

# Deborah J. Balthazar

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## EDUCATION

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<b>New York University</b> M.A. in Journalism; Science, Health and Environmental Reporting	<b>Sept. 2021 – Dec. 2022</b> New York, New York
<b>Caldwell University</b> B.A. in Biology (Pre-Med); Minor(s): English & Chemistry, GPA: 3.62/4.0, <i>cum laude</i> Caldwell University Scholarship, Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society (President)	<b>Aug. 2013 – May 2017</b> Caldwell, New Jersey

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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<b>Science Writer</b> <b>Thomas Jefferson University</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Finding and writing Jefferson research-related content for Thomas Jefferson University News (The Nexus), Jefferson Research Magazine, Living Well blog, and press releases</li><li>Build and maintain the <a href="#">Jefferson Research LinkedIn</a> channel to highlight research content and latest news</li><li>Develop multimedia components (video, illustrations, audio) to support research content</li></ul>	<b>July 2024 – Present</b> Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
<b>Freelance Journalist, Writer, Audio Editor and Producer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pitching and researching stories for different outlets including Science News and Scholastic Classroom Magazines</li><li>Researching, producing, and editing for Season 1 &amp; 2 of PRX and Mayo Clinic podcast "<a href="#">Tomorrow's Cure</a>"</li></ul>	<b>Sept. 2022 – Present</b>
<b>Sharon Begley Science Reporting Fellow</b> <b>STAT News</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wrote science, health, health tech, health equity and biotechnology <a href="#">stories</a> for researchers and industry professionals.</li><li>Pitched and researched stories, finding TikTok ideas to attract more readers.</li><li>Also was a part of the <a href="#">Knight Science Journalism Fellowship</a> at MIT, taking classes and attending seminars or field trips related to health, science and environmental topics</li></ul>	<b>July 2023 – July 2024</b> Boston, Massachusetts
<b>Intern</b> <b>Science News</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wrote news <a href="#">stories</a> for a general audience at <i>Science News Magazine</i> and <a href="#">wrote</a> for middle school students at <i>Science News Explores</i>. Also, converted Science News stories into <i>Science News Explores</i> stories.</li><li>Wrote TikTok scripts for Science News social media, wrote book reviews, and did fact-checking.</li></ul>	<b>Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2022</b> Washington, DC
<b>Intern</b> <b>Scholastic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Researched and wrote science news and feature stories for young magazine readers (ages 8-14) on topics including engineering, life sciences, physics, and chemistry for <i>Science World</i> and <i>SuperScience</i>.</li><li>Reviewed and edited page layouts and copy for stories, games, videos, and teacher's resources.</li></ul>	<b>May 2022 – Sept. 2022</b> New York, New York
<b>Contributing Writer &amp; Copy Editor &amp; Fact-checker</b> <b>Scienceline</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pitched, wrote, and published <a href="#">stories</a> about biotechnology for the online student publication</li><li>Fact-checked and copyedited contributors' pieces before publication to catch spelling, grammar, and AP style mistakes</li></ul>	<b>Nov. 2021 – Dec. 2022</b> New York, New York

**Freelance Reporter**  
**TAPinto.net**

**Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2021**  
**West Orange, New Jersey**

- Pitched, reported, wrote, and fact-checked 250 stories related to local government and community on topics including [COVID-19](#), [dress code controversy](#), [protests](#), [business openings](#), and [sensory science](#)
- Scheduled and conducted interviews for feature articles, covered town events, and took photos

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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**Undergraduate Research Student**

**Sept. 2016 – May 2017**

**Caldwell University Department of Natural Sciences**

**Caldwell, New Jersey**

- Studied the effects of toothbrush contamination and suggested solutions for toothbrush decontamination; grew and identified bacteria through morphology
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Outstanding Poster Presentation Award, Independent College Fund of New Jersey (ICFNJ) Undergraduate Research Symposium, March 2017; ICFNJ Undergraduate Research Symposium Grant, Fall 2016

**Undergraduate Research Assistant, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

**May 2015 – July 2015**

**Diversity Summer Internship Program**

**Baltimore, Maryland**

- Collected data on Maryland food recovery efforts and its effect on food waste as a Diversity Summer Intern with the Maryland Food System Mapping Project (MFSMP) team in the Center for a Livable Future
- Published a [blog post](#) based on research topic on Center for a Livable Future Blog

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- [2021 Anne O'Hare McCormick Scholar](#) for the next generation of outstanding female journalists
- 2022 Society of Environmental Journalists (SEJ) Diversity Fellow supports journalist attendance at the 2022 SEJ Conference in Houston, Texas

## **SKILLS**

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- Adobe Audition, Hindenburg, Descript, Zoom, Adobe Premiere Pro, Clip Cut, Zoom H5 Recorder, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs, SQL
- Language Proficiencies: French and Haitian Creole (can read and write)