

Leah Mesquita

Motivated college student with proven leadership skills seeking work experience and career development opportunities

Based in Phoenix, AZ

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EXPERIENCE

Cronkite News — Digital Reporter

January 2024 - April 2024

Reported on health disparities throughout Arizona

- RWJF Southwest Initiative reporter
- Covered underserved communities
- Traveled out of state to cover important topics

Arizona State University — Writing Mentor

August 2023 - PRESENT

Aides online English students with growing in their writing ability

- Collaborates with online instructors to foster an inclusive learning environment
- Grades discussion posts and peer reviews
- Hosts asynchronous workshops to engage with online students and develop their writing techniques (grammar, structure, mechanics)

The State Press, ASU — Magazine Reporter

September 2022 - May 2024

Tasked with meeting weekly deadlines and pitching unique story ideas

- Produces culturally based stories with an ASU tie
- Interviews multiple sources with a wide range of backgrounds
- Utilizes constructive criticism productively

PHOENIX Magazine — Editorial Intern

May 2023 - August 2023

Reported on current events in the Phoenix area

- Short-form stories on tight deadlines
- Highlighted restaurants, local activities and public figures
- Work featured at phoenixmag.com and in print publication

SKILLS

- ☐ Previous experience with SEO
- ☐ Grammar and AP Style editing
- ☐ Can type 70 WPM
- ☐ Well-versed in Microsoft applications (Excel, Word, PowerPoint)
- ☐ Skilled in Adobe Audition and After Effects
- ☐ Hard-working, dependable, organized

Portfolios

[Writing Portfolio](#)

[Professional Portfolio](#)

Blaze Radio, ASU — DJ

August 2022 - April 2024

Prompted with hosting a 30 minute Dj shift once a week

- Familiar with studio equipment, including microphones and computers
- Queues a variety of music for public listeners
- Curate personal playlists for a national audience

Student Council, Millennium High School — Member

Aug. 2019 - May 2021

Asset to the Public Relations section of student council

- Promoted school events, such as: dances, fundraisers, assemblies
- Coordinated events
 - Talked to vendors
 - Communicated with peers about supply needs
 - Ordered decorations/prepared decorations in advance
 - Created spreadsheets

EDUCATION

Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications at Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix — Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Comm.

Aug. 2022 - May 2026

First Year: Cumulative GPA: 3.75 , Dean's List, New American University Scholarship

Second Year: Cumulative GPA: 3.71, Dean's List, NAUS

Millennium High School, Goodyear, Arizona — High School Diploma

Aug. 2018 - May 2022

Graduated with 4.0 GPA, top 10% of senior class

Received a 4 on the International Baccalaureate Film exam

Received a 5 on the International Baccalaureate English exam