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PERSONAL OBJECTIVE: I am consumed with an insatiable curiosity for knowledge. I am not afraid to question the status quo and pursue change. Through my work in journalism, I aim to consistently make progress in the quality and depth of my writing, as well as upholding journalistic integrity both for myself and the publications I represent.

EXPERIENCE:

The Arbiter

August 2011-May 2013

- 2013 I was promoted to News Editor. I worked with the staff I interviewed and hired to develop stories, locate sources, and produce clean copy to fill the pages of our small bi-weekly school paper. I held weekly staff meetings, edit and scheduled content and produced my own original content for the paper. I work with In-Design doing the majority of the design placement myself. I coordinated with the online staff to push content through social media and worked to promote the paper and myself as an online brand.
- Spring 2012 I was promoted to Assistant News Editor. I worked with the news staff coordinating articles, assigning and editing dailies, and completing editorial duties in a timely manner. My editorial duties were in addition to writing assignments.
- Fall 2011 I joined the Arbiter staff as a news writer. I worked the campus development and crime beat and developed strong contacts and resources with local officers, Boise Police Department PR, and the security staff at Boise State. I worked closely with my editor perfecting my work through productive criticism and feedback. I wrote news briefs, features, hard news and soft news stories.

The Boise Weekly

June 2012 to August 2012- intern, 2013- freelance

- I competed with a number of students for an internship at Boise's only alternative, independent, bi-weekly publication.
- I cover events ranging from firefighter training exercises, to Nick Cave's Soundsuits exhibit and a swearing-in ceremony for new American's. I worked with iMovie to create three short videos for the website as well as numerous reviews and briefs.

EDUCATION:

Boise State University, Boise, ID, Graduated May 2013

Dual major in communication and English with a journalism emphasis, political science minor.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Ongoing studies of AP editorial style, interviewing, and writing technique
- Exceptional communication skills, both written and verbal
- Experienced typist, very competent with Word processor
- Experience with iMovie, In-Design

REFERENCES:

- Haley Robinson, former Editor-in-Chief, The Arbiter
(208) 521-9908
- Tasha Adams, former Managing Editor, The Arbiter
(208) 283-3805
- George Prentice, News Editor, The Boise Weekly
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