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Journalism Experience

The Diamondback – Staff Writer

August 2022 – Present

- Covering city and campus development for a digital independent student newspaper
- Writing two stories every week on development projects, businesses and how developments impact racial and socioeconomic groups in College Park
- Reported on The College Park City Council and how their policies affect students and permanent residents
- Major projects have included a series on city redistricting, court reporting on the mayor's arrest and lead coverage of a subsequent special election
- Experience reporting on rallies, protests and how national politics impacts the local community
- Wrote the two most-read articles of 2023

Montgomery Community Media – Editorial Intern

September 2023 – Present

- Writing breaking news and features for a daily non-profit digital news publication in Montgomery County, MD
- Stories have included a feature on how hip-hop music and culture have influenced three contemporary artists, breaking coverage of a police accountability public hearing and a piece breaking down new state laws

WMUC-FM Radio – Producer

February 2023 – Present

- Producing WMUC-FM's pop culture news and talk show "Drop the Pop"
- Controlling mic and music audio levels, sequences during the weekly live broadcast
- Managing a team of eight reporters and commentators, social media accounts
- Editing stories and approving pitches, focusing on timeliness and audience-appeal

The Herald-Mail – Editorial Intern

May 2023 – August 2023

- Wrote breaking news and features for a USA Today Network digital print and online newspaper in Hagerstown, MD
- Stories delved into historical preservation efforts, the Western Maryland art scene and how state and national politics impacted Washington County residents
- Developed and wrote for the newspaper's "Hidden Treasures" series on key people and places in the county
- Conducted interviews, wrote, photographed and incorporated search engine optimization tools for every story

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 on 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 local print newspaper, focused on major policy movements of The College Park City Council
- Produced weekly executive summaries of city council meetings
- Wrote one to two articles per print edition, including coverage of city initiatives on restorative justice, homeownership programs and stormwater mitigation

News Not Noise – 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

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

Skills

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| • FOIA requests | • Adobe Premiere Pro video editing, Adobe InDesign | • HTML, CSS and Bootstrap code | • Background checks | • Radio broadcasting |
| • Photography | • Presto and WordPress content management systems | • Search engine optimization (SEO) | • DSLR, broadcast camera videography | • Microsoft Excel |