

# MARIA POLLETTA

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## OBJECTIVES

To obtain a degree in journalism, study abroad, and pursue a career in print journalism or public relations.

## EDUCATION

### **Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ

Aug. 2007 to present

Walter Cronkite School of Journalism

Barrett Honors College

Journalism, B.A.

Political Science Minor

GPA: 4.11/4.0

### **Cary High School**, Cary, NC

Aug. 2003 to May 2007

State of North Carolina High School Diploma

Class Rank: 39 of 518

## EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

### **Project LEE Bilingual Research Study**

Coder, Test Administrator (2008 to present)

### **Society of Professional Journalists**

Member (2007 to present)

### **National Society of Collegiate Scholars**

Member (2007 to present)

### **Gamma Beta Phi Honors Society**

Member (2008)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Dean's List (Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008)

National Merit Scholarship recipient (2007)

Talecris Corporate Scholarship recipient (2007)

## RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

### **The Arizona Republic**, Phoenix, AZ

Breaking News Intern (Jan. 2009 to present)

- Report crime and public safety stories for online/print publication on immediate deadline
- Conduct phone and in-person interviews with multiple sources (some interviews in Spanish)
- Review and synthesize information from press releases, official documents, and public records

### **Express**, Scottsdale, AZ

Sales/Cashier (Jan. 2008 to July 2008)

- Processed customer purchases along with returns and exchanges
- Assisted customers with questions, stock checks, and online orders
- Provided customer service/sales support while running fitting rooms

### **Sun Devil Television**, Tempe, AZ

Co-Anchor/Field Reporter (Aug. 2007 to Dec. 2007)

- Wrote and reported roughly five news briefs as an anchor for a Monday newscast
- Shot video, conducted interviews, and edited audio/video for a weekly 3-4 minute news package

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

**Office Systems:** MS Office

**Operating Systems:** XP, Vista, Mac

**Page layout design:** InDesign, Quark

**Video editing:** Final Cut (proficient)

**Foreign language:** Spanish (proficient in spoken/written)

**REFERENCES** will be furnished upon request.