

STEVEN WALKER

JOURNALIST

PERSONAL PROFILE

An experienced, published journalist with bylines in the Orlando Sentinel, Miami Herald, Gainesville Sun, Florida Times-Union and the Associated Press. Seeking to work collaboratively in a newsroom environment covering politics, enterprise stories and investigative projects.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Proficient in the Associated Press style of writing for print journalism
- Final Cut Pro, Adobe Photoshop and Adobe InDesign experience
- Proficient in audience engagement through social media platforms
- Experienced in locating, requesting and obtaining public records for use in stories
- Well-versed in Hootsuite and MailChimp tools for audience engagement

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Reporting
- Applied Fact Finding
- Sports Media and Society
- Data Literacy for Communicators
- Multimedia Writing

WORK EXPERIENCE

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Independent Florida Alligator | August 2021 - December 2021

- Managed a staff of over 70 people, one of the largest student newsrooms in the U.S.
- Edited 10-15 stories for print and online publication every week.
- Budgeted and led the production of a 12-16 page newspaper printing weekly.
- Oversaw an investigation into accusations of abuse against UF coach Cam Newbauer, making national headlines.
- Served on the Board of Trustees as the head of the editorial department, representing the paper on a board comprised of industry professionals.

ENGAGEMENT MANAGING EDITOR

The Independent Florida Alligator | April 2021 - July 2021

- Tracked workloads and calculated employee payroll on a bi-weekly basis.
- Edited stories for print and online publication every week.
- Produced newsletters to increase engagement across all platforms.
- Managed social media accounts, increasing link clicks on Twitter by 400% compared to 2020.
- Supervised multiple enterprise projects, including a 16-page newspaper catered to new students published on the first day of the Summer B semester.

POLITICAL REPORTING INTERN

Orlando Sentinel | January 2021 - March 2021

- Wrote enterprise content for the Orlando Sentinel's politics section.
- Reported on county, state and national political topics ranging from state legislation to the presidential inauguration.
- Covered CPAC 2021, an event with national political influence, implementing multimedia coverage from Twitter into the Sentinel's live-feed.
- Operated in professional a newsroom setting alongside industry veterans.

2020 ELECTION REPORTER

The Independent Florida Alligator | August 2020 - December 2020

- Carved out a brand new beat with unique sources and compelling stories.
- Created connections and built trust with key sources on the beat.
- Sourced stories with diverse perspectives to strengthen coverage.
- Covered every candidate and ballot measure pertaining to Alachua County.
- Worked closely with editors to strengthen stories and plan coverage of the 2020 November election.

GET IN CONTACT

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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Bachelor of Science: Journalism (May 2022)
3.35 GPA

- Games and Recreation Coordinator, Warren Willis Camp
- Lifeguard, Lake Wauburg (UF RecSports)
- Volunteer, Gator Wesley Foundation

REFERENCES

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