Madison Mercado

Communications Professional

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EDUCATION

Boston University May 2024

Bachelor of Science in Journalism, minor in International Relations

WORK EXPERIENCE

Communications Assistant

September 2022 - May 2024

BU College of Communication Marketing and Communication Center

- -Wrote features and news stories for the COM website about student and faculty successes
- -Collaborated with team members on various office tasks, including but not limited to: updating and creating web pages, graphic design projects, and assisting promotion of new initiatives

Radio and News Intern January 2023 - April 2023

GBH News

- -Provided writing and research for daily newscasts, conducting interviews and writing cut-scripts
- -Researched for long-term projects for the investigation team

City Desk Co-op January 2022 - July 2022

The Boston Globe

- -Wrote 150+ breaking news stories about greater Boston, including: crime, fires and some features
- -Covered events and interviewed subjects for assorted stories
- -Collaborated with editors and learned the Globe writing and publication style

Metro Messenger July 2022 - December 2022

-Continued to cover breaking news on a part-time basis

LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

Graphic Designer

The Buzz Magazine

-Created graphics for online lifestyle and culture articles and the semesterly print magazine

City Associate Editor & Staff Writer

September 2020 - December 2021

The Daily Free Press

- -Fact checked articles and copy edited in AP Style and made story structure suggestions for section editor
- -Guided writers through stories including finding sources
- -Wrote and pitched news stories about the city of Boston in a fast-paced newsroom

PROJECTS

Boston by Design Podcast

January 2024 - May 2024

September 2022 - April 2023

- -Wrote produced, and edited a three-part podcast about Boston's graphic design history and industry
- -Interviewed students and industry experts with journalistic audio principles

Don't Make Lies Web Design

October 2023 - January 2024

-Designed and developed a portfolio website for my personal brand using HTML and CSS

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Adobe Creative Suite: Illustrator (Advanced), InDesign (Advanced), Photoshop (Intermediate), Premiere Pro (Intermediate), Audition (Intermediate), After Effects (Beginner) Microsoft Office (Advanced) AP Stylebook (Advanced)
WordPress CMS (Intermediate)
Figma (Beginner)
HTML/CSS (Beginner)
Javascript (Beginner)