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**EDUCATION**

**Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism,** New York, N.Y.Degree Expected: May 2023

*Masters of Science,* an intensive one-year program focusing on political, cultural, and environmental reporting and writing, investigative techniques, and photography. Highlights include:

* An ongoing Master’s Project concerning BIPOC-focused mental health provider burnout and advocacy.
* A reporting beat focused on the Mexican community in New York City.
* Second-semester courses involving first-person narrative and documentary-based journalism.

**Washington College,** Chestertown, Md. May 2022

*Bachelor of Arts in Communications & Media Studies and Political Science*

Communications & Media Department Scholar Award, Presidential Fellows Scholarship. Additional minors included Journalism Editing & Publishing and Identity & Culture. Also wrote, edited, and produced weekly episodes of an audio podcast on national and global issues. Highlights included the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**EXPERIENCE**

***News Co-Editor***, The Elm, Chestertown, Md. June 2021-May 2022

Collaborated with student writers and editorial staff to produce stories for Washington College’s weekly campus newspaper, rising from Lifestyle Editor. Wrote two to three stories per week while also assigning stories, guiding student reporters, and editing on deadline. Coverage area included campus and the surrounding Chestertown area, focusing on changes to enrollment, student life, and administrative leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

***Reporter Intern***, Delaware State News May-July 2021

Pitched and wrote two to three stories per week as part of an internship under the Maryland-Delaware-Washingon, D.C. Press Association. Collaborated with the editorial staff to produce stories for daily print and online newspapers. Highlights included reporting ongoing events and happenings throughout the First State pertaining to legislation, including the passage of the CROWN Act prohibiting hair discrimination, the rise in the minimum wage, and the ban on plastic bags.

***Student Journalist***, The Latino Reporter, 2021 National Association of Hispanic Journalists Conference, June-July 2021

Collaborated with student writers and mentors to produce stories for the online publication at the NAHJ conference. Wrote stories on conference events and topics affecting journalists and the nationwide Hispanic-Latinx community. Highlights included covering journalists’ burnout during the pandemic and contributing to the special project “Democracy in Peril?” on efforts to win statehood recognition for Washington, D.C.

**SKILLS AND AWARDS**

**Multimedia**: Proficient in Adobe Bridge and Audition; and editing experience in Adobe Bridge, InCopy, and InDesign. **Investigative**: FOIA, PACER, and Excel. **Languages**: Conversational Spanish  **Membership**: National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Omicron Delta Kappa.

**REFERENCES**

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