

# Michel Richards

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## EDUCATION

**University of Rhode Island**, Kingston, RI  
*Harrington School of Communication & Media*  
Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in Leadership Studies

May 2024  
GPA: 3.9

## RELATED COURSEWORK

Media Writing | Journalism Criticism | Alternative News Media in the US | Multimedia Reporting | Television News |  
Advanced Television News | Ethics in Journalism | Media Law for Journalists

## EXPERIENCE

### **Narragansett Times**

*Newsroom Intern*

Narragansett, RI  
Sept 2023 - Present

- Write 2 weekly 500-word articles each week covering local government, business, crime, cultural events, and sports stories for a newspaper with weekly circulation of 3K copies
- Provide compelling video and photo journalism from community events to accompany written articles
- Conduct interviews with sources including government officials, local business owners, community leaders, residents, and eyewitnesses to create accurate, balanced, and complete news stories

### **The Good Five Cent Cigar**

*Editor in Chief*

Kingston, RI  
August 2023 - Present

- Oversee all operations including editorial direction, content standards, staff management, and distribution for weekly student newspaper with readership of 5,000+ students and faculty
- Manage editorial staff of 10 section editors and writing team of 35 students; ensure quality coverage of campus news, administration, academics, sports, arts, and student life
- Make final decisions on article ideas, content direction, design layouts, and budget allocation

*News Editor*

August 2022 - May 2023

- Reviewed up to 20 staff writer articles per week for content relevance, structure flow, and editorial alignment; make final decisions on story angles and messaging
- Conducted rigorous proofreading and copy-editing processes on submitted drafts, checking for proper grammar, spelling, word usage, and adherence to AP Style Guide
- Provided developmental feedback and coaching to 8 staff writers through weekly meetings and article reviews

*Staff Writer*

September 2020 - May 2022

- Secured and conducted interviews with players and coaches; built relationships to obtain unique insights
- Analyzed individual and team performance at athletic events to gather key statistics, quotes, and color commentary
- Authored over 100 in-depth 600-word articles, providing expert analysis on team and player development

### **WRIU 90.3 FM Radio**

*News Reporter*

Kingston, RI  
January 2021 - May 2021

- Wrote news scripts and delivered on-air weekly newscasts via student radio station highlighting notable events on campus and in local community; streamed to 2K+ online listeners weekly
- Conducted interviews with URI students, faculty, and staff to incorporate multiple perspectives within news stories
- Participated in station's annual fundraiser phone-a-thon campaign securing over \$5,000 in donations to support operating needs

## CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Theta Epsilon Chapter  
URI Black Student Union  
URI Club Hockey

January 2022 - Present  
August 2020 - Present  
December 2021 - April 2022

## SKILLS

Fluent in English, French, Haitian Creole  
Software: Adobe InDesign, Adobe InCopy  
Social Media: Instagram, Twitter/X, TikTok