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Experience

Lansing State Journal – Lansing, Michigan
State Issues Reporter, September 2021 – Present
• Covers the state workforce, the state Capitol building and a wide range of topics of interest for the Lansing readership, including state legislation, the state's redistricting process, political campaigns, local healthcare systems in the state of the pandemic, labor disputes and more.

The Washington Post – Washington, D.C.
Features intern, June 2021 – August 2021
• Wrote features and quick hits for a range of coverage areas in the Features department, including the 50th anniversary of the 1971 'Willy Wonka' movie, a #FreeBritney rally at the Lincoln Memorial, a cultural history of prom queens and return to theaters.

The Seattle Times – Seattle, Washington
Summer stringer, June 2020 – August 2020
• Reported longer stories and quick hits on arts, education, books, food and more for the Features desk, a remote freelancer after internship program was cancelled.

New York Times Student Journalism Insititute — New York City
Designer, Summer 2018
• Designed pages, infographics and maps for according to NYT style and standards under guidance of staff editors as part of summer program for underrepresented students.

Indiana Daily Student — Bloomington, Indiana
I worked a number of jobs at my college paper from Aug 2017-Dec 2020, including Editor-in-Chief, Creative Director, Managing Editor, design chief and enterprise editor.
• Creative Director, Aug. - Dec. 2020: Managed production of weekly print product, special publications and graphics for online/social presences.Created new style guide for social media graphics and Black Voices section.
• Managing Editor, May - Aug 2020: Coordinated and edited daily coverage across all desks. Consulted on complex editorial decisions presented by a pandemic, protests in two cities in the area, a reported hate crime and more within a small, remote-work staff.
• Enterprise Editor, Jan. - May 2020: Managed and edited a staff of reporters focusing on a range of longform pieces and data-driven investigations.
• Creative Director, Aug. - Dec 2019: Designed pages, graphics and illustrations. Directed photo, video and design staffs, content and presentation for all publications.
• Editor-in-Chief, May - Aug. 2019: Led a newsroom through a summer with white supremacy allegations, the KKK, a tornado, an on-campus stabbing, a murder case that turned into national news in addition to regular coverage.
• Design Chief, Jan - May 2018: Led production of twice-weekly print product while designing front pages, feature section fronts and graphics as necessary.

WFHB, Bloomington, Indiana
News intern, Sept - Dec 2018
• Reported, wrote, recorded and edited pieces on a tight daily turnaround of five and a half hours, covered Indiana in the 2018 midterm elections, local businesses, Indianapolis' bid for an Amazon headquarters, child welfare, and broadcast live election night analysis.

Education

Indiana University Bloomington, Graduation: May 2021
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with specializations in news writing, graphic communication and media and cultural studies.
• Relevant coursework: Visual Communication, Graphic Design 2, Infographics, Web Design in both the Media School and School of Informatics, Computing and Engineering

Involvement

National Association of Hispanic Journalists, 2017-current
• One of five students nationwide chosen as a 2019 NAHJ Facebook Journalism Project Scholar

Society for News Design, 2017-2021
• 2nd Place Student News Designer of the Year in the international SND 2020 Design Contest
• Helped facilitate annual competition and design Best of News Design books

IDS Diversity Board, Jan 2019-Dec 2020
• Evaluated coverage of underrepresented groups
• Developed initiatives and events to improve DEI in coverage and recruitment
• Helped organize a Q&A panel with on-campus culture centers

Board of Aeons, 2020-2021
• Served on the 99th Board of Aeons, a selective student research board advising IU's president on issues facing Indiana University

Skills

Adobe Creative Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Premiere, After Effects), HTML/CSS