

# Sophie Gordon

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## Education

### Bachelor of Arts

Ball State University  
Aug. 2014-May 2018

Major: Journalism-News  
Philosophy  
GPA: 3.996

## Other Involvement

**Student representative,**  
*Department of Journalism*  
*Undergraduate Policies*  
*Committee* (Oct.  
2016-present)

**Search committee**  
**member,** *search for next*  
*Assistant Director of Greek*  
*Life* (March-April 2017)

**At-large representative,**  
*Accreditation committee for*  
*Greek Life* (Nov. 2016)

**Academic Honoraries:**  
Phi Sigma Tau (Philosophy),  
Kappa Tau Alpha  
(Journalism), Rho Lambda  
(Greek Life), NSCS, NSLS

## References

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## Career Experience

### President, *Society of Professional Journalists* (Jan. 2017-present)

Revitalize the previous SPJ chapter at Ball State University; develop educational and social events for the chapter to begin to be more involved in the greater Ball State community.

### Copy editor, *STANCE Undergraduate Philosophy Journal* (Jan. 2017-present)

Read philosophy papers for the only international undergraduate philosophy journal; edit papers using Chicago Style; assist with proofreading the entire journal,

### Active Voice Fellow, *Student Press Law Center* (Aug. 2016-present)

Create a project that helps high school female journalists raise their voices and fight censorship. My project consisted of a "how-to" kit for implementing free speech elsewhere.

### Press Secretary, *Student Government Association* (Jan. 2016-present)

Write press releases pertaining to important SGA information to send to student media outlets.

### Editor, reporter, *Unmasked: The Sigma of Meth* (Aug.-Dec. 2016)

Managed the magazine portion of the project; organized the writers, brainstormed story ideas and helped assign stories; created budget; wrote two stories; copy edited content.

### Student Editor, *ReThinking Children's and YA Literature* (Aug. 2015-Nov. 2016)

Edited content for online literary magazine, organized resources for teaching LGBTQ literature, promoted the magazine on social media and with press releases.

### Reporter, *BSU Journalism at the Fair* (Aug. 2015)

One of 24 students in an immersive learning course, where we reported on the Indiana State Fair and developed clips for professional news outlets

### Student, *Police + the Press* (Jan. 2015)

One of 17 students in an immersive learning course, where we worked with the University Police Department to learn about police work and develop relations between law enforcement and the media

### Writer, *The Facing Project: Facing Depression* (Jan.-April 2015)

Wrote for "Facing Depression," which raised awareness about depression in the Muncie community

### Assistant Copy Director, *Ball State Daily News* (Aug. 2015-Dec. 2016)

Edited during one print night a week and various online deadlines; assisted with meetings.

### SGA beat reporter, *Ball State Daily News* (Aug.-Dec. 2015)

Attended SGA Student Senate, covered any SGA-related stories on campus.

### Contest Coordinator, *Journalism Workshops Office* (Sept. 2014-present)

Work as office student assistant who helps organize scholarship applications, write for Blend (a journalism-focused blog site), update workshops website and assist with other tasks as needed

## Awards & Achievements

### Whiting Scholar (2014-2018)

One of 10 students who received full-tuition and room and board to attend Ball State University.

### Lowell F. Crouse Scholarship (2016, 2017)

Awarded to the student with the highest GPA in the journalism department.

**Other scholarships:** Holmes-McFadden Memorial Scholarship (2017), Sam Smith News-Editorial Scholarship (2015, 2016), Bona Cress Press and Lawrence Press Scholarship (2014-2018)

### Al Neuharth Free Spirit Scholar (Summer 2013)

Lone representative of Missouri at a five-day conference for the top rising high school senior journalists. The program, which honored founder of USA Today, Al Neuharth, included a \$1,000 scholarship

## Activities & Involvement

**Vice President of Risk Reduction, *Panhellenic Council*** (Nov. 2016-present)

**Chairperson, *Fraternal Values Society*** (March 2016-present)

**Radiance Committee Chair, *Phi Mu Fraternity*** (Aug.-Dec. 2015; Jan 2017-present)

Previously: Vice President (Nov. 2015-Nov. 2016), Director of Harm Prevention & Risk Management (Jan.-May 2015)

**Finance Committee, *Ball State University Dance Marathon*** (Aug 2016-Feb. 2017)

Previously: Operations Committee (April 2015-Feb. 2016)