ABIGAYLE CARIÑO

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism August 2025 - May 2027
MA Public Relations and Advertising, GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of Washington, College of the Environment September 2021 - June 2024
BA Environmental Studies, Minor: Law, Societies & Justice, GPA: 3.7/4.0

Honors & Certifications

- USC Annenberg Graduate Fellowship August 2025 - May 2027
- 5x Dean's List Recipient, University of Washington January 2022 - June 2024
- Highlighted Capstone Symposium Research Project Presenter, UW College of the Environment May 2024
- Managing Complexity in Diverse Organizations, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism May 2026

SKILLS

- Research: Qualitative and quantitative research, data analysis, source evaluation, Qualtrics
- Communications: Professional writing, editing, proofreading, research briefings, public outreach communications
- Social Media & Marketing: Content creation, audience engagement, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, X
- Design & Technology: Canva, Adobe Creative Cloud, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace
- Professional: Event coordination, guest relations, project management, collaboration in fast-paced environments

WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism August 2025 - Present
Graduate Research Assistant in the Office of USC Annenberg Dean Willow Bay, Los Angeles, CA

- Produce detailed research briefings on featured guests and public figures for events and speaking engagements at USC Annenberg
- Support event coordination and guest relations for high-profile speakers and campus events

Research Assistant, Komak 501(c)(3): Security and Hope For People With Cancer January 2025-June 2025
Cancer Care Research Assistant, Portland, OR

- Conducted research on accessible cancer care resources across the Pacific Northwest for a volunteer-led nonprofit financial support organization
- Synthesized research findings into accessible materials for community outreach and public resource distribution

Social Media Manager, Pan American Symphony Orchestra January 2025-April 2025
Musical Performance Social Media Manager, Washington, D.C.

- Created digital content for Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn during the 2025 DC Tango Festival concert season
- Managed social media engagement strategies to increase audience interaction and promote ticket sales

Writer and Editor, UW College of the Environment January 2024-June 2024
FieldNotes Undergraduate Environmental Science Research Journal, Seattle, WA

- Wrote long-form articles and blog content covering undergraduate environmental science research
- Edited research articles for publication, ensuring clarity, accuracy, and editorial consistency

Education and Outreach Intern, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - NOAA January 2024-April 2024
NOAA Fisheries/Alaska Fisheries Science Center Marine Mammal Laboratories, Seattle, WA

- Developed educational materials communicating marine mammal research methodologies to public audiences
- Conducted interviews with NOAA scientists to support environmental education and public outreach initiatives

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- "Palau Embraces Climate Action," USC Annenberg Center for Climate Journalism and Communication (Oct. 2025)
- "The BIG(10) Switch: Conference Realignment Will Double Carbon Emissions," FieldNotes Journal (June 2024)
- "The Complexity of Inequity," UW Program on the Environment Capstone Symposium (May 2024)

PERSONAL WEBSITE & PORTFOLIO

- https://accarino.annenbergprhosting.com