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## ABOUT ME

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I'm a highly motivated, diligent, creative journalist, looking to build my skill set and expand my knowledge in the industry. I am currently an international news reporter and a former assignment editor. In a top 10 news market.

## EDUCATION

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### University of Central Florida

Nicholson School of Communication and Media

- BS Journalism (Electronic News Track)

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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### *Straus News, New York City*

#### *Freelance Local News Reporter*

September 2025- Present

- Reported on local issues, events, and topics to showcase the local community of Manhattan.

### *United Press International*

June 2025- Present

#### *Reporter*

- Research, write, and edit daily news articles under tight deadlines for print and online platforms
- Investigate inconsistencies across 20+ sources, confirming accuracy of key facts and figures for front-page articles; findings prevented publication of misinformation and upheld publication's reputation for journalistic integrity.

### *WKMG Channel 6, Orlando, FL*

February 2024- August 2024

#### *Content Gatherer*

- Generated story ideas that led newscasts and attracted viewers
- Facilitated quick decision-making in a highly pressured deadline environment
- Multi-tasked the demands of news managers, producers, reporters, and viewers
- Directed photographers, producers, and reporters in the field, resulting in the news being reported most efficiently and accurately
- Analyzed information from competitor news sources, identifying 3-4 unique angles daily to enhance story development and ensure comprehensive reporting from the organization's reporter.

### *Charge on Air Reporter*

August 2024- April 2025

- Wrote news stories clearly and presented them appealingly
- Presented multiple news stories in a live broadcast
- Produced, recorded videos, and edited my story's content and presentation

### *Sookdeo Productions*

- Passion Project for interviewing locals involving different industries, July 2023-Present
- <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaNRjGMHKofzA8fnrgbwSWw>

## SKILLS

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Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint, Photoshop, Scripting, Social media Copywriting, Management, Active listening skills, Leadership skills, Breaking News, press writing, Editing, In-depth research, Data analysis, Source development and verification, Fact-checking, Public records research, Interviewing, Multimedia storytelling, Proofreading & Editing