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# Education

Quinnipiac University • Hamden, CT

* Master's of Science in Journalism • May 2022 — GPA: 4.0
* Bachelor's of Arts in Journalism • May 2021
  + Graduated Magna Cum Laude — GPA: 3.75
  + Public Relations Minor

# Work Experience

**The Record-Journal • Meriden, CT**

**Reporter – March 2022-Present**

* Pitches and writes unique stories for the daily print newspaper and website.
* Interviews various people to create well researched articles for the print and online daily newspaper.
* Publishes an average of four articles per week on a variety of topics such as education, local events, profiles on community members and healthcare updates.
* Interned and Freelanced — Jan. 2020-March 2022

**Quinnipiac University Integrated Marketing Communications Department • Hamden, CT**

**Graduate Assistant – August 2021-April 2022**

* Copy edited a variety of written content for the university website.
* Interviewed various university community members to create written content for the university website.

**Carnegie-Knight News21 Initiative • Phoenix, AZ**

**Fellow- January 2021-August 2021**

* Collaborated with 35 journalists to produce a multimedia investigative project.
* Reported on how COVID-19 impacted [people with disabilities](https://unmaskingamerica.news21.com/disabilities/), [childcare centers](https://unmaskingamerica.news21.com/child-care/) and how [Wisconsin childcare centers](https://unmaskingamerica.news21.com/extras/wisconsin-child-care-grants/) lost out on COVID-19 relief.
* Traveled to film interviews in Wisconsin, California and Maryland.
* Cut up audio stories with Adobe Audition and copy-edited written stories on Google Docs.

**The Quinnipiac Chronicle • Hamden, CT**

**Managing Editor- April 2020-May 2021**

* Responsible for copy editing all articles for the print newspaper and website.
* Formatted the weekly newspaper by using Adobe InDesign.
* Managed the organization’s social media platforms — Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

**Honors & Achievements**

QU-Litzer Prize for local reporting enterprise for senior [Capstone](https://hqnn.org/2021/03/26/with-anti-semitism-on-the-rise-in-ct-we-now-always-lock-our-doors/). Gamma Sigma Alpha Honor Society, Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

**Skills**

AP Style; Adobe premiere, Audition, Illustrator, Photo Shop, InDesign; Social media platforms