

BRIAN J. PFAIL

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EDUCATION

Chaminade High School, Mineola, NY

High School Diploma, Three Year Honor Award, 2007

Villanova University, Villanova, PA

Computer Engineering, Mathematics

Fordham University, New York, NY

Bachelor of Arts in Communications with a Concentration in Journalism, Summa Cum Laude, 2022

AWARDS AND HONORS

- New York Press Association's Excellence Award in coverage of education
- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society for scientists and engineers
- Alpha Sigma Nu International Honor Society of Jesuit institutions
- Phi Kappa Phi Academic Honor Society recognizing the top 10% of students
- Lambda Pi Eta Communications Honor Society of the National Communication Association

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

National File, *Writer/Reporter*, 2023–Present

- Pitched stories to editors on geopolitics, international crime and Big Tech censorship
- Utilized various sources with proper AP style and attribution
- Interviewed politicians, nonprofits and the general populace
- Made appearances on several alternative news commentators' shows, radio broadcasts and podcasts

Newsmax Media Inc., *Digital News Reporter*, New York, NY 2022–2023

- Pitched stories to editors on general politics, polls, and other newsworthy developments
- Aggregated stories from various sources with proper AP style and attribution
- Interviewed prominent public figures, diving deeper into stories to relay a clear picture and narrative
- Worked alongside and collaborated with editors and writers in the newsroom

The Federalist, *Contributor*, 2022–2023

- Pitched stories concerning crime, criminalization, and immigration
- Interviewed politicians, think tanks and advocacy groups while networking for future interviews

Townhall Media, *Contributor*, 2022–2023

- Pitched stories concerning New York politics, crime, and immigration
- Interviewed politicians and advocacy groups while networking for future interviews

Herald Community Newspapers, *Senior Reporter*, Garden City, NY 2022

- Pitched stories concerning local events, initiatives, crime and politics
- Interviewed different groups while networking for future interviews
- Wrote to meet the deadline-driven environment of the newspaper industry

The New York Sun, *Crime and Justice Reporter*, New York, NY, 2022

- Pitched stories in cooperation with editors interpreting local crime through a national scale lens
- Reported on crime news and trends, legislation, and associated state and federal politics
- Utilized proactive ethic to obtain interviews while building networks in law enforcement and politics

The Smithtown Chronicle, *Contributing Writer*, Smithtown, NY, 2021–2022

- Pitched weekly stories and worked closely with the editor-in-chief on local issues and article critiques
- Reported on local news, events and initiatives in the Suffolk County area while tying in trends of pop culture
- Wrote concisely, aggregating information from a variety of sources to provide a wide perspective

The Fordham Observer, *Staff Writer*, New York, NY, 2021–2022

The Smithtown Chronicle, *Contributing Writer*, Smithtown, NY, 2021–2022

- Pitched original and exclusive news stories to editors surrounding local, national, and international news
- Wrote quickly and precisely while providing proper attribution through media outlets and scholarly databases
- Followed AP style with an attention to detail, providing clear and crisp writing in a compelling format

The Fordham Ram, *Contributing Writer*, Bronx, NY, 2021-2022

- Consumed content from a variety of sources to develop a broad understanding of newsworthy narratives
- Wrote accordingly to editor pitches by honing in on research and news-gathering, blending various feeds
- Recognized missing coverage and highly engaging stories to pitch to editors with compelling angles

NY Senatorial District 6, *Intern*, Garden City, NY, 2017

- Assisted constituents by prioritizing issues and conceptualizing ideas and pragmatic solutions to problems
- Monitored, revised, and modernized private website to inform constituency of events, initiatives, and bills