bethk210@vt.edu, (540) 533-0601, 2452 Southmont Dr. #304, Winston-Salem, NC

#### **Experience**

#### Account Executive, Public Relations & Social Influence, Mullen

Winston-Salem, NC, 6/2013 - Present

- Clients include national brands in the retail, education and grocery store industries
- Manages the daily workflow for integrated campaigns to ensure projects are on time/budget/strategy
- Collaborates with the creative team to develop creative strategy for multiple platforms
- Leads the development of social media strategy and content for multiple platforms
- Leads the PR strategic planning and outreach efforts to secure media coverage
- Writes and edits pitch letters, press releases, media advisories and other marketing materials
- Managed and served as editor for a national consumer blog and optimized content for SEO
- Conducted interviews with executive staff for blog content and story ideas
- Manages and mentors junior staff

# Freelance Writer, Valley Business FRONT magazine

Roanoke, VA, 2/2014 - Present

Conducts interviews and writes stories for the monthly magazine

# Public Relations Account Coordinator, Access Advertising & Public Relations

Roanoke, VA, 9/2010 – 6/2013

- Worked with more than 25 clients in various B2C and B2B industries year-to-date
- Developed strategic public relations and social media campaigns
- Coordinated media interviews and planned and executed news conferences and media tours
- Wrote media pitches, press releases, media advisories and other media materials
- Assisted in the researching, writing and development of new business proposals and presentations
- Produced and coordinated content updates for multiple web and social media sites
- Managed the firm's blog content production and updated website on a weekly basis
- Conducted media training sessions with clients for broadcast and print interviews
- Assisted crisis and risks communications team through client research and analysis

#### Social Media Associate, nanoCom Corporation

Blacksburg, VA, 12/2009 - 4/2010

#### **Corporate Communications Intern, Appalachian Power**

Roanoke, VA, 5/2009 - 7/2009

# Education B.A. Communication - magna cum laude, Minor: Leadership and Social Change, May 2010

Specialization: Public Relations

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, VA

Skills Certifications AP Style, Cision, Vocus, PR Newswire, WordPress, Drupal, Adobe Photoshop, InDesign

Certifications IABC Social Media Certificate, PR News PR Boot Camp Certificate

Awards 2012 Spar

2012 Sparky Award – PRSA Blue Ridge Chapter

2012 PRSA Summit Awards: Special Events, Public Relations Campaign

2011 PRSA Summit Awards: Issues & Crisis Management, Media Relations, Website Development

# **Activities**

# Public Relations Society of America, Blue Ridge Chapter 10/2010 - 5/2013

- Professional Development Committee Chair, 1/2012 5/2013
  - Planned and coordinated chapter's first "Media Speed Dating" event to develop relationships with local media
  - Won the 2012 "Sparky Award" by exemplifying what it means to be an active member

#### Junior League of Roanoke Valley, 8/2011 – 5/2013

- **Promotions Chair,** 5/2012 5/2013
  - Achieved the most successful annual fundraiser in the League's history through a social media campaign and advertising
  - Secured local media coverage in all major outlets for the fundraiser through press release distribution and pitching