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# **Professional Experience**

### Tampa Tribune

Night Cops Reporter August 2015 –

I was hired as The Tampa Tribune's night cops reporter three weeks after I completed an internship with the company. Although I had only two years of journalism experience, my creativity and ability to multitask and prioritize helped me secure a position with one of the five largest newspapers in Florida. During my time here, I have written dozens of stories on topics ranging from family murder to the government approval of prescription drugs for children. Because I am one of only a few breaking news reporters, and the only nighttime reporter, I often have to manage and write multiple stories in a single day. My ability to research, multitask, solve problems and relate to others enables me to consistently produce quality work regardless of the deadline.

#### **AC Electric**

Residential Service Technician November 2008 – August 2015

Working for a small company required me to go beyond the typical role of a residential service technician; I often was the sole electrician on a job site and became an employee who could be counted on to coordinate projects with the general contractor and other subcontractors. Customers, on the other hand, relied on me to provide them with clear and detailed feedback that would enable them to make important decisions about their home or property. I consulted on sales regarding lighting systems, rewires, service panels, home theater systems, and other electrical upgrades. At AC Electric, I helped build and maintain business relationships with customers and colleagues through honesty and sound job management.

## The Crow's Nest

Managing Editor August 2014 – May 2015

I was hired by the Crow's Nest in fall 2014 and immediately established myself as someone who could juggle my own stories while assigning articles to staff writers and contributors and editing them. The paper's editor in chief recognized my hard work and dependability and promoted me to managing editor when the spring 2015 semester began. In my new role, I wrote fewer stories but managed every section of the paper, participated in page design, provided our writers with story ideas and helped refine their work. I also developed the editorial series that capped the publication year and gave a few of us an opportunity to reflect on our time with the paper. Most importantly, my leadership and professionalism helped ensure that our staff and contributors consistently met deadlines.

### **Education**

#### University of South Florida St. Petersburg

Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communications

Graduation: Summer 2015

#### St. Petersburg College

Associate of Arts in Mass Communications

Graduation: July 2013

# Skills & Accomplishments

- More than five years of experience coordinating small- and large-scale construction and media operations.
- Self-motivated professional who flourishes in autonomous or team environments.
- Proficient in WordPress, Photoshop, InDesign, Microsoft Office, Audacity sound editing, and social media and blog writing.
- Knowledge of HTML and video editing software.