



Erica Irish

Journalist, Editor, Storyteller

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Experience

Reporting Intern, [Chalkbeat Indiana](#)

May - Aug. 2019 | Worked alongside reporters with the non-profit news organization Chalkbeat to unpack education policy and inequity in K-12 schools. Honed in-depth reporting and writing skills. Collaborated with editors and reporters outside Indiana to develop content for a national audience.

Editor, Reporter, [TheStatehouseFile.com](#)

Aug. 2017 - Present | Provided daily multimedia coverage of state government and politics to more than 30 partner media outlets during the 2019 session of the Indiana General Assembly. Served as a freelance writer 2017-18 and became the publication's first Russell Pulliam Student Editor in summer 2020.

Assistant Producer, Videographer, Radio Intern, [WFYI Public Media](#)

Jan. 2018 - Present | Assisted with production of a Lower Great Lakes Regional Emmy-nominated public television documentary on the late Indiana Sen. Richard Lugar in 2018. Promoted to assistant producer to lead additional documentaries, including a regional Emmy award-winning documentary on Indianapolis author Kurt Vonnegut. Served as a general assignment intern for WFYI's radio department in fall 2019.

Editorial Intern, Freelance Writer, [Indianapolis Business Journal](#)

May - Aug. 2018 | Pitched, strategized and published daily online stories, weekly print coverage and long-term enterprise projects. Drafted weekly newsletters on Indiana sports/tourism, real estate and other topics as needed. Photographed images to accompany individual and staff-wide assignments.

Co-Executive Editor, Web Editor, Opinion Editor, More, [The Franklin](#)

Aug. 2017 - Present | Empowered a team behind Franklin College's student-led campus news magazine as web editor (2020-21), co-executive editor (2019-20), opinion editor (2018-19), interim sports editor (2018) and a reporter/columnist. Professionalized opinion section guidelines for editorials, guest column submissions and hiring full-time columnists. Guided staff operations and goals as co-executive editor.

Skills



Journalism

Reporting
Interviewing
Editing
News Writing
Editorial Writing
Broadcast Writing



Multimedia

Adobe CC Suite
DSLR Photography
Videography
Web Design
Graphic Design
Audio Recording/Editing



PR + More

Social Media
SEO
WordPress
Mailchimp
Research
Strategic Plans

Education

Completing a B.A. in Multimedia Journalism and Political Science (Minor: Public Relations)
Anticipated graduation in May 2021 from Franklin College
Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0 (Updated Aug. 2020)

Awards

First Place - Best Consumer Affairs Reporting, SPJ "Best in Indiana" Awards (2020)
First Place - Best Criminal Justice Reporting, SPJ "Best in Indiana" Awards (2020)
Regional Emmy Winner - Best Nostalgia Documentary, "The Children's Crusade Revisited" (2020)
Regional Emmy Nominee - Best Nostalgia Documentary, "Reason's Quiet Warrior" (2019)
First Place, Thomas R. Keating Writing Competition (2019)
Recipient, Franklin College Laurel Award for Academic Achievement (2018)
Recipient, National Pulliam Journalism Scholarship (2017)