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Education

North Carolina Central University, Expected May 2027 - 4.0 GPA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Civic Engagement and Public Policy Concentration

Minor in Mass Communications

Experience

- **The Raleigh News & Observer Politics and Metro Intern** *May to July 2025*
(McClatchy HBCU Development Program)
 - Covered daily N.C. politics, including the [General Assembly](#), bills and [protests](#)
 - Experience in reporting on House and Senate sessions and committees
 - Appeared on Under the Dome [podcast](#) twice to discuss state politics
 - Collaborated on a project to develop methods to better reach youth ages 13-18
- **POLITICO Journalism Institute** *May to June 2025*
 - Worked alongside POLITICO Deputy Head of News David Kihara to quantify ICE raids throughout the U.S. since the beginning of the Trump administration
 - Attended seminars targeted to improve understanding of politics and policy reporting
 - Moderated panel discussion of editors describing leadership in the newsroom
- **Campus Echo** *Oct. 2023 to present*
Co-Editor-in-Chief *May 2025 to present*
Staff Writer *Oct. 2023 to May 2025*
 - Reports, writes and edits articles weekly on local and on-campus news and politics
 - Experience in press pool for U.S. presidential candidate campaign
- **Andrew W. Mellon Scholar** *Jan. to Apr. 2024*
 - Student in Digital Archive in Women's History Course - CLEOPATRA (Collected Lady Eagle Oral History Project & Training Research Acumen)
 - Conducted, recorded, and transcribed interviews with Black NCCU alumna to create a digital archive. (North Carolina Superior Court Judge Josephine Kerr Davis)

Academic Awards

- Steve Schewel Campus Echo Award *April 2025*
- Campus Echo Outstanding Achievement Award *April 2025*
- Global Politics Award *April 2025*
- Honda Campus All-Star Challenge All-Star Award *April 2025*
- Most Outstanding Female Scholar Award Cheatham-White Scholar *April 2025*

Clubs & Organizations

- National Association of Black Journalists – N.C. Central Chapter *Fall 2024 to present*
- Campus Echo Newspaper *Fall 2023 to present*
- Central News Station Volunteer *Spring 2025*
- Students in Public Service Academy (SiPS) *Feb 2024 to May 2025*
- Political Science Club Social Media Chair *Spring 2025*
- Honda Championship All-Star Challenge Club (Quiz Bowl) *Fall 2023 to present*

Skills Summary

* AP Style * Initiative * Writing and Reporting * Interviewing * Public Speaking