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EDUCATION

University of Maryland | GPA: 3.97

Expected May 2026

Dual degree candidate: B.A. Multi-Platform Journalism and B.S. Information Science

EXPERIENCE

Data journalist, Howard Center for Investigative Journalism, College Park, MD

June 2024 - present

- Use R, Python and advanced machine learning tools to contribute to nationwide investigative project
- Use a machine learning review of time-series spatial data to analyze coal movement around the country
- Sift through hundreds of pages of dense government and legal documents to find relevant information

Editorial Intern, Baltimore Magazine, Baltimore, MD

June 2024 - present

- Edit editorial content for grammar and AP style 20 hours per week, calling sources to verify accuracy
- Pitch and write feature articles for online audience of more than 220,000 average monthly unique visitors
- Maintain and update print and online calendar listings using Microsoft programs

Editorial Intern, Montgomery Community Media, Silver Spring, MD

January 2024 - May 2024

- Pitch and write six to eight articles weekly about crime, health, government, environment and breaking news for hyperlocal, Emmy award-winning publication covering Maryland's most populous county
- Select and translate four to six published articles into Spanish weekly based on importance to publication's Spanish-speaking audience
- Input articles into Wordpress and increase SEO using tags, keywords, and image optimization

Managing Editor, The Diamondback, College Park, MD

April 2024 - present

Previous roles: *copy editor 2022-2023; assistant managing editor 2023-2024*

- Fact-check and edit articles for structure, clarity, grammar and AP style at least 20 hours weekly
- Work with the managing desk to make editorial decisions, update the publication's stylebook and oversee a staff of more than 100 people
- Publish about 10 articles to Wordpress weekly and make SEO improvements to increase site traffic
- Edit at least three Spanish-translated articles for DBK en Español per week

Social Media Committee, Her Campus at Maryland, College Park, MD

January 2023 - January 2024

- Used Canva, InDesign and Photoshop to create content for the publication's Instagram and X accounts
- Reviewed analytics report in bi-monthly meetings to increase content engagement and impressions
- As a copy editor in 2023, edited articles about wellness and culture for accuracy, grammar and AP style

National Contributor, Spoon University, Remote

August 2023 - November 2023

- Selected to write for the online food publication with an audience of over 1 million unique monthly users
 - Wrote news and feature stories about new recipes, social media trends and food company lawsuits
 - Increased site traffic with SEO improvements in headline, description, tags and embedded links
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HONORS AND SKILLS

Skills: Elementary R, Python, HTML and CSS; Public records/FOIA requests; Datawrapper; Flourish; Adobe Creative Cloud; Wordpress; Infogram; Canva; Google Workspace; Strong knowledge of AP style; Microsoft Excel; Microsoft Word

Honors: Philip Merrill College of Journalism Dean's Merit Award; Provost's Scholarship, University of Maryland