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Ryland Pietras

SKILLS

Self-starter who excels in fact checking, research and group editing. Proficient in: Adobe Creative Suite, specifically Audition, Premiere, and Photoshop; writing and editing in AP style; Google Suite; and Otter.

EXPERIENCE

Pacifica News-KPFA 94.1 FM – Reporter

08/2024

I covered the protests of the 2024 Democratic National Convention. Final stories were 4 minutes in length and consisted of 3-4 interviews.

NPR Next Generation Radio – Reporter

06/2023

I was one of five reporters chosen to participate in this week-long program. We were tasked with creating a 3-4 minute audio piece on the premise of “What is the meaning of home?” Multiple daily deadlines ensured that our pieces would be finished by the end of week. The final pieces were aired on 91.5 WBEZ.

SouthSide Weekly – Reporter

03/2023 – 08/2023

I covered the last two debates of the 2023 Chicago mayoral runoff election and reported on funding to the migrant shelter in Woodlawn, Chicago.

EDUCATION

Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism – MSJ, Video and Broadcast GPA 3.5

09/2023 – 08/2024

- Concentrations in audio reporting and longform video reporting.
- I was one of two recipients of the school’s Medill YouTube scholarship.

Northeastern Illinois University – BA Comm., Media & Theater GPA 4.0

08/2020 – 05/2022

- Minor in journalism with a focus on solutions and multimedia journalism. Attended Model Illinois Gov. as journalist Spring 2022. Lambda Pi Eta National Communications Honors Society member.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

- 2024 Lake County Film Festival and 2024 Duluth/Superior Film Festival selection
- 2024 National Student Production Award Nominee – Arts & Entertainment
- Medill YouTube Scholar, 2023-2024
- Chicago Journalists Association member
- 2022 NEIU Wilson Award for media member with most impact on university
- 2022 NEIU Summa Cum Laude Graduate
- 2021-2022 NEIU Communication, Media & Theater Dept. Distinguished Student
- 2022 College Media Association – Best Podcast
- 2022 Associated College Press – 4th Place Best Podcast
- 2022 Kurtis L. Hermes Award for Outstanding Journalism
- 2021 Associated College Press – 8th Place Best Podcast

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