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EXPERIENCE

Smash Jump — Associate Editor

May 2026 - Present

- Edit news articles and features from contributors on WordPress
- Improve titles, links, and overall content for Smash Jump

News Contributor and Video Producer

October 2024 - Present

- Cover video game and movie news, pitch article ideas on Discord server
- Collaborate with writers and editors on Discord server for content development
- Aid video producers in writing scripts and editing videos for YouTube channel

PSX Extreme — News Contributor

February 2024 - September 2026

- Report on video game news with a specific emphasis on PlayStation content
- Share website articles on social media platforms
- Collaborate with writers and editors via Discord for news article brainstorming

Project Based Consulting

August 2020 - February 2024

- Worked outside journalism in project-based roles, building soft skills including timeliness, adaptability, and communication while gaining practical understanding of blue-collar work environments, as well as continuing to develop storytelling skills
- Gained strong and diverse relationships in each role, learning to communicate across dynamic teams and work styles
- Maintained familiarity with AP style, journalistic ethics, and digital storytelling platforms

Top 10 Esports — Volunteer Writer

December 2019 - June 2020

- Create engaging content on Esports news for specific games
- Collaborate with writers and editors via Discord and Trello for news article pitches

SKILLS

Google Drive, Microsoft
OneDrive
CMS via WordPress

Social Media: YouTube,
Facebook, Twitter,
Instagram/Threads, Bluesky

Collaboration via Discord

Photo and video editing: Adobe
Photoshop and Davinci Resolve

Breaking News, Interviewing,
and Source Development

- Efficiently write, post, and collaborate on Esports gaming news

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

GameStop — *Seasonal Sales Associate*

October 2025 - December 2025

- Welcome and assist customers with merchandise questions
- Organize, distribute video games and related products

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago — *Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Communications Major*

Graduated May 2020

- *Digital Journalism, Data Journalism*
- *Intro to Filmmaking, Intro to Photography*