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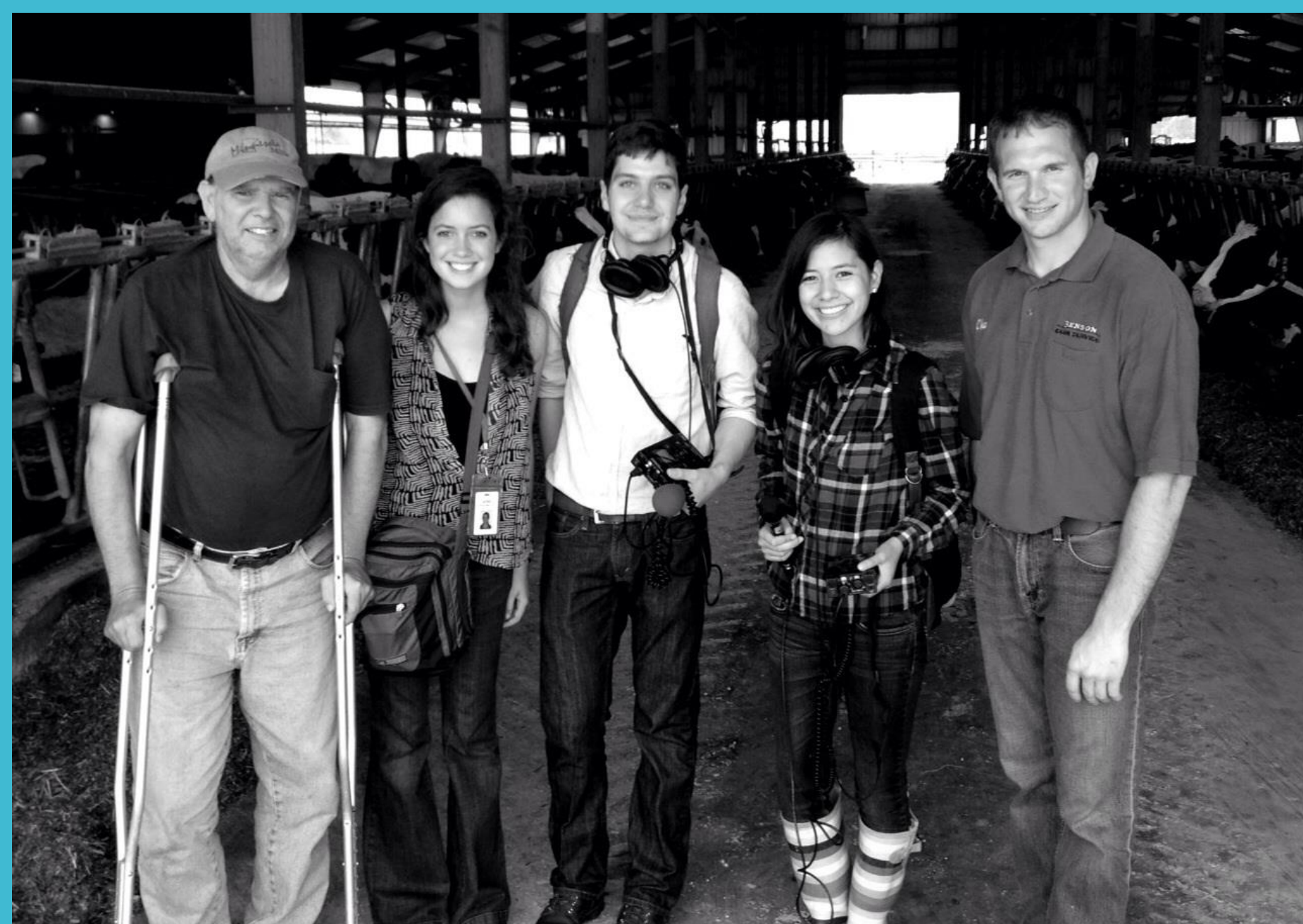
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MPR News Gary Eichten Fellowship

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The MPR Gary Eichten Fellowship was established in honor of SJU Alum, Gary Eichten. Over his 40+ year career with MPR, Eichten helped establish a legacy for radio journalism in Minnesota.

My Fellowship



The MPR News Gary Eichten Fellowship provided me with an opportunity to learn the fast-paced world of broadcast journalism. Through the fellowship, I developed key writing and critical thinking skills that continue to influence my career at CSB/SJU.

Recorded Broadcasts



With the help of the MPR News Team, I learned what it takes to make radio-worthy broadcasts. During the fellowship, I created and edited audio clips for hourly newscasts often working on tight deadlines.

Shadowed Reporters



I often worked closely with mentor reporters at the St. Paul headquarters and in the field as they covered news stories ranging from press conferences with US senators to local art exhibitions. These reporters taught me the right questions to ask at the right time.

Wrote the News



At the end of the summer, the news team sent me in the field to produce a feature-length story of my choice. I conducted interviews, edited audio clips, and wrote a four-minute radio broadcast on the rise of urban beekeeping in Minneapolis.

To see some of my stories with MPR News, go to: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/> and search Alex Forster in the bar at the top of the page.