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WFAE Announces the 2018 Roger & Marilyn Sarow Fellows

Charlotte, N.C. (Aug. 6, 2018) – This summer, WFAE welcomes **Cole Del Charco** and **Jasmin Herrera** as the recipients of the **Roger and Marilyn Sarow Reporting Fellowship**. **Del Charco** is working with the production team on WFAE’s podcasts and **Herrera** is working with the digital team on social media content.

Named in honor of **Roger Sarow** who was president and general manager of WFAE for 27 years and his wife **Marilyn**, the **Roger and Marilyn Sarow Reporting Fellowship** offers a 10-week fellowship to a college student or recent college graduate who wants to explore a career in public media journalism.

“It’s part of our mission to provide context and perspective on local, national and international events, and WFAE prides itself on broadcasting a diversity of stories, outlooks and voices,” said **Joe O’Connor**, WFAE President and CEO. “The Roger and Marilyn Sarow Reporting Fellowship allows WFAE to play an active role in training the next generation of journalists.”

Del Charco is helping with the podcasts “FAQ City,” “She Says” and “SouthBound,” as well as working with the newsroom on daily news coverage. He has participated in the Next Generation Radio project and the Transom Storytelling Workshop. **Del Charco** is 2018 graduate of UNC Chapel Hill’s School of Media and Journalism.

As a member of the digital team, **Herrera** is helping with social media content, email communications and research. She is a rising senior at UNC Chapel Hill in the School of Media and Journalism, specializing in social and economic justice and marine sciences. **Herrera** recently spent a semester in Puerto Rico reporting on power issues caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

The **Sarows** believe strongly that public media newsrooms must do their best to reflect the communities they serve. The fellowship fund was established in their honor to encourage more aspiring journalists to be involved in public media as they begin their careers.

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