Kunjal Bastola

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EDUCATION/CERTIFICATIONS

Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois | Class of 2026

- B.S. Journalism
- Triple Major in Political Science and Environmental Policy and Culture
- 3.93 GPA | Dean's List | Fall 2022, Winter 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024

Ardrey Kell High School, Charlotte, North Carolina | Class of 2022 Degree Earned: 06/2022

- 4.6 GPA
- Top Knight (top 5% of class at graduation)

SKILLS

- Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Photoshop
- AP Style
- Nikon, Canon Skills
- Fluent in English and Nepali

JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

Editorial Intern, Northwestern Magazine | Evanston, IL | January 2024-March 2024

• Research, write, edit, proof and fact check stories for Northwestern's alumni magazine

Anchor/Executive Producer Northwestern News Network | Evanston, IL | September 2022-present

- Pitch, film, edit and produce packages for weekly broadcasts
- Write VOs, create VOSOTS, generate a rundown, and delegate tasks to associate producers
- Contributed reporting to a 2023 Chicago/Midwest Emmy winning newscast

Reporter, The Daily Northwestern | Evanston, IL | September 2022-present

- Write articles for The Daily Northwestern print and online paper, including stories on District 65 sustainability efforts, features on student-athletes and co-authoring a weekly food review column
- Previously Education Beat Reporter, Climate and Science Beat Reporter and Assistant Sports Editor

Staff Writer, Northwestern Undergraduate Law Journal | Evanston, IL | October 2023-present

- Pitch, write and publish two articles a quarter for an online site called the Forum
- Examine legal cases, laws and statutes

Investigative Intern, Medill Investigative Lab | Washington, DC | June 2024-July 2024

• Work with a team of interns for Debbie Cenziper through Medill Investigative Lab for ProPublica

Multimedia Editor, nuAZN | Evanston, IL | March 2024-June 2024

• Work with producers and other editors to report and edit Asian-interest multimedia stories

Environment Reporter, Medill News Service | Washington, D.C. | September 2023-December 2023

- Cover congressional hearings, Supreme Court cases and environmental issues on Capitol Hill
- Speak to lawmakers, activists, lobbyists and others about prominent political issues
- Pitch, write, edit and produce stories on real-time, filing stories the same day
- Publish with media partners, including Native News Online and UPI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Farrell Fellow, Dr. Julie Lee Merseth | Evanston, IL | June 2023-present

- Compile data and produce reports on anti-Asian racism sentiments around the U.S.
- Collaborate closely with Dr. Merseth and a team of students to complete tasks
- Complete software training for R, NVivo and Mendeley Cite

Summer Associate, CleanAIRE NC | Charlotte, NC | June 2023-September 2023

- Work closely with the marketing team to develop and publish content on social media sites
- Work with other associates to asset map community organizations around the state

Research Assistant, Dr. Ava Greenwell | Evanston, IL | September 2022-June 2023

- Create a weekly South Africa News Media Review
- Design flyers and presentations for various events and create and edit video projects