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Faculty of Arts and Science
Department of Journalism

Student's Name *(Please Print)* _____ Student's ID # _____
(Last, First, M.I.)

Please check the appropriate box and fill in the date () Graduate Student entering *(year)* _____
() Undergraduate Student graduating *(year)* _____

Department of Journalism Ethics Pledge

As a New York University journalism student, you are part of a community of scholars at a university recognized for its research. A scholar's mission is to push forward the boundaries of knowledge; a journalist's mission is to serve the public by seeking out and reporting the facts as accurately as possible. Good journalists and scholars share a commitment to the same principle: integrity in their work.

By signing this ethics pledge, you agree to maintain the highest standards of honesty and foster ethical behavior at all times. Anyone who fails to uphold these ethical standards has committed a serious violation of this agreement. Penalties can range from an F on an assignment to a failing grade in a course to expulsion, depending on the decision of the instructor in consultation with the department's Ethics Committee.

Examples of such activities can include (but are not limited to):

Plagiarism: Attempting to pass off someone else's words or ideas as your own without proper attribution or acknowledgment. In both journalism and academia, this is akin to theft. Examples: Copying in whole or in part a published article or another student's paper, borrowing language or concepts, lifting quotes or failing to use quotation marks where appropriate.

Fabrication: Making up information, faking anecdotes or sources, falsifying quotes, creating fictitious sources, citing non-existent articles, or fudging data.

Multiple submission: Recycling assignments from one class for use in another, or submitting assignments to one class that were derived from research in another without prior approval from all professors involved.

Cheating: Using or attempting to use unauthorized assistance, material, or study aids in examinations or other academic exercises. Examples: Using study resources not expressly approved by the instructor, working with another student or students on a take-home exam without prior approval, tampering with grades, purchasing a paper written by someone else or paying someone to write an assignment for you.

In addition, if asked you will submit notes and source lists to your professor without delay.

I have read and understand the Department of Journalism's Ethics Pledge and agree to abide by its terms.

Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Graduate and undergraduate pledges should be returned to the designated boxes in the 6th floor reception area. The final grade for a student registered in a journalism course will not be submitted to the Registrar unless a signed pledge is on file in the department.