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EDUCATION

Expected in May 2021
Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Political Science
American University GPA: 3.69

SKILLS

- **Bilingual: Spanish and English**
- **AP Style**
- **Broadcast writing**
- **Software: iNews, MediaCentral, Stratus**
- **Web Writing**
- **Generate appropriate interview questions**

NOTABLE WORK

- Interviewed Speaker Pelosi, President Trump, White House Staff and Congressional Leaders for CNBC
- Interviewed Maria Elena Salinas (CBS News Contributor) for Latino coverage during 2020 presidential election
- Assisted with the transition of *CBS Evening News* from New York City to Washington, D.C.
- Traveled to New Hampshire to cover 2020 Democratic Primaries and provided footage for the Boston Globe

WORK HISTORY

Aug 2020 - Current
New York, NY



Reporting Intern / NBC News - MSNBC, NBC Universal

- Write, pitch, edit and produce stories for the *Business/Tech Unit* for digital, Today Show, Nightly News and MSNBC
- Plan and conduct research and pitch long-form stories to promote investigative news topics
- Conduct preliminary interviews for broadcast segments
- Fact-check breaking news headlines by performing background research/contacting experts

May 2020 - Sep 2020
Arlington, VA



Gwen Ifill Fellow / PBS NewsHour

- **Covered COVID-19 pandemic** and economic impact on impoverished communities; **published race in college** stories for PBS.org
- Created web content and features including but not limited to interviews, podcasts, web chats
- Collaborated with outside sources on securing production elements/research issues and prepared background information for news segments

May 2020 - Aug 2020
Washington, DC



Fact-Checker Intern / CNN

- Conducted research for the *Crime and Justice Unit* at the direction of producers and desk management; organized databases for the *Political Unit* on voting and political behavior
- Investigated important community issues (*Black Lives Matter* movement, protests, local politics) and put together well-received reports for *CNN News* segments
- Validated incoming data to check information accuracy and integrity while independently locating and correcting concerns

Jan 2020 - May 2020
Washington, DC



Reporting Intern / CNBC, NBC Universal

- Interviewed political officials at White House and on Capitol Hill to provide video/audio footage for *CNBC News* programs
- Traveled to New Hampshire to cover Democratic Primaries; field reported, interviewed presidential candidates and voters
- Pitched stories, provided research and wrote articles for CNBC.com
- Reported packages, social media segments as well as prepared editing requests and used technological tools to research and gather archive video
- Wrote show blurbs, selected interview sound bites and created graphics for shows and TV promos

Aug 2019 - Jan 2020
Washington, DC



Production Assistant, Intern / CBS News

- Field produced for *CBS Evening News with Norah O'Donnell* to deliver news to a daily average viewership of **6.6 million people**
- Identified news operations through social media during breaking news, 2020 presidential election coverage, impeachment of president Donald J. Trump as well and coverage of both foreign and domestic affairs
- Conducted preliminary interviews (officials on Capitol Hill, White House, Pentagon), assisted on-the-field on shoots, selected footage, researched stories and coordinated scripts

May 2019 - Aug 2019
Washington, DC



Production Assistant / The Hill

- Wrote and help produced *Rising with Krystal and Saagar*, a one-hour political program
- Provided directory guidance with editors to update existing news stories; created new reports for daytime show
- Provided logistical planning and insight to upcoming events, guests, special programs and/or elements to be included in special segments
- Scanned various websites, newspapers, online content and other sources for latest information on politics and 2020 campaigns