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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Los Angeles, CA
Master of Arts Degree in Public Relations and Advertising Expected May 2027

University of Washington, College of the Environment, Seattle, WA
Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies; Minor - Law, Societies & Justice; Cumulative GPA: 3.7 / 4.0 June 2024

Honors & Awards

- USC Annenberg Graduate Fellowship August 2025
- 5x Dean's List Recipient - University of Washington January 2022 - June 2024
- Selected Highlight Research Poster Presenter - UW Research Capstone Symposium May 2024

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant in Office of USC Annenberg Dean Willow Bay, Los Angeles, CA

Research Assistant August 2025 - present

- Produce research briefings on guests coming to speak with Dean Willow Bay at USC Annenberg
- Help with hosting live events and guest speakers that visit USC Annenberg
- Manage phone lines, and maintain general office upkeep

Komak 501(c)(3): Security and Hope for People with Cancer, Portland, OR

Research Assistant January 2025 - June 2025

- Evaluated accessible cancer care resources in the Pacific Northwest alongside Komak, a volunteer-led nonprofit
- Curated a cancer care resource catalog document to help bring immediate and interim financial solutions to working age individuals undergoing cancer treatment in the Pacific Northwest

Pan American Symphony Orchestra Social Media Manager, Washington, D.C.

Social Media Manager January 2025 - April 2025

- Produced media for Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn during the 2025 DC Tango Festival Concert Season
- Monitored social platforms and content to foster increased social engagement and sell tickets

FieldNotes Undergraduate Environmental Science Research Journal, Seattle, WA

Writer and Editor January 2024 - June 2024

- Long-form content writer, and blog producer for UW FieldNotes Undergraduate Research Journal
- Editor for research articles published in the environmental science journal

NOAA Fisheries/Alaska Fisheries Science Center Marine Mammal Laboratories, Seattle, WA

Education and Outreach Intern January 2024 - April 2024

- Created new education materials reflecting current marine mammal research methodologies
- Organized and categorized all existing education materials at NOAA/AFSC Sand Point
- Interviewed NOAA scientists to document effective forms of environmental education outreach

PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- "Palau Embraces Climate Action." Piece published on the USC Annenberg Center for Climate Journalism and Communication Website. Los Angeles, CA, October 2025.
- "The BIG(10) Switch: Conference Realignment will Double Carbon Emissions." Article published in the FieldNotes Undergraduate Environmental Science Research Journal. Seattle, WA, June 2024.
- "The Complexity of Inequity: Investigating Accessibility to Environmental Education Resources for Underrepresented Students." Research poster presented at both the online and in-person spring University of Washington Program on the Environment Capstone Symposiums. Seattle, WA, May 2024.
- "Marine Mammal Education and Outreach Internship Overview." Powerpoint presented in-person at NOAA Fisheries/Alaska Fisheries Science Center Sand Point. Seattle, WA, April 2024.