THE JOHN W. GALLIVAN PROGRAM IN JOURNALISM, ETHICS, AND DEMOCRACY

CLASS OF 2018
Our Graduates

A look at the Class of 2018, their work as student journalists, and their post-graduation plans
Alexis Daugherty | Alex was a news writer at The Observer, the student newspaper. In summer 2016, she was a digital media intern at KING 5 News in Seattle. A student-athlete, she was an 800-meter runner on the Fighting Irish track and field team. She is graduating with a degree in business administration and marketing.

Teagan Dillon | Teagan was a news writer at The Observer. Last summer, she was a social media intern at Nielsen and will begin a full-time job there after graduation. She has worked with Fighting Irish Media, the communications arm of Notre Dame Athletics, since 2014. She is graduating with a degree in accounting.

Joseph DiSipio | Joe was the managing editor at Scholastic, the student-run magazine. Last summer, he was an intern at RTÉ, the national broadcast network in Ireland. He has also interned at The Hill in Washington, D.C., and at The South Bend Tribune. He is graduating with a degree in economics.

Katie Galioto | Katie was the managing editor of The Observer. Last summer, she was an intern with the U.S. State Department based in Rome. In 2016, she was an intern at The Concord Monitor. After graduation, she will intern at The Minneapolis Star Tribune and The Chicago Tribune. She is graduating with a degree in political science.
Claire Kramer | Claire was a news writer at The Observer. She was also a freelancer for the Associated Press covering Notre Dame football. Last summer, she was an intern with the Corridor Business Journal in Iowa. After graduation, she will intern with the Baltimore Ravens. She is graduating with a degree in American Studies.

Marek Mazurek | Marek was an assistant managing editor with The Observer, where he was also sports editor. Last summer, he was an intern at The South Bend Tribune. After graduation, he will intern at The Boston Globe. He is graduating with a degree in history.

Daniel O’Boyle | Daniel was a sportswriter at The Observer. Last summer, he was an intern at The Tampa Bay Times. After graduation, he will intern at The Los Angeles Times. He is graduating with a degree in political science.

Abigail Piper | Abby was a news writer for The Observer. She has also written for Her Campus and College Magazine. Since 2015, she has been a student production assistant with Fighting Irish Media. This spring, she was an intern with Notre Dame Magazine. She is graduating with degrees in English and French.
Selena Ponio | Selena was an associate news editor at The Observer. Last summer, she was an intern at 60 Minutes and CBS News in New York City. She has also held an internship at The South Bend Tribune. She is graduating with a degree in international economics.

Janet Stengle | Janet was the assistant design director at Scholastic, and she has held internships at The Toledo Blade and The Toledo City Paper. She was also vice president of the Class of 2018. She is graduating with a degree in history.

Andrea Vale | Andrea was the executive editor at Scholastic. Last summer, she was an intern with National Geographic; she will also work there after graduation. She has also interned with the Inter Press Service in Rome. Her journalism has appeared in USA Today and HuffPost. She is graduating with a degree in English.
Senior Award Winners

The recipients of our senior awards for journalistic excellence
The Paul Neville Award and The R.V. Ley Award | Katie Galioto is a co-recipient of the Neville Award, which honors overall journalistic excellence. She is also the winner of the Ley Award, which is given to the senior with exceptional journalistic promise. In nominating Katie, a classmate said: “She is consistently a level-headed presence, and sometimes the voice of reason when others need one. She has great instincts, and I know she will do extremely well in journalism when she leaves Notre Dame.”

The James E. and Barbara L. Murphy Award | Marek Mazurek is the winner of the Murphy Award for exceptional journalistic writing. From Marek’s nominator: “Sometimes, there exists a perception that covering sports is easier or less significant than perhaps the hard journalism that news stories can require. But especially at a place such as Notre Dame, where athletics and the culture it creates are paramount to our readership at The Observer, that perception doesn’t match the reality. It can be difficult to capture that sentiment in writing these types of stories, but Marek does it about as well as anyone I know.”

The Paul Neville Award | Selena Ponio is a co-recipient of the Neville Award, which honors overall journalistic excellence. Her nominator noted: “Selena has distinguished herself in classroom and professional settings alike. She has shown both a commitment to personal growth and to journalism as a public service.”