

Nancy Lavin

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Summary: Award-winning reporter with five years of experience reporting for daily newspapers; seeking to inform, engage and educate through clear, compelling copy and sharp storytelling

Professional experience

The Frederick News-Post

Frederick, Md.

Social services, demographics and religion reporter

October 2016-present

- Produce five to 10 stories weekly for a daily newspaper with a print circulation of more than 35,000
- Report on a network of more than 200 area social service agencies, as well as data-driven demographic trends, and pertinent issues faced by religious communities of many faiths
- Write daily news stories as well as in-depth features analyzing federal and local policies, data and the personal stories of people affected
- Cultivate relationships with key local sources for story ideas, off and on the record information
- Collaborate with fellow reporters on series and enterprise packages

City hall reporter

June 2015-present

- Wrote hard news, features and two weekly columns related to city politics and government
- Covered all events, government bodies, business, development and human interest stories related to Frederick city, the second-largest city in the state of Maryland with a population 66,000

The Westerly Sun

Stonington, Conn.

Town reporter

August 2013 - March 2015

- Developed news stories on local politics, planning and zoning decisions, budget processes, new businesses and features related to the town of Stonington
- Produced seven to 10 stories weekly for a daily newspaper reaching five towns in the southern Rhode Island and southeastern Connecticut
- Provided weekend coverage of spot news and weekend events as the designated Saturday reporter
- Maintained newspaper's official Facebook and Twitter accounts with two fellow reporters

Education

University of Rhode Island

Kingston, R.I.

Bachelor of Arts: Journalism (major) and Political Science, Spanish (double minor)

Graduated May 2013

GPA: 3.92/4.0

Honors: Dean's List (all semesters), Summa Cum Laude Graduate, Presidential Excellence Award: Journalism (awarded to one student from each major in the graduating class)

American University

Washington D.C.

Studied **Print Journalism** (transferred)

September 2009-May 2011

GPA: 3.9/4.0

Honors: University Honors Program, Dean's List (all semesters)

Skills

Technology: Proficient in Microsoft Office Word, PowerPoint, Excel, and Access; Fast Edit and Audacity; Quark; Social Media Skills (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Wordpress); Digital cameras

Language: Intermediate Spanish skills in writing, reading, speaking and listening

Other experience

The Independent/South County Life Magazine

Newport, R.I.

Intern

January-May 2013

Reported on local features, events and hard news stories throughout southern Rhode Island for twice weekly newspaper and monthly magazine

The Good Five Cent Cigar

Kingston, R.I.

Reporter, editor

October 2011- December 2012

Wrote and edited stories and supervised page design for University of Rhode Island school newspaper through various positions including staff writer, news editor and managing editor

WRNI Rhode Island Public Radio

Providence, R.I.

Intern

May 2011-January 2012

Wrote radio scripts for hourly broadcasts on local events, politics, and arts; wrote and produced a feature story