The Princeton Summer Journalism Program

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The Program

PSJP is one of the only programs of its kind, offering a free, innovative residential journalism and college prep institute for high-achieving, rising high school seniors from low-income backgrounds. Over ten days every summer, up to 40 students from across the country explore current events and world affairs through workshops and lectures led by Princeton professors, professional journalists, and alumni on campus. The program culminates in the publication of the Princeton Summer Journal, the student-produced newspaper. Students are matched afterward with a personal college adviser, who will work with them on their college admissions process. PSJP has graduated nearly 400 students who have gone on to attend some of the best universities and produce content for the most respected publications in the nation.
Program Coordinator Responsibilities

● Primary contact for students
  ○ collecting and organizing personal information and forms
  ○ college planning process information
  ○ weekly reading assignments (WRAs) + written feedback
  ○ reviewing/editing essays / personal statements
  ○ contact person via email, phone calls, text messages, etc.

● Primary contact for counselors
  ○ coordinating travel to/from campus
  ○ maintaining the master schedule
  ○ contact person for guest speakers
  ○ coordinating workshops, etc.

● Coordinating technology needs
  ○ often in collaboration with ODOC and OIT
Program Coordinator Responsibilities

● Coordinating reporting and the paper
  ○ coming up with story ideas
  ○ setting up necessary interviews
  ○ posting finished articles throughout the program on the PSJP blog
  ○ posting the finished paper onto PSJP websites and the blog

● Coordinating logistics of housing/food
  ○ booking spaces, getting meal cards, rooms, passes, etc.
Some of our activities ...
Workshops and Lectures
Guest Speakers / Mealtime Discussions
Multimedia Journalism Projects
NYC News Outlet Visits
Eagles v Titans
Pre-season Game
Man-on-the-street Reporting in NYC
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Websites to Visit!

- Browse through PSJP’s main website: psjp.princeton.edu
- Read this summer’s edition of the Princeton Summer Journal: princetonsummerjournal.com
- Catch up on program activities and miscellaneous articles on the PSJP blog: pusjp.tumblr.com