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# Jonathan Banister Washington D.C. Portfolio: Jonbanister.weebly.com Twitter: @J Banister

#### **EXPERIENCE**

Intern

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#### **NBCUniversal, Meet the Press**

January 2016- Present Washington D.C.

Conduct research to help producers create segments and prepare for interviews

- Pitch guest and segment ideas, sit in on daily editorial meetings
- Escort Sunday morning show guests while coordinating with the control room

#### **Capital News Service**

September 2015- December 2015

Reporter Washington D.C.

- Covered Martin O'Malley's presidential campaign, Chris Van Hollen and Donna Edwards Senate race
- Attended congressional hearings and floor speeches, including the pope's address to Congress
- Published articles on a news wire picked up by newspapers across Maryland

## NBCUniversal, MSNBC dayside

June 2015-August 2015

New York, NY

- Researched through web and archives to find video and stills, organize in rundown
- Logged speeches and interviews to help producers create packages
- Cut sound bites and footage in Avid Media Composer for air

### The Diamondback, University of Maryland's daily student-run newspaper Senior Staff Writer

Jan. 2014-Dec. 2015 College Park, MD

- Cover state and national politics, write 3-4 stories per week, more than 80 articles published
- Interview elected officials, write about debates, elections, legislative process

#### Office of United States Senator Richard Blumenthal

June 2014-August 2014

Washington D.C.

- Worked in press office writing press releases, statements, social media posts
  - Attended committee hearings, floor debates and guest lectures to learn about political process

#### The Prince George's Sentinel

June 2014-August 2014

Seabrook, MD

- Reported and wrote 2-3 stories per week on a variety of topics, focusing on politics and education
- Assisted in copyediting and production of paper

#### **Gatehouse Media New England**

June 2013-August 2013

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Waltham, MA

- Researched stories, interviewed public figures, 11 articles published with Waltham News Tribune
- Shadowed reporters, attended weekly editorial meetings and journalism workshops

#### **EDUCATION**

# University of Maryland, Philip Merrill College of Journalism, College Park, MD BA in Journalism, expected May 2016

- GPA 3.7, member of College Park Scholars Media, Self, and Society Program
- Minor in International Development and Conflict Management

#### Oman and Dubai Study Abroad Winter Session 2013/2014

University of Arizona International Journalism Fieldwork

#### **SKILLS**

Proficient in Microsoft Office, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, Audition, Premiere, Avid Media Composer, HTML, CSS,
 Dreamweaver, WordPress, iNews, Avid MediaCentral

#### **AWARDS**

- Winner of 2015 SPJ Region 2 Feature Writing Mark of Excellence award for Maryland's Hidden Epidemic
- Winner of 2015 SPJ Region 2 In-Depth Reporting Mark of Excellence award for The Brothel Next Door (team)
- Eighth place in national 2015 Hearst Enterprise Writing Competition for Turkey's War on Journalism