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Journalism Experience

The Diamondback – Staff Writer

August 2022 – Present

- Writing and pitching two stories per week on city and campus development for an independent student digital publication
- Covering businesses, construction projects and how developments impact racial and socioeconomic groups in College Park, MD
- Reported on the College Park City Council for one year, focused on how council decisions impacted students and full-time city residents differently
- Major reporting projects include series on city redistricting, the former mayor's arrest and a subsequent mayoral election
- Non-beat-related assignments include coverage of political rallies, data-infused projects and stories that localized national issues

Montgomery Community Media – Breaking News Reporting Intern

September 2023 – Present

- Reporting and pitching two to four stories per week for a non-profit daily digital publication in Montgomery County, MD
- Writing on tight deadlines about county council, education and police news
- Wrote a feature story on contemporary artists inspired by hip-hop culture and an investigative story on the termination of an equestrian center's lease

WMUC-FM Radio – Producer

February 2023 – Present

- Producing a weekly WMUC-FM Radio entertainment news show
- Controlling mics, music audio levels and sequences during the live broadcast
- Managing reporters, commentators and social media accounts
- Editing stories and approving pitches with a focus on timeliness and audience appeal

The Herald-Mail – Editorial Intern

May 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote breaking news and feature stories for a daily USA Today Network newspaper in Hagerstown, MD
- Stories delved into historical preservation efforts, the local art scene and how state and national politics impact Washington County residents
- Covered the legalization of recreational cannabis, a migrant settlement program and the history of aircraft manufacturing
- Produced stories for the publication's "Hidden Treasures" series, highlighting interesting people and obscure places in Washington County, MD
- Wrote articles and took accompanying photographs for multiple A1 stories

The Local News Network – Reporter

August 2022 – December 2022

- Collaborated on a statewide school board voter guide for Capital News Service, a project that collected data and interviews from over 100 candidates across Maryland
- Wrote an enterprise story on pandemic learning loss, later published in The Baltimore Banner and Maryland Matters
- Performed background checks (criminal, educational, vocational) on school board candidates

College Park Here & Now – Intern, City Council Reporter

January 2022 – May 2022

- Local politics reporter for a monthly print newspaper, covered major policy movements of the College Park, MD City Council
- Wrote one to two articles per print edition, including stories about city initiatives on restorative justice, homeownership retention and stormwater management
- Produced weekly summaries of city council meetings

News Not Noise – Research and Social Media Intern

September 2021– December 2021

- Summarized national political issues for a social media-based news blog
- Performed background research on guest interview subjects and prepared interview questions for reporters
- Fact-checked and transcribed interviews on the COVID-19 pandemic
- Wrote social media blurbs for a collaboration with USA Facts

Education

B.A. in Journalism,
Government & Politics
The University of
Maryland, College Park

Graduation: May 2025
GPA: 3.98
Media, Self and Society
Scholars Citation

Spring 2024 Plans

Capital News Service
Washington D.C. Reporter
(Covering the federal
government with a
Maryland focus)

Skills

- Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA), Public Information Act Requests (PIA)
- Photojournalism
- Videography (DSLR, broadcast cameras)
- HTML, CSS and Bootstrap coding
- Search Engine Optimization (SEO) skills
- Background checks
- Radio broadcasting, audio journalism
- Deadline writing
- AP Style
- Interviewing (man on the street, congress members, gubernatorial candidate, artists, protestors etc.)

Systems

- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Adobe InDesign
- WordPress and Presto content management systems
- Microsoft Excel