as a unique Indian journalist, to advocate for the rights and justice for all Native Americans.”*

**-Tim Giago, NAJA Founder**



Native American Journalists Association

# Native American Journalism Fellowship

**STRENGTHEN**

**NATIVE VOICES.**

**SUPPORT**

**NAJA FELLOWS.**

“NAJF gives you glimpse into the future of what your career could be and what you could make of it. The fellowship not only presents hands-on experience and training, but is an incredible opportunity to network with others in the industry.”

**-Tyler Jones, 2017 Fellow**



FNX Production Associate Sahar Khadjenoury (Navajo) mentored fellows during the week-long newsroom experience, which included a studio tour of First Nations Experience in San Bernadino, Calif.

## About the Fellowship

The Native American Journalists Association’s annual student training program has become a cornerstone in the organization’s commitment to raising the next generation of storytellers.

The Native American Journalism Fellowship for college students now stands alone as this country’s single most important career pipeline created specifically for aspiring Native American journalists.

The fellowship pairs students with professional journalists who provide personalized academic and professional mentorship to each student. Students and mentors also gain hands-on training during the week-long newsroom immersion experience in coordination with NAJA’s annual national conference.



NAJF students and mentors toured the NFL Network in Culver City, Calif., as part of their on-site newsroom immersion experience during EIJ17.

## Funding Needs

The Native American Journalists Association is seeking support of the Native American Journalism Fellowship.

At more than \$5,000 per fellow, NAJA covers the cost of all student travel, hotel, training materials and meals during the on-site newsroom experience, in addition to three hours of upper-level course credit through an accredited ACEJMC journalism university.

Selected students come from tribal communities and universities across the nation to attend to the National Native Media Conference and gain hands-on experience from their personal NAJA mentors, producing coverage of the event and surrounding Native communities.

## Donate & Support Students

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## Sponsor NAJA Students

NAJA provides college scholarships, referrals to professional internships and careers, and supports 10 annual Native American Journalism Fellows from across the U.S. The 2018 NAJF class will run a student newsroom, directed by professional NAJA mentors, producing important coverage of Indian Country.

Your sponsorship enables more Native American students to pursue careers in media by providing them with hands-on experience in the newsroom. Annual support of NAJA scholars and fellows empowers the unique storytelling skills of Indigenous youth and provides a pipeline of talented professionals for mainstream and tribal media.

## Become a Sustaining Member

Organizations can support NAJA as a Sustaining Institutional Member and receive annual membership for up to four staff / faculty.

One-year subscriptions are \$2,000 and include opportunities for input on ethics guides and Native media advisories, webinars or in-person trainings on best practices of media to NAJA groups, listings on the NAJA Job Board and more.

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