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EDUCATION

New York University M.A. in Journalism; Science, Health and Environmental Reporting	Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2022 New York, New York
Caldwell University B.A. in Biology (Pre-Med); Minor(s): English & Chemistry, GPA: 3.62/4.0, <i>cum laude</i> Caldwell University Scholarship, Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society (President)	Aug. 2013 – May 2017 Caldwell, New Jersey

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Freelance Science Reporter <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitching and researching stories for different outlets.	Sept. 2022 – Present
Intern Science News <ul style="list-style-type: none">Wrote news stories for a general audience at Science News Magazine and writing for middle school students at Science News Explores. Also converted Science News stories into Science News Explores stories.Made TikToks and wrote scripts for Science News social media, wrote book reviews and did factchecking.	Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2022 Washington, DC
Intern Scholastic <ul style="list-style-type: none">Researched and wrote science news and feature stories for young magazine readers (ages 8-14) on topics including engineering, life science, statistics, and history for Science World and SuperScienceReviewed and edited page layouts and copy for stories, games, as well as teacher's resources	May 2022 – Sept. 2022 New York, New York
Contributing Writer & Copy Editor & Factchecker Scienceline <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitched, wrote, and published stories about biotechnology for the Science, Health and Environmental Reporting's online publicationCopyedited pieces before publication to catch spelling, grammar, and AP style mistakes	Nov. 2021 – Present New York, New York
Freelance Reporter TAPinto.net <ul style="list-style-type: none">Pitched, reported, wrote, and fact-checked 250 stories related to local government and community on topics including COVID-19, dress code controversy, protests, business openings and sensory science	Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2021 West Orange, New Jersey

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher West Orange Public Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none">Worked as a daily substitute paraprofessional and teacher mostly in STEM and biology, and other subjects throughout the districtServed as a long-term replacement for a special education middle school science teacher on leave, creating engaging lesson plans and labs	Nov. 2019 – March 2020; Feb. 2021 – May 2022 West Orange, New Jersey
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Student Caldwell University Department of Natural Sciences <ul style="list-style-type: none">Studied the effects of toothbrush contamination and suggested solutions for toothbrush decontamination; grew and identified bacteria through morphology	Sept. 2016 – May 2017 Caldwell, New Jersey
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Diversity Summer Internship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">Collected data on Maryland food recovery efforts and its effect on food waste with the Maryland Food System Mapping Project (MFSMP) team in the Center for a Livable FuturePublished a blog post based on research topic on Center for a Livable Future Blog	May 2015 – July 2015 Baltimore, Maryland

AWARDS AND HONORS

- [2021 Anne O'Hare McCormick Scholar](#) for the next generation of outstanding female journalists
- 2022 Society of Environmental Journalists (SEJ) Diversity Fellow supports journalist attendance at the 2022 SEJ Conference in Houston, Texas

SKILLS

- Adobe Audition, Hindenburg, Descript, Zoom H5 Recorder, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs
- Language Proficiencies: French and Haitian Creole (can read and write)