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EXPERIENCE

NBC

Capitol Hill Intern

Washington, DC
June 2022 - December 2022

- Interviewed senators and representatives on major congressional storylines including January 6th Hearings, the Inflation Reduction Act, the same-sex marriage bill and the rail strike
- Broke spot news by navigating the Capitol, staking out lawmakers, and asking relevant follow ups
- Verbatim interviews and press conferences and wrote corresponding summary of news bites in AP style
- Contributed to internal network-wide (400+ members) political distribution notes under deadline
- Compiled thorough research packets under deadline for Capitol Hill team on Cassidy Hutchinson ahead of her testimony at the January 6 Hearing and Arizona's Gubernatorial and Senate races ahead of the midterm election
- Interviewed CA Gov. Gavin Newsom during his visit to the Capitol about a potential 2024 run and co-bylined a story about his response for the Meet the Press blog

ABC

Penn Ave/ Digital Intern

Washington, DC
January 2022 - May 2022

- Pitched/wrote stories for abcnews.go.com on DOJ/ White House eviction prevention program after the moratorium ended, the Biden Administration's push for youth voter education, NASA's climate monitoring program and House Democrats call on SCOTUS to defend abortion access (bylines linked)
- Curated a daily Capitol Hill/ White House morning note for over 200 employees on the top headlines and developments of major storylines
- Covered Trump's North Carolina Rally and wrote note on headlines -- Trump's endorsements, criticism of the Biden Administration, and calls to action for a Republican Congress -- to be distributed to ABC's political unit (over 1,000 employees)
- Shadowed producers and correspondents on Capitol Hill for State of the Union
- Worked with Desk Assistants and the Desk/Assignment Editors to assist with newsroom tasks for World News Tonight such as updates for the show on producers, production crew and correspondents

CNN

Virtual Intern for Anderson Cooper 360

Washington, DC
October 2021 - December 2021

- Utilized iNews, NewsApps and MIRA software programs to code and cut voice-over and sound on tape
- Collaborated with team of 25 by assisting with all facets of newsroom (researching topics, pitching stories and guests, logging interviews and shadowing graphic production)

The GW Hatchet

News Podcast Host & Staff Writer

Washington, DC
September 2020 - Present

- Moderated debate between GW College Democrats and GW College Republicans for audience of 200+
- Hosts and produces The Hatchet's weekly news podcast using Adobe Audition and Spotify
- Proposes and pitches enterprise stories weekly for podcast to cover
- Conducted and transcribed interviews with students and experts weekly
- Wrote stories weekly in AP Style with tight turn-around
- Collaborated daily with Section Editor to edit drafts efficiently so news stories and blogs are ready for publication
- Fact-checked 10+ stories weekly in news, opinions, sports, and culture to be ready for print and digital publications

GW-TV

Anchor, Editor, Writer

Washington, DC
September 2020 - Present

- Reports on-air and collaborates with show team to write scripts for all episodes on a monthly basis
- Provides live analysis for GW basketball game coverage
- Conducts interviews and edits episodes using Adobe Premiere
- Proposed and anchored International Politics segment and 2020 Presidential Campaign segment on Capital Crossfire (political show)
- Fact-checked debates between College Democrats and College Republicans

EDUCATION

The George Washington University

BA in Political Communication, Minor in Journalism

Washington, DC
May 2024

- Presidential Scholar involved in The GW Hatchet, GW's independent student newspaper, and GW-TV, GW's student-run TV station.
- Relevant course work: Journalism Theory & Practice, Intro to News Writing, Intro to Video/Web Production, Strategic Political Communication, Public Diplomacy, African-American Politics, Data Journalism using R, Media Law

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

- AP Style
- iNEWS, NewsApps, MIRA, Media Central, NewsMonitors
- Adobe Photoshop, Premiere, Lightrroom, Audition
- Panasonic CX-350, DSLR; Web Design: Wix, WordPress; Social media Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook