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→ EDUCATION

Miami University

Oxford, OH | Class of 2019
University Academic Scholars Program,
Writing for the Media Division
BA: Journalism, Interactive Media Studies
Minor in Disability Studies

→ INVOLVEMENT

Undergraduate Assistant

Miami University Department of
Media, Journalism and Film
August 2017 – December 2017

- Mentored first-year advanced journalism students; led small-group discussions and workshop sessions and provided editorial feedback on assignments.

Miami University Students with Disabilities Advocacy Council

Co-President and Founding Member
August 2015 - Present

- Work to raise awareness of disability culture on Miami University campus.
- Developed branding for organization, including writing mission statement and constitution, producing logo and promotional materials, and planning events.
- Implemented peer mentoring program and several awareness initiatives.
- Organization named Miami University's Best New Student Organization for the 2016-17 school year.
- Deliver disability-related presentations at professional conferences.

→ SKILLS

- Extensive leadership training and certification
- AP Style, editorial work and copy editing
- Research techniques
- DSLR photography
- Adobe Creative Suite
- Google AdWords and Hootsuite certified
- HTML/CSS
- Web design on WordPress CMS
- Public speaking (have addressed crowds of as many as 1,500)

→ EXPERIENCE

Miami Student Media September 2015 - Present
Magazine Editor | Student media conglomerate

- Previously served as a senior staff writer, news editor and special projects editor for The Miami Student weekly newspaper.
- Now, direct longform narrative journalism efforts of a team of writers as editor of the Miami Student Magazine; oversaw production of first-ever print issue in fall 2017.
- Serve as copy chief for The Miami Student newspaper.
- Experience pitching, assigning, and editing stories and aiding in print production, including working with InDesign and writing headlines, captions and summaries.
- Coach and cultivate relationships with fellow student writers.
- Contribute regularly to the news section of The Miami Student.

Major League Baseball November 2011 - Present
Correspondent | Sports media industry leader

- Offered job by Commissioner of MLB as first-ever Youth Correspondent (later promoted to Correspondent).
- Interview players, coaches and other celebrities for column and multimedia packages on MLB.com.
- Attend various MLB "jewel events" such as All-Star Game, World Series and Spring Training, as well as regular-season games.
- Co-wrote and co-produced 30-minute documentary that was selected for the 2014 National Baseball Hall of Fame Film Festival.
- In summer 2017, shadowed MLB.com social media and production staff and worked on call, producing time-sensitive briefs and research.

Wordsworth Communications Summer 2017
Intern | Cincinnati's most-awarded public relations agency

- Assisted in research efforts and compilation of media lists.
- Wrote and edited client blog entries.

→ VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Ohio Youth Leadership Forum August 2014 – Present
Core Staff | Conference for high school students with disabilities

- Produce content and design for WordPress-hosted website, ohioyolf.com; maintain social media presence and alumni relations.
- Focus on recruitment and advancement efforts, including curriculum planning, interviewing applicants and logistical arrangements; serve as small-group counselor during the Forum.

DREAM Student Advisory Board August 2017 – Present
Disability Rights, Education, Activism and Mentoring (DREAM)

- Support and plan initiatives advocating for disability culture, identity, community and pride.
- Served as panelist for monthly "Mentor Monday" webinar.