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### A Trip to the Tribune

By: Dorian Robinson



PR Apprenticeship students at The Chicago Tribune with John Mccormick & Marcia Lythcott

The Public Relations apprenticeship took a trip downtown to the Chicago Tribune building on Monday, August 1, 2016. There they were met at the door and taken to a room that featured twelve staff members for the Tribune.

The group was led by John Mccormick, Editorial Page Editor, and Marcia Lythcott, Associate Editorial Page Editor for Commentary.

The group of twelve were discussing different topics around the city, including the lack of budgets in neighborhoods. They had a casual conversation about their opinions of the topics.

The Tribune has two groups of writers. They have the newsroom that expresses facts only. They also have the editorials. These are the four pages that expresses opinions about different topics. The Chicago Tribune is the only newspaper that has four pages to express the opinions of the journalists. Both have jobs to be truthful and accurate.

The Chicago Tribune was founded on June 10, 1847. The original purpose of the Tribune was to endorse Abraham Lincoln as the Senator. They were strong supporters of him.

On June 15, 1859, Abraham Lincoln sent his four dollar subscription money, as well as a note that thanked the Tribune for the support.

The relationship between the Tribune and Lincoln didn't end there. After the race for the Senate, Lincoln said he was done with politics. However, the Tribune wanted Lincoln to run for president. Eventually the Tribune convinced him to run.

The Tribune also got Lincoln to remake the Emancipation Proclamation by pressing him in the newspaper.

An interesting fact about the Chicago Tribune is that they don't have the name of the author in the paper because they are all under the title of the Chicago Tribune.

I asked the two leaders of the meeting what advice they had and they both gave valuable answers. "You have to read, anything really," Lythcott said, "It's



PR Apprenticeship students with Margaret Holt

important to read something everyday." Mr. Mccormick agreed, "You also have to outline your work so you know where you're going." Both great pieces of advice from two leaders in the Tribune paper.

There are 350-400 people working at the Tribune. They were linked with WGN at one point and Robert Mccormick, founder of the Chicago Tribune, came up with the name. "World's Greatest Newspaper." Unfortunately they split two years ago.

The group then took a tour of the building. Our tour guide, Margaret Holt, has 45 years of experience as a journalist at the Chicago Tribune and doesn't plan to stop anytime soon. "We expect you to succeed" she said "We are glad you came to visit us today and we expect you to do great things in this field of work." She said journalism needs some more people to get in this field.

The group went into a room where the ideas flow. The boardroom. Pictures from cover stories hang on the walls. A very inspiring place to be.

"I enjoyed the tour," said Jamari Brooks, a student in the apprenticeship, "It was a good experience" he said. Overall the students had a great day visiting the Chicago Tribune.

#### Crisis Communications Professional Visits Midtown

By: Daniel Garcia

Jim Motzer is an instructor at DePaul University who works in the College of Communication. Jim has worked for well-known companies including Gatorade, McDonald's, and Quaker Oats. Like many college students, Jim switched his major. He studied medicine but he couldn't manage to see great amounts of blood on the daily basis which lead him to choose between english or medicine. He decided to study english but he did not want to become a teacher.

On July 28, 2016, Jim visited Midtown to talk about crisis communication and how to handle the situation at hand. He presented about the Wendy's crisis which happened in 2005: Anna Ayala, a California resident, found a finger in her chili. Wendy's had no idea why the finger was in the chili, how it got there, and whose finger it was. Jim talked about Wendy's position in the situation, as they were looking guilty. Wendy's had a connection with the medical examiner, they needed to see if the finger would be fully decomposed or in it full state like Anna had found the finger.

Whose finger was it? Anna's husband knew a person who was in an accident and lost his finger. The husband bought the finger for \$100 and gave the finger to Anna. The medical examiner told Wendy's that the finger should have been fully decomposed since the chili is cooked for five hours. At that point, Wendy's knew they were in the clear. A few months later, Anna was found to make problems for other companies across the U.S. Anna decided to not sue Wendy's since she knew she would already lose the case. Jim Motzer gave advice on the situation and what people should do if they ever come across a crisis: "Tell the truth, tell the public that it will never happen again, and apologize."



