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# TARA MELTON

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## OBJECTIVE

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Using my education, experience and creative talent, I would like to continue my career in journalism.

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## SKILLS

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Proven writing and documentation skills, relevant computer proficiencies in Microsoft, Adobe and Macintosh software, terrific under pressure, a hard worker and a knowledgeable photographer.

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## PORTFOLIO

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TARAMELTON.JOURNOPORTFOLIO.COM

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## EXPERIENCE

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### REPORTER / ALAMOGORDO DAILY NEWS

2015 – Present

I report on the beats of Education, City Government and Community News. I've covered numerous breaking news events, from a slain police officer to an arson of a beloved community playground. I also shoot photos and video as well as edit the media into packages to accompany articles.

### INTERN / LAS CRUCES BULLETIN

May – October 2014

Wrote news, feature pieces and shot photos for the weekly paper. I created content, edited and built pages via InDesign for the Health section. I also wrote for several of the Bulletin's supplementary publications, such as Life Is Good in Las Cruces and the Aggie Hookup.

### STAFF WRITER / THE ROUND UP

2012 – 2014

Wrote news and feature articles about New Mexico State University and Las Cruces for NMSU's bi-weekly newspaper.

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## EDUCATION

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### BACHELOR OF ARTS / MAY 2014

New Mexico State University  
Degree in Journalism and Mass Communications

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## AWARDS & HONORS

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New Mexico Press Association, Feature Photo - First Place, 2017  
NMPA, Feature Photo - First Place, 2016  
NMPA, Series or Continuing Coverage - Second Place, 2016  
NMPA, Environmental/Agricultural Writing - Second Place, 2015  
Alamogordo Daily News Employee of the Year – 2016 & 2017