

Kate McKinnon, Charlotte Buck, and Other Alumni in the News

Fall 2020



Kate McKinnon with Seth Meyers on "Saturday Night Live." (nbc.com)

Two Columbians were nominated for [Emmy Awards](#) this year: **Kate McKinnon '06CC** for best supporting actress in a comedy, for her work on *Saturday Night Live*, and **Nicole Kassell '94CC** for best directing for a limited series, for her work on an episode of *Watchmen*.

Charlotte Buck '18CC was selected to train full-time with the US Olympic rowing team. Buck, who earned a bronze medal at the World University Rowing Championships [while she was at Columbia](#), is hoping to participate in the postponed Tokyo Olympics in 2021, as well as the Paris Olympics in 2024.

Four alumni filmmakers had their work selected for the [2020 Cannes Film Festival](#), although the event was not held. *The Truffle Hunters*, codirected by **Gregory Kershaw '11SOA**, was one of three documentaries chosen for the festival. *Broken Keys*, written and directed by **Jimmy Keyrouz '16SOA**, and *Beginning*, cowritten and directed by **Dea Kulumbegashvili '18SOA** and produced by **Ilan Amouyal '17SOA**, were picked in the “first features” category. Additionally, *Forastera*, a short film written and directed by current SOA student **Lucía Aleñar Iglesias** and produced by **Marta Cruañas '20SOA** was honored in a festival sidebar.

ESPN included **John Andrzejek '14CC** on its list of the [best young coaches in college basketball](#). Andrzejek, who graduated from Columbia in just two and a half years, is an assistant coach at Washington State University, having worked in recruitment and management at Dartmouth, Johns Hopkins, and Columbia.



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