

SOPHIA DEPHILLIPS

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC May 2026

Bachelor of Arts, Communication Studies

- Minors in Journalism and Political Science | GPA: 3.954 | summa cum laude | University Honors | Dean's List: Fall 2022 - Spring 2026 | UNCW Honors College
- Honors Thesis: When Celebrity Meets Presidency: Donald Trump's Rhetorical Toolbox
- UNCW Honors Merit Scholarship Recipient | Seahawk Grant Recipient | Justin Thompson Communication Studies Scholarship Recipient | Member, UNCW Best Buddies Chapter

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

An emerging journalist with experience in written and multimedia formats covering news, opinion, features, and reviews. Thrives in fast-paced environments; a quick and eager learner who is ready to take on the newsroom.

EXPERIENCE

Receptionist | UNC Wilmington, Wilmington, NC September 2025–May 2026

- Contributed to a front office serving 3,500+ students per semester as part of the Center for Academic Advising at UNCW
- Managed a front desk that supported approximately 200+ advising appointments per week, ensuring smooth and timely check-ins
- Maintained accurate student records and appointment logs using university databases and scheduling platforms
- Collaborated with a professional advising team of 25+ academic advisors

Social Media and Communication Intern | Learning Undeclared, Remote May 2025–August 2025

- Researched scholarships and used Microsoft Office Suite systems to organize the scholarship information
- Observed, interacted with, and interviewed students taking part in the programming during a five-day in-person camp in Largo, MD
- Gathered content for social media use
- Wrote feature profiles on guest speakers

Intern, Meriam Sabih for State Representative Campaign | Macungie, PA June 2024–October 2024

- Collected and organized voter data for Pennsylvania's 131st Legislative District, a constituency of upwards of 64,000 people
- Researched and recommended possible marketing and outreach campaigns; made event promotions
- Interacted with constituents via phone banking to strengthen voter relationships; documented constituent responses

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Student Fellow | UNC Wilmington, Wilmington, NC March 2023–May 2024

- Collaborated with student organizations to further promote equity on a campus with nearly 19,000 students
- Created promotional content
- Was the first of two students to be a DEI Student Fellow, resulting in partnering with faculty to define and spearhead the position
- Navigated and adapted to the changing DEI landscape within the UNC school system, which is made up of 17 universities across the state of North Carolina

Lead Bookseller | Let's Play Books Co., Allentown, PA September 2021–January 2026

- Collaborated on the creation of store communications, event promotion, and social media content creation
- Managed the opening of a new shop location and then the merging of two storefronts
- Assisted in the changing of branding from Let's Play Books to The End: A Bookstore, a Let's Play Books Company
- Processed incoming inventory, fulfilled customer orders, and placed product daily
- Assisted in the production of store procedures while adapting to a rapidly changing industry

SKILLS

Familiarity with Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Office Suite, Google Workspace, Slack, Dropbox, and Canva | Writing and Editing Utilizing AP Style | Knowledge of First Amendment, Privacy, and Libel Law