AMANDA BLAKE

• Writer & Editor •

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A meticulous and creative journalist, copy editor, and content manager. Award-winning former editor-in-chief of student newspaper. Articles published by local and national periodicals. Always hardworking and enthusiastic.

EDUCATION

B.A. Journalism

May 2024 • Southern Adventist University (SAU), Collegedale, TN

- 4.0 GPA
- Completed courses in news and feature writing, digital storytelling, web and graphic design, and social media
- Studied in Valencia, Spain, Jan. May 2022

EXPERIENCE

June 2024 - Temporary Editorial Assistant

June 2025 Voice of Prophecy, Remote, 38 hours per week

- Edited and proofed public-facing materials: social media posts, email campaigns, books, etc.
- Wrote news releases and feature articles to promote products
- Wrote informational and advertising copy

Aug. 2023 - Editor-in-chief (Managing Editor '22-'23; News Editor F21; Lead Reporter '22-'21)

May 2024 Southern Accent student newspaper, Collegedale, TN, 15.5 hours per week

- Managed publication's social media accounts, website, and team of 20+ members
- Copy edited, fact-checked, and designed weekly newspaper
- Wrote news and feature articles in AP Style
- 80+ stories published; involved in creation of 80+ issues

May - Aug. Communications Intern

2023

Thriveworks, Remote, 20 hours per week

- Developed communication strategies to enhance corporate culture and build morale
- Assisted head of internal comms with email marketing, ghostwriting, and brand compliance
- Designed newsletters and presentations reaching 3,000+ employees

Aug. 2021 - Staff Writer

Dec. 2023

SAU's Marketing and University Relations, Collegedale, TN, 5-10 hours per week

- Wrote press releases and engaging stories reflecting SAU's mission
- 30+ stories published in local and national publications

SKILLS

News Writing Adobe Creative Cloud

Copy Writing Interviewing

Copy Editing Research

Proofreading Teamwork

Editorial Design Detail-Oriented

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Lead writer of newspaper coverage that won "Award of Excellence" from Associated Church Press
- Two articles published by Chattanooga Times Free Press
- Wrote chapter for SDA 2024 young adult devotional
- Student winner in news writing category at 2024 Society of Adventist Communicators Convention

