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# Hacking the Curriculum: Creating Collaborative Classrooms

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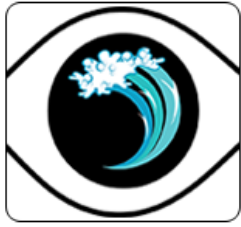
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# Eyes on the Rise

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Florida International University's [School of Journalism and Mass Communication](#), through the [eyesontherise.org](#) project, is sending its faculty and students back to high school.

SJMC graduate Melissa Mendoza, on Nov. 7, spent a morning with journalism and yearbook students at [MAST @ FIU](#), a public high school that meets at FIU's Biscayne Bay Campus. The collaborations continue activities [between the two schools that have been backed by a grant from the Online News Association](#).

On Nov. 7, students learned about tools for increasing their visual storytelling that they will then use in future weeks in SJMC computer labs to create content for their [student newspaper](#) and yearbook.

Efforts will continue throughout the academic year with current SJMC students, alum, and faculty members entering high school classrooms and welcoming students into college classes to produce environmental

journalism.

In the spring, for instance, SJMC and MAST @ FIU will begin telling stories about efforts to [mitigate nearby mangroves](#) as a way to discuss the effects of sea level rise on South Florida's natural environment.



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