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MAY 2023



Missouri School of Journalism
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MASTER OF CEREMONIES

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■ **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION**

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When today's program draws to a close, we ask that you remain in your seats until the platform party exits.



NIKHIL DEOGUN
MA '93

ALUMNA SPEAKER

As CEO of the Americas for Brunswick Group, Nikhil Deogun advises clients on business critical communications issues including mergers and acquisitions, shareholder activism, IPOs, crisis and litigation, and corporate reputation matters.

Nik was editor in chief and senior Vice President of CNBC for nearly 9 years where he held several senior management and leadership roles. He managed the network's news content, coverage and production, was responsible for all the editorial content for daily live news programming and helped build and lead CNBC's events and conference business.

Prior to this, Nik was a well-respected M&A reporter, then became editor of the Media & Marketing group and later the editor of the money and investing section before becoming Deputy Managing Editor of The Wall Street Journal overseeing all financial and international coverage for the paper and overseeing the Journal's network of international bureaus and correspondents.

He also served as deputy bureau chief in Washington, D.C. for three years where he oversaw regulatory and investigative coverage for the paper.

Nik serves on the American Board of Trustees for the Arthur F. Burns Fellowship, the Board of Trustees of Muskingum University, the Board of Advisors of the Knight-Bagehot Fellowship in Economics and Business Journalism, and the Board of Directors of the US India Strategic Partnership Forum.



ELI HOFF

STUDENT SPEAKER

Eli Hoff is graduating with a Bachelor of Journalism degree with a focus on print and digital reporting and a minor in psychology and a multicultural studies certificate. As an undergraduate student, he was a Walter Williams Scholar and Discovery Fellow.

Eli reported on higher education and sports for the Columbia Missourian before becoming an assistant city editor at the newspaper. Previously, he was the managing editor of The Maneater, MU's student newspaper. He has interned for the Jefferson City News Tribune and Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting. Last summer, he reported from Capitol Hill as a Washington correspondent for the Missourian and the Missouri News Network.



JANAE TAYLOR

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Janae Taylor is graduating with a Bachelor of Journalism degree with a focus on social and audience strategy with a business minor. She worked at the Center of Academic Success & Excellence, Mizzou Res Life, and Mizzou Athletics while being a full-time student.

In August of 2022, she was hired as a marketing student assistant with Mizzou Athletics, leading the sports of football, volleyball, women's basketball, and baseball. Taylor is originally from St. Louis but plans to continue her career in sports marketing throughout the nation.

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THE JOURNALIST'S CREED

I believe in the profession of journalism.

I believe that the public journal is a public trust; that all connected with it are, to the full measure of their responsibility, trustees for the public; that acceptance of a lesser service than the public service is betrayal of this trust.

I believe that clear thinking and clear statement, accuracy and fairness are fundamental to good journalism.

I believe that a journalist should write only what he holds in his heart to be true.

I believe that suppression of the news, for any consideration other than the welfare of society, is indefensible.

I believe that no one should write as a journalist what he would not say as a gentleman; that bribery by one's own pocketbook is as much to be avoided as bribery by the pocketbook of another; that individual responsibility may not be escaped by pleading another's instructions or another's dividends.

I believe that advertising, news and editorial columns should alike serve the best interests of readers; that a single standard of helpful truth and cleanness should prevail for all; that the supreme test of good journalism is the measure of its public service.

I believe that the journalism which succeeds best—and best deserves success—fears God and honors Man; is stoutly independent, unmoved by pride of opinion or greed of power, constructive, tolerant but never careless, self-controlled, patient, always respectful of its readers but always unafraid; is quickly indignant at injustice; is unswayed by the appeal of privilege or the clamor of the mob; seeks to give every man a chance and, as far as law and honest wage and recognition of human brotherhood can make it so, an equal chance; is profoundly patriotic while sincerely promoting international good will and cementing world-comradeship; is a journalism of humanity, of and for today's world.

The Journalist's Creed was written by the first dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, Walter Williams. More than a century later, his declaration remains one of the clearest statements of the principles, values and standards of journalists throughout the world. Plaques bearing the creed are on display at the School, the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. (since 1958), and many other locations around the world.





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