

Emojiah Bridges

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EDUCATION

University of Florida: B.A. in English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Expected December 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Independent Alligator Newspaper

Contributor Writer and Editor

January 2020 – May 2022

Gainesville, Florida

- Conducted interviews with students and staff of the University of Florida, performers and the editor in chief of the Alachua Chronicle, among others
- Covered current events and local news such as including but not limited to student elections, COVID-19 and crime
- Researched Florida's issued policies and analyzed statistics about COVID-19 such as the number of cases, deaths and students without housing
- Wrote, proofread, and edited articles for grammar, AP Style guide compliance and cohesiveness

Skills: Interviewing, Journalism, Reporting

College Magazine

Staff Writer

May 2020 – August 2020

Gainesville, Florida

- Conducted interviews with students across universities nation-wide
- Pitched ideas for articles that would be useful to college students, including "15 Things to Know Before Your Next Phone Interview"

Skills: Article Writing, Interviewing, Research

Innovation News Center

News Desk Assistant

August 2019 – August 2020

Gainesville, Florida

- Compiled research and gathered information using police reports and first-hand sources and quotes gathered by the production team
- Wrote and edited scripts for production use for WUFT TV and the radio

Skills: Scriptwriting, Broadcast Writing, Production, Video scriptwriting

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

JOU 3101 Applied Fact Finding

January 2021 – May 2021

Gainesville, Florida

- Analyzed public record data like court records, business filings, and crime reports – police reports, arrest affidavits, jail booking, and autopsy reports

LEADERSHIP AND INVOLVEMENT

The Blck G.E.M.S. (Black Girl Empowerment for Mutual Success)

Student

December 2019 – June 2021

Remote

- Wrote articles and edited and proofread all work before publication, ensuring AP style guide compliance, cohesiveness and accuracy
- Established a budget with budget lines for staff

Skills: Budget Lines, Delegation, Supervision

Gator Chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ)

Historian

May 2020 – May 2021

Gainesville

- Documented meetings by taking photos of biweekly sessions and writing and designing social media posts

Skills: Photography, Social Media

University of Florida National Broadcasting Society

Historian

August 2020 – February 2019

Gainesville

- Documented meetings by logging attendance

Rally to Tally

Student

March 2019

Tallahassee, Florida

- Interviewed a local politician, the mayor of Lauderhill, Florida to gather information on local concerns
- Initiated conversations with state legislators and department personnel while lobbying for concerns such as reform in the foster care system and education

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida

Elected Student Reporter

June 2018

Tallahassee, Florida

- Educated on legislative policies in the Tallahassee state capitol and citizenship
- Elected as Reporter with duties consisting of attending press meetings and working on Girls State newspaper
- Utilized hands on experience by actively participating in political campaigns, debating, and writing bills in the week-long rigorous program

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recognized as "Top 100 Bloggers in the World" by Feedspot for EmojiahBridges.com

Blogger

March 2018 - Present

Remote

- Wrote and scheduled guest blog posts while utilizing SEO keywords to generate traffic for emojiiahbridges.com (presently known as Emojiah.com)

Top 10 Finalist in Columbia College Young Authors Writing Competition

Emojiah.com

April 2019

Coconut Creek, Florida

- Submitted a memoir that was a top 10 finalist as means to express my story and voice concerns of the foster care system and mental health

2nd Place in Fiction by Broward College wRites of Spring Contest

Memoir

Spring 2016

Coconut Creek, Florida

- Submitted a memoir that was placed in the fiction category due to elements of creative nonfiction

Technical Data

Technical Skills: Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premier Pro, Bluehost, Buffer, Canva, CapCutPro, Hootsuite, Mailchimp, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word, Slack, ServiceNow, Trello, WordPress