EMERSON DREWES

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EDUCATION

University of Nevada, Reno | Reynolds School of Journalism

Journalism Major, Communications Minor

May 2024

GPA: 3.92;

Dean's List 2022, 2023, 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Seattle Times

Seattle, WA

Business Reporting Intern

June 2024 to present

- Covered large Washington-based corporations like Costco at a Pulitzer Prize winning newsroom
- Developed longform enterprise stories about affordability in one of the most expensive cities in the country
- Covered labor related issues during a summer of mass layoffs and strikes

The Nevada Sagebrush

Reno, Nev.

Editor-in-Chief

March 2022 to May 2024

- Was the longest serving Executive Editor in the 130 years of The Nevada Sagebrush's operations
- Lead a two-year, continuous initiative to instate a fee to financially support all four University of Nevada, Reno student media
- Oversaw, managed and trained a staff of 13 to 20 reporters to ensure content was newsworthy and met ethical and quality standards

The Associated Press

Washoe County, Nev.

Stringer

Feb. 2024

- Provided numbers to the AP for Washoe County during the 2024 Primaries and the GOP Caucus in a quick and timely manner
- Was the first stringer to report accurate numbers to the AP about Washoe County primary votes

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles, Calif.

Business Reporting Intern

June 2023 to Aug. 2023

- Pitched, interviewed and reported on ten stories published in an award-winning U.S. newspaper
- Helped to launch the My L.A. Workday series for the Los Angeles Times Business section
- Developed and broke nationally relevant stories about leading companies and people, including Tesla, Elon Musk and SEGA

The New York Times

Stringer

Reno, Nev.

April 2023

- Assisted NYT reporter Mike Baker in his reporting on the Idaho murders case
- Obtained court documents about the summoning of Bethany Funke to the preliminary hearing for alleged murderer Brian Kohberger

Las Vegas Review-Journal

Las Vegas, Nev.

Business Reporting Intern

May 2022 to Aug. 2022

- Wrote over 40 stories, four landing on A1, during a three month period for the leading daily news media organization in Nevada
- Developed relationships with sources for fast and accurate news reporting
- Conducted research on various local businesses to ensure proper coverage

The Nevada Sagebrush

Reno, Nev.

News Editor

Dec. 2021 to March 2022

- Wrote and broke over 50 stories for an award winning student newspaper during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Managed, wrote, edited and designed the entirety of the news section for the top source of UNR news
- Second-in-command at the organization
- Posted all stories on the backend via WordPress and used quality SEO standards to draw readers to stories Assistant News Editor Sept. 2021 to Dec. 2021
- Worked directly with the Editor-in-Chief and News Editor to curate ideas and write stories about the university
- Approved and edited stories from other staff writers to ensure quality content is published
- Attended weekly pitch meetings with other section editors to present ideas and get feedback on content

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Lerude First Amendment Award | Awarded by the RSJ

May 2024

• Awarded for being the longest serving editor at the 130-year old student newspaper, The Nevada Sagebrush, efforts toward establishing a student media fee and scholarship

Spirit of Democracy Award | Awarded by the Center for Student Engagement at UNR

April 2024

Awarded for efforts towards a student media fee and accomplishments at The Nevada Sagebrush

Steve Martarano Best Published Article Award | Awarded by the RSJ

May 2023

• Awarded for the article "There's very much that threat...: the Jewish experience at UNR" C & C Murray Journalism Scholarship | Awarded by the RSJ

May 2023

• Awarded to students who made satisfactory progress and intend to pursue a career in newspapers

Steve Martarano Sagebrush Editor Scholarship

Aug. 2022, Aug. 2023

• Awarded to the editor of The Nevada Sagebrush

Clarence and Martha Jones Scholarship | Awarded by UNR

May 2023

• Awarded for satisfactory progress at the university

Edward Willis Scripps II Scholarship | Awarded by the RSJ

July 2022, March 2023

• Awarded to the top journalism students at the RSJ who intend to pursue a career in print journalism

Theodore E. and Edna H. Conover Memorial Endowed Scholarship | Awarded by the RSJ May 2022

Make satisfactory academic progress for students who intends to pursue newspaper journalism