Alumni

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

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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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