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Portfolio: Annotated Content

**h1-** Mira Varghese

**h2-** About Me

**[body]** I am a junior at the University of Maryland pursuing a dual degree in journalism and International Relations. I hold a number of positions that have helped me gain key experience in these fields. I am currently the Vice President of External Outreach for my university’s chapter of One for the World and a copy editor at The Diamondback. This past summer, I also interned at the office of Congressman John P. Sarbanes.

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**h1-** Resume

**h2- section-** Experience

**resume - organization-** Office of U.S. Representative John P. Sarbanes

**resume - location-** Washington D.C.

**resume - title-** Congressional Intern

**resume - date-** May 2021 - August 2021

**resume - desc -**

* Conducted in-depth research on various policy areas for senior staffers, producing detailed memos on current political issues and events, including economic, education, environmental, immigration and foreign policy
* Performed constituent outreach by writing individual letter responses to voters’ policy questions and concerns and diligently recording their telephone requests
* Reviewed and edited media clips mentioning the Congressman to deliver timely information to senior staffers

**resume - organization-** One for the World, University of Maryland Chapter

**resume - location-** College Park, MD

**resume - title-** Vice President of External Outreach

**resume - date-** July 2020 - present

**resume - desc -**

* Established bi-weekly external and internal newsletters for UMD’s chapter of One for the World.
* Coordinate the release of information and event promotion with fellow members of the chapter’s executive board.
* Evaluate and review the effectiveness of language, messaging and content and make necessary changes.
* Develop important leadership, decision-making and collaborative skills to ensure positive audience engagement.

**resume - organization-** The Diamondback

**resume - location-** College Park, MD

**resume - title-** Copy Editor

**resume - date-** January 2021 - present

**resume - desc -**

* Extensively fact check and edit multiple articles per week for errors in accuracy, grammar, punctuation and AP Style.
* Edit and restructure articles to improve their flow and make them more digestible for the audience.
* Further develop a strong attention to detail in order to perfect content for publication
* Approximately 8 hours per week.

**resume - organization-** Stories Beneath the Shell

**resume - location-** College Park, MD

**resume - title-** Staff Reporter

**resume - date-** January 2021 - May 2021

**resume - desc -**

* Research and report on underreported news, issues and events pertinent to the University of Maryland community, while working under demanding deadlines and producing high standards of work. stringent deadline.
* Conduct and transcribe regular interviews with students, community leaders and university officials and continue to build a network of sources.
* Continue to develop key skills in news writing, reporting and editing, as well as proficiency in time management and organization.
* Actively participate and collaborate in weekly staff and operational meetings to create new content for publication.
* Publish one story per week.

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**h1-** Resume

**h2- section-** Education

**resume - organization-** University of Maryland

**resume - location-** College Park, MD

**resume - title-** BA, Dual Degree in Journalism and International Relations

**resume - date-** August 2019-May 2023

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**h1-** Clips

**clips - organization-** Stories Beneath the Shell

**clips - hed-** University System of Maryland institutions to recognize Juneteenth as holiday

**link-** [link](https://umdsbs.wordpress.com/2021/04/17/university-system-of-maryland-institutions-to-recognize-juneteenth-as-holiday/)

**clips - date-** April 17, 2021

**body-** The University System of Maryland (USM) has taken a significant step in recognizing the past and present oppression of Black Americans with Chancellor Jay Perman’s announcement March 31 that Juneteenth will now be recognized as a holiday across all its institutions.

**clips - hed-** College Park community reacts to WMATA’s proposal to close Metro station and bus lines

**link-** [link](https://umdsbs.wordpress.com/2021/03/13/college-park-community-reacts-to-wmatas-proposal-to-close-metro-station-and-bus-lines/)

**clips - date-** March 13, 2021

**body-** The College Park City Council unanimously agreed during its March 9 meeting to send a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) opposing its proposed budget cuts, which would close the College Park Metro Station and two bus lines.

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**clips - organization-** The Diamondback

**clips - hed-** “No corners were cut”: UMD public health professors say the COVID-19 vaccine is safe

**link-** [link](https://dbknews.com/2020/12/14/umd-public-health-professors-vaccines-coronavirus/)

**clips - date-** December 14, 2021

**body-** The world watches as COVID-19 vaccines have begun to be approved, and in some places, administered. But not everyone is quick to line up to receive one. Some public health professors at the University of Maryland say that hesitancy and skepticism are normal among the public, but the vaccines have undergone rigorous testing to prove their safety.

**clips - hed-** UMD Campus Pantry prepares to combat food insecurity for Thanksgiving amid pandemic

**link-** [link](https://dbknews.com/2020/11/19/umd-campus-pantry-food-insecurity-thanksgiving/)

**clips - date-** November 19, 2021

**body-** As Thanksgiving approaches and food insecurity increases nationally due to the coronavirus pandemic, the University of Maryland’s Campus Pantry is continuing to fight hunger within the campus community, trying to ensure that those in need have a meal for the holiday.