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EDUCATION

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in Communication and Media, June 2025

WORK EXPERIENCE

Real Ones, Chicago, IL

Freelance Journalist, September 2025 – Current

- Directed, produced and hosted a documentary covering the Faye Webster Invitational.
- Researched, prepared questions and wrote bios for ten interviewees.
- Edited the story's dialogue and consulted on its visual editing.

14 East Magazine, Chicago, IL

Associate Editor, September 2024 – Current

- Edited and fact checked features, photo essays and other magazine pieces for weekly publication.
- Wrote feature length stories and audio pieces primarily for the Music & Entertainment section.
- Contributed album reviews and opinions for a weekly newsletter with 737 subscribers and a 60% open rate.

Glasse Factory, Remote

Journalism Intern, September 2024 – March 2025

- Wrote song & album reviews, stories covering the music industry and a list of live show announcements.
- Handled press releases to produce over 40 stories on music and the music industry.
- Worked remotely and learned to communicate in a virtual work environment.

RELATED COURSEWORK

Magazine Reporting, Winter 2024

- Researched and conducted interviews for a longform written piece.
- Learned the techniques needed for personal essays, front-of-the-book articles, reviews and longform pieces.
- Pitched and developed stories in a student-led newsroom.

Introduction to Online Reporting and Production, Fall 2023

- Developed a versatile reporting process for written articles, video edits and audio pieces.
- Acquired a strong understanding of how to pitch stories for various mediums.
- Developed a proficiency in photography, video and audio production, and multimedia story construction.

Study Abroad in Cork, Ireland, Fall 2024

- Studied modern music in Ireland and the role of musical traditions in Irish culture.

SKILLS

- Proficient in audio editing with Adobe Audition and Logic Pro.
- Proficient in Adobe Premiere
- Journalistic writing and research methods.