

# *Sophia Sostrin*

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## Summary

University of Washington third-year student double majoring in Journalism & Public Interest Communication and International Studies with a minor in Leadership. Experienced in enterprise and breaking news reporting, legislative coverage, AP Style editing, and accountability journalism. Background in leadership, community engagement, and deadline-driven newsroom environments.

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## Skills

AP Style | Enterprise & Breaking News Reporting | Legislative & Policy Coverage  
Investigative Research & Document Analysis | Media Relations | Interviewing  
Event Planning | POS Systems & Customer Service

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## Work Experience

### **Internal Communications Intern, *Alaska Airlines*, Seattle, WA**

June 2026-September 2026

- Support corporate communications strategy for a workforce of 23,000+ employees, contributing to internal messaging, culture initiatives, and change communications across business units
- Assist in developing employee-facing content including newsletters, intranet copy, and leadership messaging that translates complex operational updates into accessible communications

### **Statehouse Reporter, *The Seattle Times*, Olympia, WA**

January 2026-March 2026

- Selected from a competitive applicant pool to serve as the paper's dedicated statehouse reporter during the 2026 Washington State legislative session
- Produced 38 bylines in 10 weeks covering floor votes, committee hearings, and policy negotiations across the full session
- Wrote the *Pacific NW Magazine* cover story on Legislative Page School, demonstrating range across hard news and long-form feature writing
- Tracked and led multi-story coverage of key bills from introduction through committee, floor debate, and passage or failure — building source relationships with legislators, staffers, and lobbyists throughout

### **"Pushing Boundaries" Intern, *UW Center for Journalism, Media, and Democracy*, Seattle, WA**

September 2025-January 2026

- Selected for a competitive university program pairing journalism students with professional mentors to produce collaborative, multi-market investigative and public interest reporting

- Report on national issues with local dimensions, developing stories that connect community-level sourcing to broader policy and social trends
- Publish work that appears across partner outlets, building experience in collaborative editorial workflows and cross-platform storytelling

**Front End Team Member, *Whole Foods Market*, Seattle, Washington**

July 2025-December 2025

- Maintain customer service and operational standards in a high-volume retail environment while balancing a full academic and journalism workload

**Beat Writer & News Shadow, *The Daily UW*, University of Washington**

September 2024-Present

- Cover the U-District beat for a daily student publication, developing and maintaining a source network across university administration, local government, businesses, and community organizations
- Published 70+ stories spanning breaking news, investigative pieces, and community features — consistently meeting daily and weekly deadlines
- Serve as a first-responder on developing stories, coordinating with editors on real-time coverage decisions and story framing
- Pitch and execute original story ideas, applying news judgment to identify coverage gaps and stories with audience relevance

**Co-President, Contributing Editor & Staff Writer, *HerCampus Magazine*, University of Washington**

January 2024-Present

- Co-lead one of UW's largest student media organizations, overseeing editorial direction, contributor development, and cross-functional team operations spanning writing, marketing, and social media
- Write and edit bi-weekly features on leadership, culture, and student life, maintaining consistent editorial voice across a high-volume publication schedule
- Develop and implement editorial systems that improve contributor output, story quality, and publication consistency across a team of student writers

## Education

The University of Washington, 2023 - 2027

Bachelor of Arts: Journalism & Public Interest Communication

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Minor: Leadership

Dean's List: Fall 2023-Winter 2026

John H. and Harriet Reid Memorial Scholarship Recipient

Expected Graduation: June 2027