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Journalism Portfolio: <https://ronnisimonebutts.journoportfolio.com/>

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, Journalism Concentration

Experience

- **Campus Echo Staff Reporter At-Large (Oct. 2023-present)**
 - Reports on local politics and campus events
 - Writes and publishes articles on <https://campusecho.com> (see portfolio link above)
 - Experience in press pool for U.S. presidential candidate campaign
- **Duke Bass Connections Program – Nova Iguacu, Brazil (June 2024)**
 - Participation in research entitled “Activism, Culture and Education for Citizenship in Brazil and the U.S.”
 - Engaged in ethnographic research on Afro-Brazilians and the ways they utilize their citizenship and engage in an oppressive society
- **Andrew W. Mellon Scholar (Spring 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. (Superior Court Judge Josephine Kerr Davis)
- **Chick-fil-A Front of the House Team Member (Feb. 2022-June 2023)**
 - Practiced customer service, communication, and teamwork skills through taking and bagging orders, serving customers, opening, and closing.

Academic Awards

- Cheatham-White Scholarship (NCCU full ride recipient)
- Carolina Panthers Players Sam Mills Scholarship recipient
- Chick-fil-A Remarkable Scholarship Leadership Scholar recipient
- Truliant Federal Credit Union Fred Sarda Scholarship Award recipient
- NC Campus Engagement Redesigning Democracy Team Competition 3rd Place Winner (2024)

Clubs & Organizations

- National Association of Black Journalists – (Fall 2024-present)
- Campus Echo Newspaper (Fall 2023-present)
- Students in Public Service Academy (SiPS) – (Feb 2024-present)
- Political Science Club (Fall 2023-present)
- Honda Championship All-Star Challenge Club (Quiz Bowl) (Fall 2023-present)
- Cheatham-White Leadership Council (Fall 2023-Spring 2024)

Skills Summary

* Leadership

* Writing

* Reporting

* Interviewing

* Public Speaking

* Low Intermediate Proficiency in Korean

* Time Management