

# JANAE MCKENZIE

Writer, Editor, Storyteller



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## SKILLS

- Detail-oriented editing
- Writing clean copy
- Incisive reporting
- Longform storytelling
- Passionate pop culture reviewing
- Empathetic collaboration

## EDUCATION

### University of Missouri

Columbia, MO

*Master of Arts in Journalism*

- Expected Graduation: May 2023
- GPA: 3.9

*Bachelor of Journalism in Magazine Journalism*

- Graduation: May 2022
- Summa Cum Laude

## REFERENCES

### Anna Moeslein

Deputy Editor - Glamour Magazine

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### Heather Isherwood

Editorial Director - Vox Magazine

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## EXPERIENCE

### GLAMOUR MAGAZINE

#### *Trending News/Freelance Writer • Aug 2021–July 2022*

- I wrote articles for a national women's magazine, connecting millions of readers with relevant beauty, lifestyle, and entertainment coverage
- I delivered coverage on trending news topics, helping Glamour be among the first to cover celebrity news
- I researched and pitched rising entrepreneurs for profiles
- I edited high-performing SEO stories and made content up-to-date

#### *Editorial Intern • Jun 2021–Aug 2021*

- I wrote about the best topics and trends for the Glamour reader
- I completed thoughtful, high-profile interviews with Hollywood figures, in addition to strong, creative franchise work
- I produced content for *Glamour's* July 2021 Cover story, including an original profile and the post of *Glamour's* interview with FLOTUS Dr. Jill Biden

### VOX MAGAZINE

#### *Editor-in-Chief • Aug 2022–present*

- I'm the editorial leader for *Vox*, Columbia, Missouri's city magazine
- I oversee Culture department coverage on arts and entertainment
- I ensure the *Vox* editorial standards are constant across all platforms, maintaining a cohesive content strategy
- I submit final verdicts on pitches and supervise final page edits during print production

#### *City Life Editor • Jan 2022–May 2022*

- I pitched regularly to Editorial Director and edited coverage on health, sports, science
- I collaborated with several editors to create holistic coverage, including digital production and visuals organization
- I packaged quality feature reporting in collaboration with multimedia, photo and art teams
- I completed thorough fact-checking of articles, ensuring content accuracy

### COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN

#### *Public Health and Safety Reporter • Aug 2020–Dec 2020*

- In the midst of a pandemic, I was accountable for covering the public health and safety concerns of the city of Columbia
- Interviewed people from all walks of life (from nursing home employees to legislative representatives) impacted by the virus
- Completed 17 individual and team assignments, including data-driven pieces (six of them front-page, centerpiece stories)