

Help us congratulate our 2022-2023 Graduate Student Award Winners. Our faculty and program directors have selected an amazing group of graduates to represent the department. The awards are for **Student Speakers**, **Distinguished Thesis (MA)**, **Outstanding Capstone (MS)**, and **Student Service**- which is given to students who enhance our community with their above and beyond commitment.

NANA ADDO OPOKU | MS MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT STUDENT SERVICE AWARD



Nana Addo Opoku is a Media Studies graduate who has focused their program on digital content creation and media management. Prior to attending the New School, Nana had a career in Ghana working for television stations such as TY3, Multi TY and TY Africa. He plans to focus on digital media and content strategy.

MELEK MARIA CSORTOS | MS MEDIA MANAGEMENT '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD



Melek CSORTOS is a Media Management graduate student who also minors in Impact Entrepreneurship. Prior to attending the New School, she graduated with B.Sc. in Economics and Management Sciences from the University of Leipzig, Germany. She has a background in customer experience, product management, marketing, and analytics. Recently, she interned at a Big Four consulting firm and after graduation, she plans to build her career as a Media Consultant.

KATHARINA IRENA (JUDE) MUNDT | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA STUDIES STUDENT SERVICE AWARD



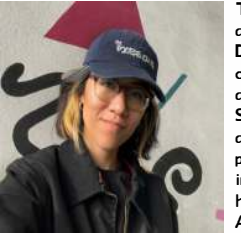
Jude Mundt is a Media Studies graduate from Germany who has focused her studies on cinematography and camera work. During her two years at the New School she shot 8 short films and one TV show pilot. As part of her program, Jude has developed a screenplay for a feature length thriller film, called "Ripe" which is currently in preproduction.

ESHA DATANWALA | MS MEDIA MANAGEMENT '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD



Esha Datanwala is a media & technology professional based in New York. Prior to obtaining her MS in Media Management at The New School, she worked across content management, social media marketing, and graphic design for 3 years. Passionate about communication and branding, Esha aspires to bring communities and communication in the emerging tech spheres to life through thoughtfully crafted text and design. Her Capstone centers around the idea of using blockchain data analysis to empower brands attempting to enter the web3 media market.

TIFFANY JIANG | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA STUDIES STUDENT SERVICE AWARD



Tiffany Jiang is graduating with an MA in Media Studies after receiving an Advanced Graduate Certificate in Documentary Filmmaking from The New School. Her creative work explores identity struggles, cultural taboos, and personal traumas. Prior to her studies, she worked as a Senior Product Designer at media companies, such as Hulu and Vimeo, for many years. The Documentary program provided her with the skills needed to pivot from the tech industry and begin a career as a video editor. Upon finishing her role as one of this year's Documentary Studies' Program Associates, Tiffany will join the Creative Development team at Story Syndicate, a Brooklyn-based production company, for the summer.

CRISTIANA MAFRA LAVIGNE | MS MEDIA MANAGEMENT '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD



Cristiana M. Lavigne, a Media Management graduate, Class of 2023, concentrated her studies in storytelling, transmedia, as well as television and film for local and global markets. Prior to attending The New School, Cristiana worked as a development producer for film distribution companies in Brazil. She also produced Holy Biker, a feature film, which was successfully distributed theatrically and won the Special Jury Prize at Tallinn Black Nights Film Festival. Her Thesis Capstone centers the true stories of women facing online harassment which will be developed into a nonfiction podcast series, and which will inform the development of narrative treatments from these real accounts into a fictionalized TV series.

SARAH WILSON | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA STUDIES STUDENT SERVICE AWARD



Sarah Wilson is a Media Studies graduate who has focused her studies on exploring the field of interactive documentary. While at The New School, Sarah was also a Zolberg - International Rescue Committee Fellow for Communications & Design and a HASTAC Scholar. For the past 10 years, Sarah has also run her own communications studio, PoP! Communications Campaigns, that helps authors build their share of voice through book launch campaigns, social media, and author platform development. Sarah also previously served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Harare, Zimbabwe.

PAIGE YOUNG | MS MEDIA MANAGEMENT '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD



Paige Young received a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Boston College, where she first developed a deep interest in management and the world of media. Paige has taken a hands-on role in the field, including work on the city of Hartford's voter engagement campaign, production of a comic book series in partnership with JP Morgan Chase, and time studying under iconic music producer/manager Maurice Starr. Paige's passion for cross-cultural media was sparked while living abroad and these experiences inspired her to explore the transformative power of media in shaping meaningful global connections. Eventually, Paige's interests led her to enroll in The New School's Media Management program. With her background in economics and media management, Paige is determined to make a significant impact in cross-cultural media.

ELIZABETH KRONER | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA STUDIES DISTINGUISHED THESIS AWARD



Elizabeth Kroner is a writer and researcher whose work focuses on 20th century film and photographic theory's contemporary digital resonances and ruptures.

AISHWARYA SONI | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
MEDIA MANAGEMENT OUTSTANDING CAPSTONE AWARD



Aishwarya is a Media Management graduate who focused on learning 'how to make films' & 'how films make money'. Having worked with several influencers and content creators over the years, Aishwarya's is keen to create disruptive brands as well as personal brands on social media. With the said depth of experiences, Ash is currently working on a new social media app to strengthen family connections.

CHIDERA IHEJIRIKA | MA MEDIA STUDIES '23
SMS RECOGNITION STUDENT SPEAKER



Chidera Ihejirika is a Nigerian Canadian interdisciplinary artist based in New York. With freedom of self-expression as essential within her practice(s), the artist embraces a plurality of art forms which include but are not limited to writing, filmmaking, fashion, graphic design, photography and music. Guided by her varied mediums of choice and ancestral heritage of storytelling, the artist explores themes of rest, joy, leisure, nature and multi dimensionality. The artist's processing, thoughts and questions in transit to this moment have culminated in her first film, Waiting For Me, which will begin release this summer.