

Benjamin Jacobson

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I am an award-winning journalist, editor and columnist specializing in government/news reporting and feature writing. I help oversee a team of reporters while guiding the editorial direction of a daily newspaper. I've twice been recognized by the Iowa Newspaper Association as an outstanding journalist.

Skills

- Writing quick, clean and accurate copy
- Editing stories and working with other writers to improve quality and develop skills
- Competency with Microsoft's Office suite and Adobe's Creative suite
- Interviewing sources and reviewing detailed informational documents
- Translating complex concepts and ideas into easy-to-understand and concise articles

Experience

APRIL 2012 – PRESENT

Assistant local content editor / Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa

I help oversee a team of reporters, news clerks and a graphic designer while helping dictate the editorial direction of a daily newspaper. I also write news stories, feature stories, columns and oversee special sections.

JUNE 2011 – APRIL 2012

City reporter/photographer / Clinton Herald, Clinton, Iowa

I was the primary reporter covering the city government of Clinton, Iowa, as well the local school district. I was the primary source of copy and photographic art for a six-day daily newspaper.

APRIL 2010 – JUNE 2011

Reporter/photographer / Dyersville Commercial, Dyersville, Iowa

I reported on several local city governments, school districts and community organizations. I also took photos helped with weekly page design.

Education

DECEMBER 2009

Communication, journalism emphasis / Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa

I served as editor of the Clarke Courier student newspaper and was a staff writer/designer for the Clarke Catalyst student magazine. I received an Iowa College Media Award for opinion writing for my work on the Courier.

Distinctions

- Genevieve Mauck Stoufer Outstanding Young Iowa Journalist Award, 2014
- Jay P. Wagner Prize for Young Journalists, 2015
- INA Master Columnist, 2018
- Multiple individual and group INA Better Newspaper Contest awards