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Fourth-year Digital Journalism student at Thompson Rivers University with experience in investigative reporting, multimedia storytelling, and live event production. Published in *The Omega*, with a strong interest in ethical journalism, policy reporting, and community-focused storytelling. Skilled in interviewing, fact-checking, and producing digital content across platforms.

Journalism Work

Investigative Feature – AI Policy at TRU

Published in The Omega (2025)

- Reported on the university's evolving AI academic integrity policy and its impact on students and faculty.
- Interviewed university administrators, policy specialists, and students to produce an in-depth investigative feature.
- Ensured accuracy through document review and ethical sourcing.

Link: <https://theomega.news/2025/06/lack-of-ai-policy-seems-unintelligent/>

Documentary Project – TRU Wolfpack Volleyball Team

- Directed and produced a short documentary capturing game-day coverage, interviews, and behind-the-scenes team dynamics.
 - Coordinated filming schedules, conducted on-camera interviews, and edited final video content.
 - Demonstrated storytelling through visual narrative and athlete-centered reporting.
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Experience

Student Reporter

Thompson Rivers University | 2024 – Present

- Reported on campus and community issues for class assignments and digital platforms.
- Conducted interviews with students, experts, and public officials to develop accurate news stories.
- Produced multimedia content including photography, video, and social media coverage.

Stage Manager – Lapu-Lapu Day

Filipino BC | 2024 – Present

- Coordinated live stage operations during large-scale cultural celebrations in Vancouver.
- Managed program timing, performer cues, and technical coordination under high-pressure conditions.
- Collaborated with organizers and production teams to ensure seamless event execution.

Event Director

Couples for Christ (National, Regional & Local) | 2018 – 2024

- Led planning and execution of large community events, overseeing logistics and volunteer coordination.
- Developed promotional materials and post-event communications.
- Managed program flow and cross-team collaboration across organizational levels.

Technical & Reporting Skills

- News Writing & Investigative Reporting
- Interviewing & Source Development
- Fact-Checking & Ethical Journalism (CP Style familiarity)
- Multimedia Storytelling (Photo, Video, Audio)
- Adobe Premiere Pro, Audition, Photoshop
- Microsoft Office & Google Suite
- Social Media Content Creation & Live Coverage

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Digital Journalism and Communication

Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC

Expected Graduation: 2026