

Nicholas Aguirre Zafiro

EXPERIENCE

Head Video Editor, *The GW Hatchet* | Washington, DC

April 2023 - April 2025

- Pitched salient, engaging stories, conducted in-depth interviews, and executed all stages of video production, culminating in over [30 bylines](#) and increased viewer engagement by 40%
- Managed a diverse team of over 10 reporters and 2 assistant editors, worked collaboratively to increase reporter retention and productivity by 60%
- Conceptualized and produced weekly [recap videos](#), significantly boosting social media engagement and follower growth

Congressional Intern, *The United States Senate, Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM)* | Washington, DC

January 2025 - April 2025

- Answered 200 daily constituent calls, responded to emails, faxes, and organized mail
- [Photographed](#) committee hearings for official press releases and social media campaigns viewed by 10,000+ constituents.
- Utilized "Critical Mention" to curate and distribute 30+ daily news clips to 50+ congressional staffers

Media Intern, *Smithsonian Center of Folklife and Cultural Heritage* | Washington, DC

May 2024 - December 2024

- Researched and produced culturally competent [digital content](#) for the yearly Smithsonian Folklife Festival
- Color-graded, cut-together archival footage, assisted peers with video edits, and organized video files
- Utilized various professional-grade Sony cameras (DSLRs, FS7, etc.)

Leadership for Change Youth Advocate Intern, *The Smithsonian Institution* | Washington, DC

May 2023 - September 2023

- Wrote and distributed daily internal newsletters for 100 nationwide interns
- Organized 5 medium-scale partner organization events and increased intern satisfaction by 55%
- Produced a 7-minute internship capstone [video](#) for program funders and sponsors

Communications Assistant, *Institute for Public Diplomacy & Global Communications* | Washington, DC

September 2022 - August 2023

- Produced [YouTube content](#) with a custom strategy, increasing uploads by 40%
- Edited and sound-mixed [podcast episodes](#), boosting listener retention by 20%
- Coordinated 10+ in-person events, managing logistics and IT, increasing engagement by 30%

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts, Political Communication, *The George Washington University* | Washington, DC

Graduated May 2025

- Minor Journalism & Mass Communication
- Panelist at Smithsonian ["Not Your Typical Internship"](#) conference

Study Abroad, *Centro Universitario EUSA* | Seville, Spain

Spring 2024

- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Recipient
- Created, researched, and hosted a [bilingual podcast](#) for study abroad students

SKILLS

- Longform/Shortform pre and post video production (Adobe Premiere Pro and iMovie)
- Longform podcast production and basic audio mixing (Adobe Audition)
- Event Coverage, portraiture, photojournalistic photography (Adobe Lightroom Classic)
- Fluent in Google (Docs, Sheets, Slides) and Microsoft Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Project and people management, social media analytics, content publishing (WordPress)

LANGUAGES

- English (native), Spanish (native), Italian (beginner)