TAYLOR BLATCHFORD

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JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Columbia Missourian » Reporter » Summer 2016 – present

» Report on community news topics for a daily city paper, including breaking news stories and in-depth features

The Maneater » University News Editor » Fall 2015 - Spring 2016

- » Coordinated news coverage of the University of Missouri for MU's daily online and weekly print student newspaper
- » Hired, trained and managed a staff of beat writers
- » Created interactive timeline of the fall 2015 semester, including campus race relations, protests and administrative resignations, that received over 200,000 views and was cited by the New York Times
- » Managed longform pieces and coordinated multimedia as publication's Projects Editor (spring 2015 – fall 2015)
- » Formerly a higher education beat writer, copy editor and graphic designer (fall 2014 spring 2015)

MU Thompson Center for Autism » Publications Assistant » Spring 2016 – present

» Design publications for the University of Missouri's autism research center, promote programs and events on social media

Colorado Community Media » Intern » Winter 2014

» Reported and wrote stories on local topics for publication in community newspapers in the Denver metropolitan area

Journalism Education Association » Speaker » Fall 2014 - present

- » Present sessions to high school students at national conventions
- » Critique student work in write-off competitions
- » Spoke to 3,000 students at opening ceremony (spring 2015)

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Journalism Ambassador » Missouri School of Journalism » Spring 2016 – present

- » Give tours of the journalism school to prospective students
- » Represent the journalism school at recruitment events

Team Leader » Newsroom by the Bay » Summers 2015 and 2016

» Led eight high school students in producing written & multimedia content during a weeklong journalism workshop at Stanford University

Summer Staff » Camp Barnabas » Summers 2014 and 2015

» Led a cabin of teenage volunteers, each paired with a camper with special needs, while participating in camp activities for nine weeks » Mentored younger staffers to help them develop leadership skills

EDUCATION

Missouri School of Journalism

- » Bachelor of Journalism
- » Emphasis: Print and Digital
- **News Reporting**
- » Minors: Political Science and History
- » Graduation: May 2018

STORYTELLING SKILLS

Advanced

- » Journalistic writing
- » Beat reporting
- » Breaking news coverage
- » Deadline management
- » Copy editing, AP Style
- » DSLR photography
- » Adobe InDesign
- » Social media
- » Google Fusion Tables
- » Timeline JS

Proficient

- » HTML/CSS web development
- » Adobe Illustrator
- » Adobe Photoshop
- » DSLR video and editing

HONORS & AWARDS

- » Dean's List (fall 2014 present)
- » Walter Williams Scholar and Honors College member (fall 2014 – present)
- » The Maneater scholarship recipient (2016)
- » First place in state for in-depth news reporting, multimedia package and feature writing, Missouri College Media Association (2016)
- » National High School Journalist of the Year (2014)