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ECC Alumna Lands Internship at New York Times

NYU graduate is working on the copy desk this summer

An El Camino College journalism graduate earned a prestigious internship at the New York Times this summer.

Jessica Martinez, who served as editor-in-chief of The Union student newspaper and Warrior Life magazine while at El Camino College, earned an internship at the New York Times as part of the Dow Jones News Fund internship program. The program includes a 10-week position working on the newspaper's copy desk. She began the internship after her June graduation from New York University, where she double majored in journalism and social and cultural analysis.

Approximately 800 applications are submitted for the Dow Jones internships each year. Select applicants are extensively tested on their newspaper editing skills and later take part in a weeklong boot camp on newsgathering and storytelling technologies.

As an intern on the "Culture" copy desk, Martinez is learning on the job each day, editing stories about the arts and writing headlines and captions for print and web. She said her time at El Camino College – particularly working at The Union – prepared her for challenges at NYU and now at her internship.

"As a student journalist at El Camino College, I had said time and time again that I wanted to come to New York for school, and my dream job would be any position at The Times," she said. "My first day at my internship was less than three weeks after I graduated from NYU, something I'm incredibly proud of. I truly don't think this would have been possible without the guidance I received at El Camino College."

Martinez graduated from El Camino College in 2015, where she was a Presidential Scholar, an award reserved for graduating students with a 3.7 or higher grade-point average. That same year, Martinez earned a second-place award for Reporter of the Year from the Associated Collegiate Press and first place for Best Online Infographic from the College Media Association. The Union was selected as Newspaper of the Year in the less-than-weekly category for two-year colleges.

At NYU, Martinez worked as an editor of the student newspaper and as a transfer ambassador, serving as a mentor to incoming transfer students. She also interned in a New York City council member's office and tutored elementary school students.

El Camino College's fall 2017 semester begins August 26; applications are available online. For more information about ECC, including the award-winning journalism program, visit www.elcamino.edu or make a custom eBrochure at <http://www.elcamino.edu/onlinetools/e-brochure.asp>.

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