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OBJECTIVE	To obtain a position as a human-interest reporter
OVERVIEW	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creative, efficient, and logical professional• Six years of interviewing, reporting, and editing experience• Named Editor-In-Chief of high school and college newspaper• Strong work ethic, high level of personal integrity and ambition• Received over 40 academic and journalism awards• Experienced in Adobe InDesign, Adobe PageMaker, MS Word and MS Publisher software• Active participant in campus and community activities
ACADEMIC BACKGROUND	<p>August 2006-Present Southern Methodist University-Dallas, TX B.A. Journalism with Teacher Certification- Expected graduation-May 2008</p> <p>May 2004-June 2006 Richland Community College-Dallas, TX A.A., Field of Study in Journalism, May 2006</p> <p>August 2000-May 2004 North Garland High School-Garland, TX Honor's Graduate</p>
EXPERIENCE	<p>Editor-In-Chief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversee all facets of production of the print and digital publications• Conduct staff meetings twice weekly at the predetermined times• Formulate and assign all articles set to appear in print and online publications• Set and enforce year-long deadline schedules• Responsible for award entries and journalism memberships• Copy-edit articles and pages for style and grammatical errors• Interview and select all section editors and staff members• Responsible for designing pages and the placement of articles

News Editor:

- Formulate news stories
- Assign articles to responsible writers
- Ensure all news stories receive three edits by a writing coach, editor-in-chief, or faculty adviser
- Fact-check contents of each article
- Responsible for designing the news page by placing stories, photos, headlines and captions

Journalist:

- Produce news and human-interest articles, editorials, and columns
- Determine appropriate questions and sources for each article
- Meet all deadlines set by a section editor or editor-in-chief
- Ensure articles are proof-read and the corrections are made

WORK HISTORY	January 2005-Present	Editor-In-Chief, News Editor <i>The Richland Chronicle</i> Newspaper Staff Richland College
	August 2001-May 2004	Editor-In-Chief, Copy Editor <i>The Raider Echo</i> Newspaper Staff North Garland High School
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	May 2003 to May 2005	Editor-In-Chief of Parents' Newsletter The Achievement Center of Texas Garland, TX <i>Produced a monthly newsletter that included upcoming events and news pertaining to the Achievement Center, by attending parent and board meetings</i>
	May 2004 to January 2005	Special Needs Teacher The Achievement Center of Texas Garland, TX <i>Worked with a group of six to seven students with varying mental and physical disabilities to ensure their specific goals were met, as listed by their service care providers. Also prepared lessons to engage students' participation through music, art, reading, and math activities, while charting their progress each week</i>

**STUDENT
ACTIVITIES**

Richland College:

January 2005-Present **Phi Theta Kappa**
Associate Member

January 2006- Present **Public Relations and Advertising Club**
Associate Member

North Garland High School:

August 2002-May 2004 **Principal, Student Advisory Board**
Associate Member

May 2002-May 2004 **National Beta Club**
Associate Member

**ACADEMIC
AWARDS**

Richland College:

- Vice President's Honor Roll, 2004-2006
- National Dean's List, 2005

North Garland High School:

- Texas Scholar, 2004
- Who's Who Among High School Students, 2003

**JOURNALISM
AWARDS**

Dallas Morning News Journalism Day

Sponsored by Steve Kenny, Managing Editor of the *Quick*

April 2004:

- 1st place Features Page Layout
- Most Valuable Staffer
- Judges' Choice Award

April 2003:

- 1st place Headline Writing
- Most Valuable Staffer

April 2002:

- 1st place Series/Projects

Barbara Jordan Media Award

Sponsored by the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities

April 2004:

- 1st place "Special Contributions by a Student"

Interscholastic League Press Conference

Sponsored by Randy Vonderheid, former UIL State Journalism Director

April 2004:

- 1st place Feature Writing
- Tops in Texas for Feature Writing
 - Competed against other 1st place winners in participating districts, and received 1st place overall in Feature Writing
- All State Journalism Staff
 - Upon compiling 50 points amassed through local and state writing competitions, students are named to the staff by Randy Vonderheid

August 2001- August 2004:

- 11 "Citation of Superiority" Awards
 - Individual awards selected and given by Randy Vonderheid upon each issue of the paper

UIL District Competition

March 2004:

- 2nd place Editorial Writing
- 3rd place Feature Writing

REFERENCES

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