

Ella Lee

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WORK EXPERIENCE

USA TODAY

Politics & Washington Fellow | Washington, D.C. | June 2021-present

- Pitch, report and write breaking political news and fact check articles, quickly and cleanly
- Interview experts and parse primary source documents, making dense information accessible
- Use social monitoring tools like Google Trends and CrowdTangle to find story ideas and misinfo
- Pitch, report and manage enterprise work alongside day-to-day responsibilities
- One of three reporters chosen to help launch USA TODAY's [fact-check texting initiative](#)

Fact Check Reporting Intern | Remote | June – Dec. 2020

- Reported 1-3 fact checks a day of viral political and Covid-19 misinformation for inaugural team
- Assisted with 2020 presidential and vice-presidential debate, election coverage

The DePaulia

Managing Editor | Chicago, IL | June 2020 - June 2021

- Managed team of editors and reporters amid Covid-19 pandemic and headed all investigative projects for weekly publication of award-winning paper
- Reported a range of breaking and in-depth stories, primarily focused on administrative power dynamics, money, lawsuits, Title IX and broken DEI promises on campus
- Produced weekly newsletter highlighting top stories for growing audience of 1600+ subscribers
- Line edited all stories before publication and designed pages where needed

Previous positions: News Editor, Arts & Life Editor, Focus Editor and Copy Editor. Joined 2018.

Chicago Sun-Times

Metro Intern | Chicago, IL | Jan. - March 2020

- Reported news and feature stories on local businesses, events and first weeks of pandemic
- Achieved three front-page bylines

WTTW-TV “Chicago Tonight” and NBC 5 Chicago

Production Assistant | March - Dec. 2020

- Worked alongside NBC 5 Political Reporter/Producer duo Carol Marin & Don Moseley through DePaul's competitive Center for Journalism Integrity and Excellence
- Assisted with research/questions for 2020 U.S. Senate debate (NBC 5). Reported on Washington, IL's pandemic response (WTTW).

Chicago Tribune, Chicago Sun-Times, Suburban Life and three other local papers

Freelance Reporter | Chicago area, IL | Aug. 2018 - June 2021

- Proven experience meeting daily deadlines, working independently, coming up with enterprise story ideas and working with editors, both on-site and in remote settings

EDUCATION

DePaul University, Chicago, IL Bachelor of Arts, Journalism. Minor, American Politics. Graduated in June 2021, Magna Cum Laude. Transferred from University of Iowa (2017-2018).

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SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- 1st Place [Multimedia Feature Story of the Year](#), Pacemaker Awards (2021)
- 1st Place [Best Profile](#) and 2nd Place [Best Investigative Story](#), Pinnacle Awards (2021)
- Outstanding Achievement & Leadership Award from DePaul University's College of Communication for work at The DePaulia (2021)
- Finalist for [Best In-Depth Community Newspaper Reporting](#), Peter Lisagor Awards (2020)
- 2nd Place [Best Feature Story](#), Illinois College Press Association (2020)
- Recipient of 2021 IRE Fellowship/Gary Marx Scholarship
- [Featured](#) by the ICPA as one of seven young reporters deemed fast-rising talent in the industry