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Education

May 2025

Multiplatform journalism major and a minor in Science, Technology, Ethics and Policy (B.A)

University of Maryland, College Park

Skills

- Beginner HTML, CSS, Github
- Adobe Premiere Pro, InDesign and Photoshop
- LiveU transmission
- DSLR, Broadcast Cameras
- Knowledge of Rundown Creator
- EVS system

Honors + Memberships

Scholarship | Frances J. Cormier White House Correspondents Association Scholarship | 2022

Member | White House News Photographers Association | 2023

Member | National Press Photographers Association | 2022

Scholarship | Presidential Scholarship | 2021 - 2025

Overall Award | Scholastic Press Association of Chicago | 2021

Ava Thompson

Journalist

Experience

June 2023- present

The Office of the Honorable Mayor Lori Lightfoot | Chicago, Illinois Intern

- Researches and finds historical multimedia on the COVID-19 pandemic for the Mayor's graduate-level public health class at Harvard University
- Aid the Mayor in continuing her administration goal to build and sustain healthy and vibrant communities, especially small and medium size impact indigenous communities in Chicago

July 2022- present

White House Correspondents Association | Washington, D.C. Scholar

- Awarded the Frances J Cormier White House Correspondents Association scholarship
- Selected as a guest to represent the University of Maryland at the 2023 WHCA Dinner as a Scholar
- Participated in student press conference in the White House Press Briefing Room

January 2023 - present

Capital News Service | University of Maryland-College Park

Producer

- Produced the bi-weekly Capital News Service program, a live student-run broadcast
- Writes, edits and creates rundowns
- Field produced with reporters on live shots including in Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court

October 2022- September 2023

Office of Marketing + Communications | University of Maryland

Video Production Intern

- Assisted the Director of Video Production to research, produce, coordinated with community members for video content that promotes the University
- worked in the field high-profile video productions,
- set up lights, camera, tripod and audio for field production,
- create compelling content formatted for individual social media platforms

April 2023 - September 2023

Maryland Center for Health Equity | University of Maryland

Video Editor

- Edited talk shows that connects communities with less access to healthcare with accurate medical advice into highlight reels designed for various social media platforms

January 2022- October 2022

The Diamondback | University of Maryland, College Park

Staff Writer

- Writes two news stories a week on local, state and federal midterms within the state of Maryland for the University of Maryland's award-winning student newspaper.
- In Spring 2022, Covered the Resident Housing Association, housing, DOTS, and dining beat.

- Attends weekly beat meetings.

October 2021 - January 2022

Block Club Chicago | Chicago, Illinois

Independent Reporter

- Pitched and wrote stories for Block Club Chicago, a non-profit news organization that writes for Chicago's neighborhoods.

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