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Education

Texas Christian University (TCU), Fort Worth, TX | Anticipated graduation: May 2025

GPA: 3.985

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with Political Science and Italian minors

Journalism Experience

WKRN News 2 | Nashville, Tennessee

Morning News Producer

June 2025 - present

- Boosted ratings to win key demographic (people 25-54) during 5 AM Saturday & Sunday broadcasts
- Produced extended breaking coverage of January 2026 ice storm
- Makes editorial decisions and leads a team of five to create Good Morning Nashville weekend broadcasts

News Production Intern

June 2024 - July 2024

- Produced a 12-minute A-block news segment using ENPS, BitCentral and Canva
- Boothed a breaking newscast during a tornado warning and cued meteorologists upon learning new information
- Coordinated live Q-and-A sessions with Nexstar's D.C. branch during the 3 p.m. newscast
- Shadowed producers and news director during breaking news, weather alerts and debate coverage

TCU 360 | Fort Worth, Texas

Managing Editor

January 2024 - May 2025

- Won Milner Distinguished Student Journalism Awards for [Story of the Year - Text](#) and [Television - News Feature](#)
- Produced TCU 360's first live election night [episode](#) of TCU News Now with team coverage of the presidential race
- Assistant produced an [episode](#) of TCU News Now by writing scripts, creating graphics and running teleprompter
- Moderated and produced the [live debates](#) between student government presidential and vice presidential candidates
- Produced VOSOTs and video packages using Final Cut Pro for TCU News Now

Staff Writer

January 2023 - May 2023

- Reported on media platforms including digital, paper and social media to inform students in accessible ways
- Created branded Instagram content for articles to increase reach within the student body
- Moderated the live debate between student government presidential candidates to increase awareness of their platforms
- Reported on student government, campus organizations and elections to practice reporting for a local community

NBC DFW | Fort Worth, Texas

News and Content Production Intern

August 2024 - April 2025

- Produced a 12-minute B-block [segment](#) using iNews, EDIUS, STRATUS, Latakoo and LMX
- Produced 5-minute news [cut-ins](#) with packages, live weather and readers
- Created a template for a 90-second news breakdown to post on social media with "5-to-know" branding
- Wrote scripts and edited video for morning, dayside and nightside shows
- Shadowed producers in the booth and editors in the newsroom during breaking news

FOX 5 DC | Washington, D.C.

News Intern

August 2023 - December 2023

- Wrote and edited anchor scripts for morning and dayside broadcasts and boothed newscasts using iNews
- Field-produced a live morning broadcast on location and a taped 30-minute Thanksgiving cooking special
- Attended daily editorial meetings and collaborated with News Department to plan hourly show schedules
- Gathered news at the assignment desk and distributed via Slack
- Spoke with anchors on-air to offer Generation Z's perspective as a "college correspondent"

Leadership Experience

Global Scholars Program | Fort Worth, Texas

Member

Fall 2021 - May 2025

- Participate in a four-year, co-curricular program that focuses on global competencies
- Incorporate classroom learning, individualized global learning objectives, and study abroad programs into a portfolio
- Study the UN's 17 Sustainable Development Goals to practice sustainability in our studies abroad

Schieffer Summer Journalism Camp | Fort Worth, Texas

Camp Counselor

June 2024

- Produced a 90-second package featuring 16 high school campers and their accomplishments
- Taught campers AP Style, Final Cut Pro, camera operation, tripod set-up and on-camera professionalism
- Advised campers about the college admissions process and the journalism industry

Global Academy | Fort Worth, Texas and Syracuse, Sicily, Italy

Participant

March 2022 - June 2022

- Studied in a class devoted to exploring the rich diversity, cultural differences and sustainability issues in Sicily, Italy
- Traveled abroad to Sicily to tangibly study Sicilian problem-solving and engage in local non-profit initiatives
- Practiced speaking Italian to communicate and connect with local Sicilians

Washington Journalism and Media Conference | Fairfax, Virginia

National Youth Correspondent

June 2019

- Selected to attend the summer program at George Mason University for aspiring journalists
- Participated in decision-making simulations that challenged students to think critically about media
- “Explored the creative, practical, and ethical tensions inherent in journalism and media” with media CEOs

Skills: iNews, ENPS, Akta, Final Cut Pro, Microsoft Office 365, Canva, WordPress, Slack, AP Style, proficient in Italian