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### Journalism Experience

#### General Assignment Reporter, *The Washington Post*

Washington D.C. | June 2021 to Aug. 2021

Reported on national and breaking news for The Washington Post's General Assignment team. I covered a wide array of topics, including the Surfside condo collapse, protests in Cuba, crime and the pandemic. I was also part of the team reporting on the national climate, undertaking stories about wildfires across the West, smoke and climate change.

#### General Assignment Reporter, *Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald*

Miami, Fla. | June 2020 to Aug. 2020

Served as a bilingual reporter for the Herald and el Nuevo Herald. My reporting focused on both local and national events, covering crime, the Covid-19 pandemic, the beginning of the 2020 hurricane season, and a number of protests. I also undertook a month-long enterprise project that examined the effects of the pandemic on Miami-Dade County's homeless population, and worked on the production and recording of "El Noticiero," el Nuevo's daily news summary.

#### Real-Time/Breaking News Reporter, *Miami Herald and el Nuevo Herald*

Miami, Fla. | June 2019 to Aug. 2019

Wrote posts in Spanish and English for the Herald and el Nuevo as part of the newsroom's breaking news team. I covered a range of topics with a particular emphasis on Latin America, including an investigation into Honduras' new penal code and the status of Venezuelan immigrants at the southern U.S. border. Also assisted with social media posts and managed el Nuevo Herald's WhatsApp communication channel.

#### Talent & Inclusion Director, *The Observer*

Notre Dame, Ind. | Feb. 2021 to May 2021

Led Notre Dame's independent, student-run newspaper's efforts to diversify both the newsroom and content. As an editorial board member, I was tasked with crafting editorials and endorsements that dictated the paper's institutional voice. Also served as senior staff writer (Sept. 2018 to May 2021) and as podcast host (Nov. 2020 to May 2021) of "The Recap," the news department's weekly summary of major headlines. As a former lead social media strategist (Aug. 2019 to Feb. 2021), I assisted with the social strategy and audience engagement that helped double traffic from social media year-over-year.

### Education

**University of Notre Dame**, bachelor of arts degrees in political science and economics. Graduated May 2021 with departmental honors in the College of Arts and Letters. I was a member of the International Scholars Program, a research program operated by the university's Kellogg Institute, and of Notre Dame's chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, the International Honors Society in Economics. Dean's List: Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

### Technical Skills and Languages

**Spanish**, native speaker.

**Portuguese**, bilingual.

**Software and Applications** Advanced proficiency in the use of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, and TikTok. I am also proficient in the use of advanced SEO and social media analysis programs such as Crowdtangle, Hootsuite, Google Trends and FollowerWonk. I am also proficient with the complete suite of Microsoft Office tools (including Word, Excel, Outlook), and the use of collaborative platforms such as Google Drive. Additional proficiencies include the Adobe Creative Suite, including Premiere Pro and Audition.

### Awards

**2021 R.V. Ley Journalism Award**, bestowed on a graduating senior in the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy for outstanding achievement and exceptional promise.

**2021 Indiana Collegiate Press Association Contest**, awarded second place in the Best Podcast category for "The Recap Episode 1: Notre Dame community remembers first-year students," the inaugural edition of The Observer's news department's podcast.

**2020 Florida Society of News Editors Journalism Contest**, awarded second place in the News Reporting (Spanish Language) category for "La nueva y peligrosa ruta de los emigrantes venezolanos," an investigative piece about Venezuelans seeking asylum in the US-Mexico border.