



School of Journalism
and Mass Communication
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

CLASS OF 2025
MASTER'S AND PHDS

MURV SEYMOUR

Professional M.A.

Favorite SJMC Quote

"You have to finish. Journalism needs you."



STEFAN PETERSON

Professional M.A.

One Thing You Learned

"Asking 'the next question' (from Adam Schrage's 335)."



XIAOYA JIANG

Ph.D.

Favorite SJMC Memory

"My favorite SJMC memory is hanging out with a group of SJMC friends by Lake Mendota."



ZENING DUAN

Ph.D.

One Thing You Learned

"I learned that all great research ideas begin with a Friday coffee, courtesy of Lindsey."



MAFE PAVANELLO

Professional M.A.

One Thing You Learned

"That it's okay to not have the perfect question,
as long as you're really listening."



KATHERINE ZIMMERMAN

Professional M.A.

One Thing You Learned

“Resilience fuels creativity. When I faced a setback on a project, my professors’ support and guidance helped strengthen my journalistic writing and vision.”



JESS MILLER

Professional M.A.

Favorite SJMC Memory

"Taking advantage of 50-cent sodas in the grad lounge vending machine (which now cost 75 cents: outrage!)"



WEI WANG

Research M.A.

Favorite SJMC Quote

"Productivity begets productivity." – Mike
Wagner



JISOO KIM

Ph.D.

Favorite SJMC Memory

"Prowagnibus weekly meetings (I would say conversations) were my second home at Vilas, where I could share my ups and downs with trust and support."



SOYEONG CHO

Research M.A.

One Thing You Learned

"I learned that getting started before you feel ready is usually the only way anything actually moves forward."



YUANLIANG "LEO" SHAN

Ph.D.

Favorite SJMC Memory

"Graduating from SJMC for the second time."



JD DUNCAN

Research M.A.

One Thing You Learned

“Be your authentic self--you'll build a great community of individuals who will support you.”



MIQUÉLA THORNTON

Professional M.A.

Favorite SJMC Memory

"When we introduced Adam to "Hot Ones" as an interview example in J335 and he loved it!"



JOSHUA STANDAL

Professional M.A.

One Thing You Learned

"Persistence and determination will get you almost anywhere."



GUANBO ZHAI

Professional M.A.

One Thing You Learned

"Things will not always turnout the way you wanted, but be patient, keep grinding and someday it will come to you in the next corner."



LINQI LU

Ph.D.

Favorite SJMC Quote

"We dream big, work smart, and never forget to have fun."

