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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine

B.A. in Literary Journalism, B.A. in Environmental Science and Policy

JUNE 2023 - 2027

3.8 GPA

EXPERIENCE

Orange County Register - Southern California News Group - Local News Desk Intern

JUN. 2025 - PRESENT

- Report local government, community and breaking news for Orange County cities
- Pitch original story ideas with an Asian American and environmental justice focus

The New University Official Campus Newspaper - Layout Editor

JAN. 2025 - PRESENT

- Manage design for the seven sections of the bi-weekly print edition of the official campus newspaper for 30,000 students on tight deadlines
- Design full newspaper spreads for readability and engagement, using Adobe InDesign and Photoshop
- Edit and finalize 26 pages of print and design materials per issue, coordinating closely with writers and editors

Breaking News and Campus News Writer

SEP. 2023 - PRESENT

- Filmed and edited a breaking news video story, gaining over 10,000 views on Instagram
- Featured in an NPR news article, "What's It Like To Cover Your Own Campus Protest? Here's What Student Journalists Told Us"

NOAA Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary - Science Communications Intern

SEP. 2024 - JUNE 2025

- Researched marine species and habitats, focusing on the diversity of fish and coral species and their sensitivity to human impacts and climate change
- Completed climate interpreter training in evidence-based ways of reaching public audiences effectively
- Managed social media and digital assets for NOAA-led coral restoration projects after record-breaking marine heatwaves

Food Recovery Network UCI Chapter - Vice President

SEP. 2024 - PRESENT

- Founded the first Farmers Market Food Recovery program, recovering 1,231 lbs of fresh produce to date
- Maintain professional communication with donation sites and local farmers

Event Coordinator

JAN. 2024 - SEP 2024

- Organized volunteer and awareness events on campus, at partner agencies, and in Orange County
- Facilitated the donation of 2,500 lbs of food collected from 6,500 residents to local food bank
- Awarded the campus-wide Outstanding Sustainability Initiative Award for efforts in reducing food waste

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

California Department of Fish and Wildlife - Volunteer

SEP. 2023 - 2024

- Enhanced and restored protected wetland area in Upper Newport Bay by removing invasive plants
- Engaged in citizen science initiatives, taking biological surveys to track local marine biodiversity, contributing data to ongoing conservation and research efforts

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Special Recognition from the Department of Literary Journalism at UC Irvine

APR. 2024

- Recognized at the annual Journalism Awards for Breaking News Coverage, delivering timely and impactful coverage of campus protests