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EDUCATION

New York University

M.A. in Journalism; Science, Health and Environmental Reporting

Sept. 2021 – Present

New York, New York

Caldwell University

B.A. in Biology (Pre-Med); Minor(s): English & Chemistry, GPA: 3.62/4.0, *cum laude*
Caldwell University Scholarship, Tri-Beta National Biological Honor Society (President)

Aug. 2013 – May 2017

Caldwell, New Jersey

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Intern

Sept. 2022 – Present

Science News Magazine

- Writing science news and feature stories for Science News Magazine and for young magazine readers in Science News Explores.

Intern

May 2022 – Sept. 2022

Scholastic

- Researching and writing science news and feature stories for young magazine readers (ages 8-14) on topics including engineering, life science, statistics, and history for Science World and SuperScience
- Reviewing and editing page layouts and copy for stories, games, as well as teacher's resources

Contributing Writer & Copy Editor & Factchecker

Nov. 2021 – Present

Scienceline

New York, New York

- Pitch, write, and publish [stories](#) about biotechnology for the Science, Health and Environmental Reporting Program's online publication
- Copyedited and fact checked pieces before publication to catch spelling, grammar, and AP style mistakes

Freelance Reporter

Dec. 2018 – Aug. 2021

TAPinto.net

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](#)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher

Nov. 2019 – March 2020; Feb. 2021 – May 2022

West Orange Public Schools

West Orange, New Jersey

- Worked as a daily substitute paraprofessional and teacher mostly in STEM and biology, and other subjects throughout the district
- Served as a long-term replacement for a special education middle school science teacher on leave, creating engaging lesson plans and labs

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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

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 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

- [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

- Adobe Audition, Zoom H5 Recorder, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Docs
- Language Proficiencies: French and Haitian Creole (can read and write)