

# GIANNA TOTANI

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## EDUCATION

### Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

New York, NY

M.S. in Journalism

Expected: May 2026

**Courses:** Reporting, Investigative Techniques, Journalism Law, Journalism Ethics. Received honors for outstanding performance in Writing for the Ear: Broadcast and Video Journalism.

- Shot, produced and edited a 10-minute short documentary about the inaccessible NYC subway system.
- Shot, produced and edited a package about the limitations of the F-1 visa for journalism students.
- Reported on the impact of international tariffs on garment shops in the Garment District.

### Dartmouth College

Hanover, NH

Bachelor of Arts in English, Minor in Film & Media Studies

June 2025

**Courses:** Creative Non-Fiction, Writing for Television, Screenwriting, TV History, New Media Communication

**Awards:** Citations for Academic Excellence in Intro Film, Film History & Advanced Screenwriting, Rufus Choate Scholar (2024-2025)

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

### The Dartmouth, Hanover, NH.

September 2021-March 2025

*Executive Editor, Staff Writer:* [www.thedartmouth.com/staff/gianna-totani](https://www.thedartmouth.com/staff/gianna-totani)

- Served as one of four executive leaders shaping the strategic vision of America's oldest college newspaper.
- Led a 300+ member staff to produce daily publications, ensuring accuracy, clarity and adherence to *D* style.
- Monitored media and pitched timely, newsworthy stories while directing and editing breaking news coverage.
- Collaborated in a fast-paced newsroom, applying creativity and adaptability to meet tight deadlines.

### Brunswick Group, Chicago, IL.

June 2024-August 2024

*Summer Intern*

- Selected from 5,000+ applicants for one of four positions in Chicago.
- Collaborated with Consumer Industries teams to provide research and analysis supporting strategic planning.
- Utilized Factiva, the Bloomberg terminal, Brandwatch and Critical Mention to develop media coverage reports for Fortune 500 clients.

### Weigel Broadcasting Co., Chicago, IL.

September 2023-December 2023

*Production Intern*

- Wrote, filmed and appeared in short-form news segments for *On the Block*, a weekly news magazine program.
- Supported production of original shows *Toon in with Me*, *Svengoolie* and *Collector's Call* through research and creative input.
- Prepared scripts in iNews and created visual assets using Adobe Photoshop.

### The Herald News, Shaw Media, Joliet, IL.

March 2020-March 2021

*Journalist, Young Civic Voice*

- Wrote articles on COVID and voting in the 2020 election as a teen perspective columnist.

## SKILLS

- Adobe Premiere Pro
- Pro Tools
- Editing

## INTERESTS

- Running, musical theater, screenwriting