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Objective

Highly motivated college student currently pursuing my Associate's degree in Mass Communication at Bismarck State College. Looking to apply my skills in news writing, researching, editing, and interviewing. I seek to grow as a professional and achieve my best work ethic by meeting deadlines, communicating effectively, and working as a team.

Education

September 2024 - Present | Bismarck State College

Mass Communication Associate in Applied Science
Bismarck, North Dakota

September 2020 - June 2024 | Rocanville School

High School Diploma
Rocanville, Saskatchewan

Work Experience

September 2024 - Present | Mystician Co-Editor | Bismarck State College

Bismarck, North Dakota

- Write articles for publication in the college newspaper, the Mystician
- Check articles for grammar, spelling, story structure, etc.
- Meet deadlines and have final drafts ready for publication
- Take photos to be used in the paper
- Help plan upcoming paper and brainstorm ideas to write about
- Assign stories to reporters
- Decide what stories go into each issue
- Helping social media manager produce videos

August 2025 - December 2025 | Resident Assistant | Bismarck State College

Bismarck, North Dakota

- Helped find solutions to interpersonal conflict between residents
- Completed nightly rounds/checks around multiple dorms on duty nights
- Completed student of concern reports and alcohol violation reports
- Assisted Residence Hall Coordinator in duties and tasks
- Created advertising for events and set up monthly programs for students to attend

June 2025 - August 2025 | Reporter | Morton County News Journal | GSPublishing

Mandan, North Dakota

- Writing weekly local news stories in AP style
- Taking news photos for stories
- Setting up and conducting interviews
- Editing grammar and spelling in articles

January 2023 - June 2024 | Piano Teacher | Self-Employed

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

July 2023 - August 2023 | Receptionist | Bock & Company Law Office

Esterhazy, Saskatchewan

- Answer phone calls
- Ready files for client appointments
- Filing

January 2022 - June 2023 | Customer Service - Pharmacy | Rocanville Pharmacy (Pharmachoice)

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

- Work till
- Stocking shelves
- Cleaning

November 2019 - December 2023 | SHA Official or Referee | SHA

Rocanville/Moosomin, Saskatchewan

January 2011 - September 2024 | Farm Hand | Fafard Farm

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

- Feed Chickens, Sheep, Cows, etc.
- Drove Tractor to Cultivate
- Lawn Mowing

Extra-Curricular

September 2022 - June 2024 | Rocanville School Yearbook

January 2022 - May 2024 | Drama Club

May 2021 - June 2022 | Moosomin Girls U16 Softball

July 2020 - Present | Golf

April 2019 - April 2024 | Badminton

September 2018 - June 2024 | Rocanville School Newspaper

- Newspaper consisted of writing articles (sports, other school events), reviews, and adding some comics or crossword/sudoku games

September 2017 - December 2020 | Jazz Band

- At Rocanville School-practiced at lunch every Friday

September 2016 - March 2024 | Basketball

September 2014 - Present | Cross-Country Running

- Ran with Mystic cross-country team at Bismarck State College - competed in NJCAA Nationals

November 2013 - March 2023 | Hockey

- Includes both minor hockey and youth hockey

May 2011 - Present | Soccer

- Academy Soccer
- Rec League

September 2011 - Present | Piano**Volunteer Experience****February 2025 - Present | Future of Local News Steering Committee**

Number of Hours: 15

Board Member

Bismarck, North Dakota

September 2024 - Present | Bismarck State College

Number of Hours: 16

CSO Representative

Bismarck, North Dakota

- CSO representative for Mystic Media

May 2023 - May 2025 | Moosomin Soccer Club

Number of Hours: 5

Soccer Referee

Moosomin, Saskatchewan

October 2021 - March 2024 | Southeast Regional Library

Rocanville Library Board Member

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

November 2018 - June 2024 | Rocanville School

Rocanville School Snack Shack

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

November 2016 - March 2017 | Skate Canada

Rocanville Canskate Helper

Rocanville, Saskatchewan

Skills and Abilities

Keyboarding/Typing

- Typing Speed: 70 wpm

General Knowledge of Grammar

- I work as the content editor for the BSC college newspaper, The Mystician. I was able to apply my knowledge of grammar to this role.

Organization/Time Management

- Uses a planner to balance school, work, and sports. Time management become especially important in college

when balancing cross-country meets, due dates for assignments, and deadlines for work.

Interpersonal Skills

- Working with others on a sports team or in a workplace has taught me conflict resolution and how to build relationships with coworkers and teammates.

Adobe Audition

- Used Audition to create radio shows for the college radio, The MYX

Adobe InDesign

Basic Spanish

- Working towards Spanish I Certificate

Willingness to Learn

Teamwork

Strong Work Ethic

Communication

- Skills in both verbal and written communication. Have written professional emails to promote events for Mystic Media. Has skill in communicating with others when working on a project or planning events.

Adobe Premiere Pro

- Used Premiere Pro to edit videos. Created news packages, multi-cam interviews, and creative films

Basic Photography

Basic French

Achievements

April 2025 | BSC Outstanding Student in Digital Broadcasting

April 2025 | Phi Theta Kappa

- 4.0 GPA

June 2024 | Governor General's Award

- highest class average

June 2024 | English Award

June 2023 | History Award

June 2023 | Band Award

June 2024 | Publication in Windscrip Magazine

- Jerrett Enns Honourable Mention for Prose

June 2023 | Award of Great Distinction

June 2022 | RCM Grade 7 Exam

June 2022 | Award of Great Distinction

June 2022 | Band Award

August 2021 | RCM Grade 6 Exam

May 2021 | Remembrance Day Poem - Zone Level Award

August 2020 | RCM Grade 5 Exam

June 2020 | Award of Great Distinction

June 2020 | Social Skills and Work Habits Award

August 2019 | RCM Grade 3 Exam

July 2019 | U15 Soccer League Championship

June 2019 | Social Skills and Work Habits Award

June 2019 | Distinction Award

June 2018 | RCM Grade 2 Exam

March 2018 | 1st Place Wildlife Poster Competition

March 2016 | Douglas Harcourt Memorial Award

- Piano Award

March 2016 | 1st Place Wildlife Poster Competition

Certifications

November 2020

SHA Junior Official Certification

Hobbies and Interests

- Reading
- Music
- History
- Traveling
- Writing
- Sports

- Movies

References

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