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EDUCATION

Indiana University
Bachelor of Arts in
Journalism, 2014
Minors in political science
and sociology
3.65/4.0 GPA

HONORS

Ernie Pyle Scholar
Four-year journalism
honors study program
One of 17 students
chosen from 2014 class

**Hutton Honors College
student**

**John S. Knight Memo-
rial Scholarship** from the
Akron Press Club

**Freedom of the Press
Scholarship** from the IU
School of Journalism

Best story award, Indiana
Daily Student, Fall 2012

REFERENCES

Dorothy Schnieder
Local editor,
Journal and Courier
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Ruth Witmer
Editorial adviser,
Indiana Daily Student
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Jim Kelly
Honors program director,
IU School of Journalism
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EXPERIENCE

Journal & Courier reporting intern, Lafayette, Ind., Jan. 2013 - present
Reporting on business, politics, crime and education for the local desk
Producing photo and video content for breaking news and in-depth features
Amassed more than 40 bylines in first eight weeks, including six front page stories

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reporting intern, May - August 2012
Will report full time for the local desk

English Language Gazette reporting intern, London, May - July 2012
Reported on international education policy and language globalization
Started and trained staff on the *Gazette's* first use of social media

Indiana Daily Student, Bloomington, Ind.

Web editor, Aug. 2012 - Dec. 2012
Oversaw content on *idsnews.com* and analyze web traffic data
Managed Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts

Reporter, photographer, designer, Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2012
Wrote for the region, campus, and features sections of the daily paper
Took photos for my own and others' stories
Designed news pages, front pages, infographics and special publications
Produced video and interactive graphics for *idsnews.com*

Inside Magazine assistant features editor, Bloomington, Jan. - April 2012
Generated ideas and original content for the magazine's features department
Co-reported a cover story on Holocaust survivors in Bloomington

Patch.com reporter, Fairlawn-Bath, Ohio, May - Aug. 2011
Wrote stories, took photos and produced video for *fairlawn-bath.patch.com*

Also published in: The Japan Times, Indianapolis Star and 812, The Magazine of Southern Indiana

ACTIVITIES

IU Society of Professional Journalists, David Adams Memorial Chapter
IU Chapter of the Society for News Design
IU School of Journalism Ambassador

SKILLS

AP Style
Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator, Bridge and Soundbooth
Final Cut Pro, Soundslides and iMovie
Twitter, Facebook, Wordpress, Instagram and blog writing
Hootsuite, Tweetdeck and Google Analytics
Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Outlook