Madeleine Ahmadi

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC [4.0 GPA, Honors Carolina]

Class of 2026

- B.A., Journalism and Media
- B.A., Peace, War, and Defense (specializing in international security and intelligence)
- Assured Admit to the Hussman School of Journalism and Media (selective opportunity granted to incoming UNC-Chapel Hill students inviting them to join the journalism school early rather than apply during their sophomore year)

Essex High School, Essex Junction, VT [4.03 GPA - Honor Roll]

Class of 2023

Notable Coursework:

- The School of the New York Times DC Reporting (competitive program analyzing political media coverage in Washington D.C.)
- Syracuse University Newhouse Broadcast and Digital Journalism Summer Program

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

The Daily Tar Heel - Chapel Hill, NC

Aug 2023 - Present

- Assistant University Editor
- Write breaking news articles for print and digital audiences
- Maintain key relationships with senior university admin and conduct interviews
- Uncover and execute nuanced, enterprise stories on tight deadlines
- Manage a team of 40+ new and experienced writers

NBC 5 Burlington/Plattsburgh - South Burlington, VT

Summer 2024

News Intern

- Conducted interviews with state leaders including Senator Peter Welch and former Governor Howard Dean
- Wrote web stories and completed more than 30 VOSOTS
- Pitched, wrote, tracked and produced multiple packages for television
- Worked alongside photographers to create innovative standups

101.3 The Game WCPV Burlington/Plattsburgh - Essex Junction, VT

Summer 2020

Social Media/Radio Intern

- Created graphics and soundbites for show promotion
- Produced social media content using various platforms such as Canva, Twitch, and Headliner

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Students Demand Action for Gun Sense in America - National

Nov 2020 - June 2023

National Advisory Board Member (2020-2022)

- Created national initiatives and campaigns to combat gun violence in America
- Worked to start a national secure firearm storage initiative by developing a toolkit, training, and national social media strategy that reached millions
- Spoke to the press (The Washington Post, Newsweek, USA Today, among other outlets) about gun violence issues

HONORS

North Carolina Working Press Scholarship

• Awarded to a UNC student for newspaper writing

United States Senate Youth Program/Scholarship

• 1 out of 104 students across the country to receive national recognition and the opportunity to meet with United States leadership in Washington, D.C. + awarded a \$10,000 scholarship