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EXPERIENCED REPORTER

BUSINESS | ENVIRONMENT | ENERGY | AGRICULTURE | GOVERNMENT

Awards

2nd Place AP Award for Big pay at non-profits • 2014

“Crowd Pleaser” for Big pay at non-profits • 2013

“Crowd Pleaser” for live coverage of bench trial • 2012

Gannett Watchdog Reporting Award • 2015

Key Skills

Investigative Reporting

Environment Writing

Government Writing

Agriculture Writing

Business Writing

Web Content Writing

Community Journalism

Multimedia Reporting

AP Style

Proofreading/ Editing

Research & Fact-Checking

Social Media Management

Professional Experience

POUGHKEEPSIE JOURNAL — Poughkeepsie, NY

NYSERDA — Albany, NY

OBSERVER-DISPATCH — Utica, NY

PATCH.COM — Upper Dublin, PA

PHILADELPHIA NEIGHBORHOODS — Phila., PA

THE TEMPLE NEWS — Phila, PA

Investigative Reporter, 2015

Communications Assistant, 2014

Staff Reporter, 2011 to 2014

Staff Reporter, 2011

Staff Reporter, 2010

Staff Reporter, 2007 to 2010

- Generated thought-provoking and informative investigative pieces on businesses, organizations and government entities across various topics, including energy, environment and agriculture.
 - *Observer-Dispatch* Assistant City Editor Fran Perritano dubbed an environmental contamination piece “easy to read and understand.”
 - *Observer-Dispatch* Managing Editor Ron Johns said Amanda is “aggressive” and “tenacious.”
- Interviewed large government, small and large businesses and non-profit organization professionals, weeding through bureaucratic jargon.
- Collaborated with coworkers on year long economic series called Squeezed at *Observer-Dispatch*, which delved into the financial troubles of communities. I created a database using the tax rolls for non-profit status buildings, interviewed experts and wrote a two-part series on non-profit status impact on tax revenue.
- Appeared on local TV news station to discuss investigative stories at the *Observer-Dispatch*.
- Validated stories through freedom of information requests, filing appeals for paperwork regarding future dealings with government land and buildings. Confirmed sale of county adult home through records, having no legislators willing to speak on the record.
- Facilitated the dissemination of information to the residents of New York by effectively managing four Facebook pages, a Twitter account, LinkedIn account, Google+ account and Instagram account at the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA).
- Led multiple social media campaigns, including NYSEDA at the State Fair, Energy Week, Halloween theme tips, New Year’s Eve countdown tips and facts and social media for the Statewide Winter Energy Tour.
- Launched and managed Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn accounts for the New York Governor’s Office’s Reforming the Energy Vision initiative.

Internships

THE JAPAN TIMES — Tokyo, Japan

Intern, 2009

TWO.ONE.FIVE MAGAZINE — Phila., PA

Intern, 2008

- Interned at major English-language newspaper in Tokyo, Japan as well as local entertainment and nightlife magazine in Philadelphia.
- Developed social media, created databases and wrote short reviews on music and restaurants.

Education

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY — Philadelphia, PA & Tokyo, Japan

BA in Journalism, 2010

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