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SUMMARY

Abby covers politics and government and how they come together to affect residents in Tarrant County, TX. In college, she was an award-winning reporter and editor-in-chief of JMU's student newspaper The Breeze. Abby has told stories across Virginia as an intern for two summers the Daily Press and a fall at the Richmond Times-Dispatch before starting her professional career.

EDUCATION

James Madison University

Bachelor's Degree in Media Arts & Design, 2020

- Concentration in Journalism
- Minor in Creative Writing

AWARDS

2019 Society of Professional Journalists Mark of Excellence National Finalist

- Nonfiction Magazine Story

2019 Society of Professional Journalists Award

- Best Nonfiction Magazine Story,
Region 2

2019 Virginia Press Association Award

- First Place in Feature Profile Writing,
Non-Daily Newspaper

2017 Virginia Press Association Award

- Third Place in Feature Writing, Non-
Daily Newspaper

REFERENCES

John Ramsey

Projects Team reporter, The Post and
Courier

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Katy Burnell Evans

Assignment editor, Post Local

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Investigative reporter, The Tributary

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EXPERIENCE

Tarrant County Reporter

Fort Worth Star-Telegram | October 2021 - Present

- Covers county government and politics with primary focus on the county's commissioners court
- Built the Tarrant County beat from the ground up to become Fort Worth's primary source for county government news

Government Watchdog Reporter

Fayetteville Observer | February 2021 - September 2021

- Reported on the city of Fayetteville, towns of Hope Mills and Spring Lake, and Cumberland County with a focus on daily and enterprise reporting
- Maintained enterprise in housing with the goal of uncovering issues and solutions related to homelessness, the housing shortage and affordable housing

General Assignment Intern

Richmond Times-Dispatch | August 2020 - December 2020

- Reported on Hanover County and various other topics with an emphasis on human interest and enterprise reporting
- Co-wrote the newsroom's second most read story in the latter half of the year on JMU's failed return to campus during the pandemic

Editor-in-Chief

The Breeze | March 2019 - March 2020

- Oversaw the operations of JMU's independent student newspaper
- Led the paper to its third-straight Virginia Press Association Grand Sweepstakes award, as well as the News Sweepstakes and Best in Show for print design