

RACHEL JAMES

POLITICAL SCIENCE
AND NEWS

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

- Writing:
 - Knowledgeable on AP writing style and use of copy-editing marks. Well-versed in grammar rules and writing conventions.
- Software Experience:
 - Have experience in Adobe Creative Suite, Utilized InDesign in the creation of newspaper layouts. Have designed items such as Snapchat filters.
- Web Design + SEO:
 - Designed and created personal website on WordPress. Look at SEO and web analytics to increase web traffic. Basic knowledge in HTML.
- Research:
 - Experience with finance and donor research, as well as writing summaries on candidate policy positions.

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Pursuing a dual degree in Political Science and News, I consider myself an organized, methodical worker who is passionate about instilling change and growth both personally and professionally.

CONTACT DETAILS

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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Drake Univeristy (Des Moines, IA)

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 2018-2021

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication, News, 2018-2021

- Vice-President, Delta Theta Phi (Feb. 2019-Present)
 - Part of pre-law professional fraternity. Responsible for coordinating with President to help students learn skills such as mediation and prep for law school.
- COVID-19 Peer Advisory Board (Aug. 2020-Present)
 - Helped co-found a peer advisory board of student leaders that works with administration to address campus concerns involving COVID-19.
- Drake Broadcasting System, Anchor/Talent (Aug. 2018- Present)
 - Co-anchored a bi-weekly live show and help create news packages. Part of Drake Relays broadcast, one of the largest student broadcasts.
- Drake Rise Up, Diversity Coordinator (Aug. 2018- Present)
 - On the executive team for a suicide prevention group that advocates for mental health resources and plans the annual suicide prevention walk with over 200 participants annually.
- Student Senate, First-Year Interest Committee (Aug. 2018-May 2018)
 - A committee that works toward bettering the college experience with a focus on the first-year class.

Anna High School (Anna, TX)

Salutatorian, 2014-2018

- Dual-credit, Collin College.
 - 2016-2019, GPA: 4.0

HONORS AND PUBLICATIONS

- Society of Professional Journalists Region 7
 - Category: General News Reporting Finalist
- Published: The Times-Delphic, YR Media, Daring Women
- Deans List (3.5+ gpa)
 - Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020
- College Media Association member
 - Fall 2019-Present. Attended CMA convention and workshops for two consecutive years.
- Outstanding Student Organization Award
 - Drake Rise Up, 2020 Adams Leadership Awards
- Iowa United Nations
 - Aug. 2020-Present. Working on PR project with deliverables for Iowa United Nations partner.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Editor-in-Chief, The Times-Delphic

Des Moines, IA (Aug. 2019 - Present)

Supervisor: Jeff Inman, 515-451-5483

- Oversees budget of 40,000+ and printing schedule for weekly college paper. Responsible for final editorial decisions and hiring of staff. Approve and assist with story ideas as well as edit layouts using Adobe software. Work in conjunction with breaking news manager to address and respond to developing stories.

Executive Team for Bulldogs for Booker

Des Moines, IA (Aug. 2019 - Feb. 2020)

Supervisor: Deepak Jonnalagedda, 732-318-8825

- Part of ad hoc campus campaign organization for Senator Cory Booker's 2020 presidential election. Helped plan events and mobilize prospective voters. Participated in phonebanking and training for canvassing events with students.

Finance Intern, Cindy Axne for Congress

Des Moines, IA (Aug. 2018 - Nov. 2018)

Supervisor: Leviathan DeGross, 605-929-8375

- Finance intern for Cindy Axne's Iowa's third congressional district campaign, a winning campaign against an incumbent candidate. Helped with donor research, outreach, and organization. As well as cold calls for fundraising and the creation of mailers.