



ThreeSixty Journalism

# PROGRAM YEAR REPORT

June 1, 2019-May 31, 2020

## Student Demographics

African.....	6%	Hispanic.....	11%
African-American.....	40%	Caucasian.....	13%
American Indian.....	2%	Middle Eastern.....	2%
Asian American.....	18%	Multiracial.....	8%

## Young Alumni Job and Internship Highlights

- Pioneer Press
- MPR News
- FOX 9
- The Current
- MinnPost
- Belmont Partners
- Gopher Sports
- University of St. Thomas
- ThreeSixty Journalism
- American Public Media Group
- Center for Prevention at Blue Cross Blue Shield MN
- Mpls. St. Paul Business Journal
- Undertold-Stories Project
- Mpls. Youth Coordinating Board
- Minnesota Timberwolves/Lynx

*"I will never forget the way the Three-Sixty Journalism program helped me find and refine my voice as a young Black woman and a developing writer." - ThreeSixty alumna Ayo Olagbaju, Howard University Cathy Hughes School of Communications*

## Program Mission

*ThreeSixty Journalism, a nonprofit program of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of St. Thomas since 2001, uses the principles of strong writing and reporting to help diverse Minnesota youth tell the stories of their lives and communities.*

## Program Description

*Through inclusive multimedia and college success programming, ThreeSixty Journalism develops the next generation of critical thinkers, leaders and storytellers.*



# THREESIXTY JOURNALISM SCHOLARS

Each year, high school seniors who are graduates of a ThreeSixty summer journalism camp compete for the ThreeSixty Scholar award - valued at more than \$160,000 over four years.



**Josie Morss**

## 2020 ThreeSixty Scholar

For Josie Morss, the 2020 ThreeSixty Scholarship is a dream come true. "Being awarded this scholarship is essentially what my middle-school daydreams were made of," Morss said, "and now it's real."

With the ThreeSixty Scholarship, Morss receives a full-tuition, four-year scholarship to study Emerging Media at St. Thomas starting in the fall 2020 semester. Each year, high school seniors who are graduates of a ThreeSixty summer journalism camp compete for the ThreeSixty Scholar award - valued at more than \$160,000 over four years.

"This scholarship literally means everything to me. I'm given a rare chance to put a microscope over my greatest passion, to study at my dream school, without the stress of financials holding me back and weighing me down," Morss said.

Morss, a graduate of Lakeville North High School and former editor of the school's newspaper, joined ThreeSixty in summer 2019 for News Reporter Academy journalism camp. She went on to participate in the program's TV Broadcast and Radio Broadcast camps, and continued to build her skills as a participant in ThreeSixty's school-year News Team and Learning Lab opportunities.

Morss' ThreeSixty subjects include USA gymnast Sunisa Lee, Bap and Chicken owner John Gleason, Ananya Dance Theater and Juxtaposition Arts.

"In the beginning, ThreeSixty was just a camp . . . something to do," Morss said. "The second I stepped into the library's classroom, that instantly changed. I knew this is where I needed to be."

Danielle Wong, the 2016 ThreeSixty Scholar, was the classroom leader for the TV Broadcast Camp that Morss participated in.

"Josie was always one of the first to step up to the challenge. She fearlessly leads by example and takes every chance she gets to empower and celebrate her peers," Wong said. "Josie is inquisitive, brave, unwavering and empathetic - all qualities that make for a great journalist."

Morss is eager to participate in student media and explore campus clubs at St. Thomas. She's also reflective about ThreeSixty's impact on her.

"ThreeSixty gave me a sense of purpose," Morss said. "ThreeSixty established a home away from home while building up my confidence as a writer as well as gaining confidence in me. ThreeSixty completely changed my life."



**Kai Sanchez Avila**

## 2019 ThreeSixty Scholar

During the 2019-20 school year at St. Thomas, Sanchez Avila hosted "Kai-POP," a K-pop show, on KUST radio. She hopes to continue doing the show throughout her ongoing Emerging Media studies. Sanchez

Avila also received the Mark and Mary Davis Horatio Alger Scholarship. In fall 2020, she interns with TommieMedia, an award-winning web-based news organization serving the St. Thomas community.



**Zekriah Chaudhry**

## 2018 ThreeSixty Scholar

As a sophomore at St. Thomas, Chaudhry spent the fall semester studying abroad in Rome and traveling in Europe. Upon his return, Chaudhry spent four months interning as a staff writer

for Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal, where he penned the weekly "Cool Offices" feature and other business articles.



**Samantha HoangLong**

## 2017 ThreeSixty Scholar

In fall 2019, HoangLong led TommieMedia, the University of St. Thomas' award-winning web-based news organization, and interned with Under-Told Stories Project. In January 2020,

she was awarded first- and second-place honors in the Minnesota Newspaper Association College Better Newspaper Contest for her coverage on race at St. Thomas. For summer 2020, HoangLong is an intern with KMSP-TV Fox 9 as an Emma Bowen Foundation fellow.



**Danielle Wong**

## 2016 ThreeSixty Scholar

Wong graduated from St. Thomas in May 2020 with a major in Communication and Journalism and a minor in Justice and Peace Studies. During her time at St. Thomas, she interned

at MPR News, studied abroad in Taiwan, wrote for MPR's Call to Mind, and advocated for many equity and justice initiatives. In summer 2020, Wong was awarded the Taiwan Ministry of Education's international language scholarship to study Chinese in Taipei for six months.