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Voces Internship of Idaho offers paid internships to three promising Latino Idahoans

BOISE – The advisory council of [Voces Internship of Idaho](#) is proud to announce the selection of three Idaho Latino college students as the recipients of the program's Spring 2023 paid internships.

In no particular order, Voces is pleased to present:

Intern	Intern's University	Newsroom	Mentor
Samantha Martinez	Boise State University	Idaho Public Television	Hayat Norimine, Idaho Statesman Editor
Agustin Martinez	Boise State University (graduated)	Idaho Capital Sun	Rachel Spacek, Idaho Statesman Reporter
Mariela Esquivel-Rodriguez	Northwest Nazarene University	Boise Dev	Brenda Rodriguez, KTVB Reporter

The interns were selected from a pool of qualified applicants from across Idaho. The Voces advisory council matched interns with newsrooms based on a wide variety of factors, including their journalism interests, newsroom preferences and skill level.

“As usual, selecting interns from another incredible pool of applicants was difficult,” said Nicole Foy, Voces co-founder. “Despite that, we were able to offer paid internships to three outstanding candidates this round thanks to generous donations and contributions from States Newsroom and The Ñ Fund. We hope to continue to grow and offer even more paid journalism opportunities to budding Latino journalists in the future.”

“The three spring interns for 2023 demonstrate a variety of talents, perspectives, and each have their own strengths to bring to the newsroom and journalism,” said Ximena Bustillo, Voces co-founder. “We’re excited to see them flourish and can’t wait to see what they bring to Idaho journalism. We are already proud of their accomplishments.”

“Representation in newsrooms is crucial for accurate reporting,” said Rebecca De León, a Voces advisory council member and co-founder of the podcast and radio show The Latino Card. “Although Idaho has come a long way in just 10 years, we are still woefully underrepresented. Voces has done great work to address that gap and speed up our journey toward equitable newsrooms, and I’m proud of that.”

Foy and Bustillo, two journalists who got their start in Idaho, launched [Voces Internship of Idaho](#) in April 2022 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.

The Voces Internship of Idaho is fiscally sponsored by Surel’s Place, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and as such, all donations to Voces are tax-deductible. To donate, go to vocesinternship.com.

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Voces Internship of Idaho was formed in 2022 to increase Latino representation in Idaho by joining community members as mentors, donors, volunteers, and supporters to provide more equitable opportunities for Latino young adults to pursue a career in news journalism.