

GABRIEL ZAKAIB

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EDUCATION

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY | School of Communication | Washington, D.C. | May 2026, Expected

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism, Minor in Psychology
- Co-Director, American University Photo Collective
- News Beat Photographer, The Eagle

REPORTING EXPERIENCE

EDITORIAL INTERN | Street Sense Media | Washington, D.C. | January to April 2025

- Pitched and reported five stories on deadline for a twice-monthly newspaper covering homelessness and poverty.
- Collaborated with colleagues on a co-byline feature, developed sources in the homeless community and volunteered to write an obituary for a homeless man.

PHOTOGRAPHER AND REPORTER INTERN | The Rappahannock Record | Kilmarnock, VA | June and July 2023

- Documented small-town life on deadline for a weekly newspaper including coverage of a state park that won an award from the Virginia Press Association.
- Pitched and reported a feature story on local vibrant religious communities amid the national decline of religiosity.

MULTIMEDIA EXPERIENCE

NEWS BEAT PHOTOGRAPHER | The Eagle at American University | Washington, D.C. | September 2022 to Present

- Shoot assignments across Washington and collaborate with editors, photographers and reporters.
- Document national events including political demonstrations supporting Israel and Palestine.

FREELANCE PHOTOGRAPHER | Gabriel Zakaib Photo | VA and D.C. | May 2019 to Present

- Maintain professionalism in high-speed wedding and event environments.
- Corporate clients include Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, the Emily Couric Leadership Forum and Cohen Veterans Bioscience.

VIDEO PRODUCTION INTERN | Leading Authorities, Inc. | Washington, D.C. | January to April 2023

- Operated cameras on video shoots, edited projects in Adobe Premiere Pro and After Effects, practiced file-structure techniques and wrote website articles.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

GUEST SERVICES ASSOCIATE | Mountain Sky Guest Ranch | Paradise Valley, MT | May to August 2024 and 2025

- Provided four-star customer service, resolved customer complaints and calmly attended to medical incidents.
- Adapted to different team roles daily. Guided backcountry hikes, served luxury dinners, washed dishes, cleaned facilities and safely instructed guests on the shotgun shooting range.
- Lived within a diverse crowd of 70+ seasonal workers.

AWARDS

EAGLE SCOUT | Scouts of America | January 2021

SKILLS

- AP Style | Adobe Photoshop, Lightroom, Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro | Content for Social Media | Digital Camera Systems | Short and Long Form Video Production