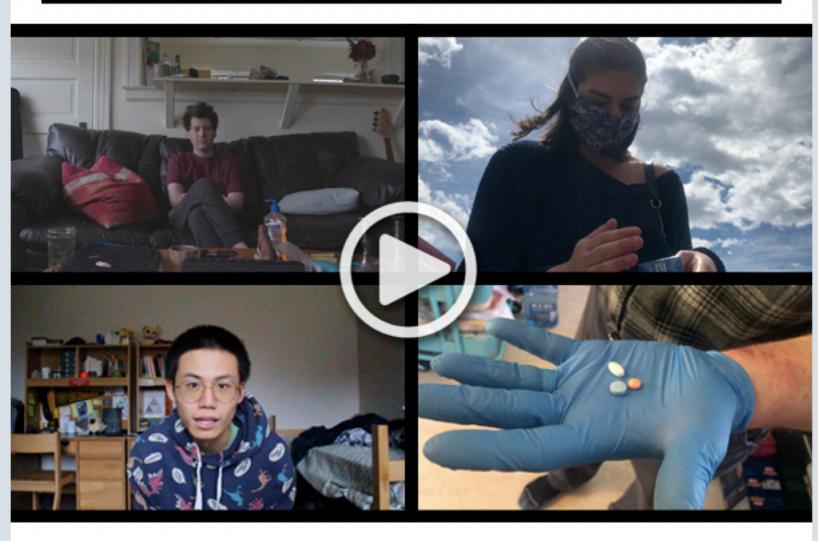
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coviDOCS: Stories from the pandemic

All summer, MDOCS is highlighting student work created during, about, and in spite of the limitations brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent quarantine. This "coviDOCS" series, which lives on the MDOCS website and Vimeo channel, shows how people in our community are living, coping and creating now. Together, these projects are a testament to the resilience and creative ingenuity of students and faculty in Skidmore's Documentary Studies courses, as we all made our pivot towards remote learning.



2020 Golden Acorn Winners

On the evening of Friday, May 8, MDOCS held its 3rd annual (1st virtual!) Golden Acorn Awards. Attendees embraced the virtual platform by inviting friends and family to join that would not normally make it to the in-person event, which honors exceptional student work in video, audio, installation and multimedia.

We also said a bittersweet farewell to our MDOCS seniors and launched a webpage to display and celebrate winning projects – <u>check it out the full-length works here!</u>



MDOCS Students Receive Highest Honors

Each May Skidmore seniors eagerly await the announcement of some of Skidmore's biggest milestone honors and awards.

MDOCS is thrilled to congratulate:

- Emily Egan (DOCLab/Storytellers' 2018), first place in Freirich Business Plan Competition;
- Amanda Peckler (Documentary Major/DOCLab/Storytellers' 2018), recipient of the

Post-Grad Internship Award and Periclean Scholar Award for her interactive doc <u>A</u> <u>Reflective Intervention</u>;

- Hadia Bakkar, recipient of the Post-Grad Internship Award and Periclean Scholar Award for her <u>audio documenatry</u>, *La Emta*; and
- Kadijatou Diallo (Storytellers' 2020), recipient of the Post-Grad Internship Award.

For more exciting MDOCS announcements throughout the summer, stay tuned on our Facebook page!



How to Build Virtual Community in a Pandemic: Storytellers' Institute 2020

The 2020 Storytellers' Institute begins in less than 2 weeks and we are busy planning ways to build this virtual community of student documentarians, visiting documentarians and MDOCS staff, while combating Zoom fatigue. Luckily, the theme we had been planning is **co-creation** and we are excited to delve into its changing possibilities, together with our talented participants. Activities will include seminars, small group project check-ins and critiques, community building on and offline time, and a public event to share it all at the beginning of July. <u>Stay tuned for updates</u>.

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