



Abraham Ahmed Aboraya

Freelance Writer and Photographer

Objective: To be challenged by new editors and strict deadlines; to journalistically grow

Employment

Freelance Writer, Dec. 2008-Current
Knight Newspapers, Turnstile Publishing, Orlando, Fla.

I work for four newspapers, acting as a beat reporter for Oviedo and Winter Springs, as well as covering a variety of story types for other newspapers.

News Editor 2007-Dec. 2008
Knight Newspapers, Orlando, Fla.

My main job priority was working with the Seminole Chronicle, where I acted as a beat reporter for the city of Winter Springs, covering local government and politics. I also covered general news assignments, writing features, business stories, school stories, lifestyle pieces and in-depth features. I would also regularly write editorial stances and occasional columns.

In addition to writing, I acted as a photographer and copy editor. I edited stories for content, grammar and AP style. I write headlines, captions and info graphics, and I organize sections. I also work with graphic artists to design sections.

Editor-in-Chief 2005-'07
Central Florida Future, Orlando, Fla.

In addition, I worked as the editorial adviser for the Central Florida Future, an award-winning, independent student publication covering the University of Central Florida. I coached story ideas, worked in management (responsible for payroll and staffing) and trained new editors.

Intern, Metro Desk Fall, 2005
Florida Today Melbourne, Fla.

I began working in summer 2005 as a staff writer for the Future, and was first hired as an Opinions Editor. From there, I worked my way to News Editor and then Editor-in-Chief. During my tenure, I wrote numerous articles and assigned countless more. I came in second place in the Southeast region for the Society of Professional Journalists' Mark of Excellence award in the breaking news category. During that same period, the Future came in second place in the Southeast for overall quality in the non-daily category, and five more of my writers and columnists received awards. Some are now nationally competing.

While concurrently working full-time in production for Florida Today and as Opinions Editor for the Central Florida Future, worked as an intern on the Metro Desk, covering breaking news events (including one shooting and a wild fire).

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Education

Journalism Major, Political Science minor 2005-'07
University of Central Florida Orlando, Fla.

Made honor roll while working full-time, both as a reporter or editor with the school newspaper and while working as a machine operator for Florida Today in production.

Associate of Arts 2002-'05
Brevard Community College Cocoa, Fla.