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PERSONAL STATEMENT

CREATIVE, DRIVEN and DEDICATED journalism student seeking a summer internship in EDITORIAL and REPORTING roles. Innovative and collaborative leadership skills developed as head editor of two university publications: Verse Magazine and SA Globalist. Initiative and interpersonal skills honed through a journalism internship in Sri Lanka for three months. Recipient of the Julie Duncan Memorial Award for Student Journalism at the 2018 SA Media Awards and Student Journalist of the Year at the 2018 SA Press Club Awards.

EDUCATION & ACHIEVEMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

2016 - PRESENT

BACHELOR OF JOURNALISM AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Dean's Merit List - GPA 6.6 (out of 7)
- University of South Australia 25th Anniversary Excellence Scholarship
- Winner of Best News Bulletin at 2018 UniSA TV Industry Night
- Winner of the 2018 SA Media Awards: Julie Duncan Memorial Award for Student Journalism
- Winner of the 2018 SA Press Club Student Journalist of the Year

NAZARETH CATHOLIC COLLEGE

2011-2015

- ATAR 99.25 (out of a possible 99.95)
- SACE Merit: English Studies, Society and Culture, Research Project
- Nazareth Stage 2 Academic Award: English Studies
- Principal's Merit List
- Nazareth College Captain Year 12
- House Leader Year 10 and 11
- Romero House Social Justice Award (2013)
- School Application & Academic Award (2011 - 2015)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

VERSE MAGAZINE

HEAD EDITOR

2018 - PRESENT

- Overseeing and guiding production process from start to finish
- Developing magazine's central theme (Mental Health Edition, Sex Edition etc.)
- Networking and engaging with students to encourage submissions using any available avenues - i.e. emails, social media, DMs, meetings with lecturers, organising to speak at lectures
- Vetting and editing submissions
- Interviewing sources for feature articles
- Designing and formatting magazine layout
- Writing articles and editor's note

SA GLOBALIST

HEAD EDITOR

2017 - PRESENT

- Similar roles to *Verse*

**SUNDAY ISLAND
NEWSPAPER**
JOURNALISM INTERNSHIP
2017

- Sourcing stories
- Writing and editing articles
- Researching and fact-checking
- Taking photos for articles
- Conducting interviews
- Networking and maintaining contacts
- Creating titles and sub-headings for articles

**NAZARETH CATHOLIC
COLLEGE**
YOUTH MINISTER
2017 - PRESENT

TISSA CENTRAL COLLEGE
ENGLISH TEACHER
2017

MOONLIGHT CINEMA
SUPERVISOR
2016 - PRESENT

GU FILMHOUSE
CINEMA ATTENDANT
2016 - PRESENT

ZAMBRERO
FOOD ASSISTANT
2016 - 2017

SKILLS

- Effective communicator, active listener and collaborative in a team environment
- Enthusiastic, persistent and light-hearted
- Reliably meet deadlines while maintaining a high standard of work
- Strong leadership qualities and creative problem solver
- Confidence and composure to conduct journalistic interviews and excel under pressure
- Write and edit for a range of text types, styles and publications
- Proficient with Microsoft Office (and Mac equivalent), InDesign, Photoshop, Slack, Gmail, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn

EXTRACURRICULAR AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Street Art Blog: Graffic Content – <https://grafficcontent.wordpress.com/>
- Nazareth Outreach Work (East Timor 2018, Bathurst Island 2015, and other volunteering experiences/fundraisers)
- AllKids Volunteer in Cambodia (2017)
- Nazareth Young Adults Worker's Party (2016-Present)
- Nazareth College Open Basketball, Drive Tennis, Cross Country and First XVIII Football Competition
- Open Day Assistant and Tour Guide
- Guitar lessons
- College Debating Team
- Year 10 Drama Production
- Nazareth Blood Donation Team

REFERENCES

SURESH PERERA
CHIEF EDITOR: UPALI
NETWORK (SUNDAY
ISLAND NEWSPAPER)

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