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Experience

Des Moines Register

Suburban growth and development reporter, Iowa Caucus reporter

Des Moines, IA
May 2023-Present
Developed exclusive news about new commercial and residential projects; equipped voters with news and insight about Republican presidential candidates and their policies in Iowa, including Ron DeSantis, Ryan Binkley and Tim Scott, from the Iowa State Fair to small town campaign stops; covered other community and breaking news

Ames Tribune

Education reporter

Ames, IA
January 2021-April 2023
Explained trends and issues at public schools, Iowa State University and across Iowa's education systems; shared students' and staff's personal and professional experiences

News Tribune

State government/Higher education reporter

Jefferson City, MO
September 2019-January 2021
Relayed and contextualized breaking news, and public health and safety information from state leaders, during the COVID-19 pandemic; analyzed administration and new programs at local colleges
December 2016-October 2019
PreK-12 Education reporter
Informed readers about public and parochial schools' policies and proposals; documented progress of construction projects; chronicled community and breaking news

Monsanto

Contract Coordinator

Rock Falls, IL
June-July 2014
Protected youth agricultural labor crew by promoting compliance with safety protocols and monitoring the outdoor work environment for hazards
July-August 2013, 2011
Field Inspector
Independently collected field data to monitor and report on pollination quality of seed corn crop

Operation Helping Hands, Catholic Charities

Summer Intern in Notre Dame Summer Service Learning Program

New Orleans, LA
June-July 2010
Aided in physical restoration of homes destroyed during hurricanes Katrina and Rita, safely utilizing a variety of power and hand tools and construction techniques

Other Skills and Achievements

- Certified completion of STOP THE BLEED course (April 2022)
- Elementary proficiency in Spanish and Ukrainian languages
- Nominated and approved to be Governing Body Member of United Way of Central Missouri
- Multiple first and second place winner in Iowa and Missouri newspaper association contests

Education

University of Missouri – Missouri School of Journalism

Columbia, MO
Developed journalism expertise through 42 completed credit units of graduate work 2014-2016

University of Notre Dame

Bachelor of Arts

Major: Political Science, Minor: Catholic Social Tradition

Notre Dame, IN

May 2012

University of Notre Dame – London Program

Study Abroad

London, England, United Kingdom

January-May 2011