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EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University

Bachelor of Science:
political science

Year of graduation: 2019

SKILLS & ATTRIBUTES

- Editing/AP style
- Writing
- Public speaking
- Audio/video production
- Web editing
- SEO
- Social media
- Investigative/explanatory journalism

HONORS & AWARDS

First place: Breaking News Writing Virginia Press Association, 2016

Story of the Year: VCU Student Media Center, 2016, 2017

Second Place: Breaking News Writing, Virginia Press Association, 2017, 2019

Third Place: Business and Financial Writing, Virginia Press Association, 2017

Finalist: News Story of the Year, Associated Collegiate Press, 2017

Finalist: In-Depth reporting, Society of Professional Journalists, 2017

Finalist: Feature Writing Society of Professional Journalists, 2016

Winner: Black History in the Making Award, VCU Department of Political Science, 2018

WORK EXPERIENCE

Axios

Arlington, Va.

Local News Editor | September 2022--present

Associate News Editor | January 2021--September 2022

Newsdesk reporter | September 2019--December 2020

Led teams of reporters in Richmond, Virginia, Washington, D.C. and Boston, Massachusetts and guided coverage of local news, connecting links between local, national, and global developments to make readers aware of the narratives shaping their communities.

CNN Politics

Washington, D.C.

Newsgathering intern — Crime and Justice | June 2019--August 2019

Conducted research and newsgathering for a team of reporters covering Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and Congressional investigations aimed at the White House and Executive branch. Provided assistance to the outlet's extensive digital fact-checking operation and to the reporters on the ACE team, covering government agencies.

WCVW Radio

Richmond, Va.

News Director | August 2018--December 2018

Led the news department at VCU's student radio station, which covers local, university, statewide and national news and public affairs in audio packages. Produced, edited and hosted a daily and weekly podcast. Executive producer of the station's live six-hour broadcast on election night.

CNN

Atlanta, Ga.

Research Intern — The Row | June 2018--August 2018

Worked for CNN's prestigious editorial quality control department — which handles research, editing, critical editorial questions, anonymous source approvals and guidances for correspondents around the country.

The Commonwealth Times

Richmond, Va.

Special Projects Director | August 2018 - December 2018

Managing Editor | August 2017 - May 2018

News Editor | December 2015 - December 2016

Staff Writer | August - December 2015

Managed the news desk of an award-winning student news organization. Managed staff writers and remote contributors. Worked with a design team, illustrators and photographers.

VCU Office of Development and Alumni Relations

Richmond, Va.

Communications Assistant | August 2017 - December 2017

Created timely and compelling communications in support of the university's fundraising and alumni relations efforts. Identified, researched, wrote and edited content for magazines, brochures and multiple websites.

The Virginian-Pilot

Hampton Roads, Va.

News Intern | May 2017 - August 2017

Wrote more than 80 articles for The Virginian-Pilot, the largest daily newspaper in Virginia, serving the five cities of South Hampton Roads and Northeast North Carolina. Wrote articles concerning breaking news, politics, environment, education, transportation, arts and entertainment and sports. Produced several multimedia works.

Stoney for RVA

Richmond, Va.

Communications/Field Intern | June - August 2016

Completed an internship for a winning campaign in a historic Richmond mayoral race, serving in two departments. Helped manage the campaign's social media accounts, conducted opposition research, helped write press releases and helped prepare the candidate for press conferences and interviews.

VCU Recreational Sports

Richmond, Va.

Marketing Assistant for Communications | May - August 2016

Wrote original copy for press releases, a blog, social media accounts, a newsletter and brochures as well as