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EDUCATION

University of Central Florida

Orlando, FL | Expected graduation: August 2021

Major: **Interdisciplinary Studies (Journalism, Women's & Gender Studies, and Mathematics)**

Minor: **Latin American Studies**

Honors: **Latinx U-LEAD Scholar**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Orlando Weekly

Orlando, FL | Jan. 2021 - Present

Editorial Intern

- Writing two to four stories a week to share and promote through various media channels
- Uploading one photo gallery a week via WordPress to share best food, music, and activities of Orlando
- Editing and fact-checking stories for the print version of the weekly

UCF Nicholson Student Media (NSM) Today

Orlando, FL | Oct. 2020 - Present

Student Reporter

- Writing compelling stories that are relevant to the UCF community
- Pitching story ideas to various NSM editors

Hola Cultura

Remote | Oct. 2020 - Present

Editorial Intern (COVID Team)

- Developing story ideas centering on COVID's impact on the Latinx community in Washington D.C.
- Interviewing members of the Latinx community on COVID's impact on domestic violence incidences, vaccine trials, and sexual health during the pandemic.
- Leading COVID newsroom team on data reporting projects

Harbour Times

Remote | May 2020 – July 2020

News Reporting Intern

- Interviewing individuals who are directly impacted by Hong Kong legislation
- Reviewing government documents and press releases that would be relevant to stories
- Writing compelling stories to share and promote through various media channels

CIL (Center for Independent Living)

Orlando, FL | Jan. 2020 – May. 2020

Storytelling Intern

- Researching stories and covering events relevant for CIL and the disability community of Orlando
- Interviewing those impacted by CIL services to share success stories through various media channels
- Producing and editing videos of CIL success stories

Rethinking Homelessness

Orlando, FL | Aug. 2019- Dec. 2019

Research Intern

- Data mining social impact projects related to homelessness, including its causes in cities throughout the U.S.
- Creating databanks of relevant information for stakeholder groups to optimize data collection
- Writing research reports on the historical impacts of homelessness on cities across the country

DEBASERRR Zine

Orlando, FL | Feb. 2018- Present

Founder and Editor

- Managing site design and content to optimize website traffic
- Contributing content for website and zine and interviewing local musicians
- Collaborating with writers and artists to compile a print version of the zine

LEADERSHIP

Co-Chair at Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) – UCF Chapter

Orlando, FL | Jan. 2021- Present

- Conducting workshops on resume, cover letter, and interviewing tips
- Mentoring students and facilitating one-on-one conversations to map out career goals with members
- Organizing the intern pursuit fair with university liaisons and news organizations

TECHNICAL SKILLS

• Programming Languages: C++, C, SQL, Python • Adobe Illustrator and Premiere Pro • Spanish • Website Design • Video Production