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Investigative reporter with WINK News specializing in government accountability, consumer, and public safety reporting. Experienced in uncovering impactful stories through public records requests, data analysis, and source development, resulting in official responses, policy discussions, and community awareness. Skilled in enterprise reporting, live coverage, digital storytelling, and breaking news, with experience covering major hurricanes, criminal justice, local government, and high-profile investigations.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION:

African Diaspora Legacy Award (2025) | Hearst Journalism Awards, 15th Place Nationally (2024) | Three Mid-Atlantic Emmy Nominations (2024) | Keystone Media Awards, 1st & 2nd Place Public Service Reporting (2024) | Golden Quill Finalist (2024) | SPJ Mark of Excellence Finalist (2023)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

WINK News (CBS & FOX affiliate) – Fort Myers, FL

Investigative Reporter

April 2025 – Present

- Develop and execute complex in-depth investigations from initial tip through publication, uncovering government, consumer, and public safety issues through records requests, source cultivation, data analysis, and on-camera and digital reporting
- Deliver results-driven journalism that has prompted official scrutiny, contractor license revocations, consumer resolutions, and a national U.S. Postal Service policy change, while driving community awareness and accountability

News Reporter

February 2024 – April 2025

- Pursue and develop enterprise and assigned stories, including breaking news, feature reports, and investigative coverage, from initial pitch through broadcast/digital publication
- Write and produce compelling news packages and web articles, conduct interviews, cultivate sources, and deliver live field reports under daily deadlines

NBC4 (NBCWashington/NBCUniversal) – Washington D.C.

News Intern

June 2023 – August 2023

- Contributed to the daily editorial process, assisted reporters, anchors, producers, and assignment desk while producing print and television stories for NBC4 website and reel

Centre County Report (PBS) – University Park, PA

News Anchor/Reporter/Producer/Social Media Producer

August 2023 – December 2023

- Covered a wide range of topics for the weekly live newscast broadcasted to 500,000 households as well as organize show plan, order stories, and post on social media

Penn State Network Television (PSNTV) – University Park, PA

Vice President/Anchor/Reporter/Producer/Founder, Politics Panel

March 2021 – December 2023

- Led a 450+ member student television organization while overseeing production, recruitment, training, and professional development across seven programs
- Anchored live newscasts, reported in the field, conducted long-form interviews, produced news content, and supported editorial and studio operations.
- Founded Penn State's first political television segment, the "Politics Panel," leading topic selection, research, and on-air discussions

The Democracy Group

Community and Engagement Intern

May 2022 – December 2022

- Led audience engagement, content creation, newsletter production, and partnership outreach, growing an online community from 0 to 400+ members and securing 22 new organizational partnerships

LoudounNow – Leesburg, VA

News Reporter Intern

May 2022– August 2022

- Reported on local government and community issues through public meetings, research, interviews, and newspaper production; published 10+ articles

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT:

New Voters (nonpartisan non-profit) – Remote

Marketing Manager

June 2023 – December 2023

- Led communications and outreach initiatives, managing a team of 10 and promoting voter education through social media, newsletters, and PR efforts

Lion Caucus at Penn State – University Park, PA

Penn State Advocate

September 2022 – December 2023

- Promoted and advocated for Penn State University to local, state, and federal elected officials and educated student body on legislation

EDUCATION:

The Pennsylvania State University – University Park, PA

Graduated December 2023

B.A. Broadcast Journalism - Bellisario College of Communications

Dean's List

B.A. Political Science - College of the Liberal Arts

GPA: 3.6

Study Abroad – Paris, France (Conversational fluency in French)

Spring 2023

SKILLS:

Investigative reporting, public records requests, data analysis, source development, consumer investigations, government accountability reporting, live reporting, breaking news coverage, AP Style, ENPS, Edius, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Audition, Photoshop, WordPress, Collaborator AI, Mailchimp, Microsoft Office