# **Alecia Taylor**

Award-winning early career journalist seeking print/digital journalism opportunities with a strong interest in education and diversity reporting.

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### **EDUCATION**

**Howard University Cathy Hughes School of Communication**, Washington D.C.

August 2020 - December 2023

- Bachelor of Arts, Media, Journalism and Film: Concentration in Journalism, minor in English
- Dean's List for Fall 2021, 2022

#### **EXPERIENCE**

**Chronicle of Higher Education**, Washington, D.C: Reporting Intern January 2024- Present

- Report on diverse topics in higher ed such as mental health research and the sudden death of an HBCU administrator
- Track anti-diversity, equity and inclusion legislation
- Interview and build relationships with legislators and higher ed faculty

**The Baltimore Sun**, Baltimore, MD: *Emerging/Diversity*, Equity and *Inclusion Intern* 

June 2023 - August 2023

- Reported on daily breaking news such as environmental, legal and crime issues
- Sourced and interviewed experts, and residents on major events
- Wrote evergreen stories for DEI such as the experience of the youngest Black student to be accepted into medical school that reached 6,000 local readers

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, Pittsburgh, PA: News Intern June 2022 - August 2022

- Wrote local news and feature articles including stories about the overturn of Roe v. Wade, teacher diversity and Black mental health
- Published stories for news, education and business desks totaling over 100,000 views for the summer
- Pitched stories daily about underserved communities

Howard University Publications, Washington, D.C.

August 2020 - December 2023

- HUNewsService.com: Editor and Reporter
  - Write, edit and provide feedback for student reporters
  - Lead editor and reporter covering back-to-back homecoming shootings at Morgan and Bowie State University
  - The Hilltop: Investigative Reporter
    - Led investigation on 2021 student protest, which won SPJ Mark of Excellence award for long-form in-depth reporting

### **SKILLS**

- Microsoft Office
- Proficiency in Adobe Audition and Premiere
- Public Speaking
- AP Style
- Producing
- ARC Composer
- Public Affairs
- Solution Journalism

### **AWARDS**

- 2023 White House Correspondents Association Scholar
- 2023 Society of Professional Journalist Region 2 Mark of Excellence Award

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Washington English Center tutor
- 2023 Alternative Spring Break- Youth and Development (Detroit)
- Northstar Tutoring