



To Whom it May Concern:

Throughout my college career thus far, I have maintained a diligent work ethic while pursuing a career in international journalism. In my various positions at news publications and in my other work and volunteer experiences, I have demonstrated a strong ability to work well with others. I remain highly devoted to any task given to me and I hope to bring that same dedication to this position.

As an undergraduate student at The George Washington University majoring in Journalism and Mass Communication, I have continued to develop my journalism skills. In my classes, I have gained experience using video production equipment and editing videos with Adobe Premiere Pro software, as well as creating graphics using Adobe Illustrator. I also had the opportunity to take newswriting classes, which have helped me write more clearly and effectively and become more knowledgeable of AP style. Throughout my time covering D.C. crime and homelessness for The GW Hatchet and international press freedom for MediaFile, I have put these skills into practice. As a student reporter, I am required to interview and communicate with various officials, professors, and students for articles. Additionally, I have covered different events, during which I was able to work under pressure and successfully adapt to rapidly changing situations in order to meet deadlines. I was also able to develop this skill in my various volunteer positions, especially in my time volunteering on a medical mission team in Haiti, during which I was placed into an unknown area and had to efficiently work with my team in order to enthusiastically treat as many patients as possible. I was also able to develop this skill through my position at Cobb Theatres, during which I had to maintain my composure while addressing customer concerns and complaints and work collaboratively with my co-workers to help the theater run as smoothly as possible.

Through my position as Assistant Director of Public Relations for the Washington Area Model United Nations Conference, I put my writing skills to use by writing spotlights on various members of the executive board and creating monthly newsletters for advisors and staff members. I also learned how to write concisely and effectively on our social media pages, creating graphics and videos that engage our followers. I also collaborated with the director of PR and the other assistant director to develop a social media campaign centered around the conference's 20th anniversary in order to attract more students and sponsors.

As a member of the Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program during my freshman year, I was able to develop my critical thinking and public speaking skills by taking international politics classes and collaborating with the other students in the program through group activities and projects, including simulations, during which we had to apply class concepts to develop effective foreign policy on real-world issues. I was also selected to present my research paper at the annual research conference, which allowed me to formulate my research into clear, applicable ideas and to communicate these ideas effectively to my professors and fellow classmates.

Within my diverse experiences and positions thus far, I have gained the skills, flexibility, and work ethic necessary to grow as a journalist through this position.

Thank you for your generous consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,
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Education

A.W. Dreyfoos Jr. School of the Arts; West Palm Beach, FL 2012-2016

The George Washington University, School of Media and Public Affairs 2016-present

- GPA: 3.97; Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Dean's List- Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017
- Major: Journalism and Mass Communication; Minor: International Affairs
- Member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha, community service and leadership sorority, 2018-present; Violinist in GW Orchestra, 2017-present; Elizabeth J. Somers Women's Leadership Program, International Politics Cohort, 2016-2017; selected to present research paper at the 2017 WLP Annual Research Conference; International Affairs Society, member, 2016-present; Greater Washington Conference on International Affairs, crisis staffer, 2016 & 2017

Experience

International Section Writer at MediaFile (mediafiledc.com) 2017-present

- Writes articles on international press freedom and the media's role in global events, articles written based on extensive research on global press freedom databases and various accredited news websites, as well as interviews; past articles include an analysis on the effects of Russia's state-controlled media and coverage of the World Press Photo Exhibition in D.C.

Assistant Director of Public Relations at Washington Area Model United Nations Conference 2017-2018

- Created graphics, social media content, newsletters, promotional videos and managed the WAMUNC Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts leading up to and during the 20th anniversary high school Model UN conference in March 2018; posts reached over a thousand people

Usher and Compliance Monitor at Cobb Theatres; Palm Beach Gardens, FL 2017

- Assisted with the upkeep of the 16 theatres, as well as monitored the theatres and addressed customer concerns while working with other staff members to create a memorable movie going experience for customers

Metro News Staffer at the GW Hatchet (gwhatchet.com) 2016-2017

- Wrote articles on D.C. crime, local government, and homelessness for both the website and print editions; interviewed local government officials and community leaders for articles, covered live events on the 2016 election night

Awards and Honors

- AP Scholar with Distinction, Grade 12; AP Scholar with Honor, Grade 11
- Selected as one of four students in an essay contest at the National Student Leadership Conference to lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, Summer '14
- Principal Award, all A's, Grades 9-12

Volunteer Service

Adopt-A-Family of the Palm Beaches Office Volunteer 2016

- Entered data and organized files on purchases and donations for the finance department
- Total Hours: 63

Hands Together of the Palm Beaches Mission Team for Haiti Member 2015

- Worked in clinic with team on week-long mission trip, interviewed local politician, wrote article for high school newspaper, The Muse, on the experience
- Total Hours: 40

St. Paul of the Cross Church Confirmation Team Leader and Violinist in Music Ministry 2013-2016

- Led small groups of students, assisted instruction in preparation for the Catholic sacrament of Confirmation; performed weekly at mass with the choir
- Total hours: 105