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Data and infographics journalist

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Profile

I'm a budding data journalist with newsroom experience at the **University of Missouri**. I'm a proven and flexible team worker, unafraid to throw in a joke every so often. I aim to build an even stronger foundation in data visualization and reporting.

Skills

Adobe Illustrator
Infographic and data visuals
Graphic design
Basics of InDesign
Basics of Photoshop
News reporting
Section management
Basic HTML, CSS, Javascript
DB Browser, SQL language
Story editing and AP style
Team collaboration
Remote work

Education

University of Missouri-Columbia
Expected grad. December 2021
Pursuing B.A. in data journalism
Honors college — 3.6 GPA

Journalism Experience

Columbia Missourian **Graphics Desk TA** (January 2021 to present)

- Serve as **functional co-editor** of the graphics section for a newspaper serving mid-Missouri.
- Teach graphic reporters how to use Adobe Illustrator to create infographics for print edition and website.
- Assign, create and edit graphics with simplicity in mind.
- Participate in daily budget meetings with faculty editors in planning upcoming content.

Columbia Missourian **Staffer** (May 2020 to December 2020)

- Daily reporter in summer 2020. **Covered COVID-19 beat** along with general assignments and mastered basics of journalism.
- Worked with Missouri and Boone County COVID-19 data.
- Worked as **graphics reporter** in fall 2020 and learned how to visualize quantities in a contextual and simple manner.

Maneater **Student Politics Editor** (April 2019 to May 2020)

- Managed section of around 10 student reporters at MU's independent student newspaper.
- Taught reporters the basics of news reporting. Edited stories from reporters and developed **strong AP style skills**.
- Gained an ear for story ideas and a sense for story angles.

Maneater **Staff Writer** (September 2018 to April 2019)

- Cut my teeth in journalism practice and learned fundamentals of news reporting at MU's independent student newspaper.
- Pitched and wrote weekly stories for student politics section.
- Trained as the **assistant student politics editor**.