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EDUCATION

Northwestern State University of Louisiana - Natchitoches, LA **May 2027**
Bachelor of Arts in Communication; GPA 3.5

- Undergraduate Certificate in Strategic Communication
- Minors: Social Science, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at
Arizona State University - Phoenix, AZ** **August 2026**
Inclusive Excellence in Journalism Fellowship

- Selected as one of six inaugural fellows nationwide for the Inclusive Excellence in Journalism fellowship.
- Participates in investigative journalism training focused on accountability reporting, data journalism, multimedia storytelling, interviewing and ethical AI practices while collaborating with mentors and peers through workshops and virtual learning sessions.

Where Y'at Magazine - New Orleans, LA **May 2026 - Present**
Writing Intern

- Edit, write and publish articles covering local news, culture and community stories while researching New Orleans restaurants, attractions and events for engaging local content and utilizing SEO strategies to optimize website and article visibility.
- Assist with office operations, including monthly publication mailouts, documentation, file organization and client material deliveries.

STEM NOLA | STEM Global Actions - New Orleans, LA **May 2025 - August 2025**
Communications Intern

- Shadowed the communications team, including the Chief Communications Officer, Video Production Manager and Creative Services Manager.
- Wrote and edited articles on company events while gathering graphics, photographs and statistics for monthly newsletters.
- Created social media reels, posts and captions and attended live broadcasts at Fox 8 WVUE for behind-the-scenes STEM coverage.

L'Observateur - LaPlace, LA **May 2023 - August 2023**
Intern Reporter

- Covered local businesses across St. Charles, St. James and St. John the Baptist Parishes for River Parish Magazine.
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ACTIVITIES

The Current Sauce Newspaper **May 2025 - Present**
Editor-in-Chief

- Managed a staff of 23 members, assigning weekly tasks and overseeing newsroom operations as Editor-in-Chief of student newspaper.

- Managed the WordPress website by uploading daily content and approving 8–16 page newspaper layouts while editing stories for AP style.
- Built advertising relationships and wrote 50+ articles over three years while serving as Reporter (2023–2024), Sports Editor (2024) and Copy Editor (2025).

Society of Professional Journalists

January 2025 - Present

President

- Revived the chapter after being inactive since the early 2000s while holding biweekly meetings and coordinating monthly seminars with professional journalists.
- Represented NSU at national and regional journalism conferences and award ceremonies.

NLGJA - The National Association of LGBTQ+ Journalists

October 2025 - Present

Student and Early Career Member

- Engaged in a national community of LGBTQ+ journalists and media professionals, participating in professional development and networking.
- Committed to inclusive storytelling and ethical coverage of LGBTQ+ communities, using the NLGJA Stylebook and related resources to strengthen fair and accurate reporting.

PLUGGED IN Magazine

January 2026 - May 2026

Editor-in-Chief

- Managed a staff of eight members, delegating weekly assignments and overseeing workflow for COMM 4230.
- Reviewed and approved magazine layouts, edited articles for AP Style and authored feature stories, including coverage of the impact of artificial intelligence on politics in 2026.
- Coordinated with NSU Print Shop to meet strict publication deadlines while collaborating with faculty to support staff management and program alignment.

Potpourri Yearbook

August 2025 - April 2026

Contributing Writer

- Researched and wrote feature stories highlighting student life, campus events and achievements while conducting interviews to ensure accurate and engaging coverage.
- Collaborated with yearbook staff to align stories with overall theme and design and helped design the yearbook website using Jostens Yearbook Avenue.

AWARDS

- Honorable Mention, CMA Apple Award – Best Newsite, Purple Media Network (2026)
- 2nd Place, CMA Apple Award – Best Opinion Column, “Navigating going home for the holidays after the 2024 Presidential Election” (2025)
- 3rd Place, Liberty Awards – Best Election Print Edition, The Current Sauce (2024)
- 2nd Place, CMA Apple Award – Best Crisis Coverage, “NSU athletic director Kevin Bostian addresses the decision to cancel the season and the future of football” (2024)
- 2nd Place, SPJ Louisiana Pro Chapter – Student Multimedia Reporting, “NSU athletic director Kevin Bostian addresses the decision to cancel the season and the future of football” (2024)
- 3rd Place, Louisiana State Literary Rally – Journalism Category (2023)
- 1st Place, JEA & Loyola Tom Bell Silver Scribe Awards – Sports Writing, “History on the Fly” (2023)