

Abigail Kutlas



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Experience

North by Northwestern, Evanston, IL

September 2014 - present

- *Associate and Assistant Editor, staff writer and photographer*
 - Developed story concepts, coordinated teams of writers and designers, and copy-edited and fact-checked stories
 - Crafted life and style and photo stories and photographs to accompany news pieces

Grand Island Independent, Grand Island, NE

August 2013 – September 2014

- *Columnist*
 - Authored bi-weekly opinion columns relating to life as a senior and high school and pop culture for regional newspaper (daily circulation approximately 25,000)

The Islander, Grand Island, NE

August 2011 – May 2014

- *Editor-in-Chief (August 2013 – May 2014), Copy Editor, staff writer and photographer*
 - Composed several regional and national award-winning stories and photographs
 - Assigned and copy-edited several stories per month
 - Designed single-page and double-truck layouts and infographics

Education

Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University

September 2014 – June 2018

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Journalism

Grand Island Senior High, Grand Island, NE

May 2014

Accomplishments: Ranked number one in graduating class of 480; commencement speaker; nationally-recognized journalist by National Federation of Press Women; recipient of NSAA Believer and Achiever award; national AP scholar

Additional Experience and Skills

Relevant Coursework

- Reporting and Writing (covered topics ranging from right-to-death laws to homelessness); Multimedia Storytelling (constructed photo, audio, video and interactive stories relating to pop culture and current events)

Skills

- Languages: Spanish (intermediate proficiency); Mandarin (beginning proficiency)
- Technology: Adobe InDesign, Photoshop and PremierePro (advanced proficiency); Social media i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest (advanced proficiency); HTML and CSS (intermediate proficiency)

Volunteer and Work Experience

- Medill Media Teens — volunteered to work with high school students from inner-city Chicago on journalistic skills such as interviewing, audio and video editing, photography and writing
- Grand Island Education Foundation – managed social media accounts, designed surveys for grant and scholarship winners, filed paperwork and managed finances for a nonprofit organization