

Emojiah Bridges

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EDUCATION

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

December 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. Thomas More Catholic Academy

5th Grade and Middle School Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher

April 2024 – Current
Washington D.C.

- Created original classroom content, including informational handouts and writing prompts
- Guided students in analyzing current events and primary sources, fostering their media literacy and bias awareness
- Managed multiple deadlines while adapting to fast-paced classroom needs
- Maintained communication with parents, colleagues, and administrators
- Provided detailed feedback on student writing

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

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"

Innovation News Center (WUFT-TV)

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

LEADERSHIP AND CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

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

Editor in Chief

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

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

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

University of Florida National Broadcasting Society

Historian

August 2019 – February 2020
Gainesville

- Documented meetings by logging attendance

Rally to Tally

Representative

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

- Elected as a 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

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Blogger

March 2018 – May 2023
Remote

- Wrote and scheduled guest blog posts while utilizing SEO keywords to generate traffic for emoijahbridges.com (presently known as [Emojiah.com](http://emoijah.com))

Top 10 Finalist in Columbia College Young Author's Writing Competition

Memoir

April 2019
Chicago, IL

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

Skills

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