Katharine Wilson

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Congressional Correspondent – Capital News Service

January 2024 – Present | Washington, D.C.

- Covering Congress and the Supreme Court for a Maryland wire service
- Writing breaking news and enterprise stories focused on the Maryland congressional delegation, policy issues and activist movements
- Correspondent at the 2024 Democratic National Convention, wrote about the Maryland delegation and congress members' perspectives on the Biden administration, convention speeches and the union vote
- Wrote widely-published in-depth profiles on the top two Democratic candidates for a competitive U.S. Senate primary

Senior Staff Writer, Investigations and Features – The Diamondback

August 2022 - Present | College Park, Maryland

- Writing investigative and feature stories for an independent daily student newspaper
- Uncovered a multi-million dollar relationship between the University of Maryland and two leading defense contractors
- Led award-winning coverage of the College Park mayor's arrest and court proceedings
- Covered city businesses and housing developments for one year, focused on how new developments impacted different socioeconomic groups in the city
- Reported on the College Park city council for one year, including city redistricting and an emergency mayoral election

News and Editorial Intern – NBC News

June 2024 – August 2024 | New York, New York

- Wrote breaking digital news stories for NBC News's Live Election 2024 blog
- Created research packets with the latest presidential election polling, reporting, commentary and data for the MSNBC Alex Witt Reports team
- Pitched news stories, segments and guests for six hours of weekend news
- Wrote descriptions and headlines, clipped segments and created thumbnails for MSNBC.com and social media platforms
- Monitored breaking political news, assisted anchors and identified soundbites

Co-Director of News - WMUC Radio

February 2023 - Present | College Park, Maryland

- Producing a weekly entertainment news show and overseeing the news department of the University of Maryland's student-run radio station
- Writing scripts, editing stories, posting on social media accounts and managing reporters

Freelance Reporter, Breaking News Intern – Montgomery Community Media September 2023 – May 2023 | Silver Spring, Maryland

- Wrote two to four stories per week on state politics and the county school board
- Focused on the Senate primary, state renter protection bills and the school board election
- Previously worked as a breaking news reporter intern writing about county politics and police

Editorial Intern – The Herald-Mail

May 2023 - August 2023 | Hagerstown, Maryland

- General assignment and features reporting intern for a daily USA Today Network newspaper
- Covered the legalization of recreational cannabis, a migrant settlement program, local artists, the school board and historic preservation programs
- Pitched, wrote and took photographs for six A1 stories

City Council Reporter, Intern – College Park Here & Now

January 2022 - May 2022 | College Park, Maryland

- Covered the College Park city council for a monthly print newspaper
- Wrote one to two stories per print edition about city legislation on restorative justice, homeownership retention and floodwater management

Education

B.A. Journalism, Government & Politics The University of Maryland GPA: 3.98 Graduation: May 2025

Programs

- Wordpress
- Presto
- Adobe Premiere Pro, InDesign, Photoshop
- Datawrapper
- Microsoft Excel
- iNEWS
- Dalí
- Viz

Skills

- Political reporting
- FOIA requests
- Search engine optimization
- Data visualization
- Video journalism
- Photojournalism
- Radio hosting and producing
- Court reporting

Coding Languages

- R
- HTML/CSS
- Bootstrap

Awards/Distinctions

- Mark of Excellence Award for Breaking News Reporting 2023 – The Society of Professional Journalists (Region 2)
- Media, Self and Society Scholars Citation – The University of Maryland

Membership

- The Society of Professional Journalists – Membership (programming chair for Maryland chapter)
- Investigative Reporters and Editors