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EXPERIENCE

Kentucky Kernel

News Editor: Nov. 2017 - Present; Asst. News Editor: May - Nov. 2017

I write and edit news stories relevant to the University of Kentucky's campus, and often write long enterprise and news feature pieces for the print and online editions. The Kernel has been a great opportunity to grow as a writer, reporter and manager.

Lexington Herald-Leader

News Assistant: Dec. 2016 - Feb. 2019

I've worked general assignment news shifts, covered prep sports and compiled sports statistics for the print edition since I joined the newspaper when I was 18. I've become familiar with the style and formatting used for online and print news. I've learned how a modern newsroom works on a day-to-day basis and I've learned how to be helpful to my editors.

Summer Intern: May - Aug. 2018

For five weeks I covered local breaking news, including features on local residents and crime. I then spent another five weeks covering local sports, including minor league baseball, college and prep sports.

AWARDS

Associated Collegiate Press

Reporter of the Year

October 2018

I was awarded the ACP's national Reporter of the Year award for three enterprise stories I wrote during the 2017-2018 academic year.

Hearst Top-10 Enterprise Story

February 2019

A long-form enterprise story I wrote about a student who said the university put her in imminent danger was ranked 10th by the Hearst Journalism Awards Program.

Hearst Top-20 Feature Story

December 2018

A long-form feature story I wrote about my university's club ice hockey was ranked 19th by the Hearst Journalism Awards Program.

Kentucky Press Association Awards

January 2019

I received six awards for feature story writing, breaking news coverage and investigative reporting.

David Dick Storytelling Award

April 2018

The University of Kentucky School of Journalism annually gives the David Dick "What a Great Story" Storytelling Award to a student who is judged to have written the best story in the past 12 months.

EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Journalism and History double major

Expected graduation: May 2020

SKILLS

- Experienced with public records searches
- Competent with DSLR camera, Photoshop, Photo Mechanic
- Certified commercial drone pilot