PR Apprenticeship students Daniel Garcia and Dorian Robinson with Jim Motzer

### Midtown Coach of the Week: Justin Manns

By: Israel Carranza

Justin Manns, who is a coach here at Midtown for team 2, he has been in this program for six years now, but has only been coaching for two. Mr. Manns motivates his kids and helps them progress from all ages from 13-year-olds to 15 even

though has had only a year of coaching experience before this summer. During the interview he was asked what you enjoy most about coaching here at Midtown he said," Working with the kids, talking to them... everyone makes the team better." Also during the interview all his kids gathered around him and were screaming "I make the team better, Christian, Daniel, everyone makes this team better." Justin agreed with them saying "Yeah the whole team makes me good on what I do, I love these kids." Team 2 will work hard and try to win a championship this summer. Mr. Manns feels wonderful being accepted at Loyola University and will be attending his first year there majoring on political science, his team and Midtown wishes him the best in the future.



## All about the President of Chaddick Foundation: Mari Craven

By: Jeremiah Williamson

The Chaddick foundation gives money to small organization like Midtown that are not nation wide. Mari Craven grandfather was the previous President of Chaddick Foundation who love giving back to the Chicago community. The Chaddick Foundation gives to small organization in order to make a big impact in Chicago. Mari Craven says that she loves supporting small organization because they really help those who need it such as an organization called Harmony, Hope and Healing which help homeless families. She really likes Midtown because of how it seeks to help boys find their path in life. Mari Craven became the president of Chaddick foundation after her Grandfather passed away away. Mari was honored to become the president of chaddick because she admired the work of Chaddick Foundation. Mari Craven grew up in Chicago near Lakeview, so it makes happy to help the community that she loves so much. She went to Loyola Law school where she took political science and law. After college, Mari became an Assistant State's Attorney which keeps criminals in prison. She has a husband and 3 kids who are all in college. She currently lives in Chicago where she loves to go out to places with her family. She likes riding her bike on the 606 and go to restaurants. She loves Chicago just like anyone else who grew up in Chicago.



PR students Aaron Vazquez and Jeremiah Williamson with Mari Craven



Chicago Hot Dog Fest Photograph: Stephen Jensen

## **Events in Chicago This Weekend**

#### **Chicago Hot Dog Fest**

The Chicago History Museum's celebration of one of Chicago's signature dishes is back again this year, and it keeps growing every year. This three-day festival has plenty of vendors from all over the city of Chicago. If you love hot dogs, this is the place for you. *Friday, August 5 until Sunday, August 7, 2016. Free event.* 

#### The Taste of Lincoln Avenue

The 32nd annual fest in the heart of Lincoln Park features more than 250 vendors and almost 40 music acts. A free standalone carnival entertains the kids handmade goods are sold. Saturday, August 6 until Sunday, August 7, 2016. \$10 suggested donation.

### Meet the Midtown Student: Eduardo Lopez

By: Israel Carranza

Eduardo Lopez, a 12-year-old Midtown student, who is part of the six going on to seventh grade group here at Midtown, believes him and his team, team seven, can win a championship this summer. Eduardo also known as "Eddie" said that his favorite part of the Midtown sports is the teamwork, meeting new friends, and especially soccer. When asked how the team is doing and if it's a championship worthy team for any sport he responded with, "Yeah we've been winning a lot, undefeated in soccer and we have a big chance being champions." During the interview he said," Our coach and advisor are nice and do a good job." It's not only Eduardo and the rest of team seven trying hard to win a championship, but with the help of his coach and advisor they can be ending up with a medal by the end of this program. After Midtown ends Eduardo said," Go back to school... maybe get into after school programs and focus on soccer also."



### **Inmates Cooking?**

By: Aaron Vazquez

Chef Abate has a program in the Cook County jail that teaches inmates how to cook 2 to 3 times a week for a few hours at a time. Ben Breit, spokesman for the Cook County Sheriff's Office, said "This is distilling a sense of hope in these guys that has been really transformative. Sometimes that makes all the difference in the world." This is not the first time Abate has done something like this he previously had worked at the juvenile detention center in St. Charles, Illinois. He calls his program 'Recipe for Change', and he's done all of it using money out of his own pocket. Chef Abate wants to give the inmates a chance at life instead of making the same mistakes again and again once they get out of jail. So now, Abate wants to redo the jail's kitchen and buy new equipment. This will allow him to expand the lessons he's able to give, and giving him more opportunities to help give the inmates a sense of hope.



