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Skills

- Experienced in Adobe Premiere Pro, Photoshop, Audition, Slack, Avid MediaCentral, ATC Audio, iNEWS, BLOXCMS, Site Editor, TVU and Live U Matrix
- AP Style Writing
- Fluent Spanish speaker
- Personable and confident interviewer
- Visible and wired social media presence
- Able to shoot videos and photos with both professional and consumer-grade tools

Education

Bachelor of Science:

Broadcast Journalism

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL 08/2019-12/2021

Minor: Sports Business Management

Associate of Arts:

Liberal Arts and Sciences

Broward College

Davie, FL 08/2016-05/2019

Activities and Honors

- 2022 Edward R. Murrow Excellence Award in Digital Reporting for the Road to Freedom Avenue: The Legacy of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore
- 2021 Best of Show by the Broadcast Education Association for the Road to Freedom Avenue: The Legacy of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore
- Cum laude graduate
- Treasurer of the RTDNA UCF Chapter, Sept. 2020 to April 2021
- UCF NABJ chapter Member, Aug. 2020 to Dec. 2021
- AKAEAF Scholarship Recipient, Aug. 2019

Okelo Pena

Media has the power to change lives by emitting stories that evoke different emotions amongst individuals. Storytelling is my passion, and as a journalist, working collaboratively to develop and produce quality content is my goal.

Experience

Good Morning America | ABC News morning show | Booking Assistant

New York, NY

04/2024 - Present

- Booking guests and interviews for Good Morning America and usage across all ABC News platforms
- Logging and transcribing interviews, press conferences, and news reports
- Utilize editorial judgment of news and current events to pitch content for the 24-hour global news cycle

ABC News | National news network assignment desk | Production Associate

New York, NY

06/2022 - 03/2024

- Assisted in news gathering efforts from working with assignment editors in reporting on breaking news, assist with coordinated story coverage for ongoing or new events, provided production and logistic support for field teams, discovering and clearing viral media for ABC News platforms
- Reported, pitched & contributed to stories featured on abcnews.com including the 2023 Memorial Day Hollywood Beach mass shooting, Damar Hamlin's health care providers earning keys to the city of Cincinnati, and the tribute of Samuel J. Bush in Decatur, Illinois
- Assisted in field producing live shot segments for correspondents on ABC World News Tonight with David Muir and ABC News Live Prime with Linsey Davis

Fansided | Sports news and blog website | Contributing Writer

Fort Lauderdale, FL (Remote)

02/2022 - 03/2023

- Wrote analysis and opinion columns about the Denver Nuggets on the team page site Nugglove
- Managed Nugglove and Fansided's Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok
- Assisted in creating graphics Fansided's social media platforms

Good Morning America | ABC morning news show | Production Intern

New York, NY

09/2021 - 01/2022

- Found families for the three-day series 'GMA Ways to Save' a financial series helping families save money
- Assisted bookers and producers in preparation for stories to turn around to air on the show
- Participated in aspects of pre-production, from researching and organizing materials related to stories we are covering, assisted in calls on breaking news to exclusively book and set up interviews during time-sensitive events.

- Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship Recipient, May 2019
- Phi Theta Kappa member, March 2018
- Dean's List: Dec. 2016, 2019 & 2020, May 2018 & 2021
- President's list: May 2017 & 2020, Dec. 2017

References

- **Santina Leuci**, Good Morning America Chief Editorial Producer, 917-414-5963, Santina.leuci@abc.com
- **Victoria Arancio**, ABC News Assignment Desk Editor, 631-355-9677, Victoria.J.Arancio@abc.com
- **Brandon Bodow**, Good Morning America Coordinating Producer, 973-818-8008, Brandon.T.Bodow@abc.com

Hitting The Field | Student-run sports show | Analyst

Orlando, FL

01/2020- 05/2021

- Co-host for "HTF Bets," on-air talent for four main shows
- Produced and wrote scripts for "HTF Bets," cut highlights and edited video for other main shows
- Managed social media and assisted in the development of HTF commercials

Nicholson Student Media | Student-run news site | Multimedia Reporter

Orlando, FL

08/2019-12/2021

- Covered the first-ever House of Athlete Combine, an alternative scouting event to the NFL Combine, canceled due to COVID-19
- Wrote an article about a virtual COVID-19 support group, bringing together students across other Florida colleges to overcome the struggles of the pandemic
- Created a news package about a UCF ethics class creating a Regional-Emmy award winning documentary bringing awareness about the humanitarian crisis at the U.S-Mexican Border
- Produced UCF Knightly News newscast and webcast