

Working at *The Boston Globe* helped me develop a broader perspective of diverse human experiences and the ability to think more critically about an inclusive future that addresses all individuals within a society. Although the pandemic presented its own unique set of challenges to my internship, I found ways to adapt to these unprecedented situations. I honed essential life skills through researching and contacting sources to verify information, conducting interviews through in-person reporting, identifying and developing emerging stories, writing and proofing articles and blurbs for the magazine, locating weekly local events, and responding and organizing inquiries, letters to editors, and submissions. My experience at *The Globe* has been invaluable, and I found working at *The Boston Globe Magazine* to be a vital and powerful way to represent and connect communities during a time of unprecedented isolation and distress. I believe that working to ensure that the truth is represented and finding and publishing pieces that share diverse perspectives is critical to building and reciprocating the community's trust and creating a society that truly acknowledges and cares for its members.

During my time as an Editorial Intern for *The Boston Globe Magazine*, I enjoyed my pursuit of ensuring and finding the truth. I looked over reports, studies, academic journals, books, court documents, and news articles to fact check articles before they were published. I developed and affirmed a holistic understanding of relevant issues and claims about climate change, vaccines, urban development, the AAPI community, health, and more. I also emailed writers with essential questions and called sources to confirm accuracy. I presented myself to sources with transparency and honesty and found ways to confirm information without using an article's exact phrasing.

Writing for *The Boston Globe Magazine* required brevity, research, an understanding of the *magazine's* style, and organization. For the magazine's weekly guide, I tracked down social media posts, local town calendars, and newsletters to find relevant and important events that local readers could attend. I emailed the press relations representative for local events to confirm ticket pricing, time, location, program, and availability. I also helped reorganize a document that contains resources and a list of annual events for the weekly guide. After addressing essential information about the event, I wrote a blurb for each event in the weekly guide published in the magazine. I had some fun coming up with creative ideas for catchy article Heds, such as "Rubber Duckies Ahoy," for a fundraising event where over 6,000 rubber ducks raced and ultimately raised \$50,000 for Mass Audubon.

I also had the opportunity to write and report on articles for the magazine. I looked for individuals who could provide a broader perspective and diverse insights. I contacted more than 70 sources and conducted multiple interviews, all remotely. It was vital that I maintained effective communication with my editor and compiled a detailed list of all contacts and their information in an updated and clear list. I communicated with local healthcare professionals, restaurant workers, truck drivers, job site economists, local businesses, unions, career advisors, minority representative organizations, and more. It felt meaningful to truly listen to and represent community members on issues that affected them and topics they cared about. I respectfully interviewed community members who responded in different ways. Some individuals were deeply affected but chose to remain anonymous. Some interviewees eventually decided to go on-record sometime after their interview. Others felt passionate and expressed their gratitude for the ability to speak about topics after feeling silenced for so long. I also helped report on other

articles by conducting in-person interviews in Boston neighborhoods, including Dorchester, Roxbury, and Fenway. I even attended a ribbon-cutting event for the Boston Public Library's Adams Street Branch to interview local residents about Boston Mayor Kim Janey and other mayoral candidates in the upcoming election.

It was incredibly gratifying to see the *Globe* readers' heartfelt letters to the magazine. Looking at the letters readers wrote in response to articles that I helped publish was amazing. In response to a *Boston Globe Magazine* article written by Jack Thomas, "I just learned I only have months to live. This is what I want to say," *Globe* readers wrote over 800 letters and 375 online comments. I helped read, organize, and respond to all the letters by readers. Many of the letters were so kind, appreciative, beautiful, and moving. I am honored to have contributed my time to help address the readers and organize the readers' letters to the magazine and Jack Thomas. I was also able to help compile and organize a list of diverse publications for the *Boston Globe Magazine*.

*The Boston Globe* is a wonderful place for interns. *The Boston Globe* hosted workshops and events where we could meet fellow interns, co-ops, and *Globe* co-workers. Everyone was friendly, insightful, and passionate. It was always fascinating to come to the office and talk to the staff about published stories. Although most employees were remote, it felt like everyone was still very connected because they all shared enthusiasm and curiosity to engage with relevant, exciting topics. Furthermore, the magazine team was exceptional and so warm. They were always very collaborative and open to receiving each other's input. They conducted morning zoom meetings to check in on the team's progress, and the slack channel was always popping with notifications to keep everyone in the loop. During the magazine meetings, I had the opportunity to work closely with the editors, and I always felt that my insights and experiences were valued and taken into account. It was so great to work in such a collaborative environment that maximized our potential and skills. I truly learned so much, and I hope to continue contributing to a diverse, progressive future through finding and bringing to light expansive and insightful viewpoints.

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