Margaret Young

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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Bachelor of Arts English Writing, Nonfiction Anticipated May 2021 GPA: 3.48

SKILLS

- Content Management Systems (Drupal and WordPress)
- HTML and CSS
- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Copy Editing/Writing
- Social Media
- Search Engine Optimization

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh School of Computing and Information

Pittsburgh, PA

Writing Intern

July 2020—Present

- Contribute to redesigning the SCI website using Drupal and draft web copy that reflects SEO best practices and university brand guidelines
- Draft messaging for internal and external constituents, including scripts for the Dean and student newsletters
- Pitch and write computing and information feature stories about faculty and students for email marketing campaigns and social media posts on Twitter and LinkedIn

The Pitt News Pittsburgh, PA

Copy Chief, Assistant Copy Chief, Senior Staff Writer

September 2018—Present

- Proofread up to 20 stories each night for AP style consistency and fact-check articles before publication while working on a tight deadline
- Lead a staff of up to 10 others and teach them how to copy edit
- Report on events regarding the campus community and contribute to social media copy

PROOF Culture Remote

Media Specialist

February 2021—Present

- Monitor and draft posts for PROOF Culture's Instagram and Facebook channels and spearhead giveaways in order to grow following and customer base
- Draft copy for the WordPress site that utilizes SEO best practices to increase search engine visibility and help oversee production of company newsletter sent through Mailchimp
- Monitor SEO ranking and growth of consumer base through Google Analytics and SE Ranking

Pittsburgh Magazine

Pittsburgh, PA

Editorial Intern

May—August 2020

- Developed short pieces for the magazine's 412 blog that were posted throughout the website and on social media and contributed to social media copy
- Utilized search engine optimization best practices throughout stories and in headlines to reach a broader audience

90.5 WESA, Pittsburgh's NPR News Station

Pittsburgh, PA

Newsroom Production Assistant

January—March 2020

- Pitched several story ideas every week for both feature-length and short current event stories, which often required reporting and writing on a quick turnaround and taking pictures for digital publication
- Operated radio equipment, including several microphones and recorders, and Adobe Audition for radio and web stories, which utilized SEO best practices

HONORS & AWARDS

Rotharmel Memorial Fund Grant

2020

• Selected as a Pitt English Department grant recipient to support my unpaid internship in the spring semester

EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

University of Pittsburgh Club Swimming, Oakland Outreach, Undergraduate Literature Conference