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EDUCATION

Western Washington University - Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Journalism with a Minor in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies

- Cumulative GPA 3.95

EXPERIENCE

The Front - *Editor-in-Chief*

April 2025 - June 2025

- Oversee a staff of 17 editors and 30 reporters at Western Washington University's online student newspaper
- Edit reporters' articles for grammar, cohesiveness, Associated Press Style, Front Style and Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics
- Monitor current events and oversee coverage of campus protests, local politics, sports and lifestyle
- Facilitate twice-weekly staff meetings and communicate via Slack

Tahlequah Communication Intern - *Public Relations Intern*

September 2024 - March 2025

- Publish press releases for Western Washington University's Office of University Communications and Salish Sea Institute
- Familiarize myself with specialized environmental science topics and translate jargon into colloquial language for lay audiences
- Research and monitor local coverage of Salish Sea stories to identify and address gaps in public knowledge
- Create aesthetically pleasing social media posts promoting events in Instagram, Bluesky, LinkedIn and Constant Contact

Sustainability Pathways Fellowship - *Journalism Fellow*

June 2024 - August 2024

- Report 10 stories, including environmental news, business profiles and arts features for the Methow Valley News
- Attend bi-weekly town council meetings and a primary candidate forum
- Explain local implementation of clean energy grants through Washington's Climate Commitment Act
- Facilitated project management to reduce waste and improve succession planning at three Okanogan County food banks

AWARDS

Kappa Tau Alpha - WWU Inaugural Inductee

I was inducted into WWU's inaugural chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, a national honor society for journalism and mass communication. My GPA was in the top 10% of my class, which met the mark for KTA eligibility.

Best of the Northwest College Journalism Symposium

I was one of four WWU students selected to attend the Best of the Northwest College Journalism Symposium hosted by the Seattle Times. Our cohort listened to experienced panelists, received individualized mentorship and embarked on a two-hour deadline reporting exercise on the streets of Seattle. We also had the opportunity to network with fellow student reporters from Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska.

Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship

I have been awarded the Northwest Journalists of Color Scholarship and Seattle Founders Scholarship from the Asian American Journalists Association, Seattle Association of Black Journalists, Periodistas NW and Native American Journalists Association.