Samantha Bashi

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Education

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI   June 2025

Bachelor of Arts

Major(s): **Government, English**

GPA 3.83; Dean's list all academic years |**Associate Collegiate Press finalist for story of the year**

- Conducted research on the use of language in reporting on the 2021 Capitol riots by coding over 400 articles from three different news organizations
- Presented a policy proposal aiming to strengthen America's "fourth estate" through increased public funding at local and especially non-syndicated newspapers
- Gained a deep understanding of state and local politics through multiple courses on the U.S. federal system

Experience

Intern,

Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, WI   July 2025 – November 2025

- Developed insight into political journalism by shadowing WSJ's politics reporter in the Wisconsin legislator's press meetings and in one-on-one interviews
- Fostered competency in digital media production, editing, and preliminary reporting with hands-on experiences
- Went above and beyond in an assignment to conduct preliminary investigation into state agricultural policy which lead to the production of a full story using much of my work

Writer

The Lawrentian (Student newspaper), Appleton, WI   September 2022 – June 2025

- Drafted over 20 articles, seven of which made the front page
- Gathered considerable information for a long-form article exploring the separation of Lawrentian's from the rest of the Appleton community, spurring the University to launch a series of programs to make Appletonians feel more welcomed on campus
- Extensively investigated and reported on the carbon footprint of Lawrence University compared to those of similarly sized universities, leading to the introduction a major green initiative from LUCC (student government)

Career Peer Educator

Lawrence University Career Center, Appleton, WI   September 2023 – June 2025

- Arranged and carried out seven career-oriented interviews with individuals with diverse career backgrounds, ranging from a member of the intelligence community and an ambassador to a free-lance journalist, often navigating significant discrepancies in status
- Drafted over 30 articles reporting on both interviews and career industries to be published in bi-weekly newsletter

Technical Skills

- Algorithmic understanding of Twitter, Instagram and Facebook
- Proficiency in Adobe Premiere Pro Video Editing Software