

STARR FUENTES

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Profile Summary

I am a multimedia journalist and producer specializing in news writing, videography, and editing stories. Whether I'm reporting on local businesses, human interest stories, or trending news, I focus on producing authentic and engaging content that can be seamlessly shared across all media platforms. As an award-winning journalist and recipient of the Huntington Chamber of Commerce's 30 Under 30 award, I'm committed to highlighting the voices and experiences that matter most in my community. I'm a media literacy advocate, As a frequent panelist for the Fair Media Council I am dedicated to helping young people navigate and critically assess news in our new and emerging digital age. Additionally, I advocate for student financial aid, lobbying in Albany to ensure access to education for all young professionals. With expertise in interviewing, relationship building, and digital content distribution, I create impactful stories that inspire and inform.

Professional Experience

News Writer and Producer, *Newsday*

May 2023 - Present

- Pitch, write, and edit human interest stories for Newsday's Faces of Long Island.
- Managed multiple assignments and deadlines efficiently, ensuring timely delivery of stories without compromising quality or accuracy.
- Write attention-grabbing headlines and opening sentences to capture reader interest and drive engagement for community-based stories.

Freelance Digital Producer

June 2021 - Present

- Produced, and reported original content, including "Down the Block," a mini-documentary series that highlights local Brooklyn businesses.
- Covered human interest stories that spotlight community events, such as youth sports clinics with Nassau County Police's Active League.
- Reports on local business news for Long Island communities, covering grand openings, business developments, and entrepreneurial stories.
- Created digital promotional content for the Department of Education, highlighting their culinary program, including voice-over scripting, filming, and editing promotional videos to showcase student achievements and the class's impact.

Broadcast Journalism Teacher, *High School for Innovation in Advertising and Media*

Sept 2023 - Oct 2024

- Created a journalism, video production, and digital literacy curriculum.
- Scouted competitions and film festivals for students to participate in.
- Documented school events and trips through visual storytelling and digital articles.
- Lead Advanced Video Production class to win first place in **NBCU Academy The Edit Competition**

Assignment Desk Editor, *CBS News*

Sept 2022 - Jan 2023

- Continuously monitored multiple news sources, including wire services, social media, police scanners, and news alerts, to stay ahead of breaking news developments.
- Assisted in creating and updating news scripts in real-time using iNews for anchors, ensuring timely and accurate delivery of breaking news and updates.

Content Producer & Multimedia Journalist, *Greater Long Island News*

July 2022 - July 2024

- Pitched, produced, wrote, filmed, and edited news stories for television packages and online articles.
- Attended press conferences to gather key information, conducted interviews, and maintained a network of contacts to uncover new story opportunities.
- Crafted compelling SEO-optimized headlines to maximize clicks and engagement on website and social media content.
- Utilized AP style and ENPS for accurate, timely information.

Education

Five Towns College

2017 - 2021

Bachelor of Science Mass Communications Broadcast Journalism