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## **Inaugural Voces interns selected ahead of Idaho Gives fundraiser**

**BOISE** – The advisory council of the [Voces Internship of Idaho](#) is proud to announce the selection of two Idaho Latino college students as the recipients of the program's very first paid internships.

Mia Maldonado, a 2022 graduate of the College of Idaho, will be the full-time Summer 2022 intern. She'll work at the Idaho Capital Sun in Boise and receive mentorship from Voces advisory council member and Idaho Statesman journalist Rachel Spacek.

The \$6,000 stipend for the summer internship is funded by the Scripps Howard Foundation and Voces Internship of Idaho.

Voces Internship of Idaho was able to place a second paid intern for Summer 2022 through a partnership with 103.5 KISS FM in Boise. Hugo Luna, a rising senior at the University of Idaho, will work 29 hours a week at the station under the supervision of advisory council member Matt “Mateo” Walling, program director at 103.5 KISS FM. Voces agreed to subsidize his salary to bring his wage up to \$15 an hour.

Voces will also provide Luna with training resources and an assigned mentor, advisory council member and KUNR reporter Gustavo Sagrero.

Maldonado and Luna were selected from a pool of qualified applicants from across Idaho. The Voces advisory council matched students with newsrooms based on a wide variety of factors, including their journalism interests, newsroom preferences and skill level. The winning interns were first announced at the 2022 Idaho Press Club awards.

Applications for the Fall 2022 internship are open now until June 15. All incoming Idaho college juniors, seniors and recent graduates of Hispanic/Latino descent are urged to apply. All newsrooms and editors interested in hosting interns should email [vocesinternshipidaho@gmail.com](mailto:vocesinternshipidaho@gmail.com). Voces aims to place at least one Idaho student in at least one Idaho newsroom each semester.

Two former Idaho journalists, Nicole Foy and Ximena Bustillo, launched [Voces Internship of Idaho](#) in April, in partnership with the Idaho Press Club, Boise nonprofit Surel's Place and local Latino leaders. Voces is an equity-driven internship program to encourage Latino Idahoans to pursue a career in journalism and news by providing previously non-existent paid internships in pursuit of more balanced representation in newsrooms.

Voces Internship of Idaho has set a goal of raising \$20,000 to fund as many internships as possible, paying students a minimum of \$15 an hour. Interns will be selected by Voces Internship of Idaho's advisory board members, a group of volunteer community members, and paired with an Idaho newsroom that fits the students' career goals.

The Voces Internship of Idaho is fiscally sponsored by Surel's Place, a Boise nonprofit, and all donations are tax-deductible. To donate, go to [vocesinternship.com](http://vocesinternship.com)