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NAHJ New England announces 2023 Emerging Journalist Fellows

Six young journalists will receive registration, airfare and lodging to attend the NAHJ national convention, plus mentoring from NAHJ New England

The New England chapter of the [National Association of Hispanic Journalists](#) (NAHJ) created the Emerging Journalists Fellowship to send early-career journalists to the 2023 NAHJ national convention. The fellowship program is designed to mentor these fellows and inspire them through the life-changing support of NAHJ.

The chapter is using a portion of the funds it raised last year to send six amazing young journalists to the [NAHJ International Training Convention & Expo](#) in Miami July 12-16. After an application process, the winners of this competitive fellowship are:

Natalia Pérez-González, a freelance journalist based in Worcester, Mass.

Lau Guzmán, a reporter for the Meriden, CT, Record-Journal and a Report for America member.

Ezekiel Telemaco, a journalist and producer for WEEI radio in Boston.

Jacob Garcia, a Newsroom Fellow at WBUR in Boston.

Ana Luque, a rising junior majoring in journalism at Emerson College in Boston.

Jaeel Beato, a rising sophomore majoring in journalism at Emerson College

"Journalism is an intense industry and for young journalists to thrive, they need mentoring and to be able to network with people who look like them and share their culture and background," said Cindy E. Rodriguez, the president of NAHJ New England. "They need to see that there are others like them who are making it in journalism. The workshops, panels and plenary sessions offered at the NAHJ convention are catered to Latinos and not offered at this scale anywhere else."

"For many of our members, attending the conference may be cost prohibitive, and that is especially true of students, recent graduates and early-career professionals," said Cristela Guerra, the vice president of NAHJ New England. "This is one huge way we can support these fantastic journalists."

"We're not just sending them -- we plan to mentor these young journalists and make sure they make the most out of their time there," said Vanessa de la Torre, the financial officer of NAHJ New England. "We will also follow up with the fellows when we return from Miami to continue to support their promising journalism careers."

NAHJ New England wants to thank the NAHJ staff and in particular Executive Director David Peña Jr., Senior Director of Training & Membership Yaneth Guillen-Diaz and Director of Next Gen. Initiatives Leslie-Anne Frank for their help in coordinating logistics, making it easier for us to book flights and pay for lodging using our chapter funds. We are especially grateful to our financial officer, Vanessa de la Torre, who helped the board raise more than \$10,000 this past year through our [#EnHoraBuena series](#).

Meet the NAHJ New England Emerging Journalist Fellows:



Natalia Pérez-González is an Afro-Latina journalist, producer, and freelance writer based in Worcester, MA. She is a former Newhouse Foundation Scholar and a Pulitzer Center Reporting Fellow who wrote and produced "Beyond the Green Wave," a documentary about Afro-feminist movements working against the total abortion ban in the Dominican Republic. She has written for The Nation, Cosmopolitan, Refinery29, Bustle, Elite Daily, Verywell Health, The Grio, and the Chattanooga Times Free Press, among others.



Lau Guzmán is a Colombian multimedia journalist who covers the Latino communities of central Connecticut at the Latino Communities Reporting Lab of the Meriden Record-Journal in Connecticut. She is also a corps member with Report for America, a national service program that places emerging journalists in local newsrooms to focus on civic issues.



Jacob Garcia is the proud son of immigrants who specializes in documentary video. He is a Newsroom Fellow at WBUR in Boston where he has worked with the Digital team, Newscast, and the Arts & Culture team. His past experience includes reporting and producing original video for GBH News' Arts & Culture Desk. Before that, he worked on Robert Reich's Inequality Media team, focusing on reporting on injustices and disparities.



Ezekiel Telemaco is an Afro-Latino journalist of Puerto Rican and Dominican descent who grew up in Salem, MA. He is a reporter and producer for the WEEI Sports Radio Network in Boston covering Celtics and Red Sox games. He also runs @SoxBooth Twitter for the Red Sox and WEEI, creates and edits video content daily for WEEI's show Jones and Mego with Arcand. He recently earned a Bachelor's degree in journalism from Emerson College.



Ana Luque is a rising junior majoring in journalism at Emerson College. She is an international student who hails from Honduras and writes for various campus publications such as Raíz and Atlas Magazine, and has worked on Emerson College's WEBN-TV. She is currently interning for an online magazine called ENSPIRE Magazine and is the treasurer of Emerson's NAHJ student chapter.



Jaeel Beato is an Afro-Latino journalist of Dominican descent and a rising sophomore majoring in journalism at Emerson College. He is a reporter on Emerson's WEBN-TV, and the Emerson Channel's "Good Morning Emerson." Jaeel is also the vice president of both the NAHJ and NABJ chapters at Emerson and a member of the Dean's Fellowship for Racial Equity and Leadership Development