

SHELBY LORAIN MCNEAL

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EDUCATION

Denison University, Granville, OH

May 2026

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism

GPA: 3.89/4.00

Bachelor of Arts in Music

Study Abroad: Danish Institute for Study Abroad, Copenhagen, Denmark

Summer 2025

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Multimedia Storytelling
- Electronic Composition
- Literary Journalism
- Social Media Analytics
- Film Music and Sound
- Opinion Writing
- Ethnographic Methods
- Documentary Filmmaking (upcoming)

PUBLICATIONS

McNeal, S. "The joy of making music: Joy Hire's Angel Choir." *The Reporting Project*, November 25, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Denison premieres one-act version of 'Lucky Stiff.'" *Denison University — What's Happening*, November 12, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Denison seniors explore the arts on memorable trip." *Denison University — What's Happening*, October 27, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Parking frustration prompts town hall meeting." *The Denisonian*, October 1, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Denison and Granville High School team up to host concert." *Denison University — What's Happening*, September 26, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Ongoing Community Support for Denison's Young Musicians." *Denison University — What's Happening*, April 25, 2025.

McNeal, S. "There and Back Again: A Musician's Tale." *Denison University — What's Happening*, February 18, 2025.

McNeal, S. "Send in the clowns: Tears and laughter accompany 'A Little Night Music.'" *Denison University — What's Happening*, November 20, 2024.

McNeal, S. "The Power of Story." *Denison University — What's Happening*, October 16, 2024.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & PROJECTS

DIS Study Abroad Student Videographer, Denison University

May - June 2025

- Shot and edited a short-form video for the DIS Abroad TikTok account, showcasing favorite places to explore in Copenhagen after class
- Video received nearly 900,000 views on the DIS Abroad TikTok page, demonstrating strong engagement and visual storytelling skills

- Arts @ Denison Journalism Intern**, Denison University August 2024 - Present
- Conduct interviews and write stories about students, faculty, and arts events on campus
 - Articles are sent to 4,500 people in the newsletter and posted on the Denison website
- This Was Everything I Had To Show**, Denison University May 2023
- Completed a multimedia storytelling project about 3 women pursuing careers in music
 - Created a 1500-word narrative story, a 7-minute audio story, and a 5-minute documentary
 - Compiled all media elements into an interactive digital presentation using Shorthand
- “For I was Dying:” The Triumph and Tragedy of Ms. Eula Hall** June 2019
- Placed 2nd nationally in the Senior Group Documentary category at the National History Day competition with a 10-minute documentary on Eula Hall, a healthcare activist

LEADERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT

- Music Department**, Denison University August 2025 - Present
Fellow
- Support departmental events by assisting faculty, mentoring students, and promoting music engagement on campus
- Ladies’ Night Out A Cappella**, Denison University August 2024 - Present
Music Director
- Lead rehearsals, prepare learning materials, and conduct performances by cueing entries and providing starting pitches
- Delta Gamma Sorority**, Denison University January 2024 - Present
Member
- Participate in chapter and philanthropy events, fostering service and community
 - Selected to serve as a Rho Gamma for potential new members in January 2026
- Front of House Student Manager**, Denison University January 2024 - Present
- Manage ushers and ticket staff for events in the Eisner Center for the Performing Arts

SKILLS

Adobe Premiere Pro	Final Cut Pro
Adobe Audition	Logic Pro
CapCut	Sibelius

HONORS & AWARDS

The Karl Eshman Award , Denison University Music Department	2025
The George K. Goulding Award , Denison University Music Department	2024
Denison University Phi Society Induction	2023
Academic Scholarship , Denison University	2022