Joseph Franco

Esports Journalist

About Me

Freelance esports journalist and analyst with over 3 years of full-time experience. Authored 400+ articles for leading esports publications. Scheduled and interviewed hundreds of current and former professionals in multiple mediums. Managed deadlines and content schedules for multiple publications at once. Experience with embargoed news and collaborations alongside official press releases.

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Portfolio

Journalism

EsportsHeaven.com - Freelance Writer November 2016 - Present

 Responsible for hundreds of interviews with professional esports athletes and industry leaders as well as countless narrative-driven articles detailing professional Overwatch and esports in general.

Winstons Lab.com - Freelance Writer/Volunteer August 2017 - January 2018

 Assisted some of the great minds at Winstons Lab, the leading Overwatch statistics website, with creative input, data entry for their statistics, and the occasional analytical report.

HTC Esports.com - Freelance Writer February 2018 - October 2018

 Worked alongside HTC Esports editorial staff to create colourful player profiles to help shape the space and allow the community a look behind the curtain.

Polygon.com/Heroesneverdie.com - Freelance Writer November 2018 - January 2020

• Worked alongside Polygon's Overwatch focused publication to breakdown and profile Overwatch League teams, players and storylines.

GGRecon.com - Freelance Writer December 2019 - Present

 Responsible for writing three to four feature pieces a week covering both the Overwatch League and VALORANT. Authored both news posts, interviews, and analytical articles.

Achievements

- Jury member for the 2018 Stockholm International Esports Awards
- Published in the 2017-2018 Esports Yearbook
- Co-host for one of Overwatch's biggest podcasts; Tactical Crouch
- Winner of the inaugural <u>Coaching</u> <u>Classroom Analysis</u> <u>Competition</u>
- Contributed to the official Overwatch League website
- Worked as a Desk Analyst on the English broadcast for Overwatch Contenders: China