

Mary Freda

Storyteller

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EDUCATION

Ball State University Muncie, Indiana

Major: News Journalism, Spanish
Degree: B.A., May 2019
GPA: 3.76

SKILLS

Writing | Copy editing | Social media, SEO | Interviewing | Photography | Videography | Spanish | Fact checking

AWARDS

The Daily News | Newcomer of the Year, 2017

The Daily News | Most Dedicated Staff Member, 2018

Keating Competition | One of 10 state-wide finalists, 2018

Columbia Scholastic Press Association | News feature, second place, 2018

ACTIVITIES

Society of Professional Journalists |

Ball State University
Member, 2016-2019

Online News Association |

Ball State University
President, 2018-2019

Burriss K-5 Spanish Program |

Burriss Laboratory School
Spanish tutor, 2018-2019

REFERENCES

Marc Chase

Editor |
The Times of NWI
Munster, Indiana
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Greg Fallon

Executive editor |
The Star Press
Muncie, Indiana
gfallon@gannett.com

Ray Cooney

Editor |
The Commercial Review
Portland, Indiana
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Times of Northwest Indiana | Munster, Indiana South Lake County Reporter

October 2019-present

- Report on the South Lake County communities in Northwest Indiana, including Crown Point, St. John and Winfield.
- Cover various city and town meetings and write stories on live file.
- File records requests and conduct research for long-form stories.
- Shoot photo and video to accompany stories.

Copy Editor

May 2019-October 2019

- Edited web and print copy with a careful eye adhering to local and AP Style.
- Wrote print headlines to fit design specs.
- Monitored social media platforms and post stories when needed.

The Star Press | Muncie, Indiana Eugene S. Pulliam Internship Program Intern

May 2018-August 2018

- Reported on the Muncie community, including coverage of local fairs.
- Contributed six stories to M Magazine, The Star Press' quarterly publication.

Freelance Reporter

August 2018-May 2019

- Reported on the Muncie and surrounding Delaware County communities.
- Pitched story ideas that were of interest to The Star Press' audience, while making the reader's experience a forethought.

The Commercial Review | Portland, Indiana Freelance Reporter

October 2017-May 2019

- Served as a watchdog to the Dunkirk, Indiana, community as the Dunkirk City Council beat reporter.
- Reported on the Jay County community, including coverage of local government, businesses and events.

COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE

Ball Bearings Magazine | Muncie, Indiana Fact Checker

October 2018-May 2019

- Verified all names, figures, pronouns and details in print and online stories.

The Ball State Daily News | Muncie, Indiana Assistant News Editor

August 2017-May 2018

- Created weekly content plans for the news section, including plans for long-form and investigative pieces.

News Reporter

August 2016-September 2018

- Covered crime, breaking news and general assignment stories, including pieces on Ball State's 17th president and Indiana state legislation.