

# Lauren Holladay

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## EDUCATION

**The University of Tennessee, Knoxville**, College of Communication and Information

Knoxville, TN

*Bachelor of Science in Journalism and Media*

Graduation: December 2026

Major: *Journalism and Media*

Concentration: *Creative Media*

Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00

Dean's List, 6 semesters

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## EXPERIENCE

**The Knoxville News Sentinel, USA Today**

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Accountability Reporting Intern*

January 2026 - Present

- Participated in required training, pitch sessions and editor and mentor meetings to develop reporting and professional skills.
- Prepared to pitch and report original local news stories for publication by the Knoxville News Sentinel.
- Engaged in research and story development in preparation for local reporting assignments.
- Committed 10–15 hours per week to newsroom training, meetings and reporting responsibilities.
- Collaborated with editors and mentors to refine story ideas and strengthen journalistic approach and structure.

**The Daily Beacon**

Knoxville, Tennessee

*Copy Chief*

January 2026 - Present

- Recruited, scheduled and supervised copy editors to ensure consistent and accurate editing coverage.
- Led copy desk meetings and section meetings to communicate expectations and maintain editorial standards.
- Reviewed articles before publication to identify and correct errors in grammar, style and accuracy.
- Audited published content to ensure all corrections were properly implemented and addressed remaining errors.
- Coordinated closely with editors across desks to support efficient newsroom communication and workflow.
- Set and enforced clear guidelines for AP style, fact-checking practices and communication with section editors.

*Copy Editor*

August 2023 – January 2026

- Proofread and corrected articles for grammar, AP Style and factual accuracy before publication.
- Collaborated with student reporters and section editors to clarify content and strengthen story structure.
- Polished headlines, captions and leads to maximize reader engagement and accuracy.
- Maintained attention to detail under pressure, supporting the newsroom's goal of producing professional-quality journalism.

**Citywire USA**

New York, New York

*Editorial Intern*

June 2025 – July 2025

- Researched and drafted news articles on financial markets and investment trends to support Citywire USA's editorial coverage.
- Wrote and published 18 pieces for two daily newsletters reaching financial professionals nationwide.
- Coordinated interview scheduling with analysts and investment professionals, facilitating primary-source reporting.
- Interviewed 10+ CEOs and senior executives of RIA firms to uncover insights on industry strategy and leadership.
- Edited and proofread articles for grammar, clarity and adherence to editorial standards.

**College of Communication and Information Study Abroad Program**

Prague, Czech Republic

*Foreign Correspondent, Going on Assignment in Prague*

July 2025

- Reported on international stories through journalism assignments, applying professional journalism standards in a global setting.
- Produced and published two multimedia features on international issues, integrating data, interviews and visual storytelling.
- Conducted field research and interviews with Prague residents, strengthening cross-cultural communication and reporting skills.
- Partnered with peers and faculty on multimedia projects, enhancing teamwork and editorial decision-making.
- Immersed in Czech culture and history to broaden global perspective and inform storytelling with cultural sensitivity.
- Adapted to fast-paced deadlines while collaborating with peers and faculty on multimedia storytelling projects.

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## SKILLS

**Journalism & Editing:** Proficient in AP Style, fact-checking, copy editing, proofreading, headline writing, interviewing, news and feature reporting

**Communications:** Proficient in internal team collaboration, external communications, content planning and storytelling strategy

**Technology:** Proficient in Content Management Systems (BLOX, CMS, SNO, WordPress), AI chat tools and Google Workspace; Experience with Microsoft Office Suite (Proficient in Word, familiar with PowerPoint and Excel)