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Education

University of Connecticut

BA, Journalism and BA, Political Science

Minors: Environmental Studies and English

GPA: 3.93/4.00 | Deans List: Fall 2022 through Fall 2024, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society

Storrs, CT

May 2026

Relevant Experience

The Day

New London, CT

Town Reporter

July 2026- Present

- Cover local government, development, education, business and community news across Putnam, Killingly and Plainfield, producing daily stories and breaking news on deadline for Connecticut's last independently owned daily newspaper.
- Build relationships with local officials, business owners, community leaders and residents to generate story ideas and provide comprehensive coverage of the region.

Connecticut Mirror

Hartford, CT

Legislative Reporting Intern

January 2026 – May 2026

- Wrote stories on policy changes, from health care, education, housing and justice, producing daily stories and longer enterprise work throughout the spring semester for Connecticut's leading nonprofit news source in policy and politics.
- Gained experience reporting in state government, covering public hearings, press conferences, committee meetings throughout the Connecticut spring 2026 legislative session.
- Produced an enterprise story about churches looking to provide affordable housing that was republished nationally by the Associated Press and Washington Post.

The Valley Breeze

Lincoln, RI

News Intern

May 2025 – September 2025

- Reported and wrote stories for Northern Rhode Island's weekly newspaper, including school transportation budget issues, environmental concerns of low water levels, homelessness in communities, and local community news.
- Highlighted the arts and entertainment of the area by contributing to the Breeze's Local Scoop edition each month.
- Searched public record databases and collaborated with the marketing department on an audience engagement campaign to increase print viewership.

Community Advocate

Westborough, MA

News/Features Intern

May 2025 – September 2025

- Authored 25+ stories for weekly local newspaper on business, education and community events, combining pitched ideas with assigned coverage and sourced through interviewing and reporting.
- Produced multimedia supplements for stories, such as creating and editing social media reels/short videos for Instagram and Tik Tok and taking engaging photos for both online and social platforms.

Daily Campus

Storrs, CT

Editor in Chief

May 2024-May 2025

- Managed the digital and print production of UConn's independent, student-run newspaper with a staff of 150 students and print circulation of 1,500 copies five days a week.
- Led the Board of Directors as chairperson by implementing an artificial intelligence policy, updating editorial regulations and overseeing the organization's financial budgets
- Created a partnership with Connecticut College's newspaper to strengthen state election coverage for the 2024 election.
- Oversaw investigative work, helped writers submit FOI requests on UConn administration to break stories.

News Staff Writer

September 2022- May 2026

- Publish 90+ news stories by conducting interviews, covering events and corresponding with university officials to inform and educate UConn and the local Mansfield community on important and timely issues.

Copy Editor

August 2023-May 2024

- Copy edited articles and collaborated with others on the production team ensuring each story adhered to AP Style.

Worcester Business Journal

Worcester, MA

Business Editorial Intern (May 2024-September 2024) / Freelancer

May 2024- May 2026

- Wrote and uploaded daily briefs, news stories and business features to digital platforms, with a focus on higher education, real estate, manufacturing, health care and local businesses in the Greater Worcester area.

- Investigated and authored enterprise stories on the impacts of artificial intelligence on higher education and the growing trends of sabbaticals and search funds among executives.

UConn Society of Professional Journalists

Storrs, CT

President

September 2023-May 2026

- Provide networking opportunities for aspiring student journalists, such as organizing an investigative journalism panel, an ESPN night in sports journalism, multimedia events in radio and photography and career development workshops.

Other Professional Involvement

Nutmeg Publishing

Storrs, CT

Magazine Managing Editor

May 2025-May 2026

- Lead the production of a biannual student life magazine, overseeing editorial direction, advising student staff, revising written content, approving photo selection and editing final layout on Adobe InDesign.

Writer

January 2023-May 2025

- Developed creative feature stories for the UConn yearbook and magazine about campus life and culture, while communicating with other photographers, writers and designers through the publication process.

UConn Writing Center

Storrs, CT

Tutor

August 2025- May 2026

- Guide students through all stages of the writing process, from research and outlines to drafts and revisions.
- Collaborate with other tutors to lead campus outreach efforts and promote awareness of writing support resources.

UConn Undergraduate Political Review

Storrs, CT

Editor in Chief

August 2025- May 2026

- Manage the Department of Political Science's bi-annual student published journal by overseeing writers and associate editors, while developing strategies to increase readership and engagement.

Associate Editor

January 2024- May 2025

- Mentored students through extensive writing process and editing multiple drafts, preparing for publication at the end of each semester.

Awards and Achievements

CT SPJ College Contest First Place for Innovative Digital Storytelling

May 2026

CT SPJ Bob Eddy Scholarship

June 2024 and June 2025

Journalism Education Foundation of New England Scholarship (NENPA)

July 2023 and July 2024

Skills

Editorial: AP Style · WordPress · Canva · Adobe Premiere Pro · Adobe InDesign

Productivity: Microsoft Office · Google Workspace · Slack