

# Christine Zhu

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## Experience

**Environment Desk Intern**, Bloomberg Industry Group, *Arlington, Va.* — June 2023 - present

- Work on daily and enterprise stories covering national environment and energy news.

**News Editor, DBK en Español Editor**, The Diamondback, *College Park, Md.* — October 2020 - present

- Managed a staff of 16 writers on the student newspaper's news desk. Edited stories, wrote headlines, reviewed weekly pitches, led weekly beat meetings.
- Translated stories into Spanish. Reviewed translations from staff, worked to recruit freelancers.
- Authored [90+ single-byline stories](#) on topics including diversity, politics, breaking news, COVID-19. Covered underrepresented communities as justice/equity/identity beat reporter.

**Production Assistant**, Big Ten Network, *College Park, Md.* — April 2022 - present

- Produced 2-3 live shows weekly for games airing on Big Ten Plus. Technical-directed and ran replay, graphics, camera, scoreboard, audio for 11 NCAA Division I sports over three seasons.
- Learned to quickly perform at a high level under pressure to assist in live studio production.

**Data Reporter, TV Producer**, Capital News Service, *College Park, Md.* — January - May 2023

- Pitched quick-turn data stories, focusing on Maryland General Assembly.
- Reported and created graphics on [local school boards](#), [fentanyl](#), [election law](#), [hate crimes](#), [demographics](#).
- Published [photo essay](#) capturing end of legislative session. Updated media library of politician file photos.
- Lead and field-produced weekly live newscast. Wrote scripts & teases, edited videos & graphics.

**Database Editor**, Maryland Matters, *Annapolis, Md.* — September 2022 - April 2023

- Pitched stories related to healthcare and politics surrounding the 2022 midterm general election.
- Updated [COVID-19 dashboard](#) daily, vaccination dashboard weekly, tracking trends and patterns.

**Reporting Intern**, Bethesda Beat, *North Bethesda, Md.* — May - August 2022.

- Wrote 6-10 pieces weekly covering Montgomery County and Maryland communities. Authored [~70 bylines](#) over the course of 12 weeks. Invited to continue as a freelance reporter.
- Spearheaded 2022 midterm [primary election voters guide](#), contacting 200+ candidates at federal, state, county and local levels. Received ~133,000 page views as of July 2022, most for the outlet that month.
- Created data visualizations to supplement stories on campaign finance reports, election results.
- Placed through Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association Reese Cleghorn internship program.

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## Awards and Honors

- **Banneker/Key Full Scholarship.** The University of Maryland's [most prestigious](#) merit scholarship, awarded to the top 1% of each incoming undergraduate class.
- **Maryland-Delaware-D.C. Press Association Contest Award.** Second place winner in local election coverage category for [2022 Primary Voters Guide](#). Won against professional journalists.
- **Society of Professional Journalists Region 2 Mark of Excellence Award.** Finalist for [photo essay](#) category chronicling protest at the White House against the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

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## Education

**Expected B.A. in journalism, investigative reporting & broadcast specializations; Minor in Spanish**

- University of Maryland, College Park | Expected Graduation: May 2024 | Dean's List | GPA: 3.878

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## Skills

R, Flourish, Datawrapper, Viz Trio, Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Audition, Chinese, Spanish