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Professional Experience

Staff Writer – Plant City Times & Observer

May 2015 – present

- Produced between five to nine articles each week for publication, including news and feature stories.
- Attended weekly photo events around Plant City; published all stories and photo events in print and online.
- Pitched interactive packages to managing editorial staff; worked with design team to make stories visual and appealing.
- Improved reach on website and social media platforms through daily postings of breaking news, packages and photos.
- Contributed agricultural coverage to the *Observer's* partner magazine, *In the Field*; contributed to paper's special guides.

Editorial Intern – Orlando Style Magazine, Tampa Style Magazine

May 2014 – present

- Produced articles for the Arts and Out & About sections of the magazines; created city event guides
- Researched products for inclusion in the "Luxury Essentials" section of the magazine
- Improved reach on social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and the magazine website.

Editorial Intern – Narrow Magazine

Aug. 2014 – Dec. 2014

- Produced articles for the monthly editions of Narrow; covered local bands in St. Augustine and wrote reviews.
- Improved distribution of Narrow across St. Augustine through ad sales and local businesses
- Created a readership of Narrow among Flagler College students through social media.

Columnist, Copy Editor - The Gargoyle, Flagler College online newspaper

Aug. 2012 – May 2015

- Produced articles for the newspaper including opinion/editorial, news, feature and Top 10 lists.
- Edited articles for fact-checking, quality and AP style. Promoted to Copy Editor in 2013; columnist in 2014.
- Winner of four Gargoyle Anthology awards; SPJ regional finalist for commentary writing.

Lead Fiction Editor - FLARE: The Flagler Review

Aug. 2013 – May 2014

- Improved knowledge of FLARE on campus through distribution and launch events.
- Edited all submissions to the journal for entertainment value, proper grammar and accuracy.
- Created a marketing program for the journal through social media promotions.
- Trained the incoming fiction editors for the 2014 edition of the journal.

Music Director, On-Air Personality- WFCF 88.5 FM, Flagler College Radio

Aug. 2013 – Jan. 2015

- Mentored student music librarians and managed student disc jockeys at Flagler's 10,000-watt radio station.
- Communicated on a weekly basis with radio promoters and labels to select new music.
- Reviewed all music selections for FCC rules and regulations; hosted weekly radio show in Morning Rock segment.

Skills

News Writing, Feature Writing, Magazine Writing, Creative Writing, Copy Editing, Fact-Checking, AP Style, WordPress, HTML coding, Adobe Premiere, VG-20, Final Cut Pro 7, Microsoft/Apple platforms, Nikon D5100, Celta, Social Media platforms (all)

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Communication

May 2015

Journalism Emphasis
Creative Writing Minor
3.6 GPA, Cum Laude honors
Flagler College, St. Augustine, FL

Honors, Awards and Affiliations

- Lambda Pi Eta Communication National Honor Society, Phi Omicron chapter
 - Who's Who in American Colleges & Universities
 - Fiction Publications: *The Writing Disorder*, "Something Better"
 - Dean's List for Academics, President's List for Academics
 - Society of Professional Journalists Regional Finalist – Commentary Writing
 - Sigma Tau Delta, English National Honor Society
 - Flagler College Departmental Award - Academic Excellence in Communication
- April 2014 -- present
Nov. 2014 -- present
Spring 2014
2011-2015
2015
Feb. 2015 -- present
May 2015

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