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WORK EXPERIENCE

The 74 Million | www.the74million.org

Contributor, Dec. 2022 - Present

- Report on education reform, academics and innovation on a monthly basis

Omaha World-Herald | Omaha, Neb.

K-12 Education Reporter, Nov. 2021 - Present

- Write multiple weekly articles about local and statewide K-12 education systems while investigating challenges in special education, literacy and discipline for enterprise stories
- Routinely cover 11 Omaha public school districts, including the largest school district in Nebraska, to keep district officials accountable and uncover issues for students and staff
- Report on the Nebraska State Board of Education and update the public on policy changes
- Utilize programs like Microsoft Excel, LexisNexis and PACER as tools in investigative reporting

Norfolk Daily News | Norfolk, Neb.

Education Reporter and Assistant News Editor, Dec. 2019 - Nov. 2021

- Wrote weekly articles about public school districts and colleges within a 20-county coverage area in northeast Nebraska to inform communities about rural education news
- Designed, edited and proofread newspaper pages on a strict deadline
- Assisted the newsroom breaking news team to report on public safety

The Sentinel | Hanford, Calif.

Staff Reporter, May 2019 - Dec. 2019

- Wrote stories about city government, court, education and community news as the sole reporter covering the city of Lemoore, Calif., with a population of 26,000
- Captured photos and managed social media to increase digital readership

Lincoln Journal Star | Lincoln, Neb.

City Desk Intern, May 2018 - Aug. 2018

- Wrote police briefs and crime articles daily to report law enforcement activity in the area
- Produced feature articles to publicize community stories

Doane Student Media | Crete, Neb.

Editor-in-Chief and Managing Editor, The Doane Owl, May 2016 - May 2018

- Managed a 15-person staff that published an eight-page paper every week
- Facilitated budget meetings weekly to brainstorm art and story ideas while writing articles

EDUCATION

Doane University | Bachelor of Arts, May 2019, with honors | Major: Journalism | Minor: Graphic Design

AWARDS

Nebraska Outstanding Young Journalist of the Year, Runner-up | Nebraska Press Association | June 2021