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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

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.

SKILLS

Journalism & Editing: Proficient in AP Style, fact-checking, copy editing, proofreading, headline writing and editorial writing

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)