



PROJECT UPDATE

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Project Name:

MC Newspaper Mid-Winter Junket

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Project Update:

The Mid-Winter junket was a chance for MC's student newspaper reporters to meet professionals and alums, to learn some new ideas and try some new skills. It was unfortunate that at the last minute the students from MC-TS (The Excalibur) couldn't come, but we had about a dozen students from MC-R and -G.

Overall, the day, according to the evaluations received, was very successful, with all students marking the overall day as either a 4- or 5-out-of-5 under the two questions: "Was the Mid-Winter Junket worth it?" and "Would you recommend the junket to student journalists next winter?"

Students were particularly happy with the legal lecture provided by Adam Goldstein of the Student Press Law Center. They also loved lunch! Not only was the food fantastic (a special thanks to Dean Carolyn Terry), but the discussion with four alums at different stages of their careers was great.

Of course there were problems: two of the ten presenters on the day didn't attend (one editor completely forgot and the other had a last minute problem). This meant that I had to fill in (and I received some of the lowest marks—3s and 4s—on these sessions). Also, students would have liked a little more hands-on instruction. I have no doubt that this will be improved for next year.

Thank you to the grant committee for making this possible.