ThreeSixty Journalism is an award-winning, immersive and inclusive multimedia and college success program for high school students. We strive to develop the next generation of critical thinkers, leaders and storytellers as they discover the power of voice and storytelling.

With your support, ThreeSixty Journalism is facilitating pathways to higher education for traditionally underrepresented communities. And as a result, St. Thomas is becoming a leader in developing emerging diverse talent in the media arts industry.
Emma Carew Grovum  
ThreeSixty Journalism Alumna

"Beyond a passion for media diversity, ThreeSixty taught me to value mentorship. The program and community have given me more than a decade of experience as both a mentor and a mentee. To continue that work, I’m on the leadership team for the International Women’s Media Foundation’s Gwen Ifill Mentorship Program. We are pairing 17 women of color with professional journalists as mentors to continue to elevate their careers. It’s work I’m incredibly proud to be doing."

Lujain Al-Khawi  
ThreeSixty Journalism Alumna

“My ThreeSixty experience continues to open so many doors for me. While I was in college, I funded my tuition writing articles for my department. And in my current full-time professional job, I write technical reports on medical devices and the healthcare industry. ThreeSixty was a big part of why I obtained my past and current jobs. Thank you so much for the work you do!”

impact areas

- writing, journalism and storytelling
- emerging media
- under-told stories
- photo, video and audio production
- college readiness
- college access
- digital literacy
- news literacy
- civic literacy
- academic achievement gap
- opportunity gap
- community connection
- networking
- personal voice
real experience

JOURNALISM AND STORYTELLING

Using the principles of strong writing and reporting, ThreeSixty’s year-round core programming enables diverse Minnesota youth to tell the stories of their lives and communities.

TV BROADCAST CAMP

Offered in partnership with the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

RADIO BROADCAST CAMP

A special collaboration with MPR News.

DIGITAL AUDIO STORYTELLING CAMP

Advanced opportunity led by St. Thomas Emerging Media Professor Dr. Peter Gregg.

COLLEGE ESSAY BOOT CAMP

Intensive weeklong program where students create polished, adaptable college essays.

We invite you to open doors for the next generation of diverse thinkers, storytellers and leaders at St. Thomas.

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Quotes from ThreeSixty Alumni

“I’m very thankful that ThreeSixty has heavily supported me throughout many exciting opportunities, which include directing TommieMedia and interning at Under-Told Stories Project at PBS NewsHour in the fall 2019!”

- Samantha HoangLong, 2017 ThreeSixty Scholar

“ThreeSixty was the start of a journey for me. Thinking about how far I have come as a writer and journalist with the program is amazing, but the connections and relationships I have built within it are somehow even more valuable.”

- Zekriah Chaudhry, 2018 ThreeSixty Scholar

“ThreeSixty has made dreams of college a reality. I am so excited to be at St. Thomas in the fall and just know that at the end of the long (but fun) four years I will be doing something I truly am passionate about in a field that needs more people of color and females.”

- Heidi Sanchez Avila, 2019 ThreeSixty Scholar
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.

**Heidi Sanchez Avila**

2019 ThreeSixty Scholar

Heidi Sanchez Avila is a storyteller on a mission. Sanchez Avila, a 2019 graduate of Hiawatha Collegiate High School in Minneapolis, will continue to develop storytelling skills and passion as the 2019 ThreeSixty Scholar. The distinction provides a full-tuition, four-year scholarship to study Communication and Journalism at St. Thomas starting in the 2019 fall semester.

“Being the winner of this scholarship is a huge deal not only to me but to my family,” Sanchez Avila said. “It truly proves that doing what you love and being creative can be rewarding. It also means my family and I don’t have to worry about the what-if possibilities.”

Sanchez Avila joined ThreeSixty in summer 2017 and has participated in College Essay Boot Camp, Rookie Journalist Camp and News Reporter Academy, ThreeSixty’s school-year News Team, as well as the program’s TV and radio broadcast camps. Sanchez Avila also attended Asian American Journalists Association’s 2018 JCamp, a prestigious program for top high school students nationwide.

“Heidi seeks out exceptional opportunities and nails every one of them,” said ThreeSixty executive director Chad Caruthers.

During her senior year in high school, for example, Sanchez Avila was a member of a ThreeSixty press corps that reported on a Minnesota Timberwolves game. Through a partnership with the team and Star Tribune, three ThreeSixty student journalists sat courtside, covered the game and had locker room access. The experience led to Sanchez Avila interviewing players Karl-Anthony Towns and Tyus Jones. Her final story was published on the Timberwolves’ website and mobile app.

It was a new experience as a journalist and also a new life experience: It was Sanchez Avila’s first Timberwolves game.

“ThreeSixty for me has meant discovering a new passion as well as being able to find out new life skills that not only apply to journalism but to the real world,” Sanchez Avila said. “Being able to say as a high school student I know a lot of amazing people who all have so many different stories, and I’m able to personally know them, has also been something I’m so grateful ThreeSixty has taught me.”

Since joining ThreeSixty as a College Essay Boot Camp student in summer 2017, Sanchez Avila has shined.

“Heidi has emerged as a leader in the program, with so many younger students looking up to her. She is a brave storyteller whose college essay, ‘A Rainbow of Identities,’ continues to inspire,” ThreeSixty Journalism Program Manager Theresa Malloy said. “She is a confident storyteller with a mission.”

**Zekriah Chaudhry**

2018 ThreeSixty Scholar

As a freshman at St. Thomas, Chaudhry was a reporter with TommieMedia who covered major new stories on campus, including a bomb threat and evacuation. As part of his ongoing journalism opportunities with ThreeSixty, he filed stories from the March 2019 Truth and Transformation: Changing Racial Narratives Conference. Chaudhry was a reporter intern in the Pioneer Press newsroom during the 2019 summer.

**Samantha HoangLong**

2017 ThreeSixty Scholar

Following up on her 2018-19 school year internship as a reporter at MinnPost and her 2018 internship as the first-ever communications and advocacy intern for the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, HoangLong joined KMSP Fox 9 as an Emma Bowen Foundation intern for the 2019 summer. For the 2019-20 school year, HoangLong jumps from reporter to director of TommieMedia at St. Thomas.

**Danielle Wong**

2016 ThreeSixty Scholar

During the 2018-19 school year at St. Thomas, Wong served as junior class senator; worked with the university’s Marketing, Insights and Communications team; and performed with the women’s a cappella group, Cadenza. In spring 2019, she capped off her third year of college studying abroad at National Chengchi University and teaching English at a middle school in Taiwan.

**Amira Warren-Yearby**

2015 ThreeSixty Scholar

Amira Warren-Yearby graduated from St. Thomas in May 2019 with a bachelor’s in communications and journalism. At St. Thomas, Warren-Yearby was president of the Black Empowerment Student Alliance as well as a Board of Trustees student liaison. She also studied TV, film and communications at Bond University in Queensland, Australia.