Claire Jessen

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.

2021-present

Bachelor of Arts, Journalism and Media, Journalism Concentration

Dean's List, Fall 2021

(admitted as transfer April 2021) 2019-2021

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.

Bachelor of Arts, Communication, Media Dean's List, Fall 2020 & Spring 2021

EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2021-present

The Daily Tar Heel, Chapel Hill, NC

Staff Photographer

Student staff photographer for major university newspaper

- Producing photos for print and online articles involving local and state-wide matters
- Working in a high-intensity newsroom environment, making strict deadlines
- Communicating with newsroom staff, writers, and engaging with members of the community to organize photographs

The Leukemia Lymphoma Society, Chicago, IL

May 2021-Aug. 2021

Summer 2021 Communications, Public Relations, and Social Media Intern

Communications intern for the Illinois branch of LLS

- Creating social media posts and stories for a wide variety of channels using graphic design skills and knowledge of digital flow
- Researching social media engagement and reported findings to improve overall media presence and efficiency of social media as a whole
- Engaging with donors and supporters to maintain the organization's connection with its patrons through phone calls, emails, and conversations

180 Degrees Consulting, Raleigh, NC

Feb. 2021-July 2021

Consultant to the North Carolina State University Branch

Consultant to non-profit organizations on the journalism, media, and PR team.

- Drafting, editing, and publishing newsletter and fundraising campaigns for nonprofits
- Management of various projects and tasks to advance the organization
- Creating visually appealing graphics and images for fundraising use, photographed content for marketing, website, and social media use

Knollwood Country Club, Lake Forest, IL

July 2020-July 2022

Waitress

Waitress and food service worker to the members of a private, high-end golf and dining experience

- Serving tables, taking orders, and working a point of sale system in a fast paced restaurant environment
- Delivering the highest level of customer service to guests and making sure all their needs are met
- Forming relationships with members and making them feel at home when they come to dine

Performing Arts Student Theater Academy, Lake Forest, IL

Jun. 2015-Jul. 2021

Senior Photographer

(Summer only)

Lead photographer for a children's summer theater camp

- Taking shots daily of the children during daily rehearsals and practice sessions
- Taking action photos during the dress rehearsals and performances to be used for social media, website, and publicity use

SKILLS

Software Proficiencies

Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Premiere Pro, & Final Cut Pro

8+ years use and knowledge of advanced models of camera equipment varying from DSLR to Mirrorless, etc.