

Luke Grant Fountain

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EDUCATION

Washington and Lee University | Journalism and Politics Double Major | Class of 2025 | Lexington, Va.

- Johnson Scholar (merit scholarship covering full tuition, room and board, and summer enrichment funds)
- Relevant Courses: Beat Reporting, News Writing, Digital Journalism, Covering Courts and Law

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Daily Progress | Reporter | June 2023-July 2023 | Charlottesville, Va.

- Wrote 60 stories focusing on education, criminal justice, LGBTQ+ rights and housing
- Explained challenges that inmates face while incarcerated and new commissary and phone contracts
- Communicated complex topics expressed through data, such as political donations and affiliation of faculty, students, and staff
- Exposed potential conflicts of interests of university board appointments by analyzing financial documents
- Uncovered the status of Confederate monuments removed across Virginia

The News-Gazette | Reporter | February 2022-June 2022 and September 2022-December 2022 | Lexington, Va.

- Wrote 13 stories published weekly in newspaper and online on topics, such as affordable housing, police funding, teacher salaries and snow ordinance laws
- Investigated candidates for public office and construction plans for properties in Lexington

United States House of Representatives | Congressional Intern | June 2022-July 2022 | Washington, D.C.

- Conducted research into multiple policy areas, such as energy and education to be used in high-level meetings with members of Congress, interest groups and policy strategy briefings
- Addressed constituent concerns by facilitating multi-office responses to issues, such as social security payments and responded to over 500 correspondents on controversial issues like abortion and gun control
- Corresponded with members of Congress, staff, interest groups and committee staff to develop policy solutions to pressing national issues, such as inflation, energy independence and educational policy

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

The Ring-tum Phi | Editor and Reporter | May 2022-Present and August 2021-Present | Lexington, Va.

- Write digital and print stories for independent student newspaper covering topics including diversity, equity and inclusion, and labor shortages
- Compose weekly newsletter that has increased engagement with stories by 150% since implementing in two months
- Design, draft and lay out print and online publication of over 25 stories every publishing cycle to present stories in a compelling and informative way as well as edit numerous stories to fit AP Style guidelines

Career and Professional Development | Career Fellow | August 2022-Present | Lexington, Va.

- Assist students in professional development for 15 hours a week through resume and cover letter review, interview preparation, networking and career exploration
- Presented professional resources and skills to a class of 30 first year students

Contact Committee | Member | September 2021-Present | Lexington, Va.

- Oversee contracts and the allocation of over \$200,000 to bring speakers to campus, including Bob Woodward, Brendan Hunt, and Ben and Jerry

Washington and Lee Mock Trial | Attorney and Witness | August 2021-December 2022 | Lexington, Va.

- Collaborated with teammates to analyze evidence and pertinent case law to present opening and closing statements
- Cross-examined witnesses to gain information valuable to the case

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Skills Proficiency in Adobe Creative Suite; knowledge in podcast and audio production
- Interests: cooking, hiking, volleyball, tennis, photography, winemaking, skydiving, Barcelona