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WORK EXPERIENCE

The Colorado Springs Gazette Sports Reporter

November 2024-Present Colorado Springs, CO

The Colorado Springs Gazette

• Writes on Air Force men's basketball beat including game coverage and features.

- Covered Colorado State and Air Force men's basketball in the Mountain West Tournament in Las Vegas, NV.
- Assists in general assignments including high school coverage and local events such as the U.S. Senior Open.

The Los Angeles Times Sports Intern

May 2024-August 2024 Los Angeles, CA

The Los Angeles Times

- Wrote game coverage and feature stories on the Los Angeles Sparks WNBA team.
- Collaborated with sports editors to create weekly coverage plan. Attends daily editorial budget meetings.

Omaha World-Herald Sports Fellowship

August 2022- Dec. 2022

Omaha World-Herald

Lincoln, NE

- Collaborated with sports staff to write diverse coverage on high school and University of Nebraska sports.
- Attended weekly football press conferences/media availability and assisted with coverage of home games.
- Pitched and wrote feature/profile stories about local college and high school athletes.

Denver Post Sports Summer Intern

June 2022-August 2022

The Denver Post

Denver, CO

- Assisted with and wrote coverage of professional sports events including the Stanley Cup Final, a USWNT match, the National Lacrosse Finals, and NHRA Mile-High Nationals.
- Pitched and wrote feature stories about Denver-area high school, college, and professional athletes.
- Used WordPress and Pars.ly to learn about search engine optimization and analytics for Denver Post content.

Sports Reporter & Assistant Sports Editor

August 2020-May 2024

The Daily Nebraskan

Lincoln, NE

- Wrote articles related to Nebraska athletics with a focus on features. Wrote on football beat during the fall of 2023. Covered the 2023 NCAA volleyball championships in Tampa, Florida for website and DN social media.
- Served as an assistant sports editor; duties included editing and publishing stories, leading budget meetings, and collaborating with the engagement section to facilitate audience growth.

AWARDS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

-	- 2025 APSE Contest, 5 th place short feature (C Division)	2025
-	- SPJ Colorado Top of the Rockies award, 3 rd place sports feature (extra-large newsrooms)	2025
-	- Eric Sevareid Award, 1st Place - Midwest Broadcast Journalists Association	2024
-	- APSE Scholarship Winner, 9 th place APSE Student Sports Writing Contest	2023
-	- 2023 Association of Women in Sports Media Scholar	2023
-	- ESPN Scholarship Winner - Alliance of Women in Media	2023
-	- Sports Journalism Institute Class of 2022	2022

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

Lincoln, NE

Bachelor of Journalism; Major: Journalism

Minors: Psychology; Leadership & Communication

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, InDesign, Premiere Pro; Microsoft Office; AP Stylebook; social media platforms and tools; WordPress; Search Engine Optimization; photography & videography; collaborator, communicative, adaptable