Jose Antonio Vargas, Undocumented Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist debuts documentary *Documented*, and receives 2014 Hearst Foundation Award

San Jose, CA… San Jose State University’s School of Journalism and Mass Communications will host a powerful community event presenting Jose Antonio Vargas, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and filmmaker, Monday, March 10, 2014. Vargas has chosen San Jose State for the west coast university debut of his new documentary, *Documented* which puts a personal face on immigration, honors the 11 million undocumented people in America today, and showcases Vargas’ life as an undocumented person.

He will receive the 2014 William Randolph Hearst Foundation Award from the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, ranked one of the top journalism programs in the United States.

Vargas, who enjoyed developing his writing skills here in Bay Area schools as a teenager, is a former reporter for the Washington Post. He founded *Define American*, a campaign that seeks to change the conversation on immigration reform here in America.

Following the public screening, School Director, Professor Bob Rucker, will
present Vargas with the Hearst Award along with SJSU Journalism Professor and Bay Area TV News legend Lloyd La Cuesta. They will lead an audience discussion about the film, and invite people to share their own stories. Bay Area community groups involved with immigration have been invited to join the campus community and share their personal experiences.

“In my mind, this SJSU journalism event is an opportunity to engage SJSU journalism students specifically, the journalism profession at large and of course the San Jose area community,” says Vargas, who will be spending the day talking with SJSU Journalism students and the campus community. "(My efforts) touch on so many issues that are not only related to immigration, citizenship and identity, but also strikes at the heart of the changes afoot in journalism.”

The evening begins at 6 pm in Morris Dailey Auditorium, with Bay Area and campus community groups and individuals invited to join the School’s free event, including screening, award ceremony, and to join the discussion.

About the Hearst Foundations:
The Hearst Foundations was established by William Randolph Hearst as a national philanthropic resource for organizations working in the fields of education, culture, health and social services. They identify and fund outstanding nonprofits to ensure that people of all backgrounds in the United States have the opportunity to build healthy, productive and inspiring lives. The Hearst Award goes to an individual who, through their reporting, demonstrates journalism excellence.

About the School of Journalism and Mass Communications:
SJSU’s School of Journalism and Mass Communications teaches and promotes innovation in today’s media-driven world, cultural and intellectual diversity, the First Amendment, and the free flow of ideas in communications. In school history, six graduates have won the coveted Pulitzer Prize in Journalism.

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Professor Bob Rucker, Director, JMC School

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