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## Journalism Experience

Capital News Service – Washington D.C. Reporter

*January 2024 – Present*

- Reporting on the federal government for a Maryland-based wire service
- Writing and pitching at least one story and working two full days per week

The Diamondback – Staff Writer

*August 2022 – Present*

- Writing and pitching two stories per week on city and campus development for an independent student publication
- Covering local 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 affected students and full-time city residents
- Major reporting series have included stories on city redistricting, the former mayor's court proceedings and a subsequent mayoral election
- Other assignments include covering political rallies and sending FOIA requests

Montgomery Community Media – Freelance Writer

*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, the environment, education and police news
- Was a breaking news intern from September 2023 – December 2023, hired back as a freelancer

WMUC-FM Radio – Entertainment News 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 impacted 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 that highlighting interesting people and obscure places in Washington County, MD
- Wrote, pitched 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 changes of the College Park, MD City Council
- Wrote one to two articles per print edition including stories on restorative justice, homeownership retention and stormwater management

News Not Noise – Research and Social Media Intern

*September 2021 – December 2021*

- Summarized national political issues for a newsletter-based news source
- Performed background research on guest interview subjects and prepared interview questions
- 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  
Semester Academic Honors  
(all semesters)

## 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)
- Background checks
- Radio broadcasting
- Podcasting
- Deadline writing
- AP Style
- Court reporting
- Political coverage
- Interviewing (man on the street, congress members, gubernatorial candidate, artists, protestors etc.)

## Systems

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