

The 2023 Columbia-Nikkei journalism scholarship awarded to former Cignal TV producer, Katrina Ventura

December 14, 2023-- Columbia Journalism School and Nikkei Inc. have named Katrina Ventura as the 2023-24 Nikkei Scholar. The \$100,000 scholarship is awarded annually to an exceptional journalism school candidate who is a resident of Asia and plans to specialize in data or business reporting. Nikkei Inc. is the parent company of the Financial Times, the publisher of the Nikkei and Nikkei Asia.

"I am sincerely humbled and honored to be awarded the Columbia-Nikkei scholarship," Ventura said. "Having worked in television and podcasts during the Philippine elections, I saw the value of data-driven stories in combating online disinformation. Columbia Journalism School not only provides me with tools to gather and analyze data, it allows me to democratize factual information."

Ventura, 27, graduated Magna Cum Laude in Broadcast Journalism from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 2018. Ventura became the youngest Executive Producer for television and podcast at Cignal TV in 2019.

She has won several awards for her shows, including a Catholic Mass Media Award for best public service program and a Human Rights Press Award. She has produced shows about laws, the government, public health, and online disinformation. Most recently, Ventura acted as the Executive Producer of a news podcast, PumaPodcast. She is excited to get a Master's degree in Data Journalism from Columbia Journalism School, where she hopes to enrich her skills as a journalist and improve the quality of storytelling in the newsroom.

The Columbia-Nikkei Scholarship was established in 2017 to fund exemplary candidates who wish to specialize in data and business journalism. Students who are residents of Asia with an interest in the M.S. Data Journalism or M.A. Business and Economics concentration will be considered for the Columbia-Nikkei Scholarship.

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About Columbia Journalism School

For more than a century, the school has been preparing journalists in programs that stress academic rigor, ethics, journalistic inquiry and professional practice. Founded with a gift from Joseph Pulitzer, the school opened its doors in 1912. It offers a Master of Science, Master of Arts, a joint Master of Science degree in Computer Science and Journalism, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Communications. It houses the Columbia Journalism Review, the Brown Institute for Media Innovation, the Tow Center for Digital Journalism, and the Dart Center for Journalism and Trauma. In addition to the Pulitzer Prizes, the school administers many of the leading journalism awards, including the Alfred I. duPont-

Columbia University Awards, the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes, the John Chancellor Award, the John B. Oakes Award for Distinguished Environmental Journalism, the Dart Awards for Excellence in Coverage of Trauma, the Paul Tobenkin Memorial Award, and the Mike Berger Award.

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