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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

LNP/Lancaster Online, *Editorial Intern*

Lancaster, Pa.; June – October 2023

- Delivered timely, informative and engaging local news stories for Lancaster County, Pa.
- Furthered my understanding of impactful community reporting by connecting with a local audience

The Hill, *Editorial Intern*

Washington, D.C.; March 2023 – June 2023

- Reported daily and enterprise stories on national politics and events in Washington, with two articles appearing on the daily top 10 most popular list
- Published newsletters and other content to the website using WordPress

USA Today, The Washington Post, UPI, MarketWatch, Inside Climate News, Frederick News-Post and Planet

Forward – via Medill News Service, *Reporter*

Washington, D.C.; Fall, 2021 & September 2022 – June 2023

- Reported real-time, daily and enterprise stories on issues and events in Washington for the immigration and politics beats; successfully pitched 15 of the articles for publication by partner outlets
- Reported for The Washington Post on the 2021 Virginia elections and for USA Today on the 2022 midterms
- Conducted a three-month-long investigation, published in USA Today, on Native Americans' access to emergency contraception in Oklahoma, including a map graphic and photos

Arizona Republic, *News Reporting Intern*

Phoenix, Ariz.; March - June 2022

- Wrote daily and enterprise stories on Arizona politics and health issues, with several articles generating significant interest, one being picked up by the AP, and resulting in around 30 new subscribers for the paper

Daily Northwestern, *Reporter*

Evanston, Ill.; March 2020 - March 2022

- Reported on local stories for the campus and city desks. Beats: state and national politics, policing, business

Women's Republic, *Journalism Intern*

New York, N.Y. (remote); June - August 2020

- Wrote two feature-length opinion pieces each week on social justice issues
- Optimized articles for search engine ranking using WordPress

North by Northwestern and In Our Nature magazines, *Contributor*

Evanston, Ill.; January - June 2020

- Wrote opinion and feature articles for NBN (online and in print) about student life issues
- Produced a video enterprise story for ION to inform viewers about a local repair clinic

HONORS AND AWARDS

White House Correspondents' Association Scholar 2023, Cokie Roberts Scholarship

Outstanding Student Reporting First Honorable Mention 2023, Society of Environmental Journalists

Kappa Tau Alpha (National Journalism Honor Society) inducted Spring 2023

Pi Sigma Alpha (National Political Science Honor Society) inducted Spring 2022

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism; GPA: 3.959

Washington, D.C. and Evanston, Ill.

Master of Science degree in Journalism (Politics, Policy and Foreign Affairs specialization)

June 2023

Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism and Political Science; Magna Cum Laude

June 2023

SELECTED JOURNALISM COURSE PROJECTS

- Produced a multimedia data journalism report on abortion access for people in immigration detention
- Produced videos about homelessness in Washington, D.C., and a “Pumpkin Smash” for post-Halloween composting
- Wrote an investigative piece on lead pollution from a Garland, Texas, battery factory
- Created an investigative report on student arrests at Washington, D.C., schools
- Created a multimedia audio piece about the impact of COVID-19 on the celebration of Chinese New Year
- Produced a photo essay of a “Drag Queen Story Hour” in Evanston, Ill.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Journalism: AP style; WordPress and Blox CMS; Search Engine Optimization; FOIA requests; remote newsrooms

Computer: Google Apps collaboration; Adobe Premiere (video editing); Audacity (audio editing); Tableau, ArcGIS and Data Wrapper (data visualization); Timeline JS; Java fundamentals; social media (Twitter/X, Facebook, Instagram)

Language: basic knowledge of French and Spanish

Other: PADI SCUBA Open Water Diver certified