

# SARAH DONALDSON JOURNALIST

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## EDUCATION

### OHIO UNIVERSITY

#### Athens, Ohio

B.S. in Journalism

- Elective courses in public issues reporting, business reporting and magazine feature writing
- Selected to attend training alongside professionals on reporting in the age of misinformation, put on by the nonprofit First Draft, at Ohio University in March 2020

Minor: Political Science

Certificate: Social Media

Set to graduate in May 2022

GPA: 3.98/4.0

## HONORS

- Winner, finalist for multiple Mark of Excellence awards, Region 4 Society of Professional Journalists (2019, 2020)
- Bob Fryer Memorial Scholarship, Press Club of Western Pennsylvania (2020)
- Sally Kalson Journalism Scholarship, Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh (2020)
- Athens NEWS-Bob Baker Scholarship (2020)
- E.W. Scripps School of Journalism Dean's Scholarship (2019, 2020)

## SKILLS

- Wordpress
- Adobe Premiere Pro, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Audition

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### THE NEW POLITICAL (Aug. 2018 - Present)

The New Political is an award-winning, independent and nonpartisan student publication, solely dedicated to covering local and state politics.

#### Editor-in-Chief (May 2020 - Present)

- Oversee entire publication in all online and print efforts
- Lead a team of more than 20 editors, reporters, opinion writers, photographers and other staff members through day-to-day operations as we adjust to a mostly remote newsroom due to the pandemic
- Oversaw and edited a 32-page summer magazine

#### Digital Managing Editor (Jan. - Apr. 2020)

- Oversaw multimedia staff; ran all of publication's digital efforts
- Headed fundraising committee
- Designed and edited a 24-page winter magazine

#### Digital Editor (Jan. - Dec. 2019)

- Regularly edited multimedia content

#### Staff Reporter/Writer (Aug. 2018 - Dec. 2019)

- Provided regular multimedia coverage of local and state issues by attending meetings, such as Athens City Council, and interviewing public officials

### THE ATHENS NEWS (Sept. 2019 - Present)

The Athens NEWS is a weekly newspaper servicing Athens County in Southeast Ohio.

#### Intern (May - Aug. 2020)

- Researched and wrote more than 15 articles, several of which ran on the front page of the weekly print edition
- Assignments included coverage of a city-wide mask mandate, from conception to implementation, and a story about calls to defund the local police department amid national protests in response to police brutality

#### Freelance Reporter (Sept. 2019 - Present)

### WOUB PUBLIC MEDIA (Jan. 2019 - March 2020)

WOUB is a media station in Athens, Ohio. The station, owned by Ohio University, is a National Public Radio member station.

#### Newswatch Producer (Jan. - March 2020)

- Created show rundown, wrote scripts, compiled videos and made graphics for Newswatch, a 30-minute nightly student newscast

#### Multimedia Reporter (Jan. 2019 - March 2020)

- Produced written, audio, video and social media content

#### Newswatch Assistant Producer (Sept. - Dec. 2019)

### THE BUTLER EAGLE (May - Aug. 2019)

The Butler Eagle is a daily newspaper published in Butler, Pennsylvania. It serves the Pittsburgh metropolitan county of Butler.

#### News Intern

- Researched and wrote more than 20 articles
- Assignments included a front-page story on the persistent shortage of blood in the region and a feature on a local teen who advocates against fast fashion practices

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### FIRST OFFICE (Nov. 2019 - Present)

The First-Year and Student Transitions (FYRST) Office at Ohio University is geared toward aiding first-year students in their transition to college.

#### Learning Community Leader (Aug. 2020 - Present)

- Mentor a cohort of more than 25 freshman journalism students
- Create lesson plans with journalism professor for weekly seminar class as well as organize out-of-class events and study sessions

#### Bobcat Student Orientation Leader (Nov. 2019 - Aug. 2020)