Joseph Erbentraut from The Huffington Post states, "He's hoping for machines that make coffees and cappuccinos, to help improve the student's odds of landing a job at Starbucks or another coffee shop upon their release. A new oven is also necessary, as well as fresh ingredients, cooking supplies and professional chef's wear for the students." Abate has raised over \$4,000 toward a \$15,000 fundraising goal. The campaign ends on Feb. 13, prior to the program beginning again with a new group of participants. In addition to helping the inmates learn valuable working skills; Abate says he's also taken away some important lessons from his work at the jail, and food has been the factor behind it all. Abate said. "Every day I learn something, every day they give me the power and the energy to go on in life. Every day is a learning lesson."

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Javier Favela, a Midtown student in the Law apprenticeship, attends St. Ignatius and it is his first year here in the Midtown summer program. He was recommended by his brother Arturo Favela to come to this program, who is a teacher for the Business Apprenticeship also at Midtown.



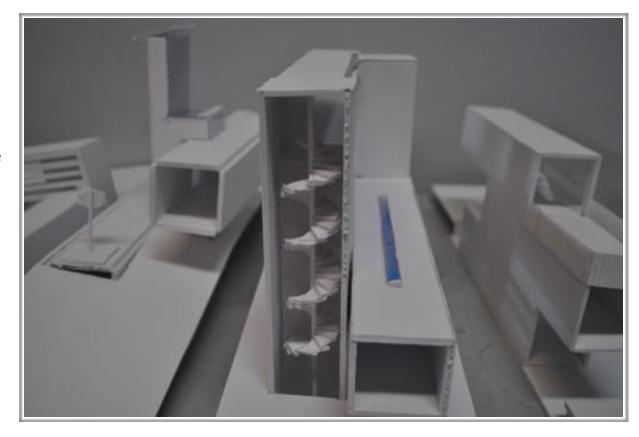
Arturo favela recommended Javier to join because he told him it will be good to put something on your resume for college. Javier likes working with people, coaching the little kids, and also likes the communication amongst his peers when they do mock trials for the class and when they have class discussion regarding law/politics. When asked if in his future he would like to major in law, he said, "I feel like I can learn a lot in the law field and this will help me major on family law." He likes his teacher and advisor, saying that Conner Wrigley, advisor for law, was cool and chill and his teacher, Frank Young, has a lot of experience as a lawyer and he feels like he can learn a lot from him. Javier said he got interested in law because when he would go over his friends houses; Their dads were lawyers, and doctors and he thought it was cool so when he wants in the future to have his kids come over thinking he is cool.

### **Architecture Project**

By: Jeremiah Williamson

The Architecture apprentices had a project which includes sketching a house and building it. Their project will be judged based

on their craftsmanship, model, intervention, and presentation. These objectives will show how much the apprentice understand about structures but, the important part is that the building express their imagination and ideal personality. The apprentices had two weeks to create their buildings. In those two weeks the apprentice had to sketch their own building that had exact measurements than they had to make the model out of styrofoam. After two weeks, all of the apprentice will compete to see which building is better by five judges who have experience in architect. They would have to present their idea and why



they chose to create their building a type of way. All of the buildings were unique in their own way so, every presentation was different. The apprentice said that they enjoyed doing this project because they had the chance to use their imagination to create what they want which was very important.





#### Riddle of the Week

This thing runs but cannot walk, sometimes sings but never talks. Lacks arms, has hands; lacks a head but has a face. What is it?



#### Joke of the Week

What happens to a frog's car when it breaks down?

It gets toad away.



### ORLD NEWS & ENTERTAINMENT

#### **Superhero Window Washers**

By: Kevin Salinas

Chicago's Lurie Children's this week are continuing one of the quickly popular traditions to put a smile on children's faces.

On Tuesday, August 2nd, three window washers at Lurie Children's Hospital dressed up as as super heroes: Batman, Captain



Superhero window washers, Batman and Captain America at Luri Children's Hospital

America, and Spiderman. This Tradition was to help children put a smile on their faces. The nurses call this day, which started last year, "Superhero Day". While it's hard to say where this tradition started from, but many children hospitals are asking their window washer to wear sporting tights, caps, and masks for a day to surprise

Window-washing crews in different states like Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Alabama, and many other children's hospitals are joining the fun. Lurie's neurooncologist, Dr. Stewart Goldman, and has told the

Chicago Tribune that Superhero Day brings positive feelings to patients and it inspires the hospital's young patients to heal. "There is power in laughter and joy and excitement," Goldman said

### Australia's Water Polo Team gets hit by Virus

By: Antonio Gonzalez

On the Way to Rio, Australia's water polo team gets hit by a strong virus, later known as gastroenteritis. Four women of the 'Aussie Stingers' were placed in isolation for the next 48 hours and are not allowed to leave due to the fear of spreading the virus.

Australia is not the only one that will be facing diseases once arriving in Brazil. Scientists have found a dangerous drugresistant super bacteria found in the beaches and lagoons where the swimmers will be competing. Because of this, Athletes all express a concern when presented with this problem.



The Australian women's water polo team

### WORLD NEWS & ENTERTAINMENT

### The Pope visits Auschwitz

By: Juan Perez

On July 29, 2016, the Pope visited Auschwitz, one of the Nazis concentration camps in Poland to pay a tribute to all the people who died during the Holocaust. When he arrived at the camp, he sat down near a tree surrounded by piles of rubbles and prayed in silence. The Pope met with survivors and their families and then went to visit the nearby Birkenau camp, known as Auschwitz II, where he met with dozens of people who housed Jews. Many people kneeled down for him and kissed his hands. Pope Francis is the first pope to visit Auschwitz who did not himself live through the brutality of World War II on Europe's soil. St. John Paul II and Benedict XVI were in this time period. Pope Benedict XVI was a German who served in Hitler's Youth for a while as a teenager.

Pope Francis prayed in silence before talking to survivors and greeting them by giving them a kiss in the cheek. He then carried a large white candle to the Death Wall, where the prisoners of Auschwitz were executed. Then Pope Francis went to southern Poland to attend World Youth Day which was hosted in Poland, Krakow. There was a huge gathering of young Catholics in Krakow on the 1,050th anniversary of Poland's "baptism" as a Catholic country. The Pope talked about how to be a catholic



Pope Francis at Auschwitz

and be with God by saying, "We are called to look beyond, to focus on the heart in order to see how much generosity everyone is capable of. No one can be excluded from the mercy of God. His hope is that during this year we may find the joy of rediscovering and rendering fruitful God's mercy." I believe he is right on his words, being Catholic means to be with God and to love him. No one in the world is truly alone, because they will always have God by their side, so together we must help each other to be with God and not be against each other so we don't have another crisis such as the Holocaust.

### 15 Facts That Will Blow Your Mind

#### By: Luis Olmos

- 1. 10% of the world is left handed.
- 2. The shape of the Pringles have a name and it is "Hyperbolic Paraboloid"
- 3. The last VCR player will be made on July 31, 2016  $\,$
- 4. Sunsets on mars are blue not red
- $5.\ strawberries\ can\ also\ be\ white\ or\ yellow.$
- 6. The tires of the Bugatti cost about \$420,000 a set and only last 15 min at top speeds.
- 7. You can not eat the liver of a polar bear due to high levels of Vitamin  $\boldsymbol{A}$
- 8. Ever since pluto has discovered the sun has still not done a full rotation around the sun  $\,$
- 9. The typical lead pencil can draw a line that is 35 miles long
- $10.111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

- 11. The USA is older than Germany
- 12. No president of the United states was an only child.
- 13. No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver or purple.
- 14. In Brazil a PS4 it would cost \$1,000,845
- 15. Till this day nobody really knows how a magnet works

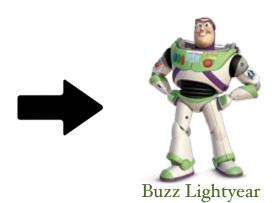


## ENTERTAINMENT

### **Midtown Look-A-Likes**



Mike Seelinger



Answer to the riddle:
A clock



Aaron Vazquez



Miguel from Maya & Miguel



Kevin Salinas



John Lennon



Mariano Gomez



Memo Ochoa



Mr. Parker



Denzel Washington



Ryan McClain



John Sally