

# DAVID TRAN

## JOURNALIST

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

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#### Staff Writer

Chelo Chelo (chelochelozine.com) | Feb 2020 - present

- Cultural magazine dedicated to and centered on Southeast Asian creatives
- Pitched and wrote article related to issue's theme
- Extensively researched and formulated various topics for writing pieces
- Copyedited and fact-checked articles and stories submitted to publication
- Maintained communication with team regarding budget, magazine content and deadlines

#### News Intern

Richmond Times-Dispatch | June - Aug 2021

- Pitched and wrote enterprise stories focusing on human perspectives and social issues
- Developed LGBTQ beat, which in turn fostered relations with LGBTQ-run/friendly organizations
- Covered events and breaking news on tight deadlines
- Collaborated with editors and metro team on various coverage in the Richmond area

#### Reporter

VCU Capital News Service | Jan - May 2021

- More than half a dozen articles picked up by various local, statewide and national news outlets, such as the Washington Post, U.S. News and The Associated Press
- Reported on state politics including the 2021 Virginia's General Assembly session
  - Sought out important, underreported bills and issues
  - Tracked and reported on polystyrene ban bill
- Interviewed and established connections with state legislators

#### Editorial Intern

RVA Magazine | Aug - Dec 2020

- Pitched stories and received assignments at weekly editorial meeting
- Wrote one article weekly for online publication on deadline; revised on as-needed basis from editor's feedback
- Interviewed various people in the Richmond area, including local artists to city officials and community organizers

### EDUCATION

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#### Virginia Commonwealth University

Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications, concentration in Digital Journalism | May 2021

- Relevant coursework:
  - Specialized Project Reporting: Developed enterprise reporting skills. Covered environment beat with food insecurity focus in Central Virginia; article picked up by The Associated Press
  - Reporting for Print and Web: Environment beat reporting; article picked by The Associated Press

### AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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- VCU Robertson School of Media and Culture Spring 2021 Outstanding Student Faculty Award (Digital Journalism)
- Dean's List: Spring 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2021

### SKILLS

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AP Style, Multimedia reporting, Software (Microsoft Office Suite, Adobe Creative Cloud), Research, Social media (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)