Candy Theresa Fontana Verde

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EDUCATION

Bachelor Degree / Journalism **Expected graduation: May 2027**
University of Florida

SKILLS

• Reporting • Dalet • Microsoft Office Suite 365 • Editing • Adobe CC (Premiere, Audition, Photoshop) • AP ENPS
Languages: Spanish (Native) / English (Full Professional Proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

News Intern **Miramar, FL**
NBC 6 and Telemundo 51 **June 2026 – Aug. 2026**

- Assisted with daily newscast production by writing VOs, reviewing scripts and contributing story ideas.
- Produced bilingual content for broadcast and digital platforms, including social media production and video editing.
- Supported newsroom production by assisting with interviews, gathering soundbites and logging footage.
- Conducted three breaking-news interviews on the earthquakes in Venezuela that aired live during the newscast, all within hours of the developing story.

Multimedia Journalist **Gainesville, FL**
Noticias WUFT, University of Florida **Jan. 2025 – Present**

- Anchor Spanish-language newscasts covering news, entertainment and sports segments.
- Write, shoot, voice track, and edit news packages and VOSOTs for on-air and digital distribution.
- Executive Producer of the newscast, overseeing editorial content, story selection and live production.

Social Media Manager **Gainesville, FL**
Noticias WUFT, University of Florida **Jan. 2025 – Present**

- Created weekly social media content for Instagram including news, feature and behind-the-scenes content.
- Design custom covers for video reports and web stories to enhance brand identity and increase click-through rates.

Enterprise Reporter **Gainesville, FL**
WUFT News, University of Florida **Jan. 2026 – May 2026**

- Produce weekly news packages covering breaking news and enterprise stories for broadcast and digital platforms.
- Deliver live shots from the field and report on location for developing and in-depth stories.

Treasurer **Gainesville, FL**
National Association of Hispanic Journalists – UF Chapter **Aug. 2025 – May 2026**

- Manage NAHJ-UF chapter funds, track expenses and oversee budgets; helped secure a $500 national NAHJ grant to launch the first Open House Latino Showcase, featuring 30 students.
- Co-led a bilingual storytelling competition and fundraising initiatives (nonmember entry fees, journalist-themed pin sales), raising $125+ to support future programming and events for Hispanic and Latino student journalists.

First at Five Anchor/ Reporter **Gainesville, FL**
WUFT News, University of Florida **May 2025 – Aug. 2025**

- Anchored the live “First at Five” newscast, delivering local, national and international news to North Central Florida.
- Pitch, write, report, shoot, and edit news packages on deadline using ENPS and Adobe Premiere.

AWARDS & CERTIFICATIONS

Telemundo Academy participant.
Awards: NAHJ Cecilia Alvear Scholarship, Voces del Periodismo Award (Second Place for Best Social Media Story), Peter B Orlik Award, Freedom Forum Scholarship, Engaged Leaders Program and Honors Program.
Certifications: Hootsuite Platform Certification/ Social Media Marketing Certification/ Tutor Training & Certification/ Certification in Modern Journalism from NYU and Rolling Stone.