SUMMER PROGRAM NOTICE #20

Boston University...New England Center for Investigative Reporting

Important Note: If you are selected for the internship, please inform Mr. Honor immediately via email at: bths.internship@gmail.com
Learn about the exciting world of investigative reporting in this intensive two-week workshop.

- Hands-on coaching in writing, reporting, research and critical thinking by award-winning journalists.
- Opportunities to work on investigative news stories and projects for publication.
- Interaction with distinguished local and national journalists and visits to area newsrooms.
- Instructional topics include: initiating investigative stories and where to look; conducting effective interviews; writing compelling articles; news ethics; computer-assisted reporting.
- Meeting other motivated student journalists from around the world.
- Experiencing college campus life.
- Evening and weekend adventures planned to explore the dynamic and historic city of Boston.
- Based at the Boston University College of Communication.

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Hands-on investigative reporting workshops designed for high school students and taught by award-winning journalists. Meet other talented student journalists from around the world. Live on a college campus. Explore Boston. Sharpen your skills for the college newsroom experience.

SAMPLE WORKSHOP CLASS DAY

Morning

9-10: Anatomy of a Story—how to build your story
10:15-11:15 Background Checks—how to research everything about a person to expand your story
11:30-12:15 Write a Feature—how to write a feature or profile story about another workshop participant
12:15-1:15 Lunch/Free Time
1:15-1:50 FOIA (Freedom of Information Act)—exercise your rights to government information
2-4 Investigative Story Lab—develop and work on your own investigative story

Afternoon

2:30-4:30 Evening/Free Time
4:30 Dinner/Free Time
6:30-8 Evening Adventures—popular evening activities have included: trips to the Museum of Fine Arts or Museum of Science, tours of Harvard Square or the North End, shopping on Newbury Street, Red Sox game, and Shakespeare on the Common show.
Student Comments from Summer 2011

"Thank you so much for this opportunity. When I came into the program I knew it would be a great experience, but I never knew that it would change my life. I've learned so much about myself on this trip and also about relationships with others."

"I loved having a college experience—from going to class, to living and eating in dorms with friends."

"I liked talking about writing leads and structuring an article, because even though I write for the school paper, no one has told me how to write an article before."

"I really enjoyed learning about being a reporter and how you find information using data. I didn’t know about 'off record' so that was cool, too."

"I loved meeting everyone and developing a sense of family, as well as getting to tour Boston and professional studios."

Logistics and Applications

Session Dates
Session 1: July 2-July 13
Session 2: July 16-July 27
Session 3: July 30-August 10
• All programs run Monday to Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• Evening and weekend activities to explore Boston are planned and chaperoned by staff.

Cost
Tuition: $2,200 per session
Housing and Meal Plans: Provided at Boston University dorms and dining centers.
• Housing: $401 for two weeks.
• Meal plan for two weeks: $300 for 14 meals/week; $358 for 19 meals/week. Travel not included. No refunds after April 1.

Applications
Deadline: Friday, June 1, 2012
To apply:
• Fill out the online application at www.necir.org. Just click on “Training.”
• All applicants also need to submit:
  1. An academic transcript
  2. One writing sample (school paper or school news article)
  3. A letter of recommendation from a teacher

Visit www.necir.org for more information and to apply online.

Faculty Includes
Joe Bergantino: NECIR’s co-director is an award-winning investigative reporter with 30 years of experience, including 22 years as a WBZ-TV (Boston) I-Team reporter and five years as an ABC News correspondent.
Maggie Mulvihill: NECIR’s co-director is an award-winning investigative journalist with more than 20 years’ experience in both print and broadcast reporting.
Rochelle Sharpe: A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist with more than 25 years’ experience as a staff writer for The Wall Street Journal, Business Week and USA Today.
Lisa Chedekel: A Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and former investigative reporter for The Hartford Courant.
Helen F. Smith: Executive director of the New England Scholastic Press Association and a member of the New England Newspaper and Press Association’s Professional Development Committee. She advised The Newtonite at Newton North High School (MA) for 35 years.

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Dear Journalism Educator,

We cordially invite you to encourage your best writers and aspiring journalists to apply to a special investigative journalism program to be held this summer at Boston University.

In two packed weeks, students strengthen their reporting skills, interact with distinguished journalists, visit newsrooms and media companies, and experience life in a vibrant city. For many, this is a wonderful experience to explore the world of journalism in greater depth. For others, it’s a chance to hone their skills and be with other motivated and talented student journalists and writers. And for all of them, it’s a way to experience campus life before college and to explore their interest in writing and journalism.

We would be delighted to have one of your students join us this summer.

Please let us know if you would like additional copies of the enclosed poster or flyer or if you have any questions. For more information, please go directly to the summer workshop web page at:
http://necir-bu.org/training/summer-investigative-journalism-workshop-for-high-school-students/

Sincerely yours,

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