

# TAYLOR BLATCHFORD

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## Journalism Experience

### **Beat Writer and Copy Editor, The Maneater (Student Newspaper) // Aug. 2014 – Present**

Write 1-3 stories per week for the University News section, covering campus breaking news

Edit content for spelling, grammar, AP Style and organization for print and online editions

### **Speaker, JEA/NSPA National High School Journalism Conventions // Nov. 2014 – Present**

Present sessions on various aspects of journalism to groups of 150+ high school students

### **Intern, Colorado Community Media // Dec. 2014 – Jan. 2015**

Reported and wrote stories on community-related topics, including sports coverage of 15 high schools, to be published in local newspapers in the Denver metropolitan area

### **Editor-in-chief, VISTAjournalism (Mountain Vista High School) // Jan. 2011 – May 2014**

Managed comprehensive journalism program with 50+ staff members

Gained experience in writing, design, photography, editing and digital media

Produced newsmagazine, yearbook, website and broadcast publications

Attended national conventions sponsored by JEA and NSPA and local workshops

Publication won awards including NSPA Newspaper Pacemaker and All-Colorado awards

## Media Storytelling Skills

**Advanced:** Adobe InDesign, DSLR photography, Adobe Photoshop, Google Fusion Tables, social media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Storify, Tumblr), copy editing and journalistic writing

**Basic:** CSS/HTML, web development, DSLR video and video editing

## Education

### **University of Missouri – Columbia // Expected Graduation: May 2018**

Bachelor of Journalism, anticipated emphasis in convergence journalism

## Awards and Recognitions

Walter Williams Journalism Scholar, University of Missouri (2014 – present)

National High School Journalist of the Year, Journalism Education Association (2014)

Colorado High School Journalist of the Year (2014)

National Merit Finalist & National AP Scholar (2014)

## Work Experience

### **Camp Barnabas // May 2014 – Present**

Managed a cabin of personal care assistants that were each paired with a person with special needs while participating in camp activities

### **Brain Highways // Aug. 2013 – May 2014**

Led games and activities for groups of elementary-age children that further develop their brains;

gave small group presentations to parents; assisted with small-business organization

### **Festive Cup Coffee // Dec. 2012 – March 2014**

Prepared and served handcrafted coffee beverages to customers

Sold retail items and assisted with inventory, organization and creating displays