

Lucas Michael Finton

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EDUCATION

The University of Memphis

- *B.A., Bachelor of Journalism, Minor Political Science, GPA 3.82* May 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

The Daily Helmsman 2019-2022

Reporter - I interview people for stories and write articles on a weekly basis. It has greatly enhanced my interviewing skills as well as my writing skills. Along with those, it has helped to become comfortable working under pressure to meet deadlines without sacrificing quality.

Managing Editor - I assign stories to my reporters on a weekly basis and edit them upon submission. This has improved my eye regarding mistakes in grammar and punctuation as they relate to Associated Press style.

Editor-in-Chief - I assign stories to reporters on a weekly basis and edit them upon submission. I also work with potential advertisers as well as oversee the design and distribution of the Helmsman's weekly paper as well as the magazine.

The Commercial Appeal 2021-Present

General News Reporter - I report on breaking news on a daily basis as well as cover everything under the sun, with the exception of sports at the oldest news organization in the city of Memphis.

SKILLS

Adobe Creative Cloud

Very comfortable with Photoshop, Lightroom, Audition, InDesign and Illustrator

Photography

I have over three years of photography experience and have become very comfortable behind a camera. It is also one of my favorite hobbies.

Writing

I have always had a talent for writing, however I have gotten much more experience with journalistic writing with the Daily Helmsman and Commercial Appeal

Editing

During my tenure as a managing editor, I have developed a strong understanding of editing not only my work, but also the work of others.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Dean's List

Dean's list recipient all eight semesters of college.

2021 SEJC Awards

Seventh place for opinion writing in the Best of the South Awards.

2022 SEJC Awards

Winner of best news reporter in the Best of the South Awards.

Kappa Tau Alpha National Honor Society

Inducted into the Kappa Tau Alpha Honor Society in 2022 for being part of the top 10% of U of M Journalism students